



# The Cornell Alpha Delta

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## A SENIOR'S REFLECTION: LEARNING TO LEAD

The lawyer's voice was stereotypically mundane and direct. Our attorney and confidant, Bill Shaw, stood before the brotherhood in the house library on an autumn night in 2011; he was the main attraction at our emergency chapter meeting. His lips muttered the dreaded words written on the letter in his hand. Alpha Delta Phi will be on probation for two years, it read. We were being punished for a series of violations of the campus code of conduct, and for a handful of violations of rules that regulate rush and hosting social events. Commence the search for a live-in adviser, it implored. We appealed. The result? We would not have to find a live-in advisor, but

we could not host any social events (except philanthropy events) for two years. It was a brutal verdict and we braced ourselves for an uncertain future.

This memory is one of many that will disappear with the graduating class of 2014, considering that we were the newly initiated brothers at the time. Fortunately, the memory has since been muffled by unforgettable, rich, and mellow experiences that will also be told less frequently around the house with our departure.

Because of how we responded, that moment most defines this graduating class's last-

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## "ITHAKA"

As you set out for Ithaka  
hope the voyage is a long one,  
full of adventure, full of discovery.

Laistrygonians and Cyclops,  
angry Poseidon—don't be afraid of them:  
you'll never find things like that on your way  
as long as you keep your thoughts raised high,  
as long as a rare excitement  
stirs your spirit and your body.

Laistrygonians and Cyclops,  
wild Poseidon—you won't encounter them  
unless you bring them along inside your soul,  
unless your soul sets them up in front of you.

Hope the voyage is a long one.  
May there be many a summer morning when,  
with what pleasure, what joy,  
you come into harbors seen for the first time;  
may you stop at Phoenician trading stations  
to buy fine things,  
mother of pearl and coral, amber and ebony,  
sensual perfume of every kind—

as many sensual perfumes as you can;  
and may you visit many Egyptian cities  
to gather stores of knowledge from their scholars.

Keep Ithaka always in your mind.  
Arriving there is what you are destined for.  
But do not hurry the journey at all.  
Better if it lasts for years,  
so you are old by the time you reach the island,  
wealthy with all you have gained on the way,  
not expecting Ithaka to make you rich.

Ithaka gave you the marvelous journey.  
Without her you would not have set out.  
She has nothing left to give you now.

And if you find her poor, Ithaka won't have  
fooled you.  
Wise as you will have become, so full of ex-  
perience,  
you will have understood by then what these  
Ithakas mean.

C.P. Cavafy, *Collected Poems*



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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rarely does one have the honor of serving as president of the Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell for two semesters in a row, but this year saw somewhat of a transition period between a smaller crop of more senior brothers and a rather large generation of younger Alpha Deltas, which seemed to favor a longer executive term. While, at first, I held some reservations about the notion of an extended presidential term, I feel that, in many ways, it put me at an advantage in terms of experience and, thus, ultimately served to benefit the house as a whole. Given the length of my tenure, I also believe I was able to observe a rather broad progression of the chapter and am subsequently delighted to report that, overall, we have continued to live up to our historically lofty reputation while remaining committed to making novel strides in a positive direction.

Rush, in particular, proved to be a great success this year. We took and retained the largest pledge class in my time at Cornell, and all of the new brothers have shown a spark and initiative that has invigorated the spirit of the brotherhood. The 22 new members have been eager to take positions and even more eager to live in the house. In fact, I am pleased to note that, next semester, 777 Stewart Avenue will be fully occupied. This enduring goal has not always been easy to reach and has tended to be a source of financial woes. Logistically, things are running much more smoothly as well, because we now have a system of hard-set lease agreements to prevent brothers from making last-minute changes to their housing plans and more clear-cut guidelines to define the conditions in which rooms must be handed over.

Another key success this year was beginning our involvement with Cornell Outdoor Education. This initiative, originally set forth by ACEF, is seen as the future of new-member education at Cornell, given the current changes and policies of the administration. A few other brothers and I took part in a fall trip as a precursor and trial run to the larger excursion that will include the majority of the brotherhood next fall. I can safely say that the trip was educational and engaging and certainly brought me closer to those with whom I shared the experience. After backpacking all day, when setting up camp and building a fire before nightfall was an absolute necessity, I gained a stronger understanding of the ways in which our house relies on teamwork and codependency while working to master the skills necessary to maintain a thriving fraternal organization. I have much confidence that this trip will become a beloved tradition of ours in the years to come and that it will serve to further build the characters of our brothers.

Important to note as well is the diligence and care that the chapter exhibited this year when it came to the standards set for social and charity events. Not only did we have a fulfilling semester in these regards, with events every weekend and more charity functions than any other year in my time here, but we also did so without infringing on the IFC's rules. In a year when a multitude of houses faced judicial action, and some even saw their recognition revoked, Alpha Delta Phi stood strong and did not face any sanctions or investigations. While ADPhi's position might be expected, given rampant fear in an environment such as Cornell's Greek system, where transparency is minimal and rules are ever changing, I consider it to be a paramount accomplishment. The more we build on our clean record, the more we solidify our reputation within and beyond the university and set up a solid foundation for posterity, which, to me, is one of the most important aspects of fraternal life.

Aristotle notes that being the leader of a society of equals is particularly difficult. On one hand, you are the first among equals, expected to be the same as everybody else; thus, your power is not absolute. However, on the other end, since you must lead and bear the responsibility of making tough decisions, it is also necessary to distinguish yourself somehow, which is an immense challenge. I came to understand Aristotle's statement firsthand from living among such a rambunctious group of Alpha Delta men, a proud bunch with diverse ambitions. After being at the center of it all, I can say that I learned much about maintaining my convictions and making tough decisions. However, I also learned much about how to delegate, how to trust people, and, most of all, how to thicken my skin and to have a sense of humor about things, which is one of the most underrated traits of a leader. At both high-pressured and humorous times, this job was an engaging and energizing experience, and I am sure that the next group of leaders will find it the same and that they will thrive off of the challenges.

My term, of course, has come to an end, and the president-elect, Oliver Viera '15, will be taking over. The transition of the executive board went about as smoothly as anyone could ask for, and, after a couple of meetings and exchanging of keys, information, and pointers, I have all the confidence that this next generation of young men can continue to lead the Phi in the right direction and even to eclipse the many accomplishments of this year.

Xaipe  
Justin Rogers Calabrese '15  
President

# A SENIOR'S REFLECTION: LEARNING TO LEAD

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ing impression on Alpha Delta Phi. As Howie Schaffer '90 rallied alumni support, we stayed committed. It wasn't easy. Some of our best brothers deactivated. Others tried to convince more brothers to deactivate. So we did what had to be done. We removed the bad apples that threatened our existence, both overtly and covertly. We became more exclusive and sold rushees on our exclusivity, and, when the veil was lifted, we united so that future Alpha Deltas would not enter a house so divided.

Throughout, we learned that the tension between fraternal organizations and higher education is alive and well. As undergraduates and fraternity members, we were at the eye of the storm. We hope our response suggests how future leaders can provide Cornellians with the best education going forward.

Since their origins, fraternal organizations and institutions of higher education have been at odds, a struggle born from the two entities' different approaches to educating young Americans. Fraternal groups, like our own, favor more interpersonal, participatory learning; meanwhile, institutions of higher education favor lecture and regurgitation methods. Both models have flourished in the United States since the late 1800s, with each gaining and losing influence along the way. The lecture method is more influential on campus today, because fraternities are silencing their own voices.

The difference in styles became clear after three years of being a brother of Alpha Delta Phi, particularly when considering the new-member education process. For some, the most nerve-racking moment of the process is presenting their literary address to the brotherhood. The presentation requires a high level of preparation and intellectual back-and-forth with one's superiors. In higher education, a student does not experience anything similar until defending a thesis or dissertation. Such moments teach a student how to appeal to one's superiors. More importantly, they also give students assurance of their own knowledge and vitality, and they result in a sense of inner-strength and self-worth, a type of tranquility that regurgitating, cramming, and worrying about a letter grade cannot bestow onto students.

Before long, it became evident that this education was preparing us for life after college far more rapidly than our studies, but that did not make our studies obsolete. In social influence and persuasion classes, the several ILR majors in our graduating class learned how to promote agendas in an organization. As you can imagine, this was the root of many of our internal conflicts, as well as successes throughout the years. Meanwhile, Brother Chang Ha Kim '15 taught me more about the importance of teaching history in developing countries than any govern-

ment class could ever attempt to accomplish. These examples show that the relationship between fraternal organizations and higher education does not have to be confrontational.

In fact, fraternal experiences and classroom curricula should aim to complement each other. A core curriculum teaches students theories and formulas passed down from the industry's best, along with their applications throughout history. Meanwhile, fraternal organizations and independent living units teach students how to execute this theory against present-day challenges, while calling into question the ways of those who came before us.

Together, the two entities produce the ideal college graduate: one who understands theory and is skillful at application ("the entire man," in the words of Sammy Eells).

So why can't fraternities and the administration work together to educate students most effectively? Both sides of the table are to blame.

On the one hand, incorporating interpersonal learning is currently not the administration's priority. Cornell does a fantastic job of bringing diverse students to campus, but it cannot get these students to interact with and learn from each other effectively. Record-breaking funding is pouring into Cornell for research, coming with expectations for Cornell to be a leader in technological and medical innovation. Meanwhile, when asked by a student assembly member how Cornell seeks to address its housing problem, Vice President Susan Murphy essentially claimed that they are relying upon private developers to build more apartments in Collegetown. Take note of this trend. As money pours in for students to conduct fantastic research, their outside-the-classroom experience will be spent in one- to three-bedroom apartments. The balance required to create the ideal college graduate will not be met, and who knows how it will affect the future of the world.

Then again, fraternities are bringing this world upon themselves. By allowing the entire system to be defined by the bad apples, we are poorly presenting the argument for interpersonal education. Hazing, excessive drinking, sexual assault: these are the first words that come to mind when individuals outside the fraternity system hear that you are affiliated. It looks to them like self-governance and participatory education actually make a student worse.

I am proud to say that our organization has progressed beyond these stereotypes in the past four years. We should no longer settle for being defined by the bad apples. That might mean a smaller system of independent living units, but at least it would be a better system.

As far as I know, the university has not given up on interpersonal education. It just does not have a solution within the limited resources they are willing to spend. Alpha Delta Phi has

worked toward the solution, and the class of 2014 is happy to leave the house to a group that will continue to do so, while still enjoying everything that makes this organization remarkable.

On that autumn night in 2011, the administration showed that it did not want to work with us to solve the imperfections in our education model. In response, we elected leaders who understood the model's benefits and removed those who did not. Now, let's show the administration that we want to work together to solve the imperfections of the lecture-based education model, even if that means expanding beyond the conventional role of fraternities. The world will be a better place for it.

And if that fails? Then my worst fears have been proven true: Cornell actually does not value an interpersonal education. It does not value the skills of oration and guile that our form of education fosters. It does not value a student's ability to conquer knowledge and tranquility so well that no superior, be it the fraternity's alumni or society's guardians, can control you.

Heaven bless thee, ADPhi, for giving me a cause worth fighting for.

Alfonse Muglia '14

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# ACEF CONTINUES ITS SUPPORT OF WRITING AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AT CORNELL.



## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

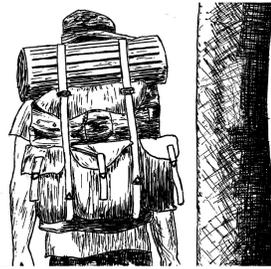
Academic awards are for Alpha Delta Phi undergrads living at 777 Stewart Ave and achieving deans list in their respective school while carrying a minimum of 13 credit hours. Awards are made in the following semester with verified Cornell transcripts and confirmation that the member is in good standing. Awards are for \$100–\$500 each, per semester.

**Current recipients are:** Alec Budow, Jason Epstein, Ethan Harris Garber, Philippe Simard.

You can support the academic awards with a one-time or annual donation of \$2,500–\$5,000 or more.

## ACEF SPONSORS NEW TEAM AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Following Cornell's mandated foreshortening of the rushing and pledging periods, the ACEF trustee-board president, Steven Ritchey, worked with the undergraduate officers and the ACEF trustees to develop a team-building alternative. The program will supplement the vastly abbreviated new-member process with an extended long-weekend program, loosely based on the experiential team building of Outward Bound. The "adventure" portion of the trip will be led by the Cornell Team and Leadership Center and Cornell Outdoor Education. Following delays due to changes in COE leadership, the first "leader development" trip in the Finger Lakes was held in the fall of 2013 with seven undergrads. Severe weather curtailed the planned February trip, and, thus, the first large-scale trip is scheduled for fall break 2014, with over 20 undergraduate brothers committed to attend.



## MARTIN McVOY JR. SCHOLARSHIPS

The ACEF acts as the primary adviser to Cornell on the Martin McVoy Jr. Trust and directs income distributions to offset student loans and work/study. The trust income provides more than \$75,000 in financial aid grants annually and an additional \$7,000–\$15,000 is awarded to qualifying undergraduates to directly reduce loans and work-study for Alpha Delta Phi brothers with demonstrated financial need.

## STUDENT LOAN REDUCTION INITIATIVE

Scholarship awards are provided as student loan forgiveness to qualified matriculating ADPhi seniors in their last semester of undergraduate study. One or more awards are usually made per year for \$1,000–\$5,000 each, as applications for scholarships are made and as funding permits.

## INTERNSHIPS

A \$1,000–\$2,500 matching stipend is provided to support an undergraduate interning in a public-service position or for qualified non-credit research projects with faculty oversight.

For the summer of 2014, Philippe Simard '15 is working under Prof. William Sonnenstuhl (ILR), conducting a literature survey on self-governed independent living and university Greek communities in support of the efforts of the IFC and alumni IFC to develop statistical data on the value and benefits of Greek life.

## MATCHING GRANTS AND AWARDS

**Matching Literary Awards:** To further encourage participation in the Alpha Delta Phi International Literary Competition, The Adelphic Fund matches the awards for any Winning submissions by Cornell ADPhi Undergraduates. The Matching Prizes range from \$50–\$1000.

## RHODES SCHOLAR GRANT

The ACEF trustees have established a \$10,000 matching grant program for any member of ADPhi at Cornell winning a Rhodes Scholarship. The matching grant is targeted to reduce the student scholar's existing loan debt.

## ADELPHIC FUND INCREASES AWARDS FOR CORNELL WRITING PROGRAMS

As a long-term sponsor of The Knight Writing Program, last year, the ACEF increased its support of the prizes of the freshman writing program, including:

### WRITING PRIZE AWARDS AND PRIZES: \$100–\$250 EACH

**James E. Rice Jr. '30 Prizes:** Awarded each semester for excellence in expository writing in a mandatory first-year writing seminar.

**Adelphic Award:** Awarded to the best essay written in a first-year writing seminar by a student whose first language is other than English.

**The ACEF /School of Hotel Administration Writing Awards Program:** Recognizes excellence in writing at the Cornell School of Hotel Administration.

### ADELPHIC AWARD WINNER

Jiacong Xu (A&S) — "On Singer's Ideals;" — Phil 1111, Philosophical Problems: Of God, Humans, and Morality

*Honorary Mention:* Boliang Dai (A&S) — "Giants in the Sky" — DSoc 1210, Follow the "Thing": Stories of Stuff in the Global Economy

### JAMES E. RICE JR. PRIZES Winners

Emily Frech (A&S) — "Cows, Crucifixes, and Chores: How Christianity and Livestock Influenced Gender Roles in Native America" — Anthr 1178, Archaeology of Contact, Colonialism, and Biological Repercussions

Saara Shanti Kumar (A&LS) — "Pools, Jacuzzis, and Fountains: Streams of Thought on American Racism" — Anthr 1119, Intimate Politics: Moving from the Personal to the Political

The ACEF supports the various writing programs with "pass-through" donations, which can also earn donor credit for you and your class with Cornell. Ideally, we seek support commitments for three years at a time, and we still welcome partial support and one-off annual donations to support the writing programs.

Fully support the The Knight Writing Program awards with \$1,800 annually through the ACEF.

Fully support the School of Hotel Administration Writing Awards with \$1,500 annually through the ACEF.

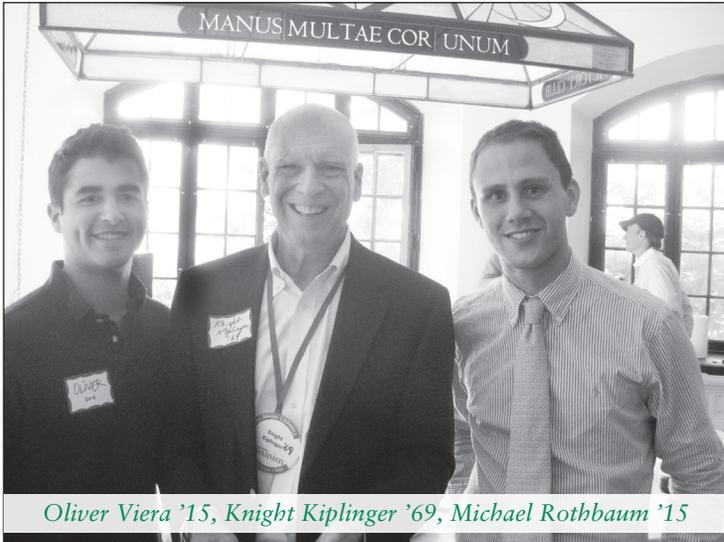
**Annual Meeting: Saturday, Homecoming Weekend, October 18, 2014.**

## Discoveries



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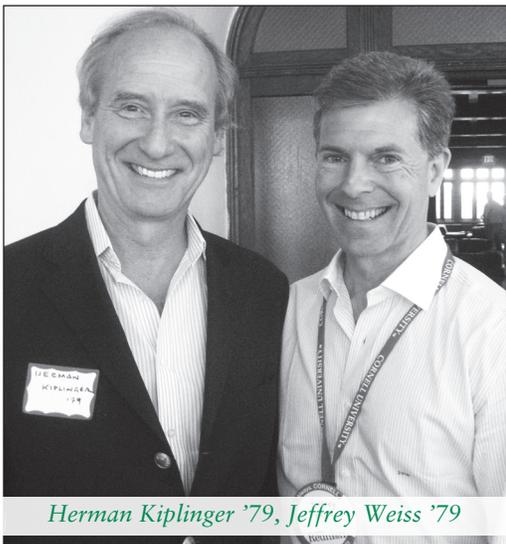
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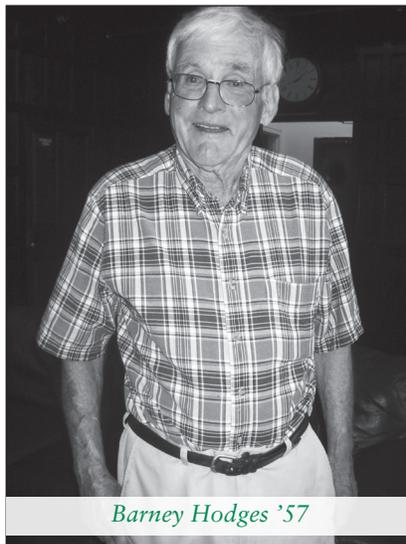
*Oliver Viera '15, Knight Kiplinger '69, Michael Rothbaum '15*



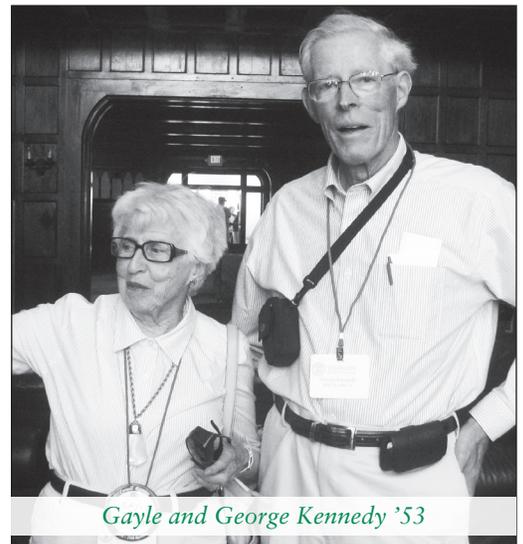
*Cliff Hurley '86, Ray Potter '87*



*Herman Kiplinger '79, Jeffrey Weiss '79*



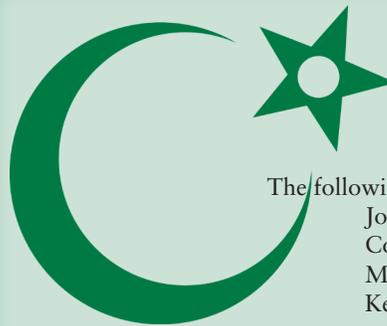
*Barney Hodges '57*



*Gayle and George Kennedy '53*



*Howie Schaffer '90, Richard Wait '69*



## The Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation

held its annual meeting in May 2014.

The following officers were elected to two-year terms:

- Joseph Welch '95, President
- Colin H. Williams '92, Vice President
- Marc Zawal '04, Treasurer
- Kevin Frank '10, Secretary

The foundation approved grants to the House Corporation in the amount of \$43,859.84 to support repair and renovation of house facilities that are educational in nature according to IRS guidelines.

The foundation officers thank the many brothers who donate annually and give generously. The foundation officers also give deep thanks to George Doerre '04, the founding board president, for his dedication and service.

## MEET THE NEWEST ALPHA DELTS!

**Jeffrey Lloyd Plamondon '17** is from Darnestown, Maryland. He is a freshman in the School of Hotel Administration. Jeffrey attended Georgetown Preparatory School in Bethesda, Maryland. He is involved with the hotel school's HEC alumni weekend. Jeffrey wants to be in Alpha Delta Phi to forge lifelong friendships and to be surrounded by men who will help him grow into a man of courage, conscience, competence, and integrity. His brother, Peter "Tripp" Plamondon III, is a junior in the 143rd pledge class at Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell and is also in the hotel school.

**John William Milani '17** is from Armonk, New York. He attended Byram Hills High School and is currently in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations in Cornell's class of 2017. In his senior year of high school, he was elected to be a mentor to the freshman class, which he considers a very proud moment in his life. He wants to be in Alpha Delta Phi because of the strong bond of brotherhood and unrivaled tradition and history.

**Samuel Josephs McGarvey '17** is studying applied economics and management in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Although he was born in New York City, he currently lives in Chicago and has for the past 16 years. For high school, he went to The Francis Parker School. At Cornell, he is involved in the Dyson Undergraduate Council. Soccer and tennis are the two sports he plays most frequently, but he also takes part in many outdoor sports, such as scuba diving and skiing. He wanted to become a brother because he wants to create bonds that will last a lifetime.

**Ryan John Picard '17** is from New York City and is a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences. He went to Riverdale Country School, where he was an active member on the school newspaper, the student council, and the soccer

and track teams. Although Ryan is currently an undecided major, he is hoping to pursue a career in mathematics and business. Given these interests, he joined the Apex Capital Fund his first semester, a club designed to foster students' knowledge of and involvement in the stock market. Ryan was initially drawn to Alpha Delta Phi because of the strong and sophisticated nature of the brotherhood. He grew to strongly admire the poise and maturity that each brother displayed in the way he carried himself. Ryan hopes to join Alpha Delta Phi in order to hone these skills for himself and to experience the bond that the brothers evidently have.

**Jorge Carlos Bouras '17** was born in San Diego, California. He attended La Costa Canyon High School and is now a freshman at Cornell's School of Hotel Administration. He wants to be a part of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity because, in his eyes, it is the only brotherhood that does not strive to prove to the world who and what they are. On the contrary, they do as they please and act as they wish, completely confident in the quality of their character.

**Christopher George Chedid '17** is from North Brunswick, New Jersey. He attended North Brunswick Township High School. He is in the School of Hotel Administration, class of 2017. Christopher is in the 145th pledge class of Alpha Delta Phi. He pledged Alpha Delta Phi because of the brothers, history, and tradition. Christopher's passions are business and music.

**Sam Maxwell Selinger '17**, from New York City, attended Riverdale Country School in Bronx, New York. Sam is in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and majors in applied economics and management. Alpha Delta Phi's rich history, well-rounded brothers, and fellow pledges motivated Sam to rush and pledge Alpha Delta Phi.

David Daryoush Farahi '16 is a sophomore in the School of Hotel Administration. He is from Reno, Nevada, where he attended Galena High School. This past summer, he worked at the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv, Israel. He aspires to work in a different country during each summer of his schooling in order to gain a greater appreciation for other cultures and a better understanding of the global marketplace. He is a founding board member of TAMID Israel Investment Group on campus and has been involved in many other groups on campus. He has always been a person who has appreciated loyalty, and he trusts and feels that the brotherhood of Alpha Delta Phi exemplifies fidelity more than any other house.

**Joachim Jahnecke '17** is from Bonn, Germany, but grew up in Eastchester, New York, and Paris, France. Prior to attending Cornell University, he finished his education at West Morris Mendham High School in Mendham, New Jersey. He now studies at the College of Arts and Sciences, where he is currently pursuing an economics major with the hope of becoming an investment banker in the future. He decided to join Alpha Delta Phi because he wanted to excel at becoming a leader like the many past alumni of the fraternity. Not only that, but he admired the very strong sense of brotherhood within the house and the family-like ambiance. It provides an environment where individuals not only push themselves beyond their limits, but do so collectively with their brothers. Living among individuals from many different backgrounds gives the impression of a very humbling and also very valuable experience. It trains individuals to be able to work collectively with strangers in the future, regardless of their backgrounds or ideologies. The mansion-like house situated on the Gauntlet provides all brothers with a home away from home.

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# MEET THE NEWEST ALPHA DELTS!

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**Adam Daniel Lurie '17** is from Minneapolis, Minnesota, and attended St. Paul Academy. He is in the class of 2017 and currently studies in the School of Hotel Administration. Adam wants to join Alpha Delta Phi to be groomed into an educated, respectable, and distinguished leader of fellow men.

**William Daniel Oprea '16** is from Hicksville, New York. He is currently enrolled in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations and is also pursuing a business minor. He attended Chaminade High School, a Catholic institution for young men. He is a member of the lightweight rowing team, where he currently holds the 2000-m record of all time on the ergometer, along with the American lightweight 2000-m record for U19 men. He is thrilled to join a brotherhood with such unparalleled traditions and is excited to contribute to Alpha Delta Phi's legacy.

**Jake Scott Gibson '17** is a student at Cornell University in the class of 2017. He is from Scarsdale, New York, where he attended Scarsdale High School. During his time in Scarsdale, he served as an officer for his senior class, became a Junior Statesman of America, and participated in mock trial. Currently, he is in the College of Arts and Sciences with an undecided major. Jake is very interested in acting and cinematography, having starred in several theatrical productions and short films, and has continued acting at Cornell. He has always held great respect for loyalty and tradition and was attracted to Alpha Delta Phi based on its long history and unique character of brotherhood.

**Stephen Preston Goodwin '17** is a freshman, graduating in 2017, at the School of Hotel Administration. He is from Winchester, Massachusetts, and attended high school at The Rivers School in Weston, Massachusetts. Currently, Stephen is involved in the club hockey team at Cornell. Stephen wishes to be a member of Alpha Delta Phi in order to experience unyielding loyalty based on mutual respect and admiration throughout an entire brotherhood.

**Sam Mercer Weidenkopf '17** is a freshman in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. He wants to join Alpha Delta Phi because he wants to be a part of something greater than himself. He also wants to give back to his community in an environment where he can display and develop his leadership abilities. Sam has moved all over the country for his dad's job. Born in Mendham, New Jersey, and most recently from Cleveland, Ohio, where he attended University School, Sam has also lived

in California and Arizona. Moving around the country has helped him to adapt to different environments and different types of people. Sam has truly enjoyed getting to know the men of the fraternity.

**Oliver Erik Rosen '17** is a member of the School of Industrial and Labor Relations, class of 2017. He hails from New York, New York, where he attended The Trinity School. Although his high school passions were in the classics (Latin and ancient Greek), he looks forward to combining the social-science foundation of the ILR curriculum with a minor in business to pursue a career in business and finance. The deep sense of camaraderie, loyalty, and history drew him to Alpha Delta Phi.

**Connor Thomas Hayes '16** hails from Allison Park, a town just a few minutes outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He attended Central Catholic, an all-male college preparatory school. Connor is currently enrolled in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations and plans to major in ILR with a minor in business. He is a member of the lightweight rowing team and Big Red Leadership Institute. Additionally, he serves as co-president of the Student Athlete Advisory Council and is a Cornell Tradition scholar. Connor is ecstatic to be presented with the opportunity to join Alpha Delta Phi, an institution with a long history of producing many of society's finest men. As someone who strives to continue, as was said so well on bid night, "to break free from mediocrity," Connor can think of no better group of men with whom to continue associating himself. He is excited to see how he will personally grow as a member of Alpha Delta Phi and how he can contribute to Alpha Delta Phi's continual evolution and improvement.

**Jacques Dvig Sieron '17** was born and raised in Beverly Hills, California, and spent two years of his childhood living in Paris, France. He attended Harvard-Westlake School for high school, where he played for the lacrosse team and participated in a peer support program. He is currently a freshman in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, pursuing a major in environmental science and sustainability; however, his interests also include other subjects, such as physics, mathematics, and economics. He hopes one day to have an impact on the world in the advancement of technology and the availability of clean energy. He was drawn to Alpha Delta Phi for its extensive history and commitment to tradition.

**Kevin Kai Nielsen Garcia '17** was born in Madrid, Spain. His Danish father and Peruvian

mother decided that an international education would be valuable, so he studied in the International College of Spain. Following his mother's footsteps, he decided to attend Cornell University and focus on hotel administration with a minor in music. He hopes to return to Europe and start his own company, once he completes his degree. Kevin thinks Alpha Delta Phi provides a support system, a brotherhood, and relationships within Cornell that will change his whole experience abroad for the better.

**Jarro Paolo Yuzon '17**, a freshman at the School of Hotel Administration, hails from Millersville, Maryland. He recently graduated from Archbishop Spalding High School. Jarro's passion for service and hospitality brought him to Cornell. One day, he hopes to work in real estate and financing for hotel development. The strength of the brotherhood and utmost respect for tradition that Alpha Delta Phi displays is what attracted him to the fraternity.

**Carlos Federico Singer '17** is a freshman in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. He grew up in Santiago, Chile, and moved to Miami, Florida, three years ago. In Miami, he attended Palmer Trinity School, where he was the vice president of the student government. The diversity and camaraderie of the brothers in the house is what attracted Carlos to the brotherhood.

**Byron Jason Lazaroff-Puck '17** was born and raised in Beverly Hills, California. Prior to arriving at Cornell University, Byron attended Harvard-Westlake School, where he competed in football and volleyball. Currently, Byron is a freshman in the School of Hotel Administration, with interests including fine cuisine and restaurant management. Upon graduating, Byron seeks to solve world hunger, as well as a position in the hospitality industry. He joined Alpha Delta Phi because of its commitment to long-standing traditions.

**Nicholas Edward Nathanson '17** is currently a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences and plans on transferring to the School of Hotel Administration. Nick was born in Santa Monica, California, and is the middle of three children. He resides in Beverly Hills, California, with his mom and in Brentwood, California, with his dad. He attended Harvard-Westlake High School, where he injured his neck playing middle linebacker on the football team. Nick hopes to one day own and manage his own hotel back on the West Coast. Nick is drawn to the long tradition of brotherhood in the Alpha Delta Phi and cannot wait to be a part of the family.

## THE REFLECTION OF A NIB

### FACES AMONGST US:

#### SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF GALA

a collaboration between Islamic Alliance for Justice, Big Red Relief, and Arab Student Association

WHEN: APRIL 11, 2014 @ 7PM  
WHERE: ALPHA DELTA PHI  
HOW MUCH: \$10  
ATTIRE: FORMAL  
FOOD: ALADDIN'S

#### FEATURING:

Middle Eastern Music Ensemble  
Adem Birson, musician  
Spoken Poetry presentations  
Open mic after performances

funded by SAFC, ALANA, and the Near Eastern Studies Department  
100% OF PROCEEDS BENEFIT RELIEF EFFORTS



*"Giving for charity does not decrease us in wealth."*

Cornell's Big Red Relief, Islamic Alliance for Justice, and Arab Student Association came together to organize a night of formal fun at Alpha Delta Phi, where students enjoyed some good food, good company, and amazing musical and poetic performances!

100% of the profits from this event were donated to [sams-usa.net](http://sams-usa.net) to help Syrian Refugees.

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## DYSON CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to honorable mention winner Samuel Ritholtz!

The award is given annually as a part of the A.D. White Leadership Conference to a student who has exemplified exceptional leadership within the Greek community and who has demonstrated a strong commitment to community service, philanthropy, scholarship, and citizenship.

Honorable mention recipient Samuel Ritholtz, a senior majoring in international agriculture and rural development, was philanthropy chair of Alpha Delta Phi. In that role, he organized many events, including his fraternity's annual philanthropy event, Victory Club, which, in spring 2012, raised \$8,000 for the nongovernmental organization Voices of African Mothers.

As spring classes at Cornell came to a close and festivities at the Phi were invigorated by a certain end-of-the-year fervor, I found myself looking back on the path that had led me to the fraternity. As a member of the 145th pledge class, this path was one very recently traveled; however, even after only a few short months, I could barely conceive of my life without Alpha Delt.

The faces I saw all around me as we organized ourselves for a brotherhood photo in front of the Goat House felt like those of old friends. It was truly shocking to think that, only four months earlier, I knew only a handful of those gentlemen. At Bid Dinner in January, I believed that I would, at some point over the next four years, come to know those individuals as brothers, yet I could never have predicted how quickly my relationships with them would develop.

Of course, the new-member education program proved to be a powerful catalyst in my formation of the bonds with my 21 pledge brothers. To thrive during the demanding and historically conditioned process, we acted as 22 parts of a single, cohesive unit; all the same, each of us brought to the table a unique

strength that, in retrospect, was vital to our collective success during this period of growth.

Yet my pledge brothers alone did not define my march toward membership in the Phi. We learned to recite "Brotherhood, Leadership, Sacrifice, Service" with a serious expression and an air of importance, but, ultimately, it was the example of older brothers in the house that truly drove home the significance of these pillars. Their dedication proved to be infectious and elicited a similar sentiment of allegiance from my pledge brothers and myself.

Bidding farewell to some of these brothers as they prepared to embark on journeys beyond Cornell was difficult, but I have no doubt that, while each and every one of them has a bright future ahead of him, these men have not stepped foot in Alpha Delt for the last time. Whenever they return, I hope they find the Phi in the same state that they left it for me, a state that I will work hard to preserve next semester—filled to the brim and in excellent condition, both literally and figuratively.

*Hop sa sa,* Oliver Rosen '17  
House Manager

## BROTHERS WELCOME SCOTT BROWN FOR DINNER

Protocol Dinner continues to be an important component of life in Alpha Delta Phi, and the active brothers had the pleasure of sharing the tradition with former Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown on Thursday, February 6, 2014.

Following his speech on campus, Senator Brown joined the brothers and members of the College Republicans for a delicious meal prepared by chef Paul Kominos. Cornell's dean of students and Alpha Delta Phi alumnus, Kent Hubbell '69, was also in attendance.

Senator Brown made his way around the table to speak with each brother individually. Topics of conversation included his entrepreneurial endeavors, potential run to be New Hampshire's senator, and his fraternity experi-

ence while at Tufts University. He then delivered a short address to the brotherhood about the role of educated citizens in society, and he took pictures with the guests.

While Protocol Dinners are traditionally held on Sundays and Wednesdays, the brotherhood made an exception for this special occasion. The senator's presence sparked conversation around the house about politics and partisanship and about inviting more guests to future Protocol Dinners.

The undergraduates would like to thank the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation for its financial support. Without it, this event would not have been possible.



*Justin Calabrese '15, Alfonse Muglia '14, Kent Hubbell '67, Senator Scott Brown, Chang Ha Kim '13, Alex Gulbrandsen '15*



## VICTORY CLUB 2014 A GREAT SUCCESS

It is my distinct pleasure to report that our annual Victory Club event, held this year on April 12, once again proved to be nothing short of a great success. Thanks to the dedication of our brothers and the night's own historic allure, the Phi welcomed hundreds of guests for this evening of gambling, live music, drinks, and philanthropy, ultimately raising \$7,600 for Ramapo for Children.

Providing programs for youth confronting social, emotional, and learning challenges, including children with autism and other special needs, Ramapo operates out of the core conviction that every child seeks "to learn, feel valued, and experience success." During the summer months, the organization operates a camp in Rhinebeck, New York, for upwards of 550 young people between the ages of six and 16, providing them with the confidence and skills needed to help them align their behavior with their aspirations.

It was truly an honor to support an organization that, for decades, has been of exceptional importance to the families of brothers Samuel Ritholtz '14, who spent several summers working as a counselor for Ramapo, and Max Rosenthal '16, whose father currently serves as the president of the board. Additionally, it is the strong belief of the brothers that Ramapo's initiatives align closely with the values of Alpha Delta Phi and the views each of

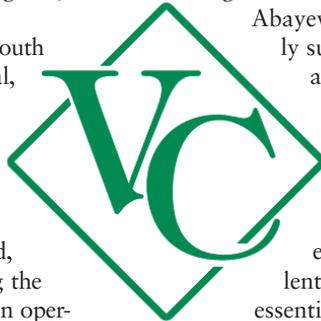
us has come to hold about the value of learning that takes place outside of the traditional classroom setting.

I would like to extend particular thanks to all of the undergraduate brothers, alumni, and community members who helped to support the event and our fundraising. I am especially grateful for my incredible co-chair, Ilyas Abayev '16, my parents, who generously supplied us with Jorian Hill wine, and *Insomnia Cookies*, which donated all of the desserts for the evening.

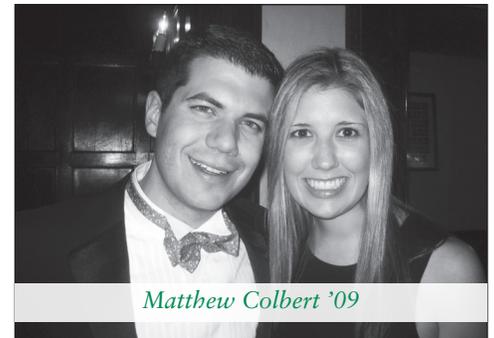
As in years past, Victory Club proved to be one of the biggest philanthropy events on campus and an excellent opportunity to showcase the essential qualities of Alpha Delta Phi as the house was brought to life with its timeless charm. Although much continues to change on the Hill, Victory Club remains a vital part of our rich culture. I am proud to have been able to assist the fraternity in upholding such a timeless tradition, and I have no doubt that the brotherhood will maintain the high social and philanthropic standards of Victory Club once yet again next year.

Please visit the Cornell Alpha Delta Phi website to see photos from the night!

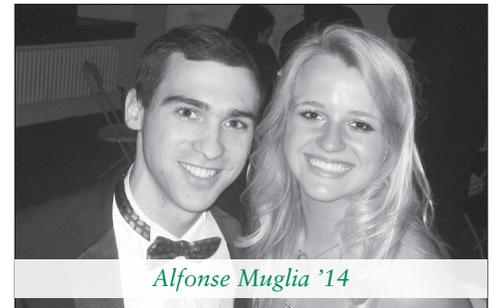
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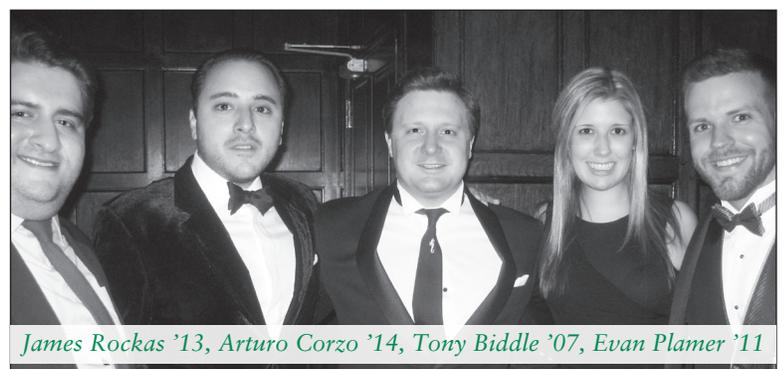
*Matthew Colbert '09*



*Alfonse Muglia '14*



*Sam Rosenberg '14, Joachim Jahnecke '16*



*James Rockas '13, Arturo Corzo '14, Tony Biddle '07, Evan Plamer '11*

# NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

“Had a great ‘mini reunion’ with some 1950–’51 Cornell Alpha Deltos on St. Michaels, Maryland, in 2012,” writes **William Ferguson ’52**. “Hope to engage again in the future.” Get in touch with Bill at [REDACTED].

**John Post ’57** writes: “On August 25, the Boston Cornell ADPhi ’57–’59 group gathered in Milton, hosted by **Gordon Anderson ’58** (last year’s winner) for our annual get-together and croquet event. This was the 46th year. Imagine! In attendance were **Mal Johnston ’58**, **Bob Bryant ’58**, **Dave Brown ’58**, **Terry West ’58**, **Dan Hall ’59**, me, and the winner, **Don Marshall ’59**, in from California. Regulars **Jim Hunt ’59**, **Art Thorner ’58**, and **Jack Nestor ’59** couldn’t make it. The course was thick and heavy, causing some embarrassing attempts at easy shots. Don prevailed with cunning, sharp hits, and several strategically located other balls to play off (gains two shots). Next year, we will be at the Browns’ in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Our 50th will be in 2017.” Keep in touch with John at [REDACTED].

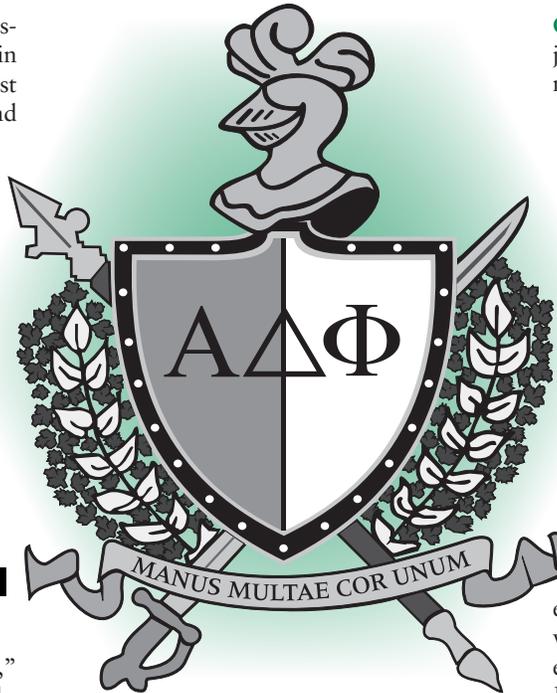
“My returns to the house are always special,” writes **Richard Dyer ’59**. “The house was looking great! Brotherhood firm and bonded. The highlight was listening to The Sherwoods in the Solarium and the ‘rattling’ familiar sound of the ancient oak dining room chairs. Certain memories do last forever. My dad was Alpha Delta Phi, Amherst (’31), so the bonds are especially enduring. The house, grounds, and welcoming ambiance mean a lot to a returning alumnus like me. Best wishes and thank you all!” Reconnect with Rick at [REDACTED].

“I attended the spring meeting of the Cornell Outdoor Education program’s advisory board, on which I sit,” writes **Sheldon Severinghaus ’62**. “Our fraternity has some interesting programs with COE. I also had breakfast with Brothers **Chang Ha Kim ’13** and **Kenneth Ballato ’15** to talk about the COE Alpha Delt programs and other fraternity matters. My

## ALPHA DELT BROTHERS ...

Share your thoughts, opinions, and memories of Alpha Delt in the newsletter. Send them to Howie Schaffer ’90 by email at [hbschaffer@aol.com](mailto:hbschaffer@aol.com).

wife, Lucia, and I will be taking a two-month trip to the biodiversity hot spots of Madagascar, Mauritius, and South Africa.” Find out more: [REDACTED].



**Robert Green ’77** writes: “We had a great time with **Clyde Kahl ’77** and **Tom Rothfels ’77** at roommate reunion in Toronto last summer. My wife, Lalana (Janlekha), Ag’77, was excited to have our youngest daughter, Alexandra, attend Cornell this past year for a master’s in civil engineering. We are looking forward to more visits to the Hill this year.” Get in touch with Bob to find out more: [REDACTED].

“About 18 months ago, I joined the strategy consulting firm of Oliver Wyman Group as a partner in their leadership development practice,” writes **Tom Starr ’81**. Six months subsequently, my practice was acquired by Mercer, where I continue to focus on executive and leadership development for big global companies. I still live in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, and was lucky enough to see **Victor Schwartz ’80** last spring while he and his daughter were in town for a college visit. My own daughter is a freshman at Colgate this year.” Write to Tom at [REDACTED].

“I live in New York and enjoy my weekend home in Hudson, New York,” writes **Phil**

**McCarthy ’86**. “I just enjoyed attending **Karl S.F. Kirchner’s (’85)** 50th birthday party here in New York City, where numerous Alpha Deltos were present.” Drop Phil a note at [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED].

**Gautham Nagesh ’05** has been working as a journalist, covering the intersection of technology and politics in Washington, DC, since 2007. He is currently a staff writer for CQ Roll Call, part of The Economist Group. He is also a respected boxing writer and founder of Stiff Jab, a website that features the writing of several fellow members of the Phi. Get in touch with Gautham at [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED].

**Jacob Schtevie ’03**, **Chad Kaser ’03**, **Joe LaMagna ’03**, **Tom Pipala ’03**, **Justin Krieger ’03**, and **Nate Kopp ’04** recently met up in Colorado and experienced the wonders and beauty of Rocky Mountain National Park and the thrills of Grand Lake. “It was a truly memorable experience. One highlight of the trip was the wildlife we saw, from a small mouse to a huge elk and moose.” Find out more by writing to Jake at [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED].

After nine years as an Air Force civil-engineering officer, **Thomas Worden ’04** was medically retired as a captain, swapping from military to federal service immediately. “My wife and I moved to D.C., and I became a patent examiner. I still hang with Alpha Delta Phi brothers from time to time. I enjoyed my Cornell 10-year reunion at the Phi and met all the current brothers plus plenty of alumni. I just spent Labor Day weekend with brother **Miles Ryan Fisher ’04**. Xaipe!” Write Tom a note to say hello: [REDACTED].

After graduation, **Garrett Loh ’13** started his own company, FC Flamingo, which specializes in tech and strategy consulting. “As you know, I’ve always been pretty entrepreneurial, and I am loving my new company. We are doing really well, but can always use more business, so, if anyone ever mentions needing a new website, please let them know about me! My favorite project was for Blackwell Rum. Funny fact, I met Chris Blackwell Sr. through Cornell and ADPhi.” Keep in touch with Garrett at [REDACTED].

# N E C R O L O G Y

**Edward (“Ned”) S. Friend ’44** was born on June 17, 1921 and passed away on January 20, 2013. He was from Hubertus, Wisconsin. He was a loyal correspondent and wrote to us often to tell stories of World War II. Ned was a generous contributor for more than half a century. We will miss him.

**Vernon Edelen Whitaker ’44**, 91, a lifelong resident of Birmingham, Alabama, was born February 23, 1922, and died August 26, 2013. His parents, Vernon E. Whitaker Sr. and Marie Smith Whitaker, precede him in death. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Jane Major Whitaker, and his children, Dr. William Vernon Whitaker (Virginia Miller), Daniel Edelen Whitaker (Mallory Bolen), Pamela Whitaker Ball (Leonard, deceased), and his grandchildren William Bennett Whitaker (Elizabeth Wilson, bride-to-be), David Wilson Whitaker (Natalie Race), Robert Hollingsworth Whitaker, Daniel Taylor Whitaker (Margaret Shults), Andrew Tucker Whitaker, Mallory Evelyn Whitaker, Shannon E. Waller III, Sarah Anne Sawyer, and two great-grandchildren. Mr. Whitaker graduated from Woodberry Forest School in Virginia and Cornell University. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific Theater. He was a mechanical engineer at Stockham Valves and Fittings for 38 years. He was a member of Altadena Valley Presbyterian Church (PCA).

**Richard F. Reid ’50**, 84, of Shelburne, Vermont, died peacefully of complications from heart surgery on February 6, 2013, surrounded by his loving family. Dick, also known as “Bucky” to his many friends, was a caring and loving parent, grandparent, and husband. He made close friendships and maintained his active and vital approach to life to the very end. Dick was born in Mineola, New York, on September 29, 1928. He married the love of his life, Shirley “Sherie” Reid Thompson, in the summer of 1951. He will be greatly missed by his children, Dinah, Jessie and her husband (Jeffrey Bradley), Shirley, and Dick and his wife (Jo). He was devoted to his nine grand-

children. Dick graduated from the Kent School in Connecticut and from Cornell University. He was a lieutenant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Dick raised his family in Bedford, New York, while spending many happy vacations in the Adirondacks. He was an insurance broker for many years, working in the family business with his father and brothers. Dick Reid was an avid naturalist, who fought tirelessly to protect the environment, including a battle to re-route Interstate 684 in New York and the Velco Powerline through the Champlain Valley. He hiked in Vermont with his family, climbing Camels Hump 18 consecutive months when he was 78 years old.

**James R. Thomas II ’50**, a longtime Charleston, West Virginia, business owner and philanthropist, died on May 8, 2013, at the age of 87. Thomas was the first chairman of the board of Charleston Renaissance Corp., an organization formed to help downtown Charleston rebound after it was seriously hurt by the opening of the Charleston Town Center Mall and other factors in the early 1980s. Charleston Renaissance was later merged with other similar groups to form the Charleston Area Alliance. Thomas’s grandfather was among those who founded the coal company Carbon Industries Inc. In 1977, IT&T bought the company. Thomas left the company several years later and joined Charleston Renaissance. Thomas was born in November 1925 and served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946, according to the Junior Achievement of West Virginia Business Hall of Fame, where he was inducted in 2003. He served on the boards of One Valley Bank, Columbia Energy, and Shoney’s. He also served as president of the Carbon Fuel Foundation, which donated thousands of dollars to West Virginia colleges, among other beneficiaries. He was one of the first winners of the annual Spirit of the Valley award given by the Charleston YMCA.

**David Higgins ’53** of Mountain Brook, Alabama, passed away Friday June 21, 2013.

He was born in Birmingham, Alabama, on August 19, 1931, to Major General John D. and Elizabeth Higgins (Hobbs). He attended Birmingham University School and graduated from The Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia. He graduated Cornell University in 1953 with a master’s degree in mechanical engineering and became a certified professional engineer. He played on the Cornell golf team, earning a varsity letter and becoming Cornell University golf champion. He returned to Birmingham, where he married the love of his life, Betty Ann Bond. He spent two years on active duty in the Army Field Artillery Corps during the Korean War and later in the Army Reserves, attaining the rank of major. Following the Army, he joined Birmingham Paper Company, a division of St. Regis Paper Company, serving as plant engineer and then as a general manager in Los Angeles, California. He returned to Birmingham as general manager of the St. Regis Paper Company plant downtown. In 1964, he started his own business, American Design, Inc., printing pressure-sensitive labels. The company became the largest printer of labels in the southeast U.S. He sold the company in 1986, retiring in 1988. In 1989, he started a second business, Boxall, Inc., printing folding boxes, primarily for pharmaceuticals. David was elected president of the Mountain Brook City Council and served on the Mountain Brook Board of Zoning Adjustment. He was a deacon and elder at Independent Presbyterian Church, was a member of the Newcomen Society, and served on the board of directors of the Exchange Security Bank (which became First Alabama Bank, then Regions Bank), on the board of directors of the Birmingham Kiwanis Club, on the board of the Birmingham Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, himself having attained the rank of Eagle Scout, and on the board of directors of The Country Club of Birmingham. David was also a founder and board member of Wade Hampton Golf Club in Cashiers, North Carolina, where he spent his summers after retirement,

## 2013–2014 ALPHA DELTA PHI CORNELL TRADITION FELLOWSHIP WINNER

**Samuel Ritoltz ’14**

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

International Agriculture and  
Rural Development

I chose Cornell because I truly believed in “any person, any study” and wanted a campus environment where I could pursue all my interests.

When I received my acceptance into Cornell, I just stared in disbelief; I couldn’t believe I got in.

There are many classes which I enjoy, but Women and Gender Issues in Africa with Dr. Lumumba, Refugees with Dr. Garcia, and Intro to Global Health with Jeanne Moseley have been some of my favorite classes

at Cornell, because they provided me with a strong foundation in my current field of interest.

I would really like you to know, as my benefactor, that I have a strong commitment to public service. I really want to just say thank you!

Samuel Ritoltz ’14

and served as president of the High Hampton Colony Club. He was a past member of Shoal Creek Country Club, Cedar Creek Racquet Club, and Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. David was an avid hunter, bridge player, often teaching bridge classes, and golfer. He was a member of the Two Bit, Rollers, Scramblers, and High Price Dogfights, and founded the High Hampton Colony Club Men's Dogfight. David, along with his sister, perpetuated his father's annual flag raising ceremony at High Hampton, which has been held each Fourth of July since 1959. David is survived by his wife of 60 years, his children, John (Kelly) and Robert (Margaret), grandchildren, Jack, Bond, and Hartwell, his sister, Beth Jackson, and nieces, Ivey Sumrell (Jim) and Kathy Howe (Harold).

**Bill J. Bowling '63**, 72, of North Canton, Ohio, passed away suddenly on August 14, 2013, in his cabin on the banks of the Au Sable River in Michigan. Bill was born on June 19, 1941, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He graduated with an engineering degree from Cornell University in 1964, completing his MBA in 1965. He was a dedicated employee at the Timken Company in Canton, Colmar, France, and Latrobe, Pennsylvania, for 38 years, retiring in 2003 as executive vice president, chief operating officer, and president-steel. Since his retirement, Bill has enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, and gardening. Bill is survived by his wife of 50 years, Susan, their three daughters, Elizabeth Winkler (John), Michelle Andre (Pete), and Laura Cherkauer (Keith), and seven grandchildren, Lauren, Brady, and Bryce Winkler, Mikaila and Aubry Andre, and Samuel and Blake Cherkauer.

**Albert J. Zielenski '68** passed away quietly and peacefully at home with his family on March 20, 2013, after a valiant fight with pancreatic cancer. Al was "born on the Fourth of July" in 1946. He grew up in the Poughkeepsie area and lived for a while in Philadelphia before moving to Vermont. He went to Cornell University's engineering

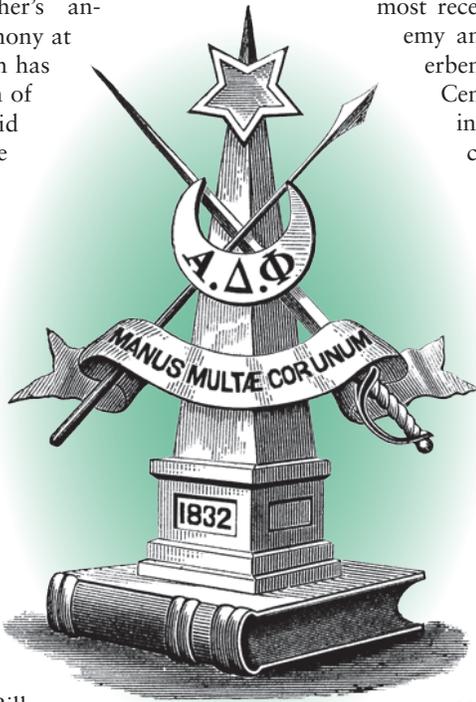
school, graduating in 1968, and then, many years later, to Temple University to get a masters degree in mathematics teaching. He leaves behind a loving family, including Jill Michaels, his wife and partner of 33 years, his adored children, step children, and children-in-law. Al had been living in Vermont for almost 22 years, most of that time in South Strafford. Before his illness, Al taught math and pre-engineering technology,

most recently at Thetford Academy and, before that, at Riverbend Career and Technical Center. He enjoyed making math both fun and challenging and spoiled his TA homeroom students with Friday sweet treats. He was active in VTNEA, a strong supporter of the ACLU, and an enthusiastic participant in TA's "speak chorus." His life as a teacher followed many years as an electrical/computer engineer, mostly in Philadelphia. Al enjoyed his garden, cooking, intellectual challenges, music (especially jazz and opera), politics, and travel.

**Michael A. Weintraub '81** was born on December 7, 1959, and died suddenly on October 7, 2013, at the age of 53. Michael was a graduate of Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations. In Sarasota, he was a member of the Cornell Alumni Association. His career was spent as a banker with a specialty in healthcare lending. He was an animal lover and cherished his childhood dog and his cats as an adult. Michael was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

**Charlie Denihan '08** of New York City was born on May 24, 1985, and passed away suddenly on Sunday evening, March 16, 2014. Charlie was the loving son of Benjamin and Barbara Denihan, brother of Kate and Tully Denihan and Chrissy Denihan O'Donovan, brother-in-law to Kevin O'Donovan, godfather to Bud O'Donovan, and loving uncle, as well as friend to all. Charlie was a third-generation member of the family's hotel investment and management company, Denihan Hospitality Group, founded by his grandfa-

ther Benjamin J. "Bud" Denihan in New York City in 1963. Although the youngest of four siblings, Charlie had an extraordinary bond with his slightly older, special-needs brother Tully, and was a "big" brother to him from the moment he was born. Charlie grew up in Manhattan, where he attended St. David's School, and later graduated from Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, Massachusetts, where, as both a peer counselor and cheerleader, he became known for his larger-than-life personality, a trait that followed him through the rest of his life. Charlie earned his bachelor of science degree from the Cornell School of Hotel Administration, with a concentration in finance, accounting, and real estate. In addition to his involvement in the family business, Charlie was passionate about music, musical artists, and technology. He took an avid role in various start-up technologies and ventures as a founder of Silver Lake to Soho, a cross-platform digital promotion and tour operator for emerging musical artists and as CO-CEO of Vokoder FM, a music web application. Charlie lived life to the fullest and found a way to look at the brightest side of everything. He believed in the possibilities of the dreams of those he knew and loved as fervently as he believed in his own. Those who met Charlie consistently walked away moved by his presence, knowing well that he was a friend who would always be there when it really counted. Charlie's zest for life was contagious, and he could light up a room with his smile. Handsome, genuine, funny, and magnetic, he inherited his family's generosity, and, as many say, would gladly give anyone the shirt off his back. His philanthropic interests included The Benedictine Foundation, The Miami Project, Operation Smile, and The Fresh Air Fund.



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