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Dear Alumni,

We are happy to bring to you the Alumni Spring Newsletter. In it you will find out what's currently going on at RYI with articles on recent events, plus updates and topics which may be of interest to you.

During this particular time we find ourselves in, Rinpoche, the monastery, and Rangjung Yeshe Institute are also interested to hear how all of you are doing. RYI and Rinpoche's wider network of Dharma centers have made new online resources available to support everyone at home. Please enjoy them through RYI's website [HERE](#), and Shedrub's website [HERE](#). Please let us know if there are any other way in which we can support you.

As you may know, RYI has completed spring semester classes online and is continuing the Summer Program online, and RYI's support staff is available to you. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

We hope you enjoy the Spring Newsletter which you can read below.

Warmly,

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Alumni Dinner November 2019

This academic year's annual alumni dinner in Boudha was held at the monastery's new restaurant, Utpala Cafe. Approximately 50 alumni and staff spent a wonderful evening making new friends and renewing old friendships, enjoying the cozy atmosphere and a delicious dinner. RYI Principal, Philippe Turenne,



welcomed everyone and gave a short presentation on RYI's new developments.

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Congratulations to Our New Graduates!

Front row (left to right): Pemba Prayag Sherpa (BA), Choki Gurung (BA), Sangay Gyalmo Ongdi (BA), Laxmi Bajracharya (BA). Back row: Gilad Yakir (BA), Rebecca Sunden (BA), Maria Vasylieva (MA), Wesley Oisebe (BA)



Not in photo: Sujeet Sharma (BA), Gonzalo Perilhou (MA), Robert Offner (MA) and Isobel Jones (BA)

Opening of New RYI Research Library

During the RYI Annual Fall Seminar 2019, Chokyi Nyima Rinpoche, together with our Principal, Philippe Turenne, opened the Dharmachakra Library, RYI's new research library which is next to the Utpala Cafe. Both Rinpoche and Philippe emphasized that this library will contain primarily Buddhist scriptures in canonical languages. Our hope is that the Dharmachakra library will become a



center for scholars interested in the study of Buddhist languages and the study of Buddhist canonical materials.

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RYI Student Society

Since 2017 Andy Hallahan has served our student body as a representative and more recently as the Head of the RYI Student Society. During this time the Student Society restructured, developed new, extended guidelines, and has become very active with a great variety of clubs. Andy's style was very inclusive, and he was able to encourage many students to become more engaged and contribute to the



student body, staff, alumni, as well as the broader community of Nepal.

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RYI Fledgling Translators at Annual Ngondro Retreat

For the month of January, 16 of RYI's alumni, students, and staff attended the annual Ngondro Retreat at Ka-Nying Shedrub Ling monastery. Laxmi Bajracharya reported that 600 people attended this retreat, where they spent several days studying and practicing together each of the preliminary practices of the Chokling Tersar's Barchey Kunsel



cycle. Rinpoche and the monastery not only guided the retreat and provided the space, but they also offered free teachings, some practice materials, and breakfast and lunch for all participants. [Read more...](#)

Focus on Environment

With growing concern over the climate crisis, RYI students and faculty have made a dedicated effort to finding local solutions. In September, the film "The Way Out" was screened with nearly 50 students in attendance. A group discussion of the interdependence of philosophy, community, and environmental ethics followed.



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