

TRIDELTA

Cornell Alpha Beta Alumnae

Alpha Beta Data

Fall 2018

Cornell President Outlines Expectations of Cornell Greek Community

Alpha Beta on Track to Meet Expectations

Happy fall, Deltas! I laugh as I'm writing this in August, but in Minnesota this morning, it's in the mid-60s, so it feels much like the fall will. Here's to the crispness of the air, the start of schools everywhere, and the launching of ourselves into the reflective period of the fall. Hope you had a joyful and adventurous summer!

We welcome back this year a remarkable set of collegiate chapter sisters and officers. Here's to a successful school year and Tri Delta year, everyone! May you grow and be challenged in ways that mature you, your thinking about the world, and your service to each other.

A continued huge thank-you to our remarkable board members and committee members for their fantastic work supporting the house and its needs!

Over the summer, house corporation boards across Cornell spent time discussing and reflecting on President Martha Pollack's new guidelines and expectations of the Greek community. I want to take a moment to outline those changes and to share some of the message from the president to our Greek community. As some of you know, there are Greek chapters at Cornell still struggling with hazing, inappropriate behavior toward initiates and members, and disappointing attitudes in the eye of the public and in private spaces. I know as a House Corporation member that I'm proud of the way Tri Deltas behave, act, and serve each other and their fellow Greek community on campus and across the globe. The new standards put into place by Cornell will likely not have a significant effect on our chapter, but they are worth reviewing, as our classmates who are serving their houses may be working to coach and support young men and women in their transitions to the new expectations.

The office of Fraternity and Sorority life has created a website outlining the recommendations and tracking changes as they occur. If you are interested, visit the website at <https://ccengagement.cornell.edu/sorority-fraternity-life/presidential-reforms>.

Effective immediately, hazing that has been substantiated will yield chapter suspension and loss of recognition. The loss of recognition is at least three years for cases including coerced alcohol/drug consumption, sexual misconduct, or other forms of violence or mental abuse. Hard alcohol is no longer permitted in a residential Chapter House.

Effective this fall, each chapter must have a new member education plan in place before launching recruitment. Mandatory educational programming about university expectations will be implemented. A scorecard including the full judiciary history of each chapter will be available to the campus community and to parents. And event management guidelines will be reviewed for improvement.

In the spring of 2019, leadership positions in residential Greek organizations must be held by juniors or seniors who reside in the chapter house. And a review of the Chapter Review Board process will be conducted to ensure the Greek system is on the right track to foster positive environments for all who participate. As of fall 2021, all residential Greek organizations must have a full-time, live-in adviser with a clearly articulated job description.

From President Pollack's message to the Greek community about these new expectations:

I want to emphasize that holding Greek letter organizations to these high standards does not represent an attack or an attempt to diminish the role of these organizations in student life. To the contrary, this effort is intended to strengthen fraternities and sororities and to help ensure that they remain a part of Cornell for years to come.

I look forward to working together to eradicate hazing behavior, to elevate the Greek experience, and to present an example for other universities to follow.

It is my hope that all of our Greek letter organizations will emerge stronger as a result



It was a bittersweet goodbye to our seniors. We wish them the best as they graduate!

of these measures and more fully embody the best that Cornell has to offer.

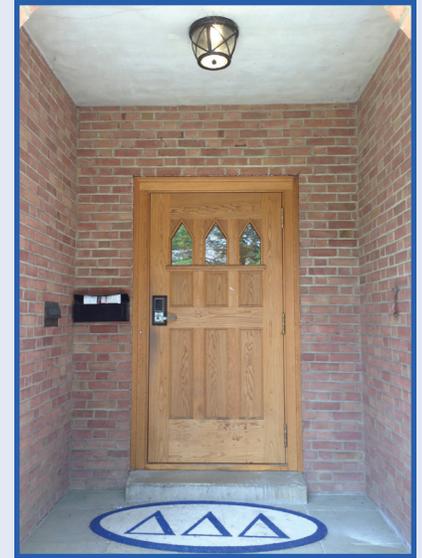
For sororities at Cornell, and our own Alpha Beta Chapter of Tri Delta, these changes are largely in line with the way we have been behaving, practicing, and leading for a long time. Our role as alumnae will be to support our collegiate sisters in the final transition to meet these expectations and to foster an environment of global support for our classmates who may be shepherding their own chapters down this road.

My daughter is 15 and a high school sophomore. She already knows that she'll be seeking a college experience where she would have the option of considering the Greek system. My son, a 12-year-old eighth grader, is not so sure he would consider the Greek system. His grandfather (my dad) is finishing a several-year period of service on his national fraternity board of directors (for Alpha Gamma Rho). I want to make sure we support our young men and our young women to thrive in the Greek system, a system that is viewed as an option for both my daughter and my son. Here's wishing our fellow Greek chapters at Cornell much luck as they work toward a supportive environment where everyone thrives!

Delta Love,

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ALPHA BETA'S HOUSE GETS A SUMMER MAKEOVER

A Fresh Coat of Paint and New Furniture Await Our Collegiate Members

The Alpha Beta property committee completed a few projects this summer. We painted the upstairs in a nice warm white as part of a five-year rotation and repaired window screens and any ropes in the sashes that weren't working properly. We are also looking into new lighting fixtures in some of the bedrooms. The historical commission didn't give us permission to replace the windows with double-pane, energy-efficient windows, so the property committee will be working on the windows this fall. We are excited to work with a new house director starting this fall. In addition, the members are enjoying the new furniture in the living room and dining room;

the downstairs looks fresh and pretty. The front landscaping looks great. Property maintenance is in the house regularly for upkeep and regulatory requirements to support the integrity of the structure and overall safety. Next on our fix-it list may be a reconfiguration of the laundry room. Please come by and see the house if you're ever in Ithaca!

Loyally,
Robin Secord '85
 Property Committee Member

ALUMNAE DONATIONS HELP MAKE THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL

We are especially thankful for the generous contributions to the Alpha Beta House Corporation made by the following alumnae in spring 2018. You make a difference in the future of Alpha Beta at Cornell University. Your gifts helped us tackle interior maintenance and painting of the house this summer. Donations sent this fall will go toward a reconfiguration of the laundry room. To give online, please visit tinyurl.com/CornellTriDeltaDonate.

Below is a list of our spring 2018 contributors. If an error has been made in recording your gift, we sincerely apologize. If corrections to your giving records are needed, please contact our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661. Thank you, again, for your loyal support.

Jean Schultheis Brechter '49	Jean Leskovec Davis '84
Patricia Peck Beck '51	Julie Bick Weed '86
Judith Fox '72	Leslie Feifer Rice '89
Dr. Alice Payton '74	Lauren Henderson '03

Alumnae News

Barbara Gros-Karabots '83 and her husband, Peter, live in Hong Kong. Eight years ago, she joined Apple, and after spending a few months working in mainland China, decided to make the move permanent and accepted a position in Hong Kong. "We love this part of the world and are doing a lot of traveling," she shares. "Any Tri Deltas in Asia, look us up." E-mail: karabots@me.com

Send Us Your News

Do you ever wonder what your Alpha Beta sisters are up to? Do you love seeing a name from your Cornell years in our newsletter and reminiscing about all the fun moments you shared? Tri Delt is a lifelong sisterhood and we strive to keep you connected. Send us your news! We want to hear about your marriages, the birth of children, anniversaries, philanthropy work, career success, and even your fun vacations. No time to write? Simply send a photo with a caption to our alumnae relations coordinator at mlisher@penningtonco.com.

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Alpha Beta Foresees a Strong Semester Ahead

Alpha Beta has many things to look forward to this semester. But first, I would like to reflect on some of the highlights of spring and summer, and how our members have truly embodied our goal to *Live Kind. Lead Kind.*

RELAY FOR LIFE

The spring 2018 semester ended strong with our annual participation in Relay for Life at Cornell. Relay is a community-based fundraiser for the American Cancer Society that takes place internationally where teams raise money, walk, and run booths in support of cancer research. Last spring, we teamed up with Lambda Theta Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Delta Upsilon to form a united Greek Tri-Council team. Lead by Philanthropy Chairman **Liz Davis-Frost '20**, we had a great



Juniors Cayla Hamann '19 and Madi Ramsey '19 have fun kayaking in San Francisco.

turnout at the event and our team raised over \$5,700. We can't wait to participate in all the incredible philanthropy events Liz will lead alongside Assistant Philanthropy Chairman **Sam Hertle '21**.

TRI DELTA CONVENTION

In July, I had the incredible opportunity to attend Convention 2018 in Dallas, Texas. I spent three days in the beautiful Gaylord Texan Resort, meeting alumnae and fellow collegiate chapter presidents, participating in ritual, and voting on bylaws. The theme of the convention was *Bring You*, a motto that really resonates with me in regard to our chapter specifically. Every time we take in a new member class, we don't ask that they join us to be like us, but that they join and bring themselves. Each year brings new experiences, skills, and perspectives to strengthen our chapter as we question how we can better ourselves and have a positive impact on campus.

We would like to thank all of the alumnae who continue to support us. We look forward to seeing you at 118 Triphammer over Homecoming weekend, or anytime you're back in Ithaca. Our doors are always open!



Delta Love and Mine,
Athena Delgado '20
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Philanthropy Chairman
Liz Davis-Frost '20 at Relay for Life.



Member class '18 celebrates
St. Patrick's Day with Lucky Charms.

Alpha Betas Around the World

This summer has been an amazing experience for Alpha Betas across the world, from Ithaca to San Francisco, to India and Australia, our chapter members have been learning, leading, and giving back.



Activities Chairman **Delaney Ho '21** spent the last two months working with the Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement, a NGO located in Southern India. She has operated within the Socioeconomic Empowerment Program in Kenchanahalli, a tribal village, finding new ways to foster entrepreneurship, creating business models, and marketing their tribal products.



Lydia Clemente '20 spent the summer living in Dublin and interning for a nonprofit that conducts and publishes data analytics on innovation in Ireland. As an intern at the nonprofit, Lydia helped to manage their social media accounts and worked on a team to create a template for a children's book series they will be releasing this fall on Irish innovation by county.



Our vice president of public relations, **Christina Alvarez '20**, traveled to Sydney, Australia, to take a class on the Australian Wine Industry and intern for the Pro-Invest Group, a boutique investment firm specializing in private equity real estate and real estate asset management. During her internship, she got to participate in different projects that are in development across Australia and New Zealand. Christina also had a great time sightseeing around Sydney; she got to see the Harbor Bridge, Opera House, and Bondi Beach, as well as go to surf camp and sky dive!



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Save the Date

Cornell Homecoming September 22

Annual Meeting

Please join us for the Annual Meeting at 11 a.m. on the Sunday during Homecoming weekend, September 23, to be held at the Alpha Beta house, 118 Triphammer Road, or by conference call. To join the conference call, dial 1-712-775-8972; the code is 901054.

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