

# TRI DELTA

Cornell Alpha Beta Alumnae

Alpha Beta Data

Spring 2022



Left to right: Outgoing Lifetime Membership Chairman and Delta Links Steering Committee member Stella Lindardi '22, Delta Links Steering Committee member Cristina Shaul '91, and her Pansy Pal Julia Richardson '23.

## STAY CONNECTED WITH DELTA LINKS!

*“Really thoughtful alumnae who are accomplished and want to give back.”*

*“I really enjoyed getting the chance to speak with some knowledgeable alumnae about their careers!”*

*“I found that the breakout room I joined was super applicable to what I’m interested in, and there was a great range of careers and fields represented! Great panelists!”*

This is just some of the positive feedback we received from a Delta Links STEM panel we hosted in February 2022 with alumnae and actives.

Delta Links is our exciting networking, mentoring, and personal and professional development initiative launched by Alpha Betas for Alpha Betas in January 2021. It is still going strong this spring semester! Delta Links helps our undergraduates build bonds and open up alumnae connections that will last a lifetime.

### Please get involved!

1. We'd love for you to join our **Networking Directory** by creating a profile so active sisters can reach out for career advice, information, and mentorship. Please visit [www.cornelltrideltaalumnae.com/register](http://www.cornelltrideltaalumnae.com/register) to get started! You'll need this invitation code to set up an account: **28pi4hjk591**.
2. Each fall, we match undergraduates with alumnae in our **Pansy Pal** program, which is similar to being an old-fashioned pen pal and a great way to spread some cheer throughout the academic year to our active sisters in a one-on-one manner. Thank you to those who are currently serving in this role! If you'd like to be a Pansy Pal in the future, please email us at [cornelldeltalinks@gmail.com](mailto:cornelldeltalinks@gmail.com) with “Pansy Pals” in the subject line.

3. We'll be hosting more virtual programs, so be on the lookout for emails about:
  - Saving and Investing, led by **Eileen McPeake '90**
  - Happy hours/mixers/games/career connections

I'd like to thank the Delta Links Steering Committee for their commitment to this initiative: **Tara Benedict '01, Judy Fox '72, Jennifer Barber Joyce '93, Cathy Ko '77, Debbie Lechner '77, Stella Linardi '22, Claire Meakem '22, Terry Petracca '76, and Emily Roehr '16**. If you have an interest in serving our chapter in this way, we invite you to join the Delta Links Steering Committee. Please email us at [cornelldeltalinks@gmail.com](mailto:cornelldeltalinks@gmail.com) for more information.

Please visit our website today for more details, including links to the networking directory to create a profile, our mentoring “Rules of the Road,” and the Pansy Pal sign-up at: [www.cornelltrideltaalumnae.com/delta-links](http://www.cornelltrideltaalumnae.com/delta-links).

We sure have been having fun connecting with the active sisters and our fellow alumnae—thank you all for your support and participation.

Delta Love,  
**Cristina Moeder Shaul '91**  
[cristinashaul@gmail.com](mailto:cristinashaul@gmail.com)

## JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE

The Tri Delta house at 118 Triphammer Road will be open on

**Saturday, June 11,**  
from 4-6 p.m.

during Reunion Weekend for any alumnae or actives who are on campus. We'll have simple refreshments along with time to meet and visit with other Tri Deltas and do a lot of reminiscing and laughing!

## PANSY BREAKFAST 2022

We held our traditional Pansy Breakfast in early May.

We enjoyed gathering to celebrate the Tri Delta seniors who are graduating in 2022.

We presented each senior with a special cookbook compiled by the Delta Links committee. The cookbook is filled with favorite recipes from Tri Delta alumnae.



# BECOMING LEADERS



*Claire Meakem '22 receiving the prestigious Sarah Ida Shaw Award during our chapter meeting.*

Hello from Ithaca! My name is Maddie Sand, and I am the new chapter president of Alpha Beta. The undergraduate members of our chapter have been busy with both Tri Delta events and incredible personal endeavors.

The chapter started the semester with formal recruitment, which was, unfortunately, virtual again this year. Through the hard work of each member, we recruited and initiated 45 new members into our chapter. The reward of getting to know these amazing new women makes formal recruitment worth the long days.

In other news, our wonderful, outgoing chapter president, **Claire Meakem '22**, was awarded the prestigious Sarah Ida Shaw Award for her outstanding character and faithful leadership to the chapter. We had a lovely surprise celebration at our chapter meeting where Claire was presented with her award. This is the highest award a collegiate member can receive as a Tri Delta, and Claire was chosen out of 130 chapter nominees!

This semester, the incredible women on our leadership team worked tirelessly to bring back many traditions following

lightened COVID-19 restrictions. The philanthropy team planned several events for the semester, including Dare a Delta, a social media campaign supporting St. Jude. They also planned an event taking place in the late spring called Deltas Got Talent, which will be a sisterhood talent show and philanthropy event. Beyond this, we have successfully completed the transition of our new leadership team and are looking forward to the next year working together.

I have been asked many questions about how alumnae may recommend their family members as potential new members of our chapter. Tri Delta has done away with the legacy policy, which is a decision our membership stands by firmly. We also understand the desire to alert the recruitment team of wonderful women in your lives who are looking to find the same sisterhood you found through Tri Delta. The best way to do this is to email our recruitment chairman, **Kristen Ikle '24**, at [kei6@cornell.edu](mailto:kei6@cornell.edu), or our vice president of membership experience, **Nuray Ozden '24**, at [nyo3@cornell.edu](mailto:nyo3@cornell.edu).

Delta Love,  
**Madeline Sand '23**  
Chapter President

## IMPROVING OUR HOME

The House Corporation Board conducted a survey with the active sisterhood to gather their recommendations about how to improve the Tri Delta house to make it more comfortable and attractive. The board will use this information to identify capital improvement projects over the coming years.

Internet connectivity was the most important area for improvement identified by 94% of the sisterhood. The house at 118 Triphammer has unstable connectivity and many Wi-Fi dark spots within the house, making it difficult for the sisters to

study. The board is currently working with architects and technology experts to examine the options for improving connectivity.

Renovating the basement was the second recommendation for improvement. The active sisters think the basement should be renovated with new furniture purchased to offer more study areas in addition to the purchase of gym equipment for their fitness needs. Improving security was another popular recommendation, including the installation of outside security cameras (63%), bedroom door locks (56%), and an updated front-door lock with individual key

codes (38%). The board is evaluating security company quotes.

There was also an overall suggestion for updating the decor to match current styles. This included fixing some of the wall hangings (63%), updating the living room decor (56%), and updating the kitchen wall coverings and hangings (56%).

The House Corporation will consider this feedback to decide future updates along with necessary repairs to the roof and Delta Deck as they develop their property plan.

Delta Love,  
**Jennifer Joyce '93**

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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

**Hayley Abell '25**  
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**Eushin Vitale '25**  
**Kira Weinberger '24**  
**Nadia Wong '24**

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO LOYAL SISTERS

Our sisterhood truly appreciates the following sisters for contributing in the fall of 2021. Your gifts make a difference in the lives of Alpha Beta's undergraduates and provide opportunities for sisters following in your footsteps!

**Thank you,**

**Jean Schultheis Brechter '49, Dr. Robin Resch Charlton '74,  
Carol Benson Antos '77, Barbara Wooten Chamberlain '78,  
and Melissa Herb Kovac '94.**

## ALUMNAE NEWS

**Lauren Surasky Lysiak '84** is a physical therapist with a focus in home care. She is married to her wonderful husband, Paul, and they have three standard poodle "kids." Lauren resides in Rochester, N.Y.  
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**Attention:** *This newsletter is intended for alumnae, undergraduates, and parents. If your daughter is still attending Cornell University, she will receive a copy at the Chapter House. If she has graduated, please send us her permanent address to update our records. Thank you.*

## MAINTAINING OUR HOME AND PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

We are approaching the end of another challenging year for the chapter and Alpha Beta House Corporation. The end of the fall semester involved a rapid spread of Omicron and a serious water leak from the sun deck, aka Delta Deck, into the crescent rooms below.

Torrential late summer rains—six inches or more in a day—overwhelmed the deck covering, which is no longer up for the job. The good news is that the House Corporation has been working steadily over the last five to seven years to complete a maintenance list prepared for us by an engineering firm in Ithaca. While this wasn't on our list, we do have a well-maintained 100-plus-year-old building. We have asked the engineering firm and an architectural firm to prepare the rehab plan and guide us through this process, hopefully completing the roof repair this summer along with any other damaged areas.

The other immediate need is to upgrade our Wi-Fi system. We have tried many adjustments both this year and last, but the concrete walls of the house were not designed for today's technology. Hopefully by the fall, we will have made the necessary

modifications and the Wi-Fi system will be fast and efficient while handling a high volume.

Every two to four years, National asks the House Corporation to revise their bylaws. With the challenging circumstances regarding the Greek system on campuses nationwide, we have been working steadily over the last year to update ours. We anticipate having these revisions ready for your consideration at the annual meeting in the fall.

As a House Corporation, we continue to support the efforts of Delta Links, chaired by **Cristina Moeder Shaul '91** and made up of a terrific committee of recent and not-so-recent graduates. These efforts, while supporting current chapter members, have also stimulated more active involvement of alumnae on committees, Zoom social hours, and House Corporation—definitely a win-win.

We encourage all alumnae to join us in continued involvement in the sisterhood. You can join a committee and/or the House Corporation, donate, become a mentor or Pansy Pal, or create a Delta Links program.



*Our beautiful home at 118 Triphammer Road.*

While all these ventures take time, I think it is safe to say that the volunteers are getting back as much—or more than—the time and energy we are committing.

As you can see, House Corporation has a full agenda in support of a strong sisterhood past, present, and future. We are wishing everyone a return to lives full of health, happiness, adventure, and friendship.

Delta Love,  
**Judy Fox '72**  
Alpha Beta House Corporation President