



# The Cornell Alpha Delta

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*"When you see the gravestones from the little necropolis of Cameirus... It is the so-often repeated single word—the anonymous Χαῖρε—which attracts you... It is not the names of the rich or the worthy... But this single word, 'Be Happy,' serving both as a farewell and admonition, that goes to your heart with the whole impact of the Greek style of mind, the Greek orientation to life and death: so that you are shamed into... realizing how little you have fulfilled... A thought so simple yet so pregnant, and how even your native vocabulary lacks a word whose brevity and grace could paint upon the darkness of death the fading colors of such gaiety, love and truth as Χαῖρε does upon these modest gravestones."*

—Lawrence Durrell  
*Reflections on a  
Marine Venus*  
(1953)



## RUMORS OF REBIRTH

I remember the first time I walked into the house in the autumn of 1974. I was impressed with the grandeur of the principal rooms, the Old World stateliness of the house, and the general feeling of openness that was apparent throughout the building. Like most 19-year-olds, I didn't pay any attention to the condition of the structure. Little did I know that the house had gone through some hard times in the late 1960s and early 1970s, which ultimately led to the sale of the tennis court in order to pay off some accumulated debts. After moving into the Phi in 1975, I participated in the annual major clean-ups and oiling-the-wood weekends, which seemed to give the house a fresh, new feel each year. We even installed the house's sprinkler system, which I managed to set off in the summer of 1976, but that's an entirely different story.

The reality is that when I lived at AD Phi in the mid-'70s, the house was approximately 40 years old. Well, another 40 years has now gone by, and the heating, electrical, and plumbing systems are well past their expiration dates. And that is only the beginning of what is required to bring the house back to what it was—and what it needs to be for future generations of brothers.

Some of you may have heard rumors over the past year or so that a capital campaign is being planned in order to provide the funds to undertake major renovations and upgrades to the house. The planning process has involved a significantly larger amount of work than anyone had anticipated, especially in terms of how to structure and manage such an enormous undertaking from a design and construction perspective. And then there are all the complexities of how to structure the campaign from a legal and tax perspective in order to provide the brotherhood with the most tax-effective treatment for their donations.

After nearly five years of planning and study, we have compiled extensive engineering, mechanical, fundraising, and architectural

studies. The result is a comprehensive report that outlines a plan, sanctioned by our legal counsel, that articulates the square footage of the house as 1) educationally related, 2) an historical preservation zone, or 3) historically significant to the structure. As such, donations to the capital campaign can be tax-advantaged.

While we all remember the physical attributes of our magnificent structure, and seek to do our part to protect and preserve it for future generations, the bonds among us that this structure facilitated are what draw us back, providing the true measure of what this house has meant to each of our lives.

Alpha Delta Phi has existed at Cornell for 150 years, an accomplishment that very few other fraternities can match. We know what we need to do to ensure this legacy continues.

But first, we need to throw a huge party to celebrate 150 years at Cornell University. The sesquicentennial celebration begins on October 26, 2019, at 777 Stewart Avenue. I'm very grateful to Will Prather '91 for agreeing to lead the banquet committee. And, of course, we offer hearty thanks to Ellen Reuben, our executive director, who is deeply involved in coordinating all the details of this historic event. I hope you have already made plans to join us for this once-in-a-lifetime event.

Tom Rothfels '77, Chairman  
Capital Campaign Committee

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ABOUT AN UPCOMING CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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ON OUR SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENT  
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## SOCIETY THRIVES, LEGACY CONTINUES

It's nice to see that some things don't change. As a graduating senior, I had the pleasure of leading the undergraduate chapter during my final semester at Cornell. With another successful semester in the books, I cannot help but reflect upon the growth and value that Alpha Delt has bestowed upon me through these past four years. My fellow brothers and I have had the privileged opportunity to navigate this university with a few legs up: traditions to guide us, an organization to motivate us, and a brotherhood to support us.

This year, we congregated in early March for the 150th initiation proceedings with a multitude of committed alumni. Alpha Delt

was fortunate to induct a disproportionately large pledge class of 20 young men, amid a year in which university-wide rush numbers were historically low. Our newly initiated brothers hail from Alaska, Colombia, Sweden, China, Lebanon, France, Tennessee, Texas, Florida, and the New York and Boston areas. The outgoing seniors are confident that this new pledge class, with a plethora of leadership potential, will continue to carry on the traditions and prestige characteristic of our chapter.

I am proud to report that the society continued to thrive this semester on various accounts. We repeated the rich traditions of Victory Club and raised an appreciable amount for the Ithaca Public Educational Initiative. We further used our unique platform and social repute to raise several thousands of dollars for breast cancer awareness during our Slope Day event, as we hosted Grammy-nominated DJ and producer EDX for hundreds of guests. We maintained our literary traditions by reestablishing a speaker series, which included a protocol dinner and talk with Cornell Professor, J. Bruce Tracey.

Additionally, the society saw a considerable jump in the mean GPA of our 70-plus members, from 3.3 in spring 2018 to 3.5 in fall 2018. Finally, we operated a successful and full social schedule, while building a better relationship with the OSFL and receiving no judicial headaches or actionable allegations.

To conclude, I look toward the upcoming sesquicentennial and hope that we all appreciate the incredible longevity of our chapter and the legacy we all are a part of. I was fortunate

*Enthusiasm, efficiency, and excellence have been the standards of the active chapter's endeavors this semester.*

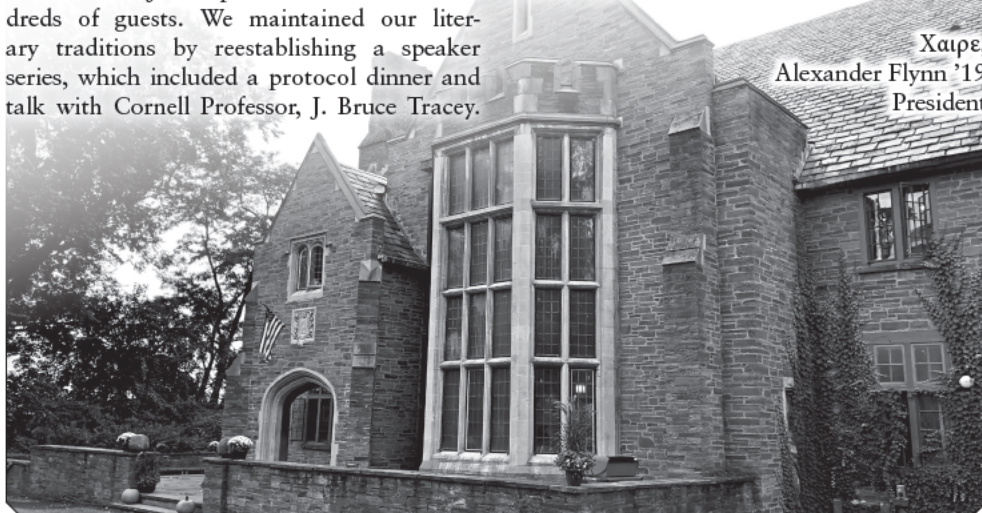
Ian McMillan '89  
The Cornell Alpha Delt, 1989

to be made aware that the Cornell University Library Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections holds 19 boxes of Alpha Delta Phi records on archive,

several of which are reserved for only those individuals among our fraternal ranks. I was able to comb through these boxes with a couple of brothers and unearth a long history of documents, pictures, and materials that have stood the test of time. In these archives, I found the introductory quote to my report (above) from a president's report from 30 years ago. While I don't know the writer of the quote, Brother McMillan '89, personally, I know he walked in similar shoes to myself, given his leadership of the 150-year-old organization we share membership to. These archives, untouched for years, should remind us all of the history we compose and the unity we embody as brothers of Alpha Delt. This spirit of continuance, history, and brotherhood makes the Cornell Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi the special place that it is.

While the 147th pledge class says farewell, we know that the future is bright. I look forward to celebrating with you all at the sesquicentennial event in the fall.

Xaipe,  
Alexander Flynn '19  
President



The Alpha Delta Phi House at Homecoming.

# ATTENDING THE ANNUAL CONVENTION

Attending the AΔΦ Annual Convention in Denver, Colorado, this past August inspired me to contemplate our literary tradition and binding Covenant. Active members, even alumni stalwarts, pass ephemerally, compared to the institutional goals of our society. The challenges to value honor, truth, self-improvement, authority, and brotherly mindfulness can seem as dirge, like as the way “Χαίρε!” is often sung. Each annual convention brings the concept Samuel Eells initiated to vibrant life. The binding song resounds with celebration and delight when sung by its gathered champions.

Now you might suspect that my “soupy happy” attitude about the convention was the result of the convention’s location and the program insert on “our position on legal marijuana use,” but as my Class of ’76 roommates will attest, marijuana perhaps should have been but was not one of my vices. Nor was its use much in evidence during the convention sessions. The alumni attending who celebrated their freedom seemed to also know how to manage things to make good use of our time working on AΔΦ business.

The state of our International Fraternity is mixed. The convention’s session topics were selected to help active chapter leaders and alumni advisors address challenges as we are obliged to do by Covenant Article VII: to “kindly and affectionately admonish” members exhibiting deleterious behaviors, while at the same time constantly striving for personal improvement, success, satisfaction, and recognition.

In totality, membership was down last year, mostly as a result of chapters being suspended or on the rocks due to high-risk behaviors. School administrations and society are approaching a zero-tolerance attitude about things that fall in the domain of risk management.

Avoiding problems while still having fun requires planning, published behavior standards, and not being reluctant to ask for help from higher authorities. Brothers sometimes need to be discouraged from doing stupid stuff. While the Golden Rule takes the high road, sometimes the proscriptive approach of “thou shalt not...” is more effective. The alternative can be injury, property damage, and financial ruin for our chapter, its leadership, individual members, and their families. If people are going to do something stupid, they should do something that requires imagination, planning, determination, and low risk to life, property, or financial security—like stealing a tree stump or partying in full dress with champagne and croquet on the quad as the sun rises. Perhaps have drone races among



*Clinton R. Kennedy '76 at the Alpha Delta Phi Annual Convention.*

the oaks?

While heroin and other drugs are stalking the nation, a big concern for college-age men is basic mental health. It turns out that these are the years when the brains of some start going off the rails. If nothing is done, it can become self-destructive or dangerous for others. Getting over the stigma of talking about mental health is the first step toward helping yourself or your brothers deal with problems that make everything else seem impossible. Sadly, in my era, one brother went off the rails and became a murder. Others died or encountered misery as a result of their or others’ unaddressed issues. Better to be polite or be blunt, but say something rather than mourn the losses. Suicide, the ultimate mental health bad outcome, is best avoided by getting people to talk and to seek help when they express or evidence a need.

One bit of advice was to have chapter leaders develop friendly relationships with the administration staff when things are good so that there is a relationship of trust if/when an issue comes up.

So where, after all of that and sessions on sexual abuse, table etiquette, and finances, was the fun? Lunch, reception, dinner, and party times. We voted in a new active chapter: Rocky Mountain at University of Colorado, Boulder. We got to meet brothers from across the US and Canada.

Clinton R. Kennedy '76

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### HISTORIAN

Ryan Weiss '21



*“The Guitarist” (from the cover of the Clash’s “London Calling”) painted by Griffen Bader '20 placed 3rd in the Samuel Eells Literary Competition.*



# Homecoming 2018



# AΔΦ

# Reunion 2019





# CORNELL FUNDS FULL-TIME EXPANSION OF VETERANS ADVOCATE POSITION

Following the ACEF's lead, Cornell has doubled down on serving student veterans. In March, Dean of Students Vijay Pendakur announced that Cornell would fund a full-time expansion of the Student Veterans Adviser (SVA) (formerly known as the Veterans Advocate) position. The SVA is a contact providing veterans support, advocacy, programming, and referral.

The ACEF and two anonymous Alpha Delta Phi alumni created the SVA position in 2017 as a part-time, three-year pilot project, pledging \$600,000 (\$200,000 from the ACEF).

According to Dean Pendakur, "[A] big focus of the expansion is to provide veteran students, as well as enlisted students, national guard, and reservists, with more structured and accessible academic advising throughout the year."

The expansion will include, inter alia, the Summer Bridge Program (expanded to afford veterans an academic head start and acclimation to

Cornell and Ithaca), academic, personal, and career support, access to pre-professional programs, and summer study funding.

Moreover, Cornell will form two teams to maximize veterans' Cornell experience. The first is a veterans resource team, providing veteran students known university-wide contact

points (e.g., registrar, admissions, financial aid, academic advising); the second is a veterans task force/steering committee intended to improve veterans' experiences with university services and policies.

The expansion also includes relocating the position from the Dean of Student's Office (Student and Campus Life) to the Provost's Office (Academic Affairs). The SVA will report to Cate Thompson, Director of the Pre-freshman Summer Program.

Adelphic Fund President Steven Ritchey is delighted and encouraged by these developments: "We are very pleased that the university has taken the additional steps to elevate the part-time veterans advocate position (which the ACEF, along with its alumni base, had developed and agreed to fund for a three-year pilot) to a full-time position and to back it with a move to the Provost's Office." The ACEF expects to complete its funding drive and commitment to Cornell over the forthcoming year.



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## ADELPHIC FUND PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS, FINANCIAL AID, ACADEMIC AND LITERARY PRIZES

Financial aid, scholarships, and academic prizes remain available to Cornell Alpha Deltas and/or Cornell undergraduates throughout the year. They include:

- **Martin McVoy Jr. Scholarships**  
Up to \$75,000 in financial aid grants  
\$7,000–\$15,000 in loan reduction and work-study aid  
Awarded to qualifying Alpha Deltas demonstrating financial need
- **Student Loan Reduction Initiative**  
\$1,000–\$5,000 in student loan forgiveness  
Awarded to qualifying Alpha Delt seniors during final undergraduate semester
- **Internships**  
\$1,000–\$2,500 matching stipend  
Awarded to undergraduates interning in public-service positions or conducting qualified, non-credit research projects with faculty oversight
- **Theodore H. Booth '25 and James T. Lewis '27 Academic Awards**  
Up to 10 \$500 prizes  
Awarded to Alpha Deltas on the Dean's List while carrying at least 13 credits and living in the chapter house at 777 Stewart Avenue
- **Lt. R. Bruce Hart '84 Academic Award**  
\$500 prize  
Awarded to the newly-initiated Alpha Delt with the highest grade-point average during his freshman year
- **Matching Grants and Awards**

\$50–\$1,000 prizes

Awarded to Alpha Deltas winning awards in the Alpha Delta Phi International Literary Competition

- **Rhodes Scholar Grant**  
\$10,000 matching grant  
Awarded to any Alpha Delt winning a Rhodes Scholarship targeted to reduce loan debt
- **Cornell Writing Program Prizes**  
\$100–\$250 each  
Awarded by Cornell, sponsored by ACEF
- **James E. Rice Jr. '30 Prizes**  
Awarded each semester for expository writing excellence demonstrated in first-year writing seminars
- **Adelphic Award**  
Awarded to the best essay written in a first-year writing seminar by a student whose first language is not English
- **The ACEF/School of Hotel Administration Writing Awards Program**  
Rewards writing excellence within the hotel school  
Learn more about the ACEF's work at [AdelphicFund.org](http://AdelphicFund.org)



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CONGRATULATIONS TO  
Charles Davis '19, Jack Delaney '20, and Kyle Morgan '21  
SPRING 2019 BOOTH/LEWIS ACADEMIC AWARD WINNERS



# POWER AND INFLUENCE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

In eighth grade, I was fascinated by the reasons as to why humans feel so connected to memes. In a way to combine my love for basketball and this fascination behind memes, I created an Instagram account board called @Real\_NBAMemes.

As time passed, the page started to gain a lot of attention and engagement. I suddenly had 10,000 followers, 20,000 followers, 80,000 followers, and finally hit 100,000 followers in my sophomore year of high school. When I hit the big 100,000, my parents really challenged me to see how I could take the account a step further to find innovative ways to monetize the account.

Initially I created a T-shirt, which sold over 600 shirts. I started to work with Uber to share invite codes, where I essentially was able to ride free for all four years of high school. I then started to realize that many companies were starting to recognize my influence on my followers and believed I could be a valuable asset to help sell their products.

200,000 followers. 300,000 followers. I started to grow, and I gained followers from all 50 US states and over 100 countries



*According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, a meme is "an element of a culture or system of behavior that may be considered to be passed from one individual to another by non-genetic means, especially imitation."*

Memes are typically humorous images, videos, and/or bits of texts that are copied (often with slight variations) and spread rapidly by internet users."

worldwide. I started to sign contracts and work with companies like TheScore, Drink, Body Armor, Seaters, Cycle Media, App Moji Inc., and many others.

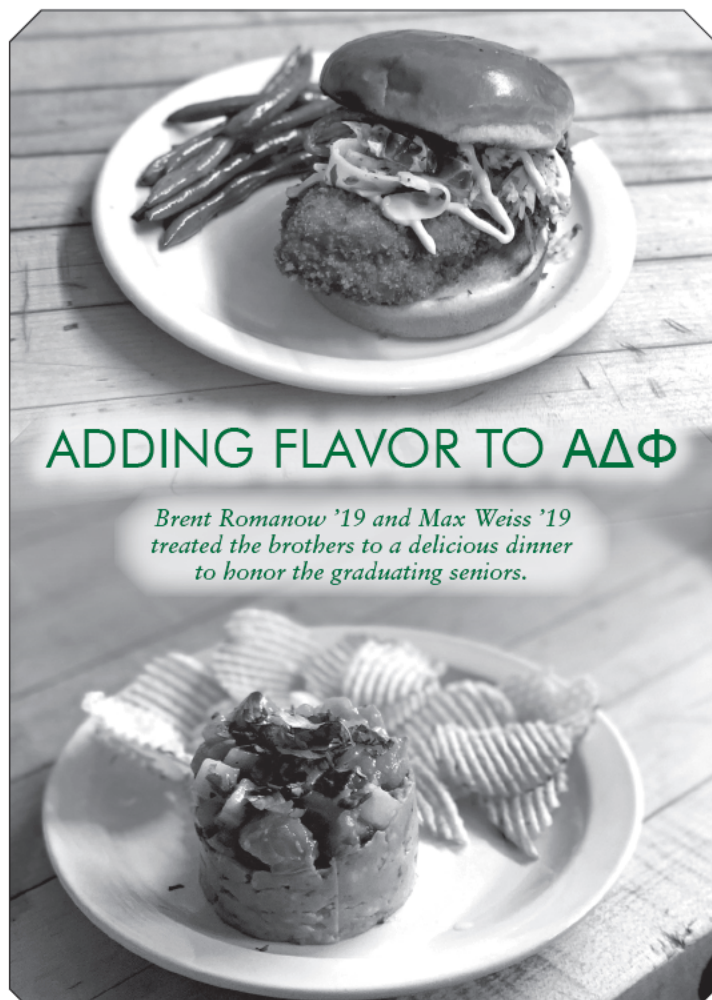
400,000 followers. I started to learn how to read contracts, negotiate offers, run a campaign, create marketing strategies, analyze data, and influence markets.

500,000 followers. I started to work with music festivals as an influencer—Coachella, Governors Ball, Billboard, and Panorama. I was able to connect with many NBA athletes who followed the basketball-based page. My

greatest achievement to date was getting NBA All-Star Paul George to send a video to my best friend, who was dealing with cancer at the time.

While it sounds silly, I have been able to take an Instagram account to over half a million followers. I have been able to monetize my account and learn important, strategic business lessons through this entrepreneurial experience.

Jacob Passick '21



## ADDING FLAVOR TO AΔΦ

*Brent Romanow '19 and Max Weiss '19 treated the brothers to a delicious dinner to honor the graduating seniors.*

## SENIORS PLAN FOR FUTURE

**Aevin Sanjay** will be an investment management analyst at Colony Capital.

**Zach Rosenberg** will be working in Boston as an investment banking analyst at AGC Partners.

**Ben Fielder** plans to attend medical school.

**Bjorn Hesse-Schmidt** will be working in investment banking at Citi.

**Josh Federer** will work at EY, in real estate and hospitality advisory.

**Payton Levine** has plans to work for Barclays in investment banking.

**Tyler Tam** will be an analyst at SH Hotels and Resorts, an affiliate of the global private investment firm Starwood Capital Group.

**Henry Sall** plans to pursue fashion.

**Jack Hooker** is interested in a career as a real estate analyst.

**Achindra Krishna** plans to be a consultant at Deloitte.

**Alex Flynn** and **William Silva** will both be consultants at Accenture.

**Maxwell Weiss** will start as a management trainee at Quality Branded.

**Brent Romanow** will train in management at The Smith Restaurants.

**Jaime DeJesus** has taken a position as an analyst at Newmark Knight Frank.

**Spencer Liebowitz-Rothstein** will be an analyst at Fulcrum Hospitality.

**Woody Shattan** plans to work for Wells Fargo as a real estate analyst.

**Nick Penske** will work as an analyst at Hudson Pacific.

**Will Lopez** will be part of the treasury management analyst program with Bank of America.

**Spencer Houston** will be an investment banking analyst at BTIG.

**Edward Hurowitz** will be a rotational analyst at Starwood Property Trust.

**Tomaso Rock** plans to pursue a career in real estate.

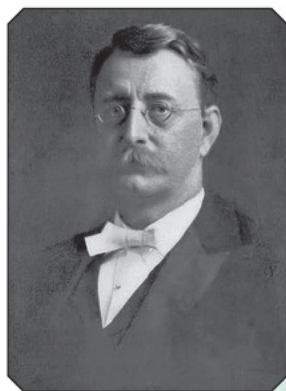
**Charlie Davis** will be attaining his masters degree in information science from Cornell.

**Nicholas Nathanson** is moving back to Los Angeles to pursue the fields of entertainment and hospitality.



## NOTABLE CORNELL ALPHA DELT: BRANDT VAN BLARCOM DIXON, CLASS OF 1870

*Brothers: Beginning with this edition, we begin a new feature that will share information on notable brothers whose stories have been overlooked in recent years. If you have any suggestions for future brothers to be featured, please let us know. Χαίρε, Howie Schaffer '90.*



Dr. Brandt Van Blarcom Dixon was born in Paterson, New Jersey, of good old Dutch stock. At the age of 7, the family moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he was educated in the public school system. After completing high

school in 1866, he attended Amherst College in Massachusetts for two years, after which he entered Cornell University. He graduated from Cornell in the class of 1870, and with subsequent study, he obtained the degree of Master of Arts from Cornell.

Having decided to follow the profession of teaching, his first position was in Caledonia, Missouri, where he stayed only a short time. He taught from 1871 to 1887 in the public schools of St. Louis. His special interest was directed to scientific studies, particularly chemistry and geology, in each of which he became an expert. In pursuit of his geological interest, he spent much time in the mining regions of the far west, and his knowledge of practical mining became accurate and extensive.

As a practical teacher, he made steady

advance, and in 1884, he was elected principal of the Central High School of St. Louis. His long experience as a teacher of both sexes peculiarly fitted him for the important position to which he was destined to be called: the presidency of Newcomb College.

In 1887, he was invited by the board of Tulane University to take up the task of organizing a college for young women to be established on the Newcomb foundation. He was hesitant to leave the high school where he had many plans but could not overlook the appeal of giving the south something which it then did not possess: a real woman's college. He gave up the home of his youth and young manhood and cast his lot in the Crescent City, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Tulane University yearbook, *Jambalaya*, was dedicated to Dr. Dixon in 1901. It gave the above biography and further spoke of the man's great social involvement in the city. He was a "clear and forceful speaker, exceptionally fine chess player, and intelligent amateur in art and music."

The April 1938 edition of *The Alpha Delta* writes, "The oldest living member of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell is Brandt Van Blarcom Dixon '70, president emeritus of Newcomb College, Tulane University." We salute his long and ground-breaking life and are proud to make Brother Dixon known to future generations of Cornell Alpha Deltas.

*Clearly, the title of this Wikipedia article should be "Alpha Delta's Contribution Critical to the Construction of Balch Hall..."*

*In 1920, Cornell founded a committee to research the feasibility of constructing a new women's dormitory to meet the needs of the growing community. In 1922, Frederick L. Ackerman submitted a basic plot for the construction of a dormitory on North Campus and, with the approval of the university's architectural advisory board, began seeking donors with the promise that Cornell would pay for up to half of the building's construction. In 1928, the university accepted the \$1,650,000 donation of Allen C. Balch 1889 and Janet Balch, a graduate student from 1886-88. When Balch Hall opened in September 1929, it became the third female residential college at Cornell, after Sage College and Risley Hall.*

*According to legend, Janet Balch insisted that her husband donate the money for the dormitory after attending an event at Allen's fraternity, Alpha Delta Phi. The story goes that Mrs. Balch was offended by the behavior of the undergraduate brothers at an Alpha Delta Phi function. She insisted that her husband did not donate further funds to the fraternity and instead build a dormitory dedicated to the welfare of female students.*

*To this day, as the Balches requested, the dormitory has remained an all-female dormitory.*

## ΑΔΦ ALUMNUS SHARES SUCCESS STORY

Since graduating Cornell University in May 2017, I have embarked on a journey in the hospitality industry using the plethora of knowledge gained from attending Cornell's School of Hotel Administration. I currently work at the Wolfgang Puck Fine Dining Group, where I have been able to combine my passions for cuisine and the underlying structure and culture that define a well-rounded and successful restaurant.

Initially, upon graduation, I worked as one of three mainstay chefs in the Wolfgang Puck Test Kitchen. The essence of this establishment



*Byron Puck '17*

was to create a series of new dishes each week, and under my full creative control, use gastronomic equipment to develop new techniques and ways to manipulate ingredients into a never-before-seen product.

After a year and a half of working as a chef in this establishment, I have since transferred over to

a more corporate role. In my current position, I am responsible for securing new properties for development—specifically in southeast Asia and Los Angeles—menu engineering, and creating a corporate sustainability program that will see all Wolfgang Puck Fine

Dining properties going carbon-neutral over the next several years. I also do numerous on-air cooking appearances for Access Hollywood, Good Morning America, the Home Shopping Network and Home&Family. Finally, I am developing my own concept for a web series.

All of this being said, I still make huge efforts to come back to Cornell at least once a year and check in with the current and new members of the Alpha Delta Phi, as it was an experience I will never forget.

*Χαίρε.  
Byron Puck '17*



# VC VICTORY CLUB 2019



## KEEPING TRADITION ALIVE

The 102nd Victory Club embodied philanthropy, black tie, gambling, champagne, and "serious fun." The Victory Club chairs, Zachary Rosenberg, Maxwell Weiss, and Jaime de Jesus were proud to continue this long-standing tradition.

The Phi hosted over 300 students, alumni, family, and friends. We continued our supportive relationship with the Ithaca Public Education Initiative. IPEI facilitates community connections and support for students

and teachers of the Ithaca City School District through engagement, collaboration, gifts, and grants. We were fortunate enough to have raised over \$22,000 for IPEI.

Highlights of the night included blackjack, dancing, drinks, and a musical performance by our very own Grant Weintrob '21. We thank the alumni for their continued support and cordially invite you to join us again next spring.

Maxwell Weiss '19

## BLAST FROM THE PAST: VICTORY CLUB OF YESTERYEAR



*Scenes from Victory Club in the '70s.*





**Resolution of Appreciation**  
**April 25, 2019**

## Alpha Delta Phi

**WHEREAS**, Alpha Delta Phi's Victory Club celebrations have a history stretching back to a gambling club created to raise money to purchase Victory Loan bonds during World War 1; and

**WHEREAS**, The Victory Club celebration at Alpha Delta Phi has since its inception raised funds for charitable organizations and common causes for a more than a century; and

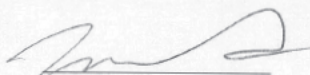
**WHEREAS**, The members of Alpha Delta Phi actively seek to engage with the community of Ithaca through "philanthropy, gambling, champagne, black tie, and serious fun;" and


**WHEREAS**, Alpha Delta Phi has showcased the work of IPEI and the Ithaca City School District for the past nine years at their annual Victory Club event; and

**WHEREAS**, The Executive Officers of Victory Club: Maxwell Philip Weiss, Jaime Eduardo Lopez de Jesus and Zachary Philip Rosenberg created a wonderful event, reflecting the earliest Victory Club celebrations with a setting reminiscent of the era of jazz and the speakeasy; and

**WHEREAS**, The relationship between Alpha Delta Phi and IPEI serves to support innovative education for students throughout the Ithaca City School District; **now, therefore**,

**Be It resolved** that the Board of Directors of IPEI expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Alpha Delta Phi for a place of honor within this year's Victory Club and for their years of exemplary philanthropy in support of the Ithaca Public Education Initiative.

  
President, IPEI

  
Vice President, IPEI



## DEEP GRATITUDE FOR ALPHA DELTA PHI VICTORY CLUB DONATION

We were hosted again by the brothers of AΔΦ, and Victory Club chairpersons Zach, Max, and Jaime did an excellent job this year in planning and coordinating the event, using some time to reflect on the history of the Victory Club's impact and to throw a great party. IPEI's board president, Monica Touesnard, my assistant, Diann, and I all had the opportunity to attend and were extremely impressed with the house, the brothers, and the event.

This year, the brothers raised \$6,080 in funds that were donated to IPEI through their own tickets and an additional \$4,000 in funds from tickets purchased by non-members through the online ticketing system. IPEI received both of these gifts this week, and I wanted to make sure you knew before Reunion weekend began. I'm also excited to share that Zach's father, David Rosenberg, has pledged to match the gift raised by the brothers, making this year's Alpha Delta Phi gift total more than \$15,000!

Your support and the support of the brothers allows us to be available for projects and programs that impact the learning of students throughout the Ithaca City School District.

Thank you. IPEI is incredibly indebted to you!

Steven Manley  
Executive Director  
Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI)

Zach, Max, Jaime, and all the brothers of Alpha Delta Phi,

On the behalf of the Board of Directors, volunteers and staff of the Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI), thank you.

During our time working together this year, I have been impressed with your demonstrated commitment to gentlemanly conduct and service.

Thank you for choosing us as a partner in your Victory Club celebration- we were excited to see our name on your webpage and banners, and to have the opportunity to share our work with your members, alumni, family and friends, Max, Jaime, Zach, you should be proud of the event you coordinated- it's hard work to throw a great party!

Your support of IPEI allows us to provide over \$40,000 in grants to teachers and staff in the Ithaca City School District during this school year- connecting ICSD classrooms to the Ithaca community for the growth of all involved. We funded programs supporting math, science and the arts, along with programs challenging students to evaluate racial and class disparity locally and nationally. We're proud of our work and glad to have your support.

It is with sincere gratitude that I thank you for working with us to innovate education in Ithaca, and I look forward to continuing the relationship between our organizations.

I invite you to join us at our May Board Meeting on **May 23**, from **8:30 AM- 10:00 AM** at the **Just Be Cause Center**, where my Board and our guests can thank you in person. I know this is hard time of day with your class and exam schedules, but please let me know if you will be able to attend.

Thank you again, and best wishes as you wrap up your school year.

Keep in touch!

Sincerely,

  
Steven Manley  
Executive Director, IPEI





# JOIN US IN WELCOMING ALPHA DELTA PHI'S NEWEST BROTHERS

**Andrew Theodore Abrudescu '21** is from Great Neck, New York, where he attended Great Neck North High School. He is currently a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences, studying economics, with a minor in business. After graduation, he aspires to work in financial services as an investment banking analyst, with potential plans for a masters degree. Andrew earned his New York State EMT certification and proceeded to go out on calls as a member of EMS for the Great Neck Vigilant Fire Department. Late one evening, just before sunrise, he responded to a cardiac arrest that turned out to be his best friend's grandfather. Andrew provided care and was bringing him to North Shore University Hospital when the grandfather coded on the way into the hospital. This significant event drastically altered Andrew's perspective on the nature of life and the world around him; he now strives to maximize each moment and each opportunity given to him. Andrew was immediately drawn to the rich history and the strong brotherhood of Alpha Delta Phi as soon as he stepped foot on Cornell's campus. As a son of immigrants, he is the first of his family to take part in the American fraternity system.

**Andrew Yanover '22** is a freshman from Melville, New York. He is studying industrial and labor relations in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. Andrew considers a significant and formative event in his life to be when he moved at the age of 10. Post-graduation, Andrew is interested in working in finance or attending law school; however, he is passionate about making a positive difference no matter which field pursues. Andrew was drawn to Alpha Delta Phi's diverse yet incredibly close-knit brotherhood. In his free time, you'll find Andrew going to Mets games and following the news.

**Christopher Tamer Hajjar '22** is a freshman from Milton, Massachusetts. He attended Boston College High School and is now studying hotel administration in the S.C. Johnson College of Business. After graduation, he hopes to work in the real estate industry, eventually starting his own company as a real-estate investor. His brother, who was at the finish line of the Boston Marathon in 2013, has impacted Chris significantly. One interesting fact about Chris is that he is 100% Lebanese. He chose to join Alpha Delt because of the rich traditions and the great brothers that can be found within the house.

**Henry Franklin Cheng '22** is a new member originally from Shanghai, China, though he is now a citizen of the United States of America. He grew up attending international schools, including The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Connecticut. He left China and moved to the United States by

himself, an experience that taught him the importance of responsibilities and how to be accountable for his own actions. Henry intends to major in operations research and information engineering in Cornell's College of Engineering. After graduation, he plans to pursue a career in business, specifically focusing in technology. Henry chose to join Alpha Delta Phi because he is looking for a tight-knit community of like-minded people, and he especially resonated with the four pillars of brotherhood, leadership, service, and sacrifice. Additionally, he loves the diverse brotherhood and the passion the brothers have for the house and each other.

**Jack Brous '22** is from New York, New York, where he attended the Ethical Culture Fieldston School. He is currently studying hotel administration within the S.C. Johnson College of Business. Jack, a golf fanatic who loves playing sports just as much as he does studying them, says his ultimate goal is to work in the front office for a professional sports team (preferably the NBA or MLB) with plans to work in private equity beforehand. Jack experienced significant changes in his life when his father got into a near-fatal car crash, changing his outlook on the value of life and prompting him to "grow up" at a faster pace. He was drawn to Alpha Delta Phi due to the incredible backgrounds and personalities within the society and how different individuals mesh into a unique brotherhood.

**Jean Yared '22** was born in Beirut, Lebanon, but his life was altered greatly when he had to flee Lebanon to Paris, France, due to the war. Growing up, he attended Aiglon College. Now a student in the College of Arts and Sciences, he remains undecided on a major. Jean is trilingual, fluent in Arabic, French, and English, and after graduating, he would like to work in finance or private equity. He chose Alpha Delta Phi for the diversity, the strong personalities, and the brotherhood bonds that are present in this house.

**Johnathan Jesus Jimenez Ramirez '20** was raised in Bogotá, Colombia, and moved to the United States in 2013 at the age of 16. Having previously attended Archbishop Coleman Carroll in Miami, Florida, he is now enrolled in the College of Engineering, studying civil engineering. After only being accepted into one of four schools following high school graduation, he was accepted into three of the top-ten civil engineering schools in the United States, after gaining an associate's degree at the honors college of Miami Dade College. His passions include cars and motorcycles, soccer, and building. After graduation, Johnathan's goals are to pursue a master's degree in engineering management with a minor in real estate. He plans to follow this with four years of

work under a PE in order to obtain his engineering license and then to become a PE engineer. He hopes to one day start a housing development company in South Florida. The society and its brothers showed him how they differ from other fraternities in principles and values, and the diversity in ethnicity and background of the members of the house is what led him to join Alpha Delt.

**Jordan Alec Eskenazi '22**, an avid cook and fan of grilling, is from Boca Raton, Florida, where he attended Pine Crest School. He is studying information science in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. After graduation, he hopes to work for an investment banking firm in New York City for a few years until he can move back to Florida, where he would like to spend the remainder of his life. Jordan notes that tearing his labrum and sitting out for nearly all of his senior football and lacrosse seasons was a life-changing event; he learned to never take his health for granted, because it can be taken away so easily. He decided on Alpha Delt because of the tight-knit brotherhood, something he's truly never experienced elsewhere.

**Juan Pedro Rizo-Patron '22** is a current sophomore, studying government in the College of Arts and Science and also studying business as a minor. Juan Pedro ("Juanchi") has dual citizenship (American and Peruvian) and is very much a product of the cultures and realities of Miami, Florida, and Lima, Peru. He has a passion for soccer, music, international politics, and history. After graduating from Ransom Everglades High School and spending a year at the University of Miami Business School, Juan transferred to Cornell University. He is eager to take advantage of the next three years at an institution in which he feels he truly belongs and where people that push him to be the best version of himself surround him, including those within the fraternity he hopes to join. He believes Alpha Delta Phi is a natural fit, given its international background, strong personalities, rich history, and philosophy. Following his graduation, Juan Pedro hopes to return to Peru and use his background in political science and business to contribute to the bright future of this developing South American nation.

**Lucas Gian Zumpano '22** is from Miami, Florida, and is an alumnus of Belen Jesuit Preparatory School, an institution exiled from Cuba during the communist-regime take-over led by Fidel Castro in the 1960s. In high school, Lucas rowed his way to four national championship titles. Currently in the School of Industrial Labor Relations, he has hopes of attending law school and aspires to work in the field of complex health-care litigation. Lucas' life is continuously changed by the

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unremitting care of his severely autistic brother, Jesse (16). Lucas chose Alpha Delta Phi because of how the group fully embraces diversity. In his free time, Lucas enjoys spear fishing and free diving.

**Lucas Jason Kirshenbaum '22** is from New York City, where he attended Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School. During the fall semester of 2016, he attended The Mountain School in Vershire, Vermont. It was at that school where he discovered his passion for agriculture. Now a freshman in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Lucas studies agriculture and plant sciences, concentrating in the rapidly growing field of agribusiness. He is particularly interested in private equity and agricultural opportunities that will permit him to merge office and field work. Beyond the classroom, Lucas is involved with environmental organizations, including participating in and supporting a drone security program in the Caribbean to aid against ocean poaching and farm-crop protection. Lucas enjoys modern art, travel, and rap music. He is thrilled and honored to be part of the distinguished Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity, appreciating the house for its diversity, campus leadership, and exceptionally close brotherhood.

**Nicholas Frederick Palmer '22** is a sophomore in the S.C. Johnson College of Business, where he studies applied economics and management. Nicholas is from Staten Island, New York, and previously attended St. Peter's Boys High School, where, during his junior year, his father had to have spinal fusion surgery. This event caused Nicholas to take on additional responsibilities within his family and helped him mature into the person he is today. A huge sports fan, particularly soccer and football, he aspires to work in wealth management in the future. Nicholas wanted to join Alpha Delta Phi because of the diversity in backgrounds of the tight-knit brotherhood and because of its rich history. Nicholas enjoys writing and currently does freelance work for different fantasy-sports websites in his free time.

**Nicholas Richard Goth Errington '22** is from Stockholm, Sweden, where he received his education from Kungsholmens Gymnasium, and spent time modeling in Sweden and Barcelona. Nicholas studies communication in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Outside of class, he plays for the Cornell varsity squash team. His short-term goal is to go into investment banking and then follow a more entrepreneurial route. A significant life event for Nicholas is when he spent half of his gap year in Hong Kong, playing professional squash and making him more mature. For Nicholas, Alpha Delta Phi was the clear choice when it came to joining a fraternity, because it

was the only place where he felt at home with the brothers and where he quickly established a clear connection.

**Noah Asher Gold '22** grew up in the Bronx, New York. Noah attended the Ethical Culture Fieldston School and is now studying communication in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, with hopes to transfer into the S.C. Johnson College of Business as an applied economics and management major for his sophomore year. Following graduation, Noah hopes to work in the sports industry. Noah's life was affected early on through his father's struggle with health, having been diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma and Atrial Fibrillation when Noah was only four years old. Thankfully, Noah's father is healthy and well today. Noah chose Alpha Delta Phi because he found the brotherhood bonds to be unique and unmatched by any other house. Noah loves animals, especially dogs, and has two of his own.

**Ricardo David Kiblsky '22** is a freshman from Miami, Florida, having moved there from Caracas, Venezuela, at a very young age. He attended Nova Southeastern University School and is now studying communication in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He hopes to pursue his goal of transferring to the School of Hotel Administration in order to enter a career in the real-estate industry. He is extremely passionate about soccer and is proud to have been a former goalkeeper on the Cornell University men's soccer team. He is proud of his Jewish roots and loves to go back to the land of Israel. The diversity and close brotherhood are the primary factors leading to his choice to join Alpha Delta Phi.

**Ross Richardson Moseley '21** is an excited new member. A sophomore studying economics, he also minors in history of art and Arabic. Ross currently resides in Juneau, Alaska, and Princeton, New Jersey, though he was born in New York, New York. Throughout his lifetime, he has lived in 12 different homes and attended 11 different schools, noting that he has never been kicked out of any. This summer, he is traveling to Kuwait for an internship in finance with Wafra Inc., though his ultimate post-graduation goals lie in the art-business world. He hopes to work in partnership at an art auction house in the Middle East. Ross has struggled with concussions from athletics, starting in high school when his goal was to play college lacrosse. However, after sustaining a concussion, that goal was no longer attainable. Now on the varsity heavyweight rowing team at Cornell, he sustained another concussion this past fall. His hard work to overcome the difficulties associated with the injuries has made him a stronger, more resilient person. He chose Alpha Delta Phi because of the way it differs from the

fraternities at Cornell. With its status as a literary society, it distances itself from its peers, representing a rich history and significance. He also spends time as a campus tour guide.

**Ryan James Weiss '22** hails from New York, New York, where he attended Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School on Manhattan's Upper West Side. He is currently studying industrial and labor relations in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. Following graduation, he aspires to enter the finance industry as an investment banker and to exit through working at a private equity firm. Ryan's life was impacted significantly after experiencing the loss of his oldest brother, who served in Duvdevan, the Israeli Defense Forces' most-elite undercover counter-surveillance and targeted-killings commando brigade. He proudly chose Alpha Delta Phi due to its tight knit brotherhood and rich fraternal tradition, aspects that are unparalleled to any other organization on campus. Of this, he says, "I immediately recognized that I would be joining a society that transcends the work of individuals, uniting us as a distinct band of brothers." Ryan enjoys deep sea fishing, preferably off of Montauk, in New York.

**Sean Patrick Kelly '22** is from Spring Branch, a small rural town in Texas. At 14, his father divorced his mother, leaving Sean, the eldest, the responsibility of nurturing and developing his younger siblings. He went to Smithson Valley High School and is now a freshman at Cornell, studying hotel administration in the S.C. Johnson College of Business. He hopes to work in investment banking upon graduation, and he trades options whenever he has the time. During rush, Sean noticed that Alpha Delta Phi's brotherhood placed more emphasis on diversity and tradition than any other house, and he knew from the beginning that this was where he belonged. During his free time, Sean enjoys listening to country music, learning new sleight-of-hand tricks, and studying military strategy.

**William Lawrence Brody '22** is from Harrison, New York, and attended the Rye Country Day School. William studies government in the College of Arts and Sciences and is especially interested in politics and current world affairs. Upon graduation, he hopes to attend law school before entering into a career in public affairs and strategy. He believes that Alpha Delta Phi would be the most appropriate home for him, because he respects the importance Alpha Delta Phi places on oratory and civic duty. Of particular note in his life has been the time he spent during his summers at a boys camp, where he first learned the virtues of independence, friendship, responsibility, and respect.



# NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

After 35 years of living in Highwood, Illinois, on the first hole of Exmoor Country Club, **Lawrence Brown '56** moved to Lake Forest Place, a retirement community in Lake Forest, Illinois. "My wife, Ann, and I have a stand-alone cottage: really one-half of a town house. We continue to be in good health and still curl during the winter and play golf during the summer. Even though I only spent my freshman and sophomore years at Cornell, I consider myself a Cornellian!"

"I recently moved from Southern California to suburban Boston," writes **John Fisher '57**. "Much to my surprise, I found a whole bunch of brothers whom I had not seen in 60 years living close by. More surprising: I discovered that there was an annual croquet tournament, held this year for the 51st time. Not everyone showed up, but there were a good number, when you consider that they were all class of '57-'59. This event was initiated by **John Post '57**. In attendance were **Don Marshall '58**, **Dan Hall '59**, **Bob Bryant '58**, **Gordy Anderson '58**, **Terry West '59**, me, and the wife of **Mal Johnston '58**. John Post and Dan Hall had to regret but will be there next year." John also notes that, as a result of his winning this 51st Annual Harvard Invitational Croquet Tournament, the group of Alpha Delt attendees are currently confirming other brothers in the Boston area (and beyond) to compete in September's event—which will be cohosted by Dan Hall. Invitees include Gordon Anderson, Bob Bryant, Dan Marshall, Terry West,

Sally Johnston, John Post, Dave Brown, John Nestor, Marshall Shambayer, Jim Edgar, Anne Hunt, and Jack Shillingford, who was last year's host and the only non-Alpha Delt in the group. Interested in joining the tournament or reconnect with John Fisher?

"News is good," reports **Ezra Mager '63**. "Three children, six grandchildren, same wife of 47 years! Newly retired but active. Best to all!"

**David Givens '82** writes in from the Big Island of Hawaii: "The last two years have been great. **Greg Williamson '82** and Michelle came out for a visit. We had a blast. Also saw **Ken Growney '82** and Rhonda in Boston with Greg and Michelle as my wife drove down the East Coast from Bangor to DC. It is good seeing my fellow brothers!"

After 25 years of private practice, **Clifford Hurley '86** is now working for the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision as medical director of a local state prison.

**Phil McCarthy '86** runs into **Tom Gibb '84** from time to time in Hudson, New York, usually near Stair Galleries, "the excellent auction house." **Duane Stiller '84** and his wife, Dalia (Cornell '84), also met up with Phil when they visited him for lunch at his house in Hudson this past summer. Phil and his husband, Jim Brodsky, have an apartment in Palm Beach, and they frequent Lyford Cay and Sweden.

In June 2018, **Chris Olsen '87** participated for the first time and completed the AIDS/LifeCycle, a seven-day 545-mile bike ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles to benefit the Los Angeles LGBT Center and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. "I was able to raise over \$4,500 (out of the \$16.6 million raised by the event overall) to support the life-saving services provided by these organizations. This was truly an amazing experience, and I've already signed up to ride again in 2019. Professionally, since November 2016, I have been working in the Central City, Los Angeles, office of Katten Murchin Rosemann, LLP, as the litigation services counsel. I manage the docketing team and assist attorneys practicing in our California and Texas offices. Otherwise, I'm doing my small part in the #Resistance."

Update your records for **Nick Kohan '03**, who recently moved.



*Our alumni in 1972 at Parents Weekend.*



Congratulations to GraceAnn Caramico and **Alfonse Robert Muglia '14**, who were married on January 5, 2019. The couple met while studying at Georgetown University, from which each received a law degree. GraceAnn graduated magna cum laude from NYU and is an associate at Kasowitz Benson Torres, a law firm in New York. Alfonse graduated with honors from Cornell and is an associate at Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti, a law firm in Morristown, New Jersey.



**Ralph C. Ware '47:** March 24, 2019

Ralph (93), died peacefully Sunday, March 24, 2019, in San Antonio. He was born on June 19, 1925 to Robert Rea Ware and Elizabeth Dickerson Ware, in Oak Park, Illinois.

He graduated from Oak Park High School and Cornell University. While attending Cornell University, he was a member of both the Varsity Swim Team as a diver, and the Varsity Track Team as a hurdler.

Ralph moved his family from Chicago to San Antonio in 1949. He was involved in ranching and farming in the Goliad and San Antonio areas. In 1956 he started Ware Implement Distributors, which operated until his retirement in 1987.

He was an active participant in many civic and philanthropic organizations in both San Antonio and Charlevoix, Michigan, his summer home. His fifty years of service as a lay reader for the Episcopal Church, and his many years as a board member of the Alamo Heights Independent School District were achievements of which he was most proud.

**Edward C. Roth II '44**

**James H. Arthur '50:** January 30, 2019

Jim, a resident of Centennial, Colorado, died gently at the age of 93, following a brief illness at his home at Holly Creek Retirement Community, with his wife and four children at his side.

Jim was born in Akron, Ohio. After graduating from Culver Military Academy in 1942, he attended Officer's Training School and then enlisted in the Army. As a veteran of WWII, he served in Europe and was honorably discharged as a captain of field artillery. Following his graduation from Cornell University, he courted and married fellow Meadville resident Jean Russell in 1951. He then pursued his medical degree at Cornell Medical School, graduating in 1954, whereupon he and his family, by then of five, moved to Denver, where he opened a pediatric office. He practiced medicine in Denver from 1958 to 1991 and taught at CU School of Medicine in the Child Health Associate Program from 1990 to 1999.

He received the Colorado Diabetes Association Distinguished Service Award for leadership and service for his seminal role in the development of Denver's summer camp program for juvenile diabetes in 1965, and the CU School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics Career Teaching Scholar Award in 1996. He was also a Clinical Professor Emeritus in the Department of Pediatrics at the CU School of Medicine.

In addition to family, pediatrics, and gardening, one of his great loves in life was rowing in an eight-man shell.

**James Peter Thompson '54:** September 10, 2018

Peter died in Worthington, Minnesota, at the age of 87. He was born on July 14, 1931, in New York City to Vincent and Sarah Thompson. Raised on Long Island, New York, he spent many winters in Nassau, the Bahamas, and Florida with his mother. He became an avid deep-sea fisherman and hunter before attending Kent School in Kent, Connecticut, where he was a prefect and lettered in three sports: football, wrestling, and rowing. In 1950, he was "stroke" of the Kent crew team that won the Thames Challenge Cup at Henley on Thames, England.

He graduated from Cornell University in 1954, where he was president of Alpha Delta Phi and senior class representative to the Interfraternity Council. On graduation, he entered the US Army as a second lieutenant artillery and paratrooper officer and was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant.

After leaving military service in 1957, he joined Paine, Webber, Jackson & Curtis in New York as a trainee. He became a general partner in 1967. In his career at Paine Webber, he was partner in charge of all stock and bond trading. In 1969, he conceived and led the design and development of Computrade, the first automated system to make markets in over-the-counter securities and execute market orders instantaneously.

He left Paine Webber in 1974 and bought a farm in Mountain Lake, Minnesota, where he grew corn and soybeans. He was senior director of the Windom State Bank for many years and director of several mutual funds based in Minneapolis.

At 70 years of age, he retired from farming and bought a condo in Palm Desert, where he enjoyed golf and swimming. His wife of 60 years, Pauline R. Thompson, preceded him in death in 2015.

**John David Rowland '55:** July 23, 2018

David died at Aurora St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee following complications with heart surgery.

David was born on December 30, 1932, in Racine, the son of the late Grace Campbell Rowland and John S. (Jack) Rowland. On September 8, 1956, David married the love of his life and best friend, Julianne (Judy) Findley.

David grew up in Racine and then attended Choate preparatory school before going on to Cornell University, where he got his BA, and then to UW Madison, where he obtained his JD and met Judy.

David was the third generation to run the family business, CRB Insurance Agency. While a business executive, he provided leadership to many business organizations. He served as

president of the Racine Chamber of Commerce (RAMAC), president of the Wisconsin Independent Agents Association, and later as a state national director. He was also a director of the M&I Bank of Racine and later an advisor to the Heritage Bank. In 1963, he was named the Jaycee "Man of the Year".

David was also active in many community organizations, having served as fundraising chair of The United Way, president of the Racine Community Foundation, president of the St. Luke's Hospital board, and board member of The Prairie School during its formative years. David was a lifelong and active member of the First Presbyterian Church and served on all of the various church boards, as well as served on the ministerial relations committee of the presbytery. He was also the president of Racine Rotary, serving in many capacities culminating in district governorship.

David loved the outdoors, from duck hunting in Canada for over 50 years, to fishing in the Bahamas for almost 25. He enjoyed golf but was equally happy on his tractor or with his chainsaw. He took his Welsh heritage to heart, celebrated his love of music and singing, from opera to Gilbert and Sullivan, and was always quick to pick up his ukulele whenever the opportunity arose.



**James W. Hunt '59: 1936–2018.**

**James William Hunt '59:** September 22, 2018

Jim died at the age of 82 at his home in Southport, Maine, surrounded by his loving family, to whom he was entirely devoted.

He was born June 4, 1936 in Worcester, Massachusetts. Jim was educated at Bancroft, Deerfield, Cornell, and Babson. As teenagers, Jim and his best friend Bob Bowden famously braved the entire Inland Waterway from Norfolk to Miami in a 1952 13-foot Lyman runabout, which we own to this day (maintained to his exceptional standards). At Cornell, he and his roommate bought an antique fire engine, the memories of which he delighted in sharing with his family and friends. His fraternity, Alpha Delta Phi, maintained the iconic fire engine for decades (see photo on page 16).

He became a US Navy supply officer and proudly served on the USS Courtney, DE 1021.

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In 1963, Jim began his career with Norton Company (now St. Gobain), the world's largest manufacturer of abrasives. He was "grateful for a job that gave him satisfaction, making things that made other things, not just shuffling papers on a desk from one pile to another." He retired in 1990 as director of manufacturing for North America.

Jim married Ann Cochran on October 15, 1960, and together, they raised three children. Jim and Ann raised their family in Holden and Harvard, Massachusetts, and in Contoocook, New Hampshire. Summers were spent on Southport, where the children and grandchildren found summer jobs and enjoyed sailing. In 1999, Jim and Ann built their year-round home on Pine Cliff.

Jim believed in volunteering in his community. In Worcester, this ranged from coaching his sons' hockey teams to serving as a vice president of the chamber of commerce, during which time he was instrumental in establishing Amtrak's Boston-Worcester-Chicago passenger rail service. (He did so love trains!) He was a member for 61 years of the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club, focusing his efforts on the junior program and the waterfront. For the last three years, he worked diligently to accomplish the successful building of the new sailing center. He was a trustee of St. Andrews Hospital and Miles/Lincoln Health for ten years and a member of the Maine Maritime Museum, Maritime History Group, Ship Modelers Guild, Jeffersonians, Lyman Boat Owners Association, Navy League, and past president of the Boothbay Region Historical Society.

Jim loved everything nautical and was happiest when at the helm of his sailboat or powerboat, or as OOD on a Navy destroyer escort.

**Robert Nelson '59:** April 10, 2019

Robert ("Bob") passed away Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital surrounded by the comfort of his family. Bob was born August 1937, in New York City and was raised in Cresskill, New Jersey. He is survived by Penny, his wife of 59 years; his daughter Lori Nelson, and son Dr. John Nelson.

Bob graduated from Tenaflly High School in New Jersey in 1955, where he was a star on

Tenaflly's state championship football team. He was selected to first team all-state. Later, he was inducted into the Tenaflly High School Athletic Hall of Fame. In 1959, Bob graduated from Cornell University, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity. In later years, he traveled with his fraternity brothers all over the world. They loved singing fraternity and Cornell songs at the top of their lungs.

Bob was proud to serve his country as a second lieutenant in the US Army. He then joined Riegel Paper Corporation as an account executive later being promoted to sales manager. Bob was offered a vice presidency in 1981, but chose to leave the business world to purchase the Bee and Thistle Inn in Old Lyme. There, along with his wife Penny, and later Lori and Jeff, he worked to build the Bee and Thistle Inn into one of Connecticut's top country inns and restaurants. It was voted Best Restaurant statewide by the readers of "Connecticut Magazine," for five consecutive years. In his retirement, Bob volunteered at SCORE helping people in the small business community. He also loved volunteering at High Hopes Therapeutic Riding Center in Old Lyme. For years he chaired the beverage committee for special fundraising events.

Family always came first for Bob. He will be remembered for his devotion to Penny and his deep love of his children and grandchildren.

**Gordon Cutts '60:** February 1, 2018

**Robert Cummins Hazlett Jr. '61:** January 25, 2019

Bob, of Triadelphia, West Virginia, died at Good Shepherd Home in Wheeling.

Bob was born in Wheeling on May 4, 1938. He was a graduate of Linsly Military Institute (now the Linsly School), and Cornell University, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity. He attended the WVU School of Law and the Stonier Graduate School of Banking.

Bob spent most of his career in and around the brokerage business; he was a stock broker with Hazlett, Burt & Watson, and then served in various capacities within Wesbanco, including managing the bank's investment portfolio and establishing their Mountaineer Securities investment service (now Wesbanco Securities). He went on to open and manage a Wheeling branch office for Kidder Peabody, which became Parker Hunter, then later Janney Montgomery Scott, from which he retired.

Bob enjoyed an active role in the Wheeling community. He was a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church in Wheeling, where he served as an elder. He remained an enthusiastic supporter of Linsly all his life, serving as a trustee beginning in 1973 and becoming an emeritus trustee in 2007. He served on the board

of directors of the Greenwood Cemetery Association for nearly half a century. Bob enjoyed long-standing memberships in Wheeling's Symposiarchs, Blue Pencil Club, Rotary Club, Fort Henry Club, and Wheeling Elks Lodge.

Sports were always a big part of Bob's life. He spent years coaching in WAHA, the Wheeling Amateur Hockey Association; he also coached men's hockey and wrestling for Bethany College. He loved coaching, and especially getting to know the young people on his teams. Over the years, it was his great delight to teach dozens of both children and adults how to water ski. He was a lifelong fan of Pittsburgh sports teams and attended games of the Pirates, Penguins, and Steelers on a regular basis. He was lucky enough to complete the elusive "Pittsburgh Triple," going to games for all three teams in one weekend. He also loved cheering on the WV Mountaineers football team. To root for his kids, he went to more games, matches, and swim meets than one could count, and Bob wasn't always a spectator: he was proud of his family's more-than-50-year tradition of playing a Thanksgiving Turkey Bowl: the Hazletts vs. the World.

It's an understatement to say that Bob loved trains. A lifelong collector, Bob was a member of the Train Collectors Association, serving as president and secretary of the TCA's Fort Pitt Division. He was a member of the Toy Train Operating Society, whose annual national convention he once brought to Wheeling, and the Lionel Collectors Club of America, serving as longtime editor of its newsletter, The Lion Roars. He was the proud owner of hundreds of model trains and introduced many young people to the love of trains. He was thrilled to ride trains of all kinds: steam trains, narrow gauge trains, and cog railways, and traveled around the US, Canada, and Europe on his adventures.

**Douglas Page Brandon Sr. '64:** December 8, 2017

Doug, of West Chester, Pennsylvania, passed away at the age of 18 after a brief illness. He is survived by his loving wife, Gail, of 53 years, and his five children.

Doug was born on May 16, 1939, in Kokomo, Indiana. He was raised in Abington, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Abington High School in 1957. From there, he graduated with a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Cornell University and was a member of Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity. He retired from Lukens Steel after a 32 year career in sales management.

Doug especially loved gardening and golfing, and was a longtime member of Pine Valley Golf Club. He was also a past member of

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## 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).

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West Chester Country Club, where he served on the board, and a member of First Presbyterian Church of West Chester, where he served as trustee. Doug loved to entertain and spend time with family and friends. In his spare time, he volunteered at the Senior Center Second Reading bookstore and loved to support various charities. Doug was always generous and willing to help anyone in need.

**Luis A. Morales-Bance '67:** September 30, 2017

**Stephen Ream Packard '68:** June 5, 2018

Stephen returned to what he liked to call "the cosmic soup" on June 5, in his home in Indian Lake Estates, Florida.

He was born June 23, 1945, to Russell and Dorothy Packard (nee Ream) as the third of the Packard flock of six. Growing up as a proud third-generation Evanstonian in South Evanston, he had a childhood that was full of mischievous activities and grand adventures with his many siblings and cousins. He attended Dewey Elementary School and Nichols Middle School, and graduated from Evanston Township High School in 1963.

He attended Cornell University and then California College of Arts, where he received a Bachelor's of Arts in environmental design. In between Cornell and CalArts, he had a brief stint in the Army, which ended when he received an honorable discharge as a conscientious objector during the Vietnam War. He attended the Goodman School of Drama as a scene design student, where he met his first wife, Sally. They moved to Seattle and settled in Tacoma, Washington, where they welcomed their first child, Edith Mary, into the world. He was an enthusiastic member of the Seattle and Tacoma theater communities and worked as the technical director for the Tacoma Actors Guild before he returned to Evanston.

They welcomed their second child, Alice Jensina, in the very same hospital where he was born 42 years earlier. He received his MFA from Northwestern University in Theater and Stage Design in 1990. His work called him to Miami, Florida, where his third and final child, McKelvey Craig, was born. They returned to Evanston a year later and raised the kids to have the same mischievous activities and grand adventures he had growing up. Recently, he settled in Indian Lake Estates, Florida. He taught at Polk State College, where he enjoyed teaching and design once again.

He was a gifted and inventive Jeff Award-nominated set designer, a lover of music, and an active participant in choirs, such as CSO, St.

Luke's, and St. Matthew's, and Seattle Opera, and musical groups such as Escola De Samba. Most importantly, he was an active and loving dad, grandpa, uncle, brother, and husband. He loved and was very proud of his children and their cousins and where their lives would lead. While he hoped to be here longer, he lived a full and wonderful life full of mischievous and grand adventures.



**Robert Mackay Green VI '77:** May 13, 2019

Bob was born on April 1, 1955, in Heidelberg, Germany. He grew up in Madison, Connecticut, and graduated from Daniel Hand High School in 1973 before attending Cornell University on an Air Force ROTC scholarship. He

received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering in 1977, and married his college sweetheart, Lalana Janlekha, of Bangkok, Thailand, in 1978 before moving to Cleveland in 1986, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Described as "an engineer with a soul," Bob deeply loved the process of looking at the world, identifying problems to solve, and working with skill and art to create effective and elegant solutions. He never met a machine that he could not talk to! After starting his career at Reliance Electric, he founded Acorn Technology Corporation in 1993 and, since then, designed and built industrial control systems, marine electrical equipment, and humongous fans. Bob's entrepreneurial spirit was evident in the design and creation of his products, as well as in his leadership and support of his employees.

Active membership in the community was a central part of Bob's entire life. He valued his commitment to so many institutions, including the Plymouth Church choir and council (of which he served as president), Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, Cornell Club of Cleveland, and American Boat and Yacht Council. He also recently participated in the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses executive leadership program and was selected as its graduation speaker.

Bob's devotion to creating the next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs was evident in all he did. Nothing gave Bob greater joy than the accomplishments and adventures of his family. From traveling around the world to appearing on stage with his daughters in Laurel School theatrical productions, he was fiercely proud of and committed to protecting, supporting, and cheering for those that he loved.

## REMEMBERING GREGORY J. SUTTON CLASS OF 1995

Greg was an enthusiastic fraternity brother and a loyal friend to so many of us who graduated in the '90s. Sadly, Greg passed away during the summer of 2018. So, on a Friday night in September, eight of us Alpha Deltas gathered along with scores of Greg's other friends to remember him...

Back in college, most of us Alpha Deltas were in pretty close lockstep with each other: we dressed in similar clothes (preppy), we drank the same beer (PBR), we danced the same way (poorly). But Greg danced to the beat of a different drummer; he drove a Suzuki Samurai, he drank Zima, and he wore bow ties. His uniqueness was part of what made him so endearing. In his honor, we all wore bowties that night. Sadly, there was no Zima on the bar's menu, and we couldn't find an Uber driver with a Sidekick.

The venue for Greg's memorial party was Blondies, the sports bar on the Upper West Side of Manhattan that was Greg's version of Cheers—a place where everybody knew his name, and was very glad he came. Before the event, Blondies put a permanent plaque at his favorite spot at the bar. It reads "*In Memory of Greg.*" He is the first patron ever to be so honored.

So, if you ever find yourself wanting to commune with Greg, I would suggest you make your way to 79th Street, between Broadway and Amsterdam, sidle up to the bar in Greg's spot, and raise a glass in a toast to our lost friend.

Cheers to you, Greg. We'll miss you, brother!

Tom Goldstone '94



In memory of Greg Sutton (left to right): P.J. Bilfield '95, Tom Goldstone '94, Cam Dauler '96, Tycho Peterson '94, Barron Williams '94, Richard Ha '93, Marc Levin '95; (not pictured) Joe Welch '95.



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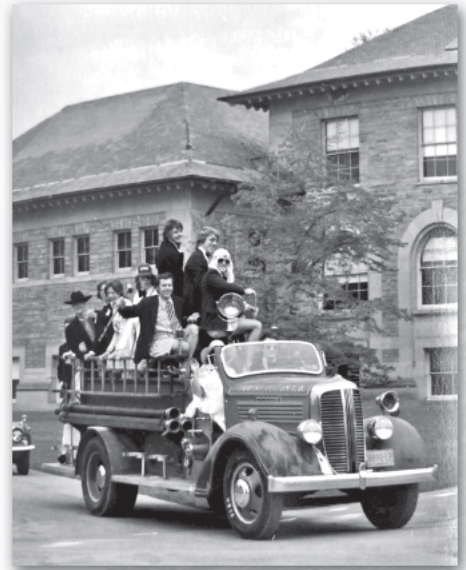
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## LOOKING BACK...



*The Alpha Delta Phi fire engine,  
operated and maintained by  
members of the brotherhood.*



*Spring 1976, Stan Kenton and his  
orchestra appear at Strand Theater on  
State Street, hosted by LBD Productions  
in partnership with Alpha Delta Phi.  
(Left to right): William Hanley Noel '76,  
Jane Graves Noel, Stan Kenton, unknown,  
Lance Barrow Davis '76, Gail Galitzer,  
and Dean Michael Dilley '77.*



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