

NY DELTA DOINGS

NY DELTA CHAPTER OF PI BETA PHI AT CORNELL

SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER

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PI PHIS DEALING WITH QUARANTINE

With COVID-19 becoming a global pandemic, Cornell University quickly closed and moved to online classes. While many students were disappointed with the news and returning home, lots of us have been finding fun ways to be at home. One of our members, Mollie Cramer '20, explained, "I'm spending my quarantine at home in Chicago. My little brother has been teaching me how to play Grand Theft Auto (I'm not very good), my mom and I have been baking, and my dad and I have been working on our mile time." Abi Kraus '23, one of our new members, said, "A lot of my time has been spent trying to clean and organize my room into a productive space for online classes, but beyond that, I've been watching TV, reading, and cooking meals with my family!" Aarushi Machavarapu '23, another one of our new members, explained how she's been keeping in contact with her fellow sisters! She said, "During my quarantine, I've been sleeping and watching a little too much TV, but also spending my time painting, which I don't get to do much. I've also been redecorating my room and calling Pi Phi friends on Houseparty to have game nights!"



Our members have also commented about how nice it is to be spending time with family. Alex Gibbons '22 told us, "I've been using the quarantine period to spend some quality time with my family and our new dog, Mojo. And of course, I've been doing things like Netflix watch parties to stay in touch with my Pi Phi sisters!" Laura Valderabanno '22 described a similar experience, saying, "I've mostly just been spending time with my family and exercising! My sister and I have been in charge of making family dinner, so that's been really fun too!"

Lots of our members were abroad this semester in places all around the world. While it was disappointing to cut abroad experiences short, Chase Kauder '21 described, "Since returning from abroad, I have been spending most of my time working remotely for the venture-capital firm I was interning with in London. While I was sad to leave, it was definitely necessary. At home, I have also been able to spend time with my family and FaceTime my Pi Phi sisters across the country and the world. Sincere friendship transcends social distance!"

— Kayla DeLeuze '21

SPOTLIGHT: PRANJAL JAIN REVOLUTIONIZING REPRESENTATION THROUGH GLOBAL GIRLHOOD



In 1929, Virginia Woolf wrote that, "for most of history, 'Anonymous' was a woman." Nearly a century later, the *New York Times* estimates that about 0.5% of recorded history is devoted to women's stories. This discrepancy creates a scarcity of historical precedent for talking about women in our entirety and robs us of good role

models. But we don't have to live with that. We can be our own role models and write our own histories. Pi Phi founder Fannie Thompson said, "Our object ... is to send out into the world women who will ever be an honor and a blessing." Our storytellers want to tell the stories of the multitudes of

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Pranjal Jain '23 is the founder of Global Girlhood and associate director of GenZ Girl Gang. She is a freshman ILR major at Cornell who is already making a difference in our school and in the New York Delta organization.

FRONT LOADING PHILANTHROPY

Unfortunately, our spring semester was cut short. That said, our Pi Phi sisters started off the semester with lots of philanthropic work! Our first event of the semester was a Valentines Day candy-gram sale and flower-donation drive. There were two parts to the event.

First, we partnered with a local florist in Ithaca to deliver carnations on Valentines Day to Oak Hill Manor Nursing Home patients. Our sisters also delivered candy grams all around campus on Valentines Day to people who had donated to our flower drive. It was truly such a rewarding experience to make a difference in the Ithaca community and to bring joy to patients on Valentines Day.

In March, our chapter partnered with Alpha Epsilon Phi and Lambda Chi Alpha to create a team for Relay for Life. Our

team raised over \$12,000 and had over 70 members, making our team the top team for Cornell University's event! So many of us have been touched in some way by cancer, so while the event was cancelled, we were thrilled as a team to be able to support the American Cancer Society.

Our plan was to do three more philanthropic events this semester, which we are now going to postpone to next semester. The event we are most excited about doing as a chapter will be Pi Beta Phi Battle of the Bands! We plan to get student groups from around campus to perform at a battle-of-the-bands-style charity event. Another goal for next semester is to continue to have our chapter volunteer in the Ithaca community, such as at the Ithaca Free Clinic or Ithaca Homeless Shelter.

— Nicki Bukovac '21



Nicki Bukovac, VP community relations, holding the carnations to be delivered during our Valentines Day candy-gram sale and flower donation drive!



Shayda Daneshvari, director of philanthropy, and Quincy Erturk, VP recruitment, delivering carnations to the Oak Hill Manor Patients.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT: INSPIRED BY MY PI PHI SISTERS



Catherine Choi '21

My name is Eunbin Catherine Choi, and I am ecstatic to be your new chapter president. My particular affinity for Pi Phi started during round three of recruitment last year, when I first met Ayah Amad '21, who later became my big. In those short 15 minutes or so, Ayah's personality demonstrated a balanced capacity to be fun and goofy and cheerful but also serious when needed, and mindful and knowledgeable when responding to my concerns about being a sorority woman and also a college student in general. Many of you continue to inspire me in the same way that Ayah did and still does today.

When living in the house last semester, my gratitude for the energy around me solidified in ways I never expected. I was blessed to have a roommate who, for the first time, wasn't resentful of my sleeping habits and was surprisingly very similar to me, despite my initial analysis of our differences. Next door, I had a friend who always supported me in moments when my mental health hit its worst. And lastly, I was praised for my passion in speaking out against injustice in every sense of the word instead of being judged for being too argumentative and sensitive. Over time, I realized that this

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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER CLASS 2020

Maya Barbieri
Woodbridge, CT

Lior Cole
Great Neck, NY

Jeren Konak
Reading, PA

Sengen Meyer
Corte Madera, CA

Jordan Sandell
South Salem, NY

Caroline Barry
Chatham, NJ

Ela Ferhangil
New York, NY

Prameela Kottapalli
New York, NY

Annelie Miller
Mill Valley, CA

Henley Schulz
Moreland Hills, OH

Sarah Boyle
Pearl River, NY

Charlotte Galasso
New York, NY

Abi Kraus
New York, NY

Sasha Miranda
Washington, DC

Chloe Solon
Glencoe, IL

Isabelle Breedveld
Wayne, PA

Katriana Galloway
Los Angeles, CA

Audrey Lewis
Barnstable, MA

Adina Mistry
Scarsdale, NY

Jordan Tralins
St. Petersburg, FL

Matilde Cardoso
Richmond Hill, NY

Renee Girbau
Calexico, CA

Kaila Lingo
Wayne, PA

Jennifer Muson
Belmont, MA

Allie Voltaggio
Bedford, NY

Cianna Chairez
Austin, TX

Pranjal Jain
Roslyn, NY

Aarushi Machavarapu
Austin, TX

Lillian Pinheiro
New Vernon, NJ

Caroline Williams
Katonah, NY

Christelle Chemaly
Middletown, NJ

Paulina Klubok
Brooklyn, NY

Taelor Matos
Snellville, GA

Rachel Reeves
Laguna Niguel, CA

SILVER ARROWS CELEBRATING CHAPTER LOYALTY

On March 4, our chapter celebrated Chapter Loyalty Day. Though Chapter Loyalty Day is typically celebrated on January 9, we celebrated this semester once all of our new members were initiated and could celebrate with us! To celebrate this special day, our chapter honored three individuals with Silver Arrow Awards. We started this tradition last year in order to exemplify members of our chapter who have demonstrated Pi Phi's core values: integrity, life-long commitment, honor and respect, personal and intellectual growth, philanthropic service to others, and sincere friendship. We nominate a Silver Arrow Award winner for each member class in order to encourage our members to be leaders in their member classes. — Louise Ortego '22



In MC 17, our winner was Leah Womelsdorf '20. Leah has truly exemplified what it means to be a Pi Phi. I am sure you all recognize her name as our previous president. Leah inspired members of all classes to be passionate about our organization, to join leadership, and to have integrity. She respected every member of our chapter and was always willing to get input or advice from chapter members. She gave a year of her life to making this organization a better place, and making her a Silver Arrow winner was just a token of our appreciation for her efforts. Our honorable mentions for the award are Eleanor Smith '20, Gracy Levenson '20, Emma Lester '20, and Emma LoMastro '20.



In MC 18, our winner was Quincy Erturk '21. Quincy is one of the kindest people in our chapter and is always bubbly and friendly. She has taken great efforts to be friends with all the member classes and is a natural leader. We are so thrilled that she is our new VP of recruitment, as she continues to strive to make sincere friendship a cornerstone of our sisterhood. She also participates in lots of philanthropic work through our organization and in others on campus. Our honorable mentions for the award were Kayla DeLeuze '21, Nicki Bukovac '21, Anushka Haldar '20, Alex Meyer '21, and Meg Anderson '21.



Lastly, in MC 19, our winner was Lauren Espinal '22. Lauren regularly volunteers with Cornell's YOURS (Youth Outreach Undergraduates Reshaping Success), which provides after-school mentoring to students living in mobile-home communities. She shows a lot of integrity in everything she does, and she holds others to that standard as well. Lauren has taken on the role of VP risk management this year and has already demonstrated her strength as a leader and sister in the house. Our honorable mentions for the award were Mackenzie Maloney '21, Lolo Zahmner '22, Cassidy Cao '22, Julia Bauzano '22, and Cat Choi '22.

BID DAY IN THE ΣΠΦW

We are thrilled to be welcoming 34 new members into our sisterhood! Former Vice President of Membership Grace Rieflin '20 and former Recruitment Chair Eleanor Smith '20 did an absolutely fantastic job during recruitment, and we are thrilled about our newest member class 2020!

Throughout recruitment, lots of potential new members (PNMs) commented on how our chapter members have sincere friendship and are women of honor and respect. After hearing this myself, I was thoroughly touched and humbled to be a part of this amazing organization of SPRING 2020

women. For bid day each year, we like to create a theme to make it as exciting for the new members and as fun for the current chapter members as possible. This year, our theme for bid day was ΣΠΦW! The new member coordinators (Emma Lester '20, Meg Anderson '21, and Nicole Werner '22) decorated our home with a large photo banner, streamers, a pool filled with balloons, and a donut wall! They also planned fun activities, like having a piñata, playing donut on the string, and of course, having lots of dancing!

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SENIOR REFLECTION: EMILY PARKER



Emily Parker '20 and Kristy Ardalan '22 during round two of Panhellenic recruitment 2020.

It's nearly impossible to believe that four years of college have come and gone so quickly. It feels like just yesterday that I was walking into my dorm room on West Campus as a sophomore transfer to Cornell, excited for my new beginnings but undoubtedly nervous about starting over at such a large school. To say that joining Pi Phi helped me in my transition and adjustment to this new home would be an understatement; it was a pivotal contributor to what turned out to be the best three years I could imagine.

The NY Delta chapter of Pi Phi is extremely unique. Our sisters come from all over the world, represent nearly all of Cornell's majors, are involved in several different varsity athletic teams, and showcase some of the most unthinkable talents and hobbies. But we are all grounded by the morals of Pi Phi, which is why the value within our chapter is unparalleled. I feel extremely lucky to have been given the chance to surround myself by these outstanding, inspirational, and driven ladies.

In addition to receiving an incredible support system, it was an honor to be able to serve our chapter as VP finance. Doing so gave me the opportunity to give back, both by enabling me to develop closer relationships with sisters across several member classes, as well as to ensure that all of our members' voices were heard and valued when developing our budget and plans for the year. Even more, it was extremely motivating to be a part of an executive board that comprised so much talent and dedication to making tangible contributions to our chapter. Many of my fondest memories at Cornell were built with my Pi Phi sisters. From grilling hamburgers in the pouring rain for our Pi Burger Phry philanthropy event, to skiing at Greek Peak, to cruising in the Bahamas for a class, I was lucky enough to always have a sister, a best friend, at my side. The women whom I found within Pi Phi have brought me so much more joy, excitement, and support than I ever knew I needed,

and I am passionate about passing these values along to our future sisters.

In a few short months, I will be moving out to the West Coast to begin my career, working for Vail Resorts. I don't know anyone out there, and while it will be a great chance to create a new network, I am comforted by knowing that Pi Phis are always a text or phone call away. I am so excited to see what the next chapter of my sisters' lives will bring and to be able to visit them and host them in return so we can celebrate, laugh, and cry together, just like we've done the past three years.

— Emily Parker '20



Emily Parker '20 during this year's fall philanthropy event: "Pie-a-Pi Phi."

BID DAY IN THE ΣΠΦW (continued from page three)



We are so happy with the member class 2020, which comprises people who are from 12 different states and who are enrolled in over 21 different majors! We know that our newest Pi Phis will be leaders in the Cornell community, positive contributors to our chapter, and will cherish our home as much as we have over the past 100 years it's been on campus!

— Quincy Erturk '21



SPOTLIGHT: PRANJAL JAIN *(continued from page one)*

women who are an honor and a blessing to know. At Global Girlhood, we're creating the world we know can be: one where all kinds of women doing all kinds of things can tell their own stories unfiltered and unedited.

The acts of women and girls of all ages, races, religions, sexualities, and walks of life is inherently powerful. Showing women as whole, individual beings, unburdened by the pressure to conform to some ideal of femininity, is, as founder and Pi Phi sister, Pranjai Jain, puts it, the act of "revolutionizing representation." And sharing stories is a form of community building; when we allow ourselves to be authentic and open about who we are as women, we open up new avenues to create sisterhood, forge connections, and build power.

When women are fully ourselves, we can become part of something bigger than ourselves. We can become part of broader collectives, spaces, and movements toward our own liberation. Global Girlhood serves to open new, digital and in-person spaces to women to build community. As young organizers, we have access to methods of storytelling and representation. By also telling the stories of established women, however, we open these modern spaces to an intergenerational collective, understanding as we do so that, as feminism



adapts, it must include those from whom we can learn.

Sisterhood is the most powerful untapped resource we have, and it's because of our power that we have been barred from utilizing it. Feminist storytelling disrupts the narrative status quo and rejects the tradition of silencing women, and it allows us to create a better, brighter, and more inclusive future. Creating our own spaces to tell our stories and to lift one another up makes a powerful social, political, and cultural force. Global

Girlhood seeks to be a positive platform for women everywhere, and we are always looking to expand. We span five continents, but we'd love to hear from you. If you believe as we do in the power of women's voices, we'd love to have your financial or institutional support. You can reach out to us on Instagram @globalgirlhood, or email us at globalgirlhood@gmail.com. Tell us your story and hear the stories of others.

— Pranjai Jain '23

FROM OUR PRESIDENT *(continued from page two)*

organization made its impact on me because of the individuals who composed it.

During my term, I will strive to be an individual who is critical and self-aware of the faults that we might perpetuate but also someone who highlights the parts that make us strong. I will be our biggest advocate but will also hold us accountable when needed. Thank you so much for this opportunity to continue my personal and intellectual growth. I look forward to the next semester.

In the Wine and Silver Blue,
— Catherine Choi '21

ALUMNAE UPDATE FROM NY DELTA

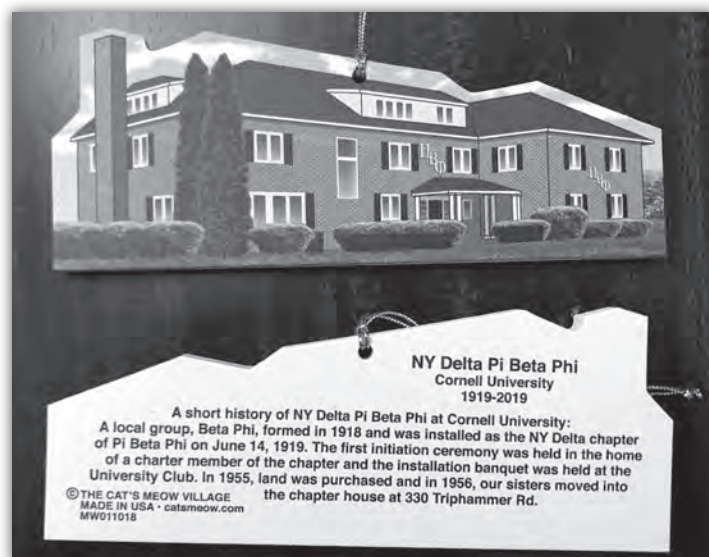
I hope this *Delta Doings* finds everyone safe, healthy, and well during this unprecedented time we're living through at the moment. NY Delta's collegians have transitioned their studies home (make sure to read about how they're spending their time and connecting with their sisters!), and we appreciate how the whole Pi Beta Phi organization is supporting the chapters and alumnae.

The alumnae advisory committee (AAC) and house corporation are working hard to support the executive board and to take care of the house this year. If you are interested in volunteering your time on AAC or the house corporation, please let me know (email me at lkruke@gmail.com). We're always looking for excited alumnae to give back, near or far! There are great ways to participate, even if you don't live near Ithaca.

A quick note to those of you who ordered centennial ornaments: the orders have all been received, but we've had to delay shipping them out due to this current health crisis. We appreciate your patience while we wait this out, and we hope to be able to get them out over the summer. I will be emailing everyone who ordered an ornament about the delay; if you don't hear from me, please reach out! Also, due to the delay, if you didn't before but are now interested in ordering a keepsake ornament, please see our web page (www.pibetaphi-cornell.org) and consider making a \$15 gift to support the centennial anniversary.

All our best to you and your family during this uncertain time. We look forward to welcoming the collegians back to campus next year and alumnae to the house next time you're in Ithaca!

— Laurel Kruke '08



ALUMNAE SHARE THEIR NEWS

Barbara (Jones) Jenkins '54 writes: "I traveled to Tokyo to meet my (gaspl!) great-grandchildren: Wren Jenkins (3) and Owen Furusowa Jenkins (1). I met my grandson's wife, Hisai, who was capable of managing Tokyo traffic, two kids, and conflicting advice on which way to turn and contributing to discussions of plans for the day, all at the same time. A true Wonder Woman! Another trip was to my 55th reunion at Cornell: wonderful time, seeing my old classmates. I even sneaked off for a few quiet moments in Goldwin-Smith but didn't manage to visit the Pi Phi house. Next time?" Barbara can be reached at barbjenkins16@charter.net or at 514 Sumner St. E, Northfield, MN 55057.

Long retired as a federal executive for the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the US Department of Agriculture, **Barbara (Travis) Osgood '56** spent the last 25 years rescuing old Labrador retrievers. She has lived with a varying number of labs, but currently shares her home with two seniors: Molly and Benji. At the age of 84, she completed her first book, a memoir called *84 Paws: A Life with Old Labs*. You can read about it on her website at www.84paws.com. As an undergraduate, Barbara was vice president of the Pi Phi chapter in 1955–1956. She graduated from Cornell with a degree in home economics and returned to Cornell for a PhD in human ecology (1980). Reconnect with Barbara at btosgood@verizon.net or at 13109 Sparrow Tail Ln., Fairfax, VA 22033.

Ann (Gaffey) Coyne '58 moved to Kendall at Ithaca in 2018 after retiring from the University of Nebraska Omaha. She was there for the 100th birthday party of NY Delta. Catch up with her at acoyn@unomaha.edu or at 357 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850.

Elizabeth (Hooven) Morsman '60 writes that, after a year of mysterious illness, she got a diagnosis that she had Parkinson's Disease. However, she reports that "thanks to wonderful new drugs, I am now fine, happy, and my old self. I work out daily, have a trainer, and am so happy with my 'new' self." Keep in touch with Beth at bethmorsman@mac.com or at 1340 Ferndale Rd. N, Minneapolis, MN 55447.

"Congratulations to all of you for your contributions to the Cornell community," writes **Natasha (Soroka) Green '65**. "I spent the last three years in Hawaii, helping my

son, Josh Green, get elected to lieutenant governor. If any sisters are living there, they might contact him." Natasha currently makes her home at 212 Orchard Ln., Sewickley, PA 15143. You can also reach her at natashasorokagreen@gmail.com.

"Much of our time these days is consumed by either doctor appointments or PT sessions," writes **Debbie (Lyon) Fister '74**. "I had ankle surgery in May 2019 and had to postpone a trip to see my son and his family in Dakar. Now that the ankle is fixed (somewhat), I plan to visit their new home in Helsinki, Finland. It will be his post for three years, so I have time. The alpaca business is grinding to a halt. We only have one, Jameson, but I have enough fiber and yarn to keep me busy for decades. I weave too, and alpaca rugs are on my to-do list. In addition to regular weaving, I also weave tapestry. I am working on a series based on my photos from Ireland. So disappointed to have missed centennial (the flu got me). Waiting to see pictures." Catch up with Debbie at yarngirl1952@gmail.com or at 54 Sherwood Dr., Brockport, NY 14420.

"Retired and having a blast," writes **Jane (Rabbino) Miller '75**, who lives in The Villages, Florida. For her husband's 70th birthday, they went to St. Kitts in January with both daughters and their daughters' husbands and children. Find out how the vacation went: janemiller460@gmail.com; 851 Regal Manor Ln., The Villages, FL 32163.

"I continued to love Charlottesville, Virginia," reports **Jeanne Marie Mullenhoff '76**. "I played in several golf tournaments in 2019 and am working hard to improve in 2020. I am taking acting classes in Shakespeare performance, and I love it! Playing everything from Antonio (*Merchant of Venice*) to Touchstone (the fool in *As You Like It*). Still dying to play Lady McBeth or a female Iago! Villains are the best! Please come and visit! I miss all my friends from Pi Beta Phi." Get in touch with Jeanne Marie and plan a visit: jmullenhoff@gmail.com; 112 Lilac Ter., Zion Crossroads, VA 22942.

Jacqueline Holliday '07 now lives in Detroit, Michigan, and serves as the vice president of marketing at Roush Enterprises. She writes, "Having a blast!" Write to her and ask for all the details: jacquelineholliday@gmail.com; 855 S. Main St., #410, Royal Oak, MI 48067.

DECEASED

We regret to announce the deaths of:

Martha Edson Baxter '44

April 1, 2018

Barbara Rapp Hamilton '48

October 12, 2018

Congratulations to **Sarah (Hefner) Hallowell '15**, who married Tommy Hallowell (Phi Kappa Psi, Cornell '15) in June 2019. They were married in Sage Chapel and held their reception in Willard Straight Hall, with many Pi Phis and Phi Psis in attendance. She is currently living in Philadelphia, pursuing a nurse practitioner degree at Drexel University. She can be reached at sarah.hefner1@gmail.com or at 570 Fountain St. Philadelphia, PA 19128.



Emily Parker '20 and Christine Ye '20 during round one of Panhellenic recruitment 2019.