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CAPITAL INVESTMENTS FOR ΑΔΦ

This summer has seen important activity in our stewardship of 777. Contracts have been written for refinishing the wood floors on the main level of the house. Of note, this is one of the final opportunities to sand and refinish the floors before they will require a full replacement. The effort will consist of lighter sanding and finishing with three coats of finish for a durable and improved finish. We will continue to take extra care to respect the floors and maintain them to prolong the time until they require future replacement. On the exterior, we will make temporary repairs to the driveway for safety purposes by filling the potholes with patches as we continue to negotiate a better long-term shared arrangement with the university for maintenance responsibilities and capital full-depth replacement. The effort will also include cleaning out the catch basins. Other envelope work is likely to include the repointing and rebuilding

of the southeast chimney with some historically accurate replacement bricks. Future work will include the restoration and repointing of the buttresses and other pointing and flashing work.

This summer we will also engage in a detailed assessment of the physical plant and develop a five-year improvement and maintenance plan to submit for capital expenditure planning. I'm eager to engage the undergrads and board members in a planning retreat to develop our long-term goals for programming and occupancy to inform any major undertakings and prioritize our capital planning. Ideally, this would include studies for developing a code-compliant adaptation for access to the Goat House as well as its preservation and restoration. Any members interested in participating in any of these planning efforts should feel free to reach out to me.

Gregory Williamson '82, CPE, LEED AP

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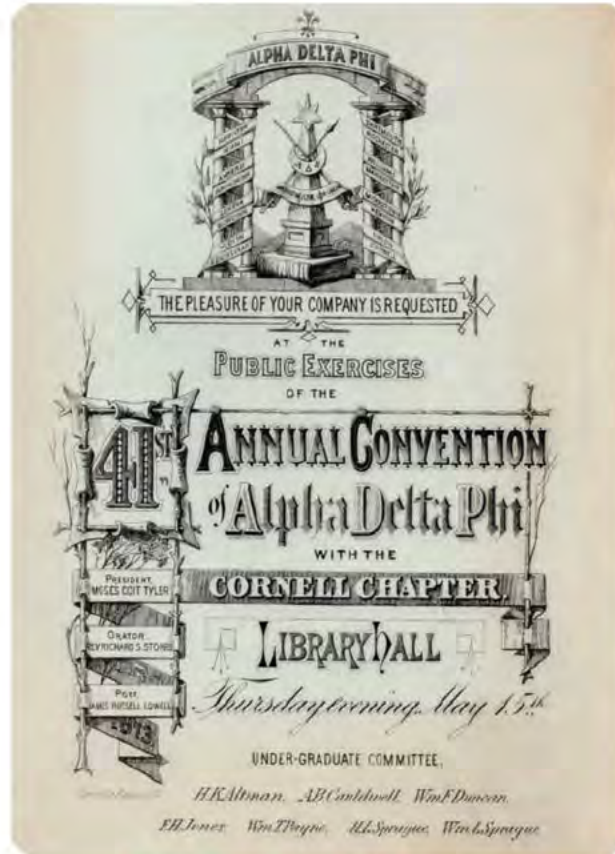
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ALPHA DELTA PHI 190TH ANNUAL CONVENTION— PHILADELPHIA



Cornell chapter hosts 1873 convention.

Three Cornell brothers attended the 2022 convention: Alex Guimaraes '25, Ken Growney '82, and Clint Kennedy '76. Alex and Ken got a firsthand tour of historic Philadelphia from a local dynamo, Brother Robert Price, Kenyon '58, and attended the donor

appreciation party at Stephen and Rose Starnes' home. Ken also made the only two resolution proposals from the floor, one seconded by Clint and the other by Alex, which led to significant discussion about how the chapters and international fraternity work together to maintain stable long-term relationships with colleges and universities. The resolutions raised awareness of the need for the chapters and the international organization to work together to be proactive in developing positive relations, reputation, and influence with academic institution leaders. Perhaps not coincidentally, much of the convention's program dealt with different aspects of improving the quality of life and community standing of chapters on their campuses.

As the greatest champion of recruitment in my day, Mike Zak '75, would say, "It's all about rush!" In 1974, we had phone numbers to call, events to hold, and people to keep track of all on paper. Now, if

you use them, there are computers to do the data work, freeing brothers to do more focused interpersonal work. One point that was made in several different contexts throughout the convention was that having a diverse brotherhood is better than having a



Top row, left to right: Clint Kennedy '76 and Ken Growney '82.

homogeneous group. This means diversity in every dimension you can imagine. The easy dimensions to build into a pledge class are race, geographic origin, religion, public vs. private high school, socio-economic background, preferred recreational activities, and academic major or career goals.

What is our chapter's value proposition? Our market position? Our cost-benefit ratio? There is a new language for old issues. The language is blunt because the current consumers are hardened to come-ons by their consumer experiences. Each year the current actives effectively define what Alpha Delta Phi is at Cornell. Research shows that multiple stakeholders in Greek life value academic success, leadership development, respectful behavior, friendship, and community service. Success on these dimensions doesn't happen year after year unless they are kept as top-of-mind goals by the influencers among the actives. Set measurable goals and have action plans to achieve them.

Why are shows like *The Office* so popular? It's partly because they make fun of how bad managers are. Should we expect chapter leaders to do a consistently great job without training for their roles? No. That's why the international organization has leadership training each year for every major chapter role. Yes, at Cornell, we're all geniuses. But each class of leaders will do better in their job if they don't have to start by reinventing the wheel their first day to have a working roadster at some point in their term.

The past two years have been hard on everyone. College students, right at the point where every type of investment and pressure



on them is hitting its zenith, are stressed. One of the key functions of fraternities, it turns out, is to provide a safe, "brotherly" place to decompress and gain perspective on life... not a place that builds mental pressure and lets it off like a steam whistle or blow-out. On the one hand, it's a great thing that, nationally, sophomores are the most committed fraternity members. On the other hand, even with the few years difference, it is important to have slightly more experienced and focused upperclassmen active in sufficient numbers to befriend brothers and help them realize the good they can achieve by working together.

Clint Kennedy '76



Brotherhood pictured in front of the Goat House during the annual Derby Formal.

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Brothers after winning the intramural volleyball championship! From left to right: Alejandro Sabo '23, Camillo Guarducci '23, Harrison Cuker '23, Santiago Gomez '26, Tyler Weinstein '23, Andrew Aronson '23, Diego Martinez '23.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT UPDATE

It has been an absolute delight to lead Alpha Delta Phi through another semester. The experience of presiding over the Phi was truly invaluable and one I will cherish forever. I could have never imagined that I would hold such a title, and I am incredibly thankful for members in recently graduated pledge classes who egged me on as well as all of the active brothers who put their trust in me at all times.

We wasted no time at the start of the semester, immediately getting to work combatting the other fraternities' unscrupulous recruitment tactics to successfully secure a strong pledge class of 22 students. Our work was not done there, as we quickly realized that each and every one of them was substandard. Tasked with educating these neophytes in the face of unruly alumni, we managed to persevere and welcomed pledge class 154 into the Phi.

From our earliest days in the house, pledge class 151 vowed to leave this place better than we had found it. I am proud to say that this year's new member class is a physical manifestation of our efforts. Without a doubt, we have upheld the title of 'Brother of the Alpha Delta Phi' as something to be proud of. In the process of bettering the Phi, the Phi has reciprocated and made each and every one of us better in turn. To have been chosen to lead by the best group of men I could have ever asked to be a part of fills me with ineffable gratitude. I am proud to pass the torch to Brother Harrison Samuel Porges '25 and look forward to returning for future events as an alum.

Χαίρε,
Kyle Alexander Bernardez '23



ΑΔΦ RUSH UPDATE

In the spring of 2023, our fraternity experienced an exceptionally successful fall rush, welcoming the largest pledge class we have seen in years. The remarkable new pledge class consists of 22 diverse and talented individuals, each contributing their unique skills and interests to our community. Among these remarkable young men are four students from the esteemed School of Art, Architecture, and Planning: three future architects and one aspiring artist, all of whom bring their creativity and passion for design to our fraternity. Additionally, we have two dedicated pre-medical students who are committed to making a difference in the healthcare field. Representing the School of Industrial and Labor Relations, we have two ambitious students who are eager to shape the world of work and employee relations. Furthermore, we are proud to have five members from the prestigious Peter and Stephanie Nolan School of Hotel Administration, with an additional member eagerly awaiting his transfer request to be accepted next semester. These individuals are passionate about hospitality and bring a wealth of knowledge

in customer service and management to our brotherhood. Our pledge class also includes two computer science majors who excel in coding and problem-solving, as well as an impressive set of twins who are both pursuing degrees in computer and electrical engineering. These tech-savvy members contribute invaluable expertise to our fraternity's technical and digital projects. Finally, we have four enthusiastic new members who are currently studying economics and have recently submitted applications to transfer into the renowned Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics. Their keen understanding of financial systems and global markets enriches our community's intellectual diversity.

This extraordinary group of young men has already proven to be a special addition to our fraternity. They possess an exceptional ability to collaborate and organize events like no other pledge class before them. As a diverse and multifaceted group of individuals, each member brings exceptional character and unique talents to our fraternity, helping to cultivate an extraordinary community here at Alpha Delta Phi.

Graham Hall '26

JOIN US IN WELCOMING ALPHA DELTA PHI'S NEWEST BROTHERS

CHARLIE IRWIN '26 attends the the College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in economics, with the likelihood of transferring to the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management. Charlie previously attended Phillips Academy Andover, where he was the president of the philanthropy investment club, as well as the vice president of the classics club, as well as a board member of Atheneum and Andover business club. Charlie was also a leading member of and consistently involved with Breadloaf, a charitable enterprise to promote education and revitalization through the lens of social justice with under-resourced communities, and Adopt-A-Platoon, a charitable organization dedicated to the well-being of members of the armed service. During his time at Andover, Charlie published a paper for Cambridge University entitled "Petrarch and the Significance of Dialogue." "I joined Alpha Delta Phi for the brotherhood and traditions that have remained in the house since its founding," Charlie said.

DAMIAN STELLINGS '26, was born and raised in New York City and attended the Horace Mann School for middle and high school. He currently attends Cornell University in the College of Arts and Sciences, with an intended double major in philosophy and economics in the class of 2026. Damian joined Alpha Delta Phi because the brothers in the house whom he developed relationships with showed him qualities and traits that he wants to see in himself in the future. Something interesting about Damian is that his middle name is just a letter, E, and he loves to build predictive algorithm models to try to find edges over sports books.

DANIEL JACOB ABBO '26 is from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and attended Scheck Hillel Community School prior to Cornell University. He is currently a student in the Peter and Stephanie Nolan School of Hotel Administration, majoring in hotel administration, with a particular interest in real estate development and finance. "I was never interested in joining a fraternity, but upon meeting the members of Alpha Delta Phi, I was convinced it was where I belonged," Daniel said. "Alpha Delt's foundational pillars perfectly align with my character, and the brotherhood has proven to embody these characteristics in their everyday lives. I have a love for traveling as well as adventurous activities and am currently working on getting my pilot's license."

DANIEL QUEEN '26 is from Boca Raton, Florida, and went to Pine Crest School. He is currently in the Peter and Stephanie Nolan School

of Hotel Administration. "I joined Alpha Delt because I thought that the brothers were very similar to me in values yet had unique perspectives which I found interesting," Daniel said. "A fun fact about me is that I built a car."

ERICK ZEPEDA '27 is from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and attended Pine Crest School. He is a first-year undergraduate student in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, on track to receive a bachelor's in architecture in 2027. "What stood out to me upon my first visits to Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell was the commitment to tradition and brotherhood among the active members, as well as the diverse intellectual interests and backgrounds of many of the brothers in the house," Erick said. "In high school, I was captain of the varsity swim team and occupied myself working on cars and mixing music when I had time."

GERARDO ANDRES PANTIN ESCUDERO '27 lived in Miami, Florida, and is from Maracaibo, Venezuela. Currently, he's studying to major in electrical-computer engineering within the College of Engineering. He previously attended Miami Country Day School, where he played for the varsity soccer team, and was one of the highest achievers in the school, along with his brother Marcel Pantin. "I have always appreciated the people that surround me and was always taught to surround myself with great people who will make me a better person, and for this reason, as well as other obvious reasons, I wanted to be a part of the brotherhood of Alpha Delta Phi," Gerardo said.

GRAHAM PETER HALL '26 is studying biological sciences. He is from New York, New York, and attended Friends Seminary for high school. "I joined Alpha Delta Phi because of the extremely welcoming environment and sophomore class, as well as because, unlike other fraternities, $\Lambda\Delta\Phi$ has shown me countless times that they don't just talk but have backed up their words with actions," Graham said. "Finally, my favorite hobby is playing basketball, and my goal is to become the fraternal league MVP for four consecutive seasons."

IGNACIO ROCCA '26 is from Greenwich, Connecticut. He went to Greenwich High School and is currently studying human biology, health, and society in the College of Human Ecology. He is currently on the pre-med track and hopes to become a surgeon in the future. Ignacio shared: "I joined Alpha Delta Phi because, during my first few interactions, the active brothers were very welcoming

and genuine. As I continued to come around to the house, I grew more comfortable with them and admired the quality of their character. This inclined me to join the house because I hope to develop my character to the standard of Alpha Delta Phi. Additionally, there is a Latin presence in the house that further enhanced the welcoming atmosphere I felt as a rush. Aside from all of the personal aspects of the house, there is also a very fun social scene, which appeals to me significantly. I had a great first semester at Alpha Delta Phi and knew there would be many more great times to come if I joined."

JADEN BEN-SHMUEL '26 is from New York City, went to Avenues, The World School for high school, and is studying hotel administration in the Peter and Stephanie Nolan School for Hotel Administration. "Throughout my first semester at Cornell, I immediately knew I wanted to be a part of a fraternity," Jaden said. "Throughout the next few months, I had my decision made: Alpha Delta Phi. Besides the amazing housing, private chef, and massive rooms, it was really the character of the brothers that pulled me in. Growing up with two sisters and being a middle child always made me yearn for brothers. By joining $\Lambda\Delta\Phi$, I would finally achieve that wish. The brothers were not only friendly and easy to be around but were smart, witty, and always supportive. With all the quirks of the brothers in the house, I too have some quirks. I speak Mandarin Chinese, having studied it since fourth grade. I also have been to over 30 countries all over the world."

JORDAN IBE '26 is from Richmond, Virginia, where he attended Deep Run High School and served as the president of the National Honor Society. He is studying computer science in the College of Arts and Sciences. Post-graduation, he aspires to work as a software engineer and later to found his own sustainable technology start-up. Jordan was impressed by the manner in which brothers of Alpha Delt carried themselves and uplifted one another, leading him to join with no reluctance. Outside of his interests in basketball and golf, Jordan also founded and ran a vintage clothing business in his hometown.

JOSEPH EDUARDO TALMACIU '26 is from Aventura, Florida, and went to Scheck Hillel Community School. He is studying economics in the College of Arts and Sciences. "I wanted to join $\Lambda\Delta\Phi$ because of the brotherhood within the house. From the first time I walked into the house, I could see the connection

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between all of the brothers and how close everyone was to one another. Something interesting about me is that my family is from Venezuela, and I speak fluent Spanish.” Leo Isaac Rosen '26 grew up in Harrison, New York. His dad still resides there, but his mom has since moved to Aspen, Colorado. He attended Rye Country Day School, with a two-year stint at St George's School in Newport, Rhode Island. He is currently working toward a bachelor's degree in hotel administration at the Peter and Stephanie Nolan School of Hotel Administration. “Alpha Delta Phi was very enticing for me because the intelligence and diversity of the brothers were immediately apparent,” Leo said. “Also, they were extremely welcoming and thought-provoking individuals. I loved Alpha Delta Phi, but after Turkeyfest, I knew it was the place for me. Before attending Cornell, I spent a lot of time modifying Fisher-Price Big Wheels for children with disabilities through a program called Go Baby Go. This experience was very special to me and was one of many events that aligned my goals with service.”

ALEXANDER GEORGE ALTIRS '26 goes by Lexi and is from Saddle River, New Jersey, where he attended Dwight-Englewood School for high school. He is currently in the College of Arts and Sciences, studying environment and sustainability. “I decided to join Alpha Delta Phi because of the community and layers of the house,” Lexi said. “There is such a diverse aspect to the people in the fraternity, and even though everyone is so different, everyone is still as close as they could be. Before coming to Cornell, I was a nationally competitive fencer and continued my passion on the Cornell men's fencing team.”

MARCEL GERARDO PANTIN ESCUDERO '26 is in the College of Engineering and majoring in electrical and computer engineering. He currently lives in Miami, but originally, he is from Caracas, Venezuela. In Miami, he graduated from high school in Miami Country Day School. “I love to play soccer and go to the beach whenever I have free time. My favorite thing to do above else is to go on family vacations,” Marcel said. “I joined Alpha Delta Phi because it was the place that I felt comfortable in. Everyone in the house gives and receives respect. It is a place where you can be yourself and feel at home. For those reasons and more, I joined Alpha Delta Phi.”

OLIVER PEREZ '26 is from Miami, Florida. He is in the Peter and Stephanie Nolan School of Hotel Administration, majoring in hotel administration. “The main reason I joined AΔΦ was for the people. I wanted to make meaningful connections and relationships with a group of people where I felt involved,” Oliver said. “I really resonated with all the members and really wanted to be part of a larger group. Something interesting about myself is that I like to bake and created a charity based on my passion.”

JOSEP BASELGA-GARRIGA '26, more commonly referred to as Pepe, is a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in computer science, and considering a potential double major with mathematics. Pepe was born and grew up in Barcelona, but more recently attended Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School in New York City. There, he held numerous leadership roles in a wide range of disciplines, such as senior head delegate of Model UN, vice-president of the business and economics club, and captain of boys' varsity soccer. During his time in New York, he also tutored younger students in chemistry and cofounded Camp Khimji during the tail end of COVID-19. Pepe joined Alpha Delta Phi because it is a place where he can be surrounded by respectable and driven individuals who will help him grow both personally and intellectually. He was also attracted to the traditions and general unity of the fraternity.

ROBERTO MANUEL PIANTINI REID '27 is from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and graduated from Carol Morgan School. He is in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, majoring in architecture. “Upon my arrival on campus, Alpha Delta Phi caught my eye for the diversity within the house,” Roberto said. “The reason I decided to join Alpha Delta Phi is because of the clear bonds among the brothers; everyone is so different but, at the same time, is interconnected by the house's values. I was lured by the responsibilities that the house offers. In high school, I was on the varsity soccer team, and I created my own composting business.”

SANTIAGO GOMEZ '26 grew up in Bogotá, the capital of Colombia, before moving to Scarsdale, New York, to finish his high school experience at Scarsdale High School. He's currently in the College of Arts and Sciences, intending to pursue a degree in economics with a minor in data science and business. Santiago shared: “I joined Alpha Delt because, every time I am with brothers in the house, I feel at home, and having a tight-knit community like this in college is all I could ask for to make these years the best for me. I began feeling this way last semester as a rushee, and the feeling has only grown since joining the house. I know that I can expect to make some of the best connections and memories in college as an Alpha Delt. A little fun fact is that I grew up competing nationally in wakeboarding and go-karting in Colombia.”

SEAN DE BURCA '26 is from New York City and attended Grace Church School. He is currently studying industrial and labor relations in the ILR school and, post-graduation is conflicted between pursuing a career in finance or following in the footsteps of his parents and attending law school. Sean was drawn to Alpha Delta Phi by the loving and closely woven brotherhood of the house, as well as by the rich history upon which the house's traditions and values have been built. He prides himself on his status as a tri-passport bearer, holding Irish and Australian passports from his mother and father respectively.

SPENCER ROSENBERG '26 is from New York City and went to high school at Horace Mann School. At Cornell, he is looking to major in economics with a minor in business in the College of Arts and Sciences. “I joined Alpha Delt because of the sense of community and brotherhood formed by all the active brothers. The house is filled with such a diverse group of people who all come together in their own unique ways. One fun fact about me is that several years ago, I broke my hand three consecutive years in a row.”

WILL RITTER '27 is from Chatham, New Jersey, and attended Delbarton School. Currently, he is studying fine arts in the School of Architecture, Art, and Planning.

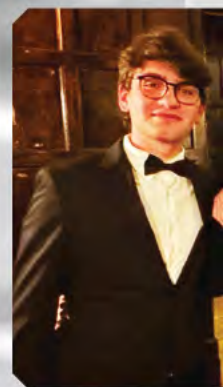
May 8, 2023: Dead & Company Barton Hall Concert, Brotherhood Barbecue



SERIOUS FUN AT VICTORY CLUB 2023

Black tie, gambling, champagne, philanthropy, and serious fun! On April 22, current brothers, parents, and friends alike gathered on the gauntlet for a night of Victory Club. The tradition dates back to the earliest days of the house, originating as a Victory Loan drive. Patrons were guaranteed entry with the purchase of one or more victory bonds. During prohibition, Victory Club was forced underground as a speakeasy but began its revival in the 1970s.

As of 2023, the brothers are working diligently to keep Victory Club alive and well. The spectacular event featured a champagne fountain as well as the typical step and repeat for photos. Live entertainment kept the living room filled with energy throughout the night. Victory Club still remains the best party in the Ivy League. Thank you to those who attended and donated. Victory Club continues to support the Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI) and we raised over \$15,000 for the cause! See the letter on page 10.





IPEI sends their thanks for a successful Victory Club.



May 15, 2023

President Pollack, Vice President Lombardi, Dr. McCarty,

Greetings from the Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI)!

I am writing today to share my gratitude for the undergraduate members of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity at Cornell University.

For multiple years IPEI has been the beneficiary of the generosity of the fraternity, whose annual Victory Club Celebration- a black-tie affair with a century-old tradition, raises and donates the proceeds of that celebration to a local charity. As a mainstay of ADP and IPEI's calendars, we are grateful for our ongoing relationship with Alpha Delta Phi. This year's event was held on-April 22, 2023, making a generous contribution to IPEI.

Alpha Delta Phi's annual support allows IPEI to continue its work supporting Ithaca City School District's teachers, staff, and students through grants, scholarships, sponsorships, and other opportunities. We would not be as successful without the ongoing support of organizations like Alpha Delta Phi.

I wanted to share with you this story of ongoing partnership and philanthropy and the positive impacts on Ithaca's academic community, which is made possible by the generosity and dedication of the brothers of Alpha Delta Phi. These young men represent the best of Cornell as exemplars of thoughtful, caring, and generous individuals.

We are proud to have their support and thank them for all they do for the Ithaca community through IPEI.

In gratitude,
Steve Manley
Executive Director, IPEI

SALUTE FROM CORNELL

Dear Steve,

Thank you for your letter describing Alpha Delta Phi's generous contribution and long-standing support of the Ithaca Public Education Initiative.

I know that Victory Club is near and dear to the members, alumni, guests, and families of Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity, and I recognize its significant history.

We strive to encourage our chapters to support the Ithaca community, and this is a wonderful example of Alpha Delta Phi's continued support of a local and very worthy cause.

On behalf of President Pollack, Vice President Lombardi, and the Sorority and Fraternity Community, please share our kudos with your chapter members.

Thank you for the commitment and planning of a terrific initiative that makes us proud and helps our neighbors.

Warmly,
Kara Miller McCarty
Robert G. Engel Director of
Sorority and Fraternity Life

PICKLEBALL FOR ALL

Recently dubbed “the fastest growing sport in the United States,” Pickleball has seemingly captivated the nation. The brothers of Alpha Delta Phi were not immune to this newly viral game. During the fall semester, Philanthropy Chair Henry Hurowitz '25 organized a pickleball tournament for a good cause, and the event was instantly a hit. There was a strong turnout from other fraternities and sororities. The proceeds of the tournament went to the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV). NCHV is a non-profit organization with a mission to end homelessness among veterans. They aim to achieve this by providing resources, technical assistance, and advocacy to support community-based organizations that serve homeless veterans. NCHV works closely with government agencies, the private sector, and other stakeholders

to improve access to housing, employment, and health care for veterans. In addition, they raise awareness about the challenges faced by homeless veterans and promote public policies that address their needs.

Based on the success of the fall tournament, it was an obvious choice to host yet another philanthropy pickleball tournament in the spring. The attendance, intensity, and funds raised for charity were just as high in this repeat showdown. 50% of the funds went to the NCHV, while the other 50% went to support the Matthew Friedman Memorial Foundation for Brain Research, honoring the late Matthew Lawrence Friedman (Sigma Chi, Class of 2027).

It is without question that Brother Hurowitz '25 has started a new tradition in the philanthropy of Alpha Delta Phi. The Pickleball



tournaments will remain highly anticipated events within our house as well as the larger Greek community each semester for the foreseeable future.

Kyle Bernardez '23

NEW GRAVEL PATH AROUND THE GOAT HOUSE





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"The opportunities I was able to create through ACEF help played a huge part in my collegiate experience. It was an immeasurable benefit."

Garrett Loh '13

ACEF ACADEMIC PRIZES, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FINANCIAL AID FOR UNDERGRADUATES

The Adelphic Cornell Educational Fund (ACEF) is a non-profit organization that offers academic awards and scholarships to Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell actives and other Cornell University students. We exist to encourage and reward academic excellence and good citizenship in the House and on the Hill.

Most popular among our offerings are the Theodore H. Booth '25 and James T. Lewis '27 Academic Achievement Awards. These awards are worth up to \$500 each and are available on a semesterly basis to Alpha Delt undergrads meeting the following qualifications (per semester):

- Residence at the Alpha Delt Chapter House
- Enrollment in at least 13 credit hours of classes
- Dean's List placement (official transcript required)
- Good standing and citizenship in both the Alpha Delt and Cornell communities (attested to in writing by an Alpha Delt officer)
- Accounts currency on all housing, chapter fees, and assessments

LT. R. BRUCE HART '84 ACADEMIC AWARD

- Up to \$500 prize
- Awarded to the newly-initiated Alpha Delt with the highest grade point average during the second semester of his freshman year

Application information may be found on the ACEF's website: AdelphicFund.org. We also provide financial aid, scholarships, and other awards. They include:

MARTIN MCVOY JR. SCHOLARSHIPS- AWARDED ANNUALLY

- Up to \$75,000 in financial aid grants through Cornell
- \$7,000-\$15,000 in loan reduction and work-study aid
- Awarded to qualifying Alpha Delt demonstrating financial need

ALPHA DELTA PHI CORNELL TRADITION FELLOWSHIP-AWARDED ANNUALLY

- The ACEF provides matching funds-based or financial need to the Alpha Delt undergrad who wins the ADPhil Cornell Tradition Fellowship

STUDENT LOAN REDUCTIONS

- \$1,000-\$5,000 in student loan forgiveness
- Awarded to qualifying Alpha Delt seniors during their final undergraduate semester
- Application and release of financial aid information required

INTERNSHIP SUPPORT

- \$1,000-\$2,500 matching stipend
- Awarded to undergraduates interning in public service positions or conducting qualified, non-credit research projects with faculty oversight
- Application and presentation of proposed internship required

ALPHA DELTA PHI INTERNATIONAL LITERARY COMPETITION (MATCHING GRANTS AND AWARDS)

- \$50-\$1,000 prizes
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David Lee Brooke '50 May 7, 2022

David Lee Brooke '50, of Naples, Florida, and Rochester, New York, died Saturday, May 7, 2022, in Naples.

Dave Brooke was born March 18, 1929, and lived until age eight in West Henrietta (Rochester), New York. He was the eldest son of Wilfred Lee Brooke and Virginia Whipple Brooke Boyd. He moved from Rochester with his two younger brothers, Lee and John, and his parents to Oak Park, Illinois in 1937. He

was a graduate of Oak Park River Forest High School and the Cornell University School of Hotel Management, where he loved rowing and his Alpha Delta Phi fraternity activities. He was married from 1957–1972 to Meredith Hitchcock Brooke (Newman) of Burr Ridge, Illinois, who was the 1956 advertising manager of their high school newspaper, The Trapeze, at the time Dave started advertising his nearby first restaurant. He lived most of his life in Oak Park, Western Springs, and Oak Brook, Illinois prior to his marriage to Mary Lu Clark of Rochester from 1973–2001. In

1983 he became a Naples, Florida resident, and enjoyed vacation, boating and cruising with family, old and new friends, and fraternity brothers. He leaves his loving partner Helen H. Berkeley of Rochester, New York, with whom he shared a mutual love of friends and travel since 2001.

In 1955, at 26, Dave was the originator of Dave's Automatic Drive-In, in Franklin Park, Illinois, the first restaurant with drive-up window service in Illinois. Later he founded Restaurant Management Corp., an Indiana, New York, and Michigan franchised

operator of Burger King Restaurants, which built and operated a group of Burger King Restaurants from 1964-1976. He assisted his youngest brother John Brooke (1934-2007) in the development of Brooke Holiday Inns from 1964-1972. In 1977, he and his children founded Pinegrove Management, Inc., which developed and leased commercial properties.

He was a former director of the Mercantile Bank of Naples, Florida, and Sage Rutty Investments in Rochester, New York, and a member of various Burger King Corporation councils. He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Naples, Florida; the Rotary Club of Rochester, New York; the Country Club of Rochester; and of the Rochester and Naples Yacht Clubs. He enjoyed cruising on the Great Lakes and to Florida, as well as antique car restoration and touring with friends and family in the United States and Europe.

Robert Nicholas Post '50

October 28, 2021

Robert Nicholas Post, age 93, passed away on October 28, 2021, from health complications due to a fall. He was surrounded by his children and many grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Jane, who died in October of 2020.

Bob, also known as "Chief," was born on March 9, 1928, in New York City to Ethel and Nick Post. He was an only child and due to Ethel's busy and successful career in the fashion industry, he was sent to Kent School in the second form (eighth grade). He flourished at Kent, eventually serving as senior prefect. From there, he went to Cornell University, where he received a degree in engineering, was a member of Alpha Delta Phi, and was also the head of the cheerleading squad. He was a member of the 1949 lightweight crew team that won the national championship. These nine athletes remained lifelong friends and frequently gathered to row together even as recently as 2019.

He participated in ROTC at Cornell and served in the Army after he graduated. He was stationed in Iceland where he shot off howitzers and learned to cook.

When he reentered civilian life, he began a long career in the railroad industry with the American Brake Shoe Company (ABEX). It was at this juncture that he met Jane Carpenter and they began a storybook romance that lasted over 66 years.

John J. Post '57

September 12, 2020

John J. Post '57, 84, of Manchester, New Hampshire, died peacefully on September 12,

2020. John was born in New York City on November 25, 1935. He grew up in Great Neck, New York, and spent summers in Quogue, New York, a place he truly felt was his home. After graduating from Choate, he attended both Cornell University ('58) and Boston University ('64). In the interim, he served his country as a pilot in the US Navy and later graduated from Harvard Business School ('66).

John had worked in management for both Hewlett Packard and Phillips until retirement, when he joined the Manchester Chapter of SCORE, supporting local businesses for over 15 years and eventually serving as chapter chair. John enjoyed many outdoor activities, particularly at his home in Pocasset, Massachusetts, where he loved to golf, sail, swim, garden, and enjoy time with family for many years. He and his wife, Judie, traveled extensively throughout the United States, the Caribbean, and Europe. He was an avid golfer and won a number of championships over the years.

Calvin Carr '59

June 5, 2022

Calvin Carr of Boothbay, Maine, successfully completed the earthly portion of his journey on June 5, 2022. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts on March 25, 1937, to F. Benjamin Carr, MD, and Dorothea (Cashman) Carr of Worcester, Massachusetts.

He spent the World War II years in San Francisco, California, while his father, who was a Captain in the US Naval Medical Corps, served as Chief of Medicine at Base Hospital 18 on Guam.

Following the war, the family returned to Worcester, MA. Calvin attended the Bancroft School, Worcester Academy, Cornell University, and received his Bachelor of Arts from Tufts University. He earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence as well as a Master of Law in Taxation from Boston University School of Law. He worked for many years in the Law Department of John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, retiring as tax counsel to John Hancock and to its various subsidiaries in March of 1996.

On July 30, 1966, Calvin became, in his own words, "the luckiest person" when he married Mary Virginia "Ginger" Logie.

Robert S. Bell Jr. '65

February 17, 2006

Robert S. Bell Jr. '65, of Avon, died Friday, February 17, 2006. Commonwealth University. He graduated from the Loomis Chaffee School, Cornell University and the UConn School of Law. After college, he served as an

officer in the US Naval Submarine Service. He has worked in Windsor for over 30 years as an attorney for Combustion Engineering, ABB and Westinghouse Inc. Mr. Bell was an avid ham radio operator since age 12 and also found great pleasure in hiking, kayaking, sailing, and walking the Connecticut trails with his family and dog. Besides his wife, Mr. Bell is survived by two sons, Brian Bell and David Bell; a daughter, Kathleen Bell; and his father, sister, and brother. In addition, he leaves behind a wide circle of family and friends.

Anthony S. Coma III '76

February 20, 2009

Anthony S. Coma III '76 was born on December 10, 1953, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and passed away on Friday morning, February 20, 2009, at his home in DeBerry, Texas. He graduated from Cornell University with a degree in hotel and restaurant management. Although his roots were from the East Coast, his profession in the hotel and restaurant industry afforded him to work and to travel to many cities on the West Coast, and finally to make his home in DeBerry, Texas. He married Terri Sanfilippo on June 15, 2001, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

His life was his love, Terri; his family; his friends; and his beloved pets. Whether East Coast, West Coast, or Texas, all those who touched Tony's life knew of his love of life, great food, great wine, great music, and love of sports.

The following are the names of additional brothers whose passings we have learned about since the last issue.

John B. Keenan '51

January 31, 2021

Vicente A. Aragon Jr. '65

James M. Easter '65

Thomas W. Seaman '65

James R. Uffelman '65

April 18, 2020

Christian B. Rutland '75

Rodney R. Zelenka '75

NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

Lawrence Brown '56: Recently celebrated 15 years of marriage with my wife "Ann". My first "Ann" and I were married for 50 years before; she passed away. Life is good!

Rick Dyer '59: Rick has relocated to a residential-care community and reports enjoying the community and activities. He is still painting and reports that some of his oil paintings are his "close friends," and he enjoys keeping them nearby. He still loves sailing and being near the water, but at 85, he gets fewer opportunities to be onboard. Rick shared a story of riding to Worcester, Massachusetts, with his Alpha Delt brother, Calvin Carr '59, and told of how it snowed like crazy until their windshield wipers froze to a stop. It required them to pull over and deal with the situation every few miles until they arrived late at night. He said some of his happiest memories are from his days at Cornell and they are a comfort to him.

Richard Thatcher Jr. '60: Retiring from Fairmount Partners, an investment focused on successful entrepreneurs in healthcare, technology, technology services, and consumer industry. I cofounded this firm 21 years ago, as my fourth and last entrepreneurship. In fairly good health; hacking at tennis periodically! Also see my brother Jim Thatcher '56 regularly. Best to all the brothers; the recent pledge class looks very good.

Otto Doering III '62: A light case of COVID prevented my attending a reunion in June 2022. I was fortunate. Spending the summer doing repairs on our summer place in the Adirondacks, designed by Frank Gilmore and visited some years ago by Bob McClellan '59, both of whom I will miss. I do get to go

out every now and then in the canoe or guide boat. That is magical and helps keep Barbara and me going.

Jonathan Vick (Ham '64): During the early '60s, we Hamilton brothers had many good times at the Cornell AΔΦ house. The brothers and the Wells girls we picked up on the way were most accommodating, and we had wonderful times at the house parties. And, God only knows how we lived through it. Made good friends at the time and many afterward, with good friends Ken Growney '82 and Howie Schaffer '90 and, of course, the Wells girls. And, Thom Chirurg '64, our gracious host. Thank you for sending me your great newsletter and jogging good memories.

Andrew Schaffran '76: After over 32 years of service to Morgan Lewis and its clients, I have retired from the firm.

Dave Syick '79: Restoring a 120-year-old house. Part-time software consultant. Travel.

Thomas Gibb '84: Always the consummate gentleman, Steven T. Edwards '84 flew from London to NYC to attend my 60th birthday dinner in February. Have been enjoying travel again after the COVID forced hiatus: on the Sea Cloud, Monte Carlo historic races, Norfolk, UK, etc.

Philip McCarthy II '86: My husband Jim and I were fortunate to spend Homecoming weekend and Christmas in London with our family friend Hugo Hamilton '24. Planned to see Ken Sakurai '86 in NYC for dinner in late October. I also ran into Karl S.F. Kirchner '85 at his daughter's and my niece's coming out ball at the Junior Assembly in NYC in December 2022.

Peter Bilfield '95: In the Fall of 2022, my son Hayden joined the incoming freshman class at Cornell, where I got to see the likes of Andrew Kay '91 and catch up with Denton Chase '92 and Damian Manolis '93 (by text), all of whom have kids currently at Cornell. In September, I had the pleasure of attending Rob Hooker's ('96) 50th in Louisville, Kentucky, with pledge brothers Cam Dauler '96, Marc Levin '95, Richard Ha '93, John Anderson '95, and Mike Greeby '95. We played golf and pickleball and hit the Kentucky Bourbon Trail. We also had a visit from Sarah Bradberry and her husband Keith Robbins '86. I burned the midnight oil all three nights with Cam and Greeby. In October, I reconnected with my AΔΦ big brother, Greg Wong '92, who ended up joining Hayden and I for golf in Westport before we drove up to celebrate Tycho Peterson's ('94) 50th birthday party (belated) at his farmhouse in Chatham. We saw a number of Alpha Deltas: Marc Axelbaum '93, Greg Wong '92, Andrew Kay '91, and Rich Ha '93. Look forward to staying in touch with everyone.

Trevor Sell '08: My wife, Chelsea, and I gave birth to our first child. Our daughter, Eleanor Rosalind Rebor Sell, was born September 18, 2022. I also started law school at Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island (class of '25). We purchased a second home at 91 Easton Ave., Portsmouth, Rhode Island, where we live during the school year. We still use our Florida address as our primary residence.

Darius Sharpless '13: In December, I graduated from the University of Akron, School of Law. I earned a degree of Juris Doctor.

ALPHA DELT BROTHERS

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