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Liz Thomas, CMC '07
Professional Hiker, Speaker and Writer

Liz Thomas is a professional hiker, speaker, and writer who held the women's self-supported speed record on the 2,181-mile Appalachian Trail from 2011-2015. Called a "thru-hiking legend" and the "Queen of Urban Hiking" by Outside Magazine for her innovative backpacking routes through cities, Liz has also hiked 20+ long distance trails including the Triple Crown of Hiking (AT, Pacific Crest Trail, and Continental Divide Trail) and first known traverses of the Wasatch Range and Chinook Trail. Liz is a former outdoor staff writer for the New York Times/Wirecutter, a contributing editor to Backpacker Magazine, and current Editor-in-Chief at the outdoor webmagazine Treeline Review. She's the author of Long Trails: Mastering the Art of the Thru-hike, which received the 2017 National Outdoor Book Award for Best Instructional book with judges calling it destined to become the "Bible of the Sport." Liz holds a Master's in environmental science from the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, where she held a Doris Duke Conservation Fellowship for her research on trails, conservation, and trail-side communities.



Michael Graber, CMC '74
President, Graber Productions

Eight-time Emmy recipient Michael Graber '74 became a cinematographer by pursuing his passion for mountain climbing. After graduating from Claremont McKenna College with a degree in Philosophy, he moved to eastern Sierra Nevada to join the ranks of climbing and skiing adventurers who made their living in the mountains. Winters were spent teaching skiing at Mammoth Mountain and summers guiding for the Palisades School of Mountaineering, which operated out of Big Pine, California. His illustrious climbing career has encompassed expeditions to remote mountain ranges around the world including the Alaskan Range, the Andes, the Himalayas, Greenland, the jungles of the Amazon and the Antarctic Peninsula. Graber has worked on a number of award-winning television documentaries, netting eight national Emmy's along the way. Graber 's credits also include feature films (Dust To Glory (2005), 007 — Die Another Day (2002), Endless Summer 2 (1994), Crimson Tide (1995), Twister (1996), Almost Heroes (1998)) and 70mm IMAX films (Storm Chasers (2011), Amazon (1997), Wild California (2000), Shackleton (2002)). He currently splits his time between Capistrano Beach and Bishop.



Saveria Tilden
Founder and CEO, AdventurUs Women

Saveria Tilden (she/her/hers) CMC Class of '95 is the founder and CEO of AdventurUs Women, a women-led company dedicated to providing opportunities for women of all ages, races, sizes, backgrounds, and experience levels to learn new skills and try outdoor activities in beautiful environments. She is passionate about creating affirming learning environments that encourage community and skill-building while connecting with nature in stunning locales. Building upon her desire to work only with companies and organizations committed to connecting people to the outdoors, Saveria created The AdventurUs, an outdoor marketing strategy, and strategic partnership consultancy. Then, convinced there are still not enough opportunities for women of all ages and backgrounds to learn and experience outdoor sports in beautiful environments, Saveria went a step further and founded AdventurUs Women a women-led company dedicated to providing opportunities for women of all ages, races, sizes, backgrounds and experience levels to learn new skills and try outdoor activities in beautiful environments. Saveria's volunteer efforts include being the Vice Chair on the board of directors for the American Hiking Society, a backcountry trip leader with the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter, and the regional event coordinator for Camber Outdoors. Saveria has a B.A. in psychology from Claremont McKenna College and an M.A. in education from Pepperdine University.