

the Alpha Beta Data

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A Letter From the House Corporation

Dear Alpha Beta Tri Delta Alumnae:
We continue to work on improvements at the house in Ithaca and on plans for work to be accomplished during this summer. Our newly formed Property Committee has researched several suppliers and developed a sustainable approach for replacement of bedroom furniture to ensure consistency of quality and design as new pieces are needed. They also developed a proposal for procurement of new dining room furniture and researched options for the repair or replacement of the grand piano. They are now starting the process, in conjunction with the recently formed Finance Committee, of having a third-party assessment of the major infrastructure systems of the house, so we can develop a long-term capital plan and set aside the appropriate capital reserves.

The board wishes to thank all the committee members for volunteering to help the house. Property Committee Members: Joanne Tomczak '75, Deb Lechner '77, Carol Antos '77, and Kelsey Donahue '09. Finance Committee Members: Paula Kennedy '79, Priscilla Pazzano '69, Terry Petracca '76. Nominating Committee

Members: Meghan McGuire '08, and Leslie Feifer '89.

Two other volunteers should also be thanked for offering their assistance to the chapter. After a couple years without alumnae advisers, two alumnae volunteered to become advisers to the chapter—Maureen Bills '86 (alumna adviser) and Leslie Feifer '89 (finance/administration adviser).

We need to regularly renew the list of individuals who have offered to volunteer. Please contact me if you would like to assist the House Corporation. You do not need to reside in the Ithaca area to assist with House Corporation.

Finally, THANK YOU for your continued donations. These donations allow us to consider more capital improvement projects to renew and improve our chapter house.

Jan Hendershot '77
President

Alpha Beta House Corporation
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Learning From My Little

When I first joined Tri Delta, one of the things I was most excited about was getting a little sister. As the oldest of three sisters myself, I have always loved having someone who looks up to you to hang out with, and helping to teach them new things. I was so excited when I finally got my little, Juliana Batista '16, and couldn't wait to teach her everything I'd learned about Cornell. Little did I know how much I would learn from her, too.

Our lineage has been jokingly called the power lineage, because all of us have always been very involved in campus life. I've been very involved in the school newspaper, *The Cornell Daily Sun*, Juliana has held many positions on the student government, and our littlest Alana Askari '17 and Yamini Bhandari '17 are also involved with the Student Assembly. I think our campus involvement reflects

how much we all value making a difference in our communities and our passion for working with others. Nowhere was this more apparent to me than when Juliana started the Condom Couture Fashion Show last year, as a way to raise money for a local AIDS group and increase awareness about the persistence of this issue. The show featured dresses made out of condoms, designed and modeled by students. I went to the first one last February, and it was a really incredible event—so when it rolled around this year, I offered to help out. I'm a writer, not a fashion designer, so I thought I could help out with setting up chairs, or with lighting.

"You should design a dress," Juliana told me. "No way." I told her. But then I thought about it, and decided to do it. I'd

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be helping out Juliana and doing something completely new, something I'd probably never have a chance to do again. Why not?

Weeks later, after I'd poked myself with a needle several times, and had spent hours sewing only a dozen or so condoms together, I was cursing my decision to participate. I thought it would be fun, but here I was (bleeding a little), the dress wasn't done, and the show was only a week away. What was I going to do? I called Juliana, who came right over and showed me a few tricks.

Long story short: I finished the dress in time, Devon Horton '15 modeled it for me, and people say it came out pretty well. At the end of the night, I was so proud of myself for trying something new and persisting through the obstacles;

proud of Devon for modeling a condom dress in front of hundreds of people; proud of all of our sisters who had designed dresses for the show, modeled for it, or who simply attended and supported us; and proud of Juliana who had started a truly important event on campus and executed it successfully yet again. So many people showed up that there weren't even enough chairs! And, while sewing condoms into a dress isn't something that will probably ever help me again in my life, I learned something much more versatile than that from Juliana: to embrace new opportunities with every fiber of my being, to accept that there will be a few bumps along the road, and to ask for help when I need it.

Emma Court '15



Emma Court '15 and her model, Devon Horton '15, at the Condom Couture Fashion Show in February.

Two Generations of Sisterhood

Approaching the Rush process in January of this year, I was quite excited to be able to spend some real time at the house I had heard so much about my whole life, the house at 118 Triphammer. The week-long Rush process was full of emotions, and while I went about it with an open mind and was getting to know

all 13 houses equally, by the end there was only one house where I ultimately felt truly at home: Delta Delta Delta.

There was no question that I was excited the moment I received my bid from Tri Delt on Bid Day. This quickly became one of the most special moments in my life because I was now becoming a sorority sister to my mom, Marianne Basarab Marcott '75, and my own older sister, Jacqueline Marcott '08. An amazing realization of my Tri Delt bid was that my mom initiated my sister in 2008, and I was going to have the chance to share my initiation with both of them. Seven years after her own initiation, my sister reflected on being a part of my initiation: "I am incredibly grateful to have been able to share this experience with my younger sister, Jen. Despite our age difference, Jen and I have always been close ever since she was born. We've always been one another's best friend. Being able to stand there in front of all of her new sisters and watch her join the Tri Delta family was one of the proudest moments of my life." The amazing reality of my initiation was that I was now becoming sisters with her in more ways than one. In addition to having my sister there, my mom's presence at my initiation made it even more special. After initiation my mom said that this was by far one of the most memorable experiences for her as a mother



Jen Marcott '18 with her mother, Marianne Basarab Marcott, and sister, Jacqueline Marcott, at initiation in February.

Rush, Sweet Rush

Coming back early from winter break for Rush can be rough. After a nice long break of sleeping in and not having any schedule to have to follow, returning to a stressful environment with early mornings and a strict schedule is a difficult adjustment. While Rush may be stressful, every year that one week serves as a reminder for why I joined Tri Delta and what I love so much about the sorority.

Not only do I get an opportunity to spend more time with my close friends, but I also have an opportunity to really get to know the youngest pledge class. During Rush, I am reminded of our values and what makes this house so special to me. As a senior, my last Rush made me nostalgic, as I was flooded with many great memories from living in my sophomore year. Next year, I will definitely miss living in Ithaca with my Tri Delta sisters. However, I am comforted by the knowledge that no matter where we all end up after graduation, we will remain friends who stay in contact and visit one another as we all step into the real world.

Joanna Mleczo '15



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Senior Year: Looking Back

My four years of college were an amazing experience. I met some of my best friends, cognitively grew at a relentlessly exponential rate, fell in love for the first time, and had what seems to be an illicit amount of fun. Life was a highway, and my preferred modes of transportation were spin bikes, piggybacks, and Wegman's motorized shopping carts. By second semester senior year, I

was tempted to say it was going to be the best four years of my life. How could anything compare to the times that Cornell and the women of Delta Delta Delta gave me? I hadn't even been fitted for my graduation cap, yet I already started to miss the late-night study sessions filled with lively discussion about the effects of quantitative easing in the American economy and the latest episode of *New Girl* while pieces of *Insomnia* cookies flew across the table. But eventually the ceremonies commenced, and I was thrust into the "real world." The pleasant surprise was that the real world turned out to be far less scary and cold than anticipated.

While there is surely an extensive list of people, events, and general aspects of college that I miss, being a working adult has its rewards. Here are the top three:

1. Work/life balance: There is no distinction between school work and leisure time, which is probably why half of us stay up until



Katia Lin '14 with her little, Emma Court '15, and little little, Juliana Batista '16.

2:00 a.m. on Sundays completing assignments. In my experience, once I put in nine hours of work, my phone shuts off, and I am free to do whatever I want. This means meeting up with my big for dinner, playing dress up in ball gowns, or attending the grand opening of the Björk exhibit at the MOMA. Weekends are consistently awesome.

2. Location: One never actually falls out of touch with the friends one loves, and having friends across the country (or world) is a great excuse for spontaneity. While venue hopping in Collegetown during a girls' night out is fun, getting together in San Francisco, Cleveland, New York City, and then Stamford is even more fun. You always have some sort of a tour guide and hostess.

3. Celebration: When you first graduate there are so many firsts: your first paycheck, your first promotion, your first apartment, or your first time filing taxes. These firsts provide too many reasons to celebrate and life will seem like one big party ... as it should be.

So seniors, as you think about the next stage of your life and begin to dread it as I did, please do not. Enjoy the rest of the time you have at school, know that it you are having four of the best years of your life, and that you are about to create even more amazing memories.

Katia Lin '14

Fat Talk Free Week

In our society, we are inundated with messages all around us that define "beauty" in terms of looks, sizes, and shapes that are often unattainable. In fact, according to the national Fat Talk Free Week (FTFW) website, one out of eight adolescent girls

reported starving themselves to lose weight to meet these unrealistic societal expectations.

Last October during Fat Talk Free Week (FTFW), our sisters joined together to combat the negative pressures put on girls, boys, women, and men to be someone else's idea of beautiful. A new awareness campaign we started as a part of the FTFW initiative was the "Real Beauty Campaign." We took pictures of our sisters on the slope while they talked about something they loved about themselves. The catch? They were not allowed to wear any makeup! We wanted people to know that real beauty lies in capturing real moments, not when we are self-conscious and trying to look our best in front of a camera.

Needless to say, our sisters looked absolutely beautiful, and the album reached more than 50,000 total views within the first two days. Throughout the rest of the week, we covered the walls of Olin Library with sticky notes with positive messages and encouraged people to take pictures with cardboard picture frames that read, "smile, you look beautiful today," "be your own kind of beautiful," and "confidence is contagious so pass it on!" Even though it was only the second year our chapter had adopted the FTFW initiative, it was a tremendous success that resonated not only with our sisters, but also with the rest of the Cornell student body. The sisters of Alpha Beta Chapter would like to extend the invitation to our alumnae to be a part of Fat Talk Free Week Month life and to always remember—you look beautiful today!

Ju Ahn '16



Emily Balcombe '16 participates in Fat Talk Free Week photoshoot.

My Last and Best Formal Recruitment

This January, we went through a very successful formal recruitment and welcomed 42 new members into our chapter. As per usual, recruitment was hectic and crazy, but it was also very fun, extremely rewarding, and a chance for all of our sisters to bond during long days at the house. Our house beautification committee made the house look stunning for tours; skit committee wrote a catchy song and hilarious skit; and every member of our chapter was vital in bringing in an amazing new pledge class. As a senior, this was my last recruitment, and it could not have been better. I am so excited to see how our chapter grows and progresses in the future.

April Watts '15



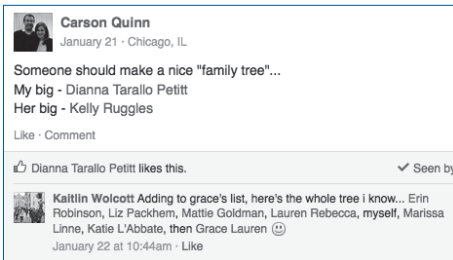
Assistant VP Membership Devon Horton '15 and Membership Chair April Watts '15 before the first round of Rush.



Our toast after last party final round.



Sisters participate in a photo shoot on Ho Plaza for Fat Talk Free Week.



Lineage Bonding in Unexpected Places

Social media has truly kept our lineage together. Whether it is a group lineage text that brightens your day, a silly selfie, or tracing back your lineage almost 10 years via Facebook, a Tri Delta legacy truly can live on. Not only is my lineage there for me when I am locked up in the library with work and interviews, but we also have so much fun together making lineage dinners, frozen yogurt runs, and on special events, we somehow end up color-coordinating! My lineage has been the most defining experience for me at Cornell, and I am sad that it is coming to an end, but I know that my lineage and our legacy will continue to live on!

Grace Altamura '15



Grace Altamura '15 and Madeleine Salinas '16, big and little, at a formal.

Two Generations of Sisterhood, cont'd

and as a Tri Delta. My mom says she will never forget sharing in the pinning of me with my sister. As my mom has said, "Tri Delta is not just 'One Letter, One Love,' but also represents 'One Family' to all of us. A very unique and special bond was formed not only as 'mother and daughters' but also as sorority sisters, and this has symbolized the completion of the 'third Delta' in our family circle."

Initiation was an obviously meaningful

and emotional event for the three of us. It was so powerful to stand in front of my mom and sister and go through the same rituals they went through in the same house. Coming to Cornell, I was able to share a common bond of Cornell pride with my family, and now I am also able to share the bond of sisterhood as a proud new member of the Alpha Beta Chapter of Delta Delta Delta.

Jen Marcott '18



A Social Sisterhood

Social events are a huge part of life in Tri Delta. The sisters always have a wide selection of things to do every weekend, from mixers, to philanthropy fundraisers, to barbecues in the rare warm Ithaca weather.

Over the past two semesters, we've coordinated and co-hosted a ton of fun events. Most recently, Tri Delta and Sigma Nu partnered up to throw a benefit concert to kick off 2015, and last fall, sisters celebrated with the brothers of Chi Phi before heading to Schoellkopf Field for the big Homecoming football game. Tri Delta is always looking to build and maintain strong and positive relationships within the Greek community, not only with different fraternities, but with sororities within the Panhellenic circle as well.



Mary Fisher '15, Emma Court '15, and Joanna Mlezco '15 at Homecoming in October 2014.

Sasha Kawakami '17

Alumnae News & Notes

Eleanor W. (Walbridge) Morgan '38 celebrated her 100th birthday in July 2014! Get in touch with her by sending postal mail to 3 Salem Cir., Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

Nancy (Mynott) Davis '46 reports, "My husband, Dick Davis, and I moved to Princeton to be near family members—one family in Princeton, one family in Staten Island. Seeing all of them is great but, at our age, making new friends in a new place (we'd previously lived in Connecticut) is difficult. As the elderly population grows, I think there will be more and more opportunities for senior citizens." (3 Princeton Ave., Princeton, NJ 08540)

"I live in a home for the elderly," reports **Patricia (Dexter) Clark '52**. "My husband, Cliff, is in the adjoining nursing home with advanced Parkinson's. I visit him twice a day and participate in some of the activities offered: arts and crafts, or swimming three times a week doing my water aerobic exercises. I run a small library (I do all the grant work) (Dewey Decimal System). I knit scarves for homeless and wards of the State of Massachusetts. This year, I made 21 scarves and six hats. I keep in touch with a number of dear Cornell Tri Deltas. Two of my three children live nearby and are very helpful. I keep in close touch with **Mary (Baxter) Barger '50**, **Hazel (Lowe) Von Rosenvinge '52**, **Sarah (Ennis) Macklin '52**, and others." Reconnect with Patricia at 80 Deaconess Rd. #352, Concord, MA 01742.

"I've lived on Corte Madera Creek in Marin County, California, for 38 years," writes **Barbara (Leete) Hourigan '54**. "I taught art in middle school locally, retiring in 1992. Since then, I enjoy art, gardening, traveling, reading, sewing, and being with family (husband, four kids, six grandkids). I'm trying to live an environmentally sustainable life—recycling, solar heating, lots of walking, small home, old card Good will, etc." Stay in touch with Barbara by writing to 2 Boardwalk One, Larkspur, CA 94939; or by sending email to joninca@comcast.net.

"I have traveled extensively—concentrating in Asia and Southeast Asia—most recently visited Ladakh in Northern India," reports **Carol (Boeckle) Welch '58**.

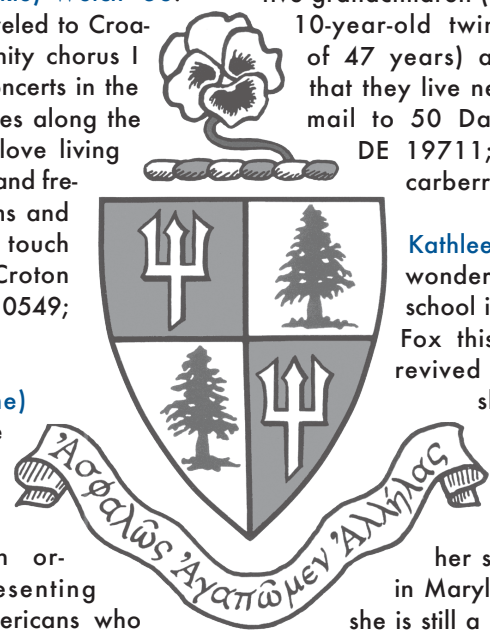
"In July 2014, I traveled to Croatia with the community chorus I sing in. We gave concerts in the medieval walled cities along the Dalmatian coast. I love living near New York City and frequently visit museums and galleries." Keep in touch with Carol at 85 Croton Ave., Mt. Kisco, NY 10549; carolwelch@att.net.

Jacqueline (Browne) Bugnion '62 is the tax director of American Citizens Abroad, a non-profit, nonpartisan organization representing the interests of Americans who reside overseas. They recommend that the United States join the rest of the world and adopt residence-based taxation to replace the current citizenship-based taxation. (Route Du Marchairuz 29, St. George 1188, Switzerland; jackie@bugnoin.org)

Joanne (Rog) Kahn '63 is lobbying to create a 130-plus acre park on a former brownfield on the shores of Lake Erie. Buffalo's second chance to connect the city and their Frederick Law Olmsted Park System to Lake Erie as Olmsted envisioned in 1888. Write to her at 33 Gates Circle #5E, Buffalo, NY 14209; or send email to joanne.kahn@icloud.com.

"I am still a professor in the computer science department at the University of Delaware," writes **Sandee (Semon) Carberry '66**. "Although I will officially retire in another year, I will continue to teach during the fall semesters. We live in Vero Beach, Florida, from January to May to escape from the cold and address health problems. I enjoy tennis, duplicate bridge, golf (very poor player), and volunteering at the art museums in Delaware and Vero

Beach. We travel quite a bit—most exciting recently was an African safari in Tanzania. The best times are with our five grandchildren (ages 12, 10, 7, and 10-year-old twins)—John (husband of 47 years) and I are fortunate that they live nearby." Send postal mail to 50 Darien Rd., Newark, DE 19711; or send email to carberry@cis.udel.edu.



Kathleen Parrott '72 had a wonderful time at weaving school in Vermont with Judy Fox this past summer and revived her loom-weaving skills—rusty but not forgotten! Kathleen gained a wonderful new daughter-in-law (Caitlin) at her son Ethan's wedding in Maryland. Back in reality, she is still a professor at Virginia Tech, teaching residential design. Kathleen is also an adviser for the Beta Nu Tri Delt Chapter at Virginia Tech. (308 Woodbine Dr., Blacksburg, VA 24060)

"I'm still teaching sixth grade in Rochester, Massachusetts," writes **Deborah Kleiman '79**. "I direct the annual Shakespearean play with fifth and sixth graders, going into my 29th production, which will be *Much Ado About Nothing!* I spend my free time playing Frisbee with my German Shepherd, Scout!" Keep in touch with Deborah by sending postal mail to 134 High St., Rochester, MA 02770; or by sending email to dano724@yahoo.com.

Terry (Kilmer) Oosterom '82 is commuting between Pennsylvania and New York until her youngest son, Arie, is out of high school and in college in 2016. Terry loves helping her partner, John Hand, run his vegetable farm in Greenwich, New York. They grow more than 150 varieties of fruits, vegetables, flowers, and herbs! Terry is back on campus at least twice a year—organizing her class tailgate for Homecoming and Reunion each June. She regularly sees **Juliet (Kolm) Gibbs** (continued on page six)

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'80, Suzanne (Casey) Austin '82, and Teri (Williams) Harvey '82. (20 Maple Ln., Blairstown, NJ 07825; tw29@cornell.edu)

Barbara Griggs-Pratt '82 is raising two delightful children, 10 and 12, who she waited until her 40s to have. They run a mini-zoo with dwarf goats, miniature horses, chickens, turkeys, and peacocks! (109 Watts Hill Rd., Honesdale, PA 18431)

"My husband, Chris, and I continue to co-pastor Cornerstone Community Church in Buffalo, New York," writes Joan Hoppe-Spink '85. "We are in the busy parenting stage running our children Michael (20), Anastasia (13), and Olivia (10) here and there. I also sing with a competitive women's barbershop chorus—Buffalo Gateway. Life is full, and God is good!" (joanhsp5@gmail.com)

Elizabeth (Wilson) Ruvo '87 is now a sales associate at Prominent Properties Sotheby's International Realty in Montclair, New Jersey, serving northern New Jersey. Contact her via email at lizruvo@gmail.com.

"In January 2015, I will celebrate my first anniversary of entrepreneurship!" writes Alison (Torrillo) French '95. "I started my own consulting company, Alto Solutions, LLC, in 2014 to help clients manage through change, improve their leadership, and build strong teams. I'd love it if my Tri Delt sisters would check out my website: www.altosolutionsllc.com!" (102 Battle St., SE, Vienna, VA 22180; amt7@cornell.edu)

Anne Johnson '95 is still living in Tucson

with Natalie (9) and Ryan (7), and sometimes with husband, Rick, a Delta pilot. She recently became a colonel in the USAF Reserve, and keeps busy between part-time military duty, managing her tiny real estate empire, and being a mom, reaching coach, and school spelling bee coordinator. Send postal mail to 6341 E. Placita Atiza, Tucson, AZ 85750; or send email to aecjohnson@gmail.com.

Sonya (Hand) Stover '96 just moved to the Village of Woostoc, Vermont, from the suburbs of New York after 15 years in the New York area. Reach out if you want to visit via email at sonya.stover@gmail.com.

Betsy Patterson '98 is an OBGYN working at the Cleveland Clinic. Write to her at 16850 S. Woodland Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44120.

Jennifer (Vanett) Bretz '04 and her husband, Kevin, are thrilled that their 18-month-old twins are thriving! In addition to the most fulfilling role as mommy, Jennifer works part time at Ernst & Young in the advisory practice and is proud to be on the board of the Lehigh Valley Health Network's Children Hospital—working hard and giving back is what Cornell taught her! Catch up with Jen by writing to 6960 Sunflower Ln., Macungie, PA 18062; or by sending email to jbretz19460@hotmail.com.

Kelly Ball '09 reports: "I began a new job with Canno Design in April 2014 after almost two years with Lammey & Giorgio, and have been enjoying working as a project architect on several exciting design projects, including small-scale retail design for Philadelphia Runner,

multi-family housing and commercial design in Camden, New Jersey, and other residential projects. I am happily engaged to be married as of July of this year and can't wait for my wedding to my lovely fiancé, Robert Smyth, in May 2015. I miss Ithaca, Cornell, and Tri Delta; while I couldn't make it to my five-year Reunion, I hope to visit campus sometime soon!" Send congratulations to 7326 Germantown Ave., Apt. A3, Philadelphia, PA 19119; therealkellyeball@gmail.com.

Lauren Borah '12 just bought her first home! She's becoming a real grown-up slowly! Send congratulations to 6 Clifton St., #1, Somerville, MA 02144; lkb48@cornell.edu.

Marianne Dorado '14 started working as a color and concept designer for Calvin Klein underwear in New York City this past September. Send congratulations to 9 Murray St., Apt. 10SW, New York, NY 10007; mcdorado2010@gmail.com.



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Jean (Herr) Gehrett '45
November 24, 2014

Virginia (Mikkelsen) MacGuire '45
November 16, 2014

Marjorie K. (Krausmann) Moyer '46
July 14, 2014

Arlie W. (Williamson) Anderson '47
October 17, 2014

Carole (Ayers) Bisogni '70
November 15, 2014

