

ABGN #22

Adam's Bimonthly Grad Newsletter

Birthday 26

Since COVID's only *almost* over (*furiously knocks on wood*), this year's birthday was pretty laid-back. No infinite sushi or group hangs at the park; instead, I skated downtown and grabbed a coke and a lengua burrito from Taqueria El Burrito. As I sat out on a curb near where Buds with Buds used to take place, I thought a bit about how I've progressed and what I've accomplished since last year's birthday.

This year's been stressful, mostly because of the blurring between personal and professional. Work and play centering around the same computer in the same room where I sleep made it challenging to change mindsets, and everything takes longer online. 4/10 year, would do again if I had to, but am hoping for more this time around the Sun.

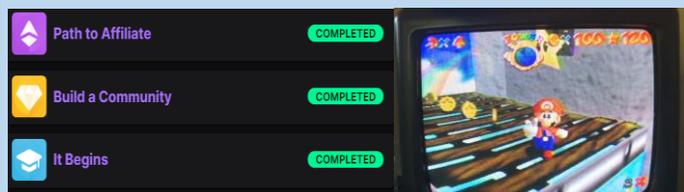


The Birthday Burrito, a reminder of the ol' Jitos and 'Ritos of yore

Mario and Twitch

No big deal, but ya boi is officially Twitch affiliated. It's been a bonkers few weeks, but I'll get my emotes up and running and return to a regular stream schedule sometime soon.

Also, again, not to brag, but I finally got all 120 stars in Mario 64, meeting a childhood goal I never knew I had. Pog.



Got affiliate, so I can get subs. Next goal: partner. Also, there's the 120th star I gathered on Rainbow Ride.

Application Season

One of the few upsides of purely virtual academic interaction: I've found a new mentor in Nicolas Brodu at Inria in Bordeaux, France. Hoping to work more closely with him, I applied for a Fulbright to study there. I got close! Semi-finalist, this year, but I was recently notified that I didn't make the Finalist cut. I think I'll reapply next year, after I've got a more impressive publication resume and, hopefully, an even stronger research project.

Darcy took advantage of application season to apply for "Tulsa Remote," a program which subsidizes housing in Tulsa, OK for people who can do their work fully online. She was accepted! We plan to visit in April before she fully commits to the move. If she accepts, she'll be based in Tulsa for a year. I'm looking forward to exploring Tulsa!

Torque and the Ollie



Check out this video I made as a part of my lecture series for UCD's PHY 7B!
https://youtu.be/L_I2G-VEGGE



Logos and sites: Tulsa (achieved!) and Bordeaux (not quite!)



With luck, the next issue includes a vaccination and trips to Topanga, Seattle, and Tulsa!

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