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FROM OUR PRESIDENT: PI PHI CONTRIBUTES TO SUCCESS



It is a bittersweet moment approaching the end of my presidential term of Pi Phi. Though it has been one of my most challenging endeavors at Cornell, it has by far been the most rewarding aspect of my college ca-

reer. I am so appreciative of the support, mentorship, and sincere friendships I have gained through this organization. My time in Pi Phi has made me a more strong, confident, and thoughtful person, and I think many members of our chapter would say the same.

This has been a busy semester for our chapter. Our sisters returned to campus in late August, bringing stories from summer adventures and excitement for the new school year. In September we welcomed alumnae back to Ithaca for a beautiful celebration of NY Delta's Centennial. Our seniors hosted a Homecoming breakfast in early October for our chapter and the sisters of Delta Delta Delta. As I write this, we are in the midst of celebrating Halloween and slowly transitioning into the cold Ithaca weather. November brings our Winter Formal, just before sisters head home for Thanksgiving break.

My senior year as a Pi Phi has been a blast so far. I am trying to take in everything Ithaca has to offer and often end up sharing these experiences with my sisters. I took some waterskiing classes on Cayuga Lake and went for picnics in the Cornell Botanical Gardens. We went to the Corning Museum of Glass where our vice president of membership, Grace Rieflin, won a handmade chalice after mentioning her interest in glass blowing to the museum clerk. Many of us go to the Cornell Women's Varsity Soccer games to support our very own Kaili Gregory in her final collegiate season. On weekends I like to go to the Ithaca Farmers Market

to eat breakfast and look at the sailboats in Cayuga Lake. In November I'm excited to go to the Frozen Apple Cornell Hockey game and reconnect with some sisters who graduated last year and moved to New York City. It's really nice to share all of these experiences with such strong friends.

After graduation, I am moving to San Francisco to work at Apple as a software engineer for the Apple watch. I've been interested in wearable technology since the beginning of high school and always dreamt of someday working on the Apple watch fitness application. This goal inspired me to study computer science in college, and I am so excited I get to experience my dream career right out of college. Moving across the country to California will be a big change for me, but I feel comforted knowing my Pi Phi family will be only a phone call away.

During my presidential term, I have been living in the Pi Phi house on North Campus. The house has many amenities I will miss, but I am particularly thankful it awarded me the opportunity to bond with our youngest member class. These women are so bright and passionate and I am excited that the future of our chapter rests in their hands. Next semester, I will move out of 330 Triphammer to join 15 other Pi Phi seniors in a big house on College Avenue. I'm excited for all of the adventures and memories to come.

I am so thankful for all of the ways Pi Phi has touched my life and will continue to impact it. It has been an honor to give back to this organization and play a part in other peoples' experiences. Please try to reconnect with your sisters and relive some of your favorite memories, you won't regret it.

> In the Wine and Silver Blue, Leah Womelsdorf '20

NY DELTA COMMEMORATES ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY!

On June 15, 2019, The New York Delta Chapter of Pi Beta Phi celebrated its 100th year as a Greek chapter on Cornell University's campus. In order to celebrate this important milestone, the chapter held a Centennial Celebration Weekend, September 27-29. As the vice president of fraternity development, I worked with Mackenzie Maloney, the centennial chair, and with NY Delta Alum Laurel Kruke to plan the event. Preparations for the event began as early as last spring with creating a website for the event, making reservations for hotel rooms and event space, and creating a budget. Mackenzie and I also created a shared photo folder for alumnae to share photos, songs, and memories prior to the event in order to create a memory board and slideshow for the event.

On Friday, September 27, the event kicked off with a welcome reception at the house. Alumnae and chapter members gathered at the house to give room tours, meet our sisters, and talk about our experiences in the house. Three of the alumnae present were on the executive board when the house was bought and were a part of the first class that lived in our current house at 330 Triphammer Road. This was such a special event to get to know one another and a great start to our exciting weekend.

On Saturday, September 28, the chapter held a Centennial Celebration brunch at the Hotel Ithaca. The event had over 40 New York Delta alumnae in attendance in addition to the current New York Delta members. The brunch space was decorated with 100th centerpieces, a photobooth backdrop, and memory boards with Pi Phi memorabilia collected from alumnae and our home's archives. During brunch, the current executive board of New York Delta presented "A Year at Pi Beta Phi," and Laurel Kruke spoke about her experience being involved in Pi Beta Phi during and after college. Our brunch was closed by our keynote speaker, Dr. Susan Murphy, former vice president for Student and Academic Services (SAS) at Cornell University and a New York Delta alum, who shared her experience as a Pi Beta Phi in the context of our six core values. While going through chapter histories, eating deli-

cious food, and taking lots of pictures, our chapter was able to create a new sense of unification with our alumnae and strengthen our bond of sisterhood.

On Sunday, September 29, we ended the weekend with a farewell cookie shine. The cookie

shine was catered by Ithaca Bakery—which was able to create Pi Phi arrow cookies. Once again, alumnae and chapter members gathered back at the house to share memories of past cookie shines, sing songs, and (of course) eat lots of cookies! As alumnae began to leave, we handed out commemorative ornaments for the event and thanked our Pi Phi sisters for coming from all over the country to celebrate this amazing weekend with our chapter.

Once again, we would love to thank Laurel Kruke for all of her help coordinating this event, and thank all of our alumnae who came to celebrate with us and who inspired our chapter members with your lifelong commitment, sincere friendships, and love for your sisters.

- Nicki Bukovac '21



OUR CENTENIAL CELEBRATION: 100 YEARS OF PI BETA PHI

What a fabulous weekend we had! Thank you to Vice President of Fraternity Development Nicki Bukovac, , Centennial Chair Mackenzie Maloney, and especially former

AAC Chair Laurel Kruke, for their commitment, energy and creativity to plan and execute such a special event in New York Delta's history.



With alumnae spanning more than six decades in attendance, we shared memories that harkened back almost to our founding. Some alumnae remembered meeting older alumnae at our 75th anniversary, including one of our founders. Recognizing that

our values of integrity, lifelong commitment, honor and respect, personal and intellectual growth, philanthropic service to others, and sincere friendship have stood the test of time, we all were inspired to keep our connections to one another and to New York Delta alive. Just think of the stories that will be told at our next big anniversary!

While many things have changed throughout the years (e.g., alumnae needed to explain what a pinning ceremony is to the current actives; singing at dinner is a lost art!), so much has remained the same (e.g., academic excellence, athletic accomplishment, service to campus and community)—especially the lifelong friendships that are created by being sisters and especially

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Senior year has been flying by. It's hard to grasp that I only have seven months left in my undergraduate career, on Ithaca's campus, and with the wonderful, strong, supportive community that I have surrounded myself with here. The only word to describe it is bittersweet: while I'm saddened at even the thought of leaving Cornell, I have been able to reflect on my valuable time and memorable experiences during my past three years here.

In high school, I would have never pictured myself joining a sorority. Greek life wasn't something that I was familiar with at all, and I had never factored my participation in it into my plan for my college years. But, come spring semester of my freshman year, I went through formal recruitment along with many of my peers. Joining Pi Phi was nerve-wracking: I had established a close knit group of friends during my first semester, yet I didn't recognize a single face in my new member class. It was hard to imagine that I would be able to foster the meaningful connections and create the community that I did within this sisterhood.

Three years later, I am part of the vibrant, diverse, motivated, and supportive group

of women that is the current NY Delta chapter. I find strength and inspiration in my sisters' advice, accomplishments, morals and examples that they set daily, and I am proud to be a Pi Phi on this campus. This is a realization I have come to gradually, and especially over the past few months. Currently I serve as our chapter's senior member coordinator. Our senior class (the Class of 2020) is the largest graduating class in our chapter, with over 50 members, 15 of whom I live with. I find myself becoming closer to these women everyday, learning from them and growing with them. Over homecoming weekend, I gave one of our Pi Phi for Life seminars to these seniors. We talked about the meaning of legacy and thought seriously about the space we create here-both for our sisters on campus, and for all the alumnae whenever and if ever they choose to occupy it. It was clear to me, throughout this discussion, that the Class of 2020 values and respects the morals of Pi Phi, and will continue those in their next steps after graduation.

Being a part of this organization has helped me grow, probably in more ways than I realize. I am excited to give those same experiences to our newest member class, as I will serve as the director of new member education in the coming spring. College is a transition, and as you all know, Cornell's large campus takes thoughtful navigation in order to find your community. I know I certainly found mine, and I look forward to guiding our new members through part of that transition, and welcoming them into our chapter.

I want to thank this wonderful group of women for all that they haven given me throughout my time at Cornell. The thing I love most about NY Delta is that there is no typical Pi Phi. I am constantly impressed and humbled by the diversity of passion and involvement that I see in our chapter. I get to learn from those studying different majors, pursuing different careers, and coming from different places and backgrounds daily. I am so grateful for this unique opportunity, and will feel its absence after I graduate in May. So, thank you to all the past and current Pi Phis for showing me what it means to be an empowered, independent, and driven woman. I know I can always call this community home.

-Emma Lester '20

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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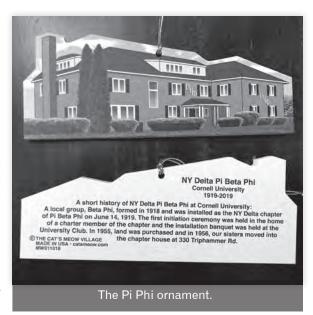
by living together at 330 Triphammer Road.

To commemorate the occasion, everyone who attended or contributed financially to the celebration received an ornament of 330 Triphammer Rd. (see photo). If you would like to order an ornament to celebrate and remember our home away from home, please make a \$15 contribution to NY Delta's House Corporation, made in addition to any other annual giving you may do. We will be placing another order in January 2020, and will ship ornaments in the spring. If you would like to donate online, do so here by selecting "Gift to support the Centennial Anniversary": https://www. pibetaphi-cornell.org/publicpay1.asp. You can also pay by check (see the gift card enclosed with this mailing) and make sure to write "Centennial Anniversary" in the memo line so we know your contribution is meant for our Centennial and an ornament. If you have any questions, please email Laurel at LKruke@gmail.com.

Thank you, Pi Phis, for providing an opportunity to reconnect across the generations and celebrate one another.

With Pi Phi love,

Susan H. Murphy '73 House Corporation Treasurer



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Pi Phi is putting back the "fun" in fundraising by bringing the chapter and our Cornell community together to raise awareness and funds for causes nearest and dearest to our hearts. This fall semester was all about Pie, Football, Puppies, and Lollipops on the Cornell campus and we made our presence known. Pi Phi had record participation for our chapter at all of our events and more than doubled our funds from the previous year!

This semester, Pi Phi hosted three events to fundraise and promote awareness for Read > Lead > Achieve. Our first event on Ho Plaza was "Pie a Pi Phi," where students pay a few dollars to throw a whipped cream pie into the face of one of our sisters! This sweet event was a huge hit as we had over 200 pies thrown. Ladies, way to take one for the team and for the cause! A little over a month later, we had our second event called Arrowbowl, a flag football tournament in Bartel's hall. 54 participants battled it out in this coed tournament for dollars



and the Arrowbowl title. A fantastic time was had by all, and congratulations to "Chi Phriday Night Lights" on their big win, and thank you for donating your winnings back to our fundraising efforts. Our final event was Lollipops for Literacy on Halloween. We handed out over 100 free, ghost-themed lollipops with a literacy fact attached to the stem. The event raised awareness for the illiteracy crisis in the U.S to the Cornell community. Awareness leads to action, and we did it one lollipop at a time. All of our proceeds from these events were donated to Read > Lead > Achieve.

Pi Phi was involved in two other major events on campus, for which we collaborated with our fellow brothers and sisters at Chi Psi and Delta Delta. We got together with our brothers at Chi Psi for "Puppies and Ice Cream" in September to support Guiding Eyes for the Blind, a non-profit that raises puppies to be seeing eye dogs. We had an extraordinary turnout of Pi

Phi girls and four fun loving puppies on Ho Plaza as we sold ice cream and helped our brothers raise much needed funds for their philanthropic goals. This was followed by the "Big Red Thon," a dance marathon on November 9, to support the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital, with our Delta Delta Delta sisters for a huge team of girls dancing for the cause. The proceeds fund the critical treatments, healthcare services, and pediatric medical equipment for the patients and their families. We



were the third largest group fundraisers for the Children's Hospital and we can't wait to dance the night away.

The fall 2019 semester left us with a difficult choice, a chapter vote on what we should do with all of the excess funds we have raised due to the success of all of our events. In our last chapter meeting in October, we decided to give 8% of our total philanthropy proceeds to Ithaca Health Alliance, a free clinic whose main purpose is to provide quality healthcare to those who cannot afford it. Pie, Football, Puppies, and Lollipops were the keys to our success this semester as Cornell's Pi Phi philanthropic activities have a strong showing this year.

— Julia Bausano '22VP of Philanthropy

ALUMNAE SHARE THEIR NEWS

Beatrice Watson O'Connell '48 writes, "Best wishes to all of you who are attending the anniversary celebration of New York Delta at Cornell. At my age, I am no longer able to travel long distances but shall be thinking of you as you come together in September." Beatrice makes her home at 1581 Third St. NW, New Brighton, MN 55112.

"I have just, in the last four months, moved

into a retirement home (Moravian Manor) in my hometown of Lilitz, Pennsylvania," updated **Helen E. Miback (Wallace) '53** when she wrote to us in late May. "I have just turned 88, and have raised three daughters who live in Australia, Birmingham, Alabama, and Pennsylvania. I also have six wonderful grandchildren who are scattered from Brussels, Belgium, to Bali, Indonesia, and range in age from 21-28. I have four grandsons, and two grand-

daughters—quite a crew when we all get together. Wonderful memories of the 'old' Pi Phi house and the times we had there. More girl power to all!" (485 Ward Ave, Apt 1, Lilitz, PA 17543)

Barbara Schickler Hankin '54 and Barbara Jones Jenkins '54 wrote that they were excited to attend their 65th Reunion

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PI PHIS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

In addition to being serious about their academics—Pi Phi is tied for 4th highest GPA out of all Panhellenic and MGFC organizations on Cornell's campus—members of Pi Phi are involved in a wide variety of organizations across campus. From philanthropic organizations, to project teams, to pre-professional fraternities, to on-campus jobs, to club sports, you can find Pi Phis almost anywhere. *Some members speak about their favorite organizations:*

GlobeMed: "I am the president of GlobeMed, a student-run club at Cornell that partners with a nonprofit organization in Guatemala. It's been so nice to be a part of this service-oriented and passionate club alongside so many of my friends from Pi Phi. It's clear we share so many of the same values and interests!" -Hannah Nusbaum

Project Teams: "Concrete Canoe is a civil engineering project team where we design, build, and race a canoe completely made out of concrete. It's a really unique experience because it's a chance for us to apply the skills that we learn in class. It's completely student-led, so there are a lot of leadership opportunities on the team." -Alex Meyer

Research Labs: "I am a member of the Early Childhood Cognition Lab. We look at how kids learn about their world. The study that I'm a part of looks at how kids' perspective taking makes them perform better on tasks that are difficult for their age group." -Lotta Borgers

On-Campus Jobs: "I'm the student coordinator for group fitness at Cornell Fitness Centers. I work with the professional staff and instructors to help coordinate our 95 group fitness classes a week, as well as other fitness and health related programs for the Cornell community. I also help out with other student manager duties such as teaching training classes for fitness monitors. This is a very rewarding position; I get to interact with many members of the Cornell community while building my leadership, organizational, and communication skills."-Sarah Rappazzo



Cornell Democrats: "I'm the political director of the Cornell Democrats, a group aiming to further progressive and Democratic ideals. One of my favorite parts has been mobilizing people for elections—phone banking for candidates locally and in swing states across the country, and canvassing in nearby New York State districts." -Nina Hazra

Dance Troupes: "On Tap is a dance troupe at Cornell, where we learn and choreograph tap dances. We have an annual show in the spring where each dancer has an opportunity to choreograph. This past semester I chose to choreograph and it was one of the most fun and rewarding experiences ever! I am now the social chair of On Tap, where I plan events outside of our tap practices so the members can get to know each other better. Through On Tap I have been able to continue my favorite style of dance and meet some of my closest friends." -Alison Landry

A capella groups: "Mediocre Melodies is a group comprised of bad singers coming together to support a good cause. Twice a year, the organization puts on a mediocre yet entertaining concert which raises money for local Ithaca organizations." -Ella Yakir

Body Positive: "Body Positive Cornell has been one of my favorite experiences at Cornell because it has allowed me and so many others here to engage in meaningful and empowering conversations about body acceptance, diversity, self-care, social stigmas, and discrimination." -Eleanor Smith

Ski Team: "I am the captain of the Women's Alpine Ski Racing Team. Our team trains on and off snow and travels together to compete against colleges in our division. We are a competitive team, and each year we make it to the national championships, to compete against teams from all over the U.S.! The ski team gives me the chance to continue one of my favorite activities while at school and show my competitive spirit. Last winter, a bunch of my Pi Phi sisters came to watch my race, and I loved feeling supported!" -Elise Michaels

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT



I spent this past summer working at Tory Burch as a fashion design intern. I was excited to be able to witness the fashion industry firsthand, and the opportunity

was better than I had imagined. I was able to obtain training in different specialties within the design process, reporting to four different teams within the design department: prints, fabrics, hard wovens, and soft wovens. Fashion design is a dynamic process, so my set of responsibilities would constantly change as the different teams worked through their respective stages. These evolving responsibilities allowed me to hold a wide variety of roles and see a holistic view of how a large fashion brand operates.

My favorite part was working with the prints team. The new director of prints started the same day I did and was very excited to take me under her wing and involve me in the creative process. She gave me the responsibility of hand painting motifs based on Tory Burch's selected inspiration images to be used as a basis for print development. As the summer progressed, my involvement increased as the prints team began incorporating my paintings into mood boards, clothing mock-ups, and some early versions of actual prints.

My other favorite job was creating mock-ups of garments to help the wovens team start developing the next collection. I had the most creative freedom in this role. I was allowed to use any fabrics and trims from the studio and create anything I wanted, as long as it was consistent with the inspiration images and overarching theme of the collection. I didn't think I would have the opportunity to create my own designs as an intern and it made my experience even more rewarding.

I'm grateful to have worked at Tory Burch under people who were genuinely interested in helping me learn and make the most out of my time there. Even with the internship, the best part of the summer was living with and spending my free time with my friends from Pi Phi who were also living and working in New York City in a variety of exciting roles.

- Grace Rickert '21

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in June. Want to get back in touch with Barbara Hankin? She can be reached by postal mail at 5225 Pooks Hill Rd, Bethesda, MD 20814, or barbara@hankins.net.

Thanks to Jean Willman Scott '56 for her enthusiastic letter in advance of the 100th event. We're delighted to share most of it here: "I and some of my continuing best friends from the class of 1956 are very excited about this wonderful event! We were the first group to live in the house when it was brand new! You can't imagine how thrilled we were! I was president then, and my roommate, Barbara Osgood '56, was vice president. What an honor it was to have the opportunity to have first choice of every room! We are both coming to the celebration and can hardly wait to see 'our' room, along with participating in the other activities. This event, I know, has required huge amounts of time, effort, dedication, and plain hard work by so many of you. What an amazing job you have accomplished so we may all enjoy it. I thank you from the bottom of my heart and look forward to meeting my present-day sisters!" She signs off "with Pi Phi love." Find out how it all turned out! Email Jean at lovingheart929@verizon.net, or send postal mail to 1460 Colony Place, Venice, FL 34292.

Ann Coyne '58 wrote with news of her retirement in September 2018 from the University of Nebraska, Omaha. She moved to Kendal at Ithaca in October 2018, and lives in a cottage on the Kendal campus. "Give me a call if you come back to Ithaca!" she suggests. You can reach Ann at 402-630-7243, or by email at acovne@unomaha.edu.

"Just hanging in there," reports Dorinda Larkin McNamara '58. Email her at larkinmack@yahoo.com. Her postal address is 3 Scott Lane, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

We thank Carolyn Carlson Blake '60 for her special 100th anniversary greeting and donation from her local alumnae club, in Bergen County, New Jersey—of which she has been president for many years! She

writes, "I am proud of being a NY Delta Pi Phi! Great job, sisters." Catch up with her at ccblake38@gmail.com or by postal mail at 111 Midwood Ave., Allendale, NJ 07401.

When she wrote in August, Janis Mitchelhill Leas '60 was hoping she would be able to attend the centennial celebration. Reach out to her for an update at imlrondale@aol.com or 208 Bruceville Rd.. High Falls, NY 12440.

Also looking forward to attending the centennial celebration, Elisabeth Kaplan Boas '71 writes, "This summer I spent four weeks at Cornell Adult University, living in the air-conditioned splendor of Court Kay Bauer dorm on north campus. Thus, I passed by the house and its near-empty parking lot for four weeks!" She continues, "In other headlines, my two daughters were each married this spring-one in Manhattan and one in Hawaii. Their brother was married two and a half years ago in Tokyo." Elisabeth can be reached at ekb7@cornell.edu or 11 Oxford St., Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Ken (Cornell '75) and Elaine Ayres '75 have both retired. Elaine completed a career at the National Institutes of Health after 37 years of service. Come visit Ken and Elaine at their new home in Massachusetts, a short drive away from their son Jay (Cornell '04) and family Alona, Kyle (8), and Amalia (6). Let them know if you'd like to make the trip: their new address is 11 Garrison Way, Carlisle, MA 01741; Elaine can be reached at ejanird@gmail.com.

"I've been working part time at Horness Race Track, while I continue to be busily raising and taking care of animus at Locustwood Farm (sheep, goats, geese, chickens, donkeys, and horses)," reports Joanne Bicknese '75. Catch up with her at bicknesj@verizon.net or 33 Rues Rd., Cream Ridge, NJ 08514.

Jeanne M. Mullenhoff '76 retired from the U.S. Department of Justice in April 2016, then moved to Charlottesville, Virginia, in May. "Charlottesville is gorgeous," she says. "It reminds me of

DECEASED

We regret to announce the deaths of:

Dawn (Rochow-Baiden) Seymour '39 July 18, 2017

> J. Alice (Baer) Hadlow '41 September 7, 2018

Patricia (Loux) Pinkney '62 February 16, 2019

Christabel H. (Hamilton) Frederick '46 April 4, 2019

Julie Elizabeth (Kamerer) Snell '45 **S**eptember 24, 2019

Ithaca." When Jeanne wrote to us in the beginning of the summer, she had been playing a lot of golf, and looking forward to seeing Cindy Powell, Lynette (Turner) Prosser, and Joanne (Kline) Spicher. (112 Lilac Terrace, Zim Crossroads, VA 22942; imullenhoff@gmail.com)

"After 19 years raising my two sons, I have re-entered the corporate world," reports Allison Dunryea Ostern '87. Now a meeting and events planner for Cigna at their headquarters in Bloomfield, Connecticut, she adds that it feels great to use her Hotel School skills again! What else is new with Allison? "I see my Pi Phi roomie and bestie, Leesa Storfer '86 on a regular basis, as well as Sue Davis Frontero '87, and Joanne Restivo Jensen '84. My son, Jake, just finished his sophomore year at UCONN, and my younger son, Bennett, just fnished his sophomore year at Westminster Prep School." Allison is hoping to visit campus in September for the Centennial Celebration-let her know if vou're also planning on attending, or contact her if you're in the Hartford, Connecticut area! She can be reached at 860-874-5747.

Update your contact information for Maxine Ames '10, who recently moved to 834 Chestnut St, Apt 612, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Want to get in touch? Her email is mra34@cornell.edu.