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the best things in life

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As Aspen experiences a winter unlike any other,
nature becomes a more essential escape than ever before

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Local gossip that is almost too wild to be true—almost

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MEET YOUR BROKER

Emery Holton

Emery Holton's coming-to-Aspen story is like many people's: she came to ski for a year, and it's been a decade. The East Coast native had every intention of becoming a New York City lawyer and then she fell for the Colorado lifestyle. But, she maintained that sense of achievement, which drives her today as a broker associate for Douglas Elliman. Here, she tells us what keeps her motivated, both in the office and outdoors.

What's kept you in Aspen and driven you to create a business here?

There's a special sense of community here. Aspen is a melting pot of so many different types of people from all different walks of life; they may be different, but they all love the mountains and the beauty of our town. I like the small-town feel and the even smaller real estate community. You meet and get to work with a lot of the same people repeatedly. That means building relationships and helping each other to get deals done.

What's your business mantra or approach?

Honesty and transparency. It's the only way to do business in a small town.

What's the best thing you've done in 2020?

I think the best thing I do every year is hike from Aspen over to Crested Butte and back. This year, it was particularly special. With Covid-19, getting out in the middle of the wilderness with few people in sight was a very cool feeling. Not to mention—the wildflowers!

What's the best thing you've eaten in 2020?

Secret Stash Pizza.

What are three things you can't live without?

My hiking shoes, a squash racquet and our dog, Chief.

Do you have a mentor or someone you look up to in a professional way?

This one's easy: Joshua Saslove. I started working with him over five years ago, when I first decided to dabble in real estate. He is so incredibly generous with his time, experience and wisdom. He believes that personal success comes from enabling those around you to succeed—be a go-giver, rather than just a go-getter. It's a contagious philosophy and a wonderful environment to work in. And on tougher days, he always reminds me, "This is supposed to be fun. If it's not fun, why are you doing it?"

What's something you've learned since Covid hit (personal or professional)?

Human connection and interaction is vital to our society as a whole. Too much time spent in quarantine can severely affect one's mental and physical health. I think it's more important than ever that people routinely check in with themselves, and others, to make sure they're getting outside, getting away from screens, and keeping active.



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