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FROM THE PRESIDENT

by **Genie Enders '25**

Hello everyone! My name is **Genie Enders** and I am the chapter president of NY Delta this year. I am so honored to have the chance to give back to this wonderful organization, which has provided me with so many opportunities during my time at Cornell. I look forward to maintaining our commitment to Pi Phi's core values and leading my incredible sisters throughout the year.

I went through recruitment over Zoom in January of 2022. As I sat in my childhood bedroom going through the virtual process, I could not help but wonder how joining Pi Phi would change my life. Sure, I figured I would meet new people, and maybe some of them would become my close friends. But it was hard to picture any of that happening as a result of meeting a few girls on Zoom. In retrospect, virtual recruitment was the start of something amazing; I am so glad I saw it through.



Genie Enders '25

There are so many reasons why Pi Phi is my favorite place that I've often struggled to put them all into words. During a recent class, however, I figured out how to share these thoughts at least somewhat succinctly. Our professor made us read an excerpt from a book that discussed different types of love. One stood out to me: a love for virtue. The author wrote, "a love for virtue is when the desire of both people and their intention is for one thing, and that is the good. And each one wants to be helped by the

other in reaching this good for both of them together." When my professor asked if any of us had examples of this type of love in our lives, I immediately thought of hundreds of examples, almost all of them from Pi Phi. The women of NY Delta truly exemplify what it means to be a part of a sisterhood. That is why my decisions to become VP of operations in 2023, and then chapter president in 2024, were easy ones.

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Genie Enders '25, Allison Chang '24 (left to right)



Big/Little Reveal 2024 Top left: Caroline Kelly '24, Top right: Genie Enders '25, Bottom left: Elizabeth Osmanski '26, Bottom right: Rayanna Northgrave '27

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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As VP of Operations, I assumed many responsibilities, which helped me feel well-prepared to take on the role of chapter president. Nevertheless, the first few weeks of this semester, when I stepped into the position and all it entails, were challenging. I am so grateful to our former Chapter Presidents, **Caroline Kelly '24** and **Jenna Chiarella '23**, for helping me navigate the process and answering my questions. Although this job is a big one, they have helped me become a more confident leader and thoughtful decision-maker.

In January, we welcomed a new member class of 50 distinguished women. It has been terrific to watch them learn our traditions and form new friendships with one another. I am incredibly grateful for all the work that the rest of our executive board has done to make them comfortable and content and to initiate them. I look forward to getting to know our newest sisters better and continuing to welcome them into our chapter with open arms.

We have a number of exciting things to look forward to this semester, including upcoming fundraising efforts for our philanthropy, Read → Lead → Achieve. We will continue our work with NY Delta alumnae and Treasurer of the Chapter House Corporation, **Susan Murphy '73**, on updating our chapter house at 330 Triphammer Rd.

I have witnessed the inspiring dedication of chapter members for years, from current members walking around campus together to Pi Phi alums coming back to get in just one more weekend of fun. It's especially touching when past sisters bring their children to tour our house, reinforcing how Pi Phi sisterhood is truly a lifelong commitment. This community will never leave you behind but rather uplift you through all stages in life. I am so excited to continue my commitment to this organization.

With Pi Phi Love and Mine,

Genie Enders



Recruitment 2024 Molly Ryan '25 (left), Genie Enders '25 (right)



Recruitment 2024 Molly Ryan '25 (left), Allison Chang '24 (middle), Genie Enders '25 (right)

OUR HOUSE, OUR LEGACY

by Marian Levy Ware '83

The upcoming capital campaign for NY Delta that you have heard about in earlier editions of Delta Doings continues in its early stage of conversations with sisters who have expressed interest in leadership of the campaign, both in terms of their time and their giving. We've been busy reconnecting with Pi Phi alumnae, especially those of you about to celebrate your reunion.

Part of our early work included the development of our campaign logo and theme: Our House, Our Legacy. We arrived at this theme because we want to welcome new sisters to our house on Triphammer Road for years to come. In order to ensure its sustainability and continued appeal as an inviting place to live while at Cornell, there are some projects in need of our attention.

If you've been on campus since the summer, you might have noticed some improvements already! Due to our solid financial position, we were able to begin with the replacement of windows with ones that are both visually appealing and energy efficient. Upcoming projects needing alumnae support include a new electrical service, which includes

replacing interior and exterior lighting with LED alternatives. Completing window replacement on the first floor and basement level, along with the repair and painting of the soffits, replacing the gutters and downspouts, and refreshing the entrances are all planned for this coming summer.

As we look to the summer of 2025, work will be dedicated to exterior projects that enhance the "curb appeal" of 330 Tripham-



Pi Beta Phi

mer, including updating the walkway and front entrance of the house, making it more accessible, as well as redoing the landscaping to create more open and inviting spaces. Our Chapter Room will also be refreshed with a much-needed coat of paint, new flooring, and additional electrical outlets.

We're planning a special reception at the chapter house during Reunion weekend,

on Saturday, June 8, from 3:00–5:00 pm and welcome those who are back on campus to visit the house and to learn more about the plans for the house. For those not planning to attend Reunion this year, we will have more events planned in the coming months, including some virtual opportunities to reconnect!

Speaking of Reunion, we don't want sisters in the '04 and '09 grad years to miss out on the benefit of Cornell class and Reunion credits as they pertain to early gifts to our campaign. If you decide to make a gift to the Pi Phi campaign gift *before* June 30 and it's your reunion year *this year*, your gift will count toward your class reunion totals!

We are truly excited about this endeavor, and hope you are too! We're just getting started and can't wait to see what we can achieve together! When you have some time, please check your information in your profile of our website, www.pibetaphi-cornell.org, to be sure everything is correct and up to date! If you forget or do not have log in information for the website, you can request reminders or new log in details in the upper right hand corner of the site. Thank you for your lifelong dedication to our sisterhood!

TRIBUTE TO CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIR BETH SULLIVAN WALKENBACH '00

In March, we mourned the loss of our NY Delta sister, **Beth Sullivan Walkenbach '00**. Beth was described by many who were fortunate enough to know her as a bright light, a devoted mother, a reassuring friend, an inspiring colleague and coach, always greeting friends old and new with a radiant smile.

While at Cornell, Beth majored in English and in addition to being a member of Pi Phi, was a member of the women's field hockey team. Her love for the sport brought her back to campus in 2003 to serve as the team's assistant coach and then again in 2008 as a member of the division of Alumnae Affairs and Development. In 2015, Beth and her family



Beth Walkenbach '00

moved to California where Beth worked at Claremont McKenna College and then the Keck Graduate Institute where she most recently served as Director of Corporate Partnerships.

Beth was very proud to be a Pi Phi and supported sisters near and far. She volunteered on the NY Delta Alumnae Advisory Council and most recently was serving as co-chair of our current capital campaign. Her energy, enthusiasm, and kind heart will be deeply missed.

Kelley Boucher is organizing a Go Fund Me fundraiser on behalf of Beth's husband and daughters during this time. To search and contribute to the fundraiser, search "In support of Beth Walkenbach's Family" on gofundme.com.

NEW MEMBERS SPRING 2024



AKANSHA JOSHI
Princeton, NJ



ALANNA SINGER
Bethesda, MD



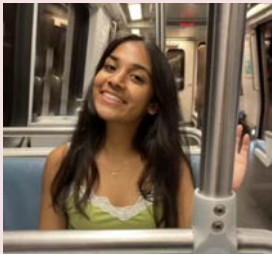
ALLIE SMITH
Stuart, FL



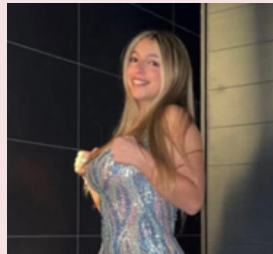
ANDREA AGUILAR
Alexandria, VA



ANNA NELSON
Norwalk, CT



ANUSHKA SARAF
Fairfax, VA



ASHLEE KATZ
Albertson, NY



ASHLEY PRENTICE
Colo de Caza, CA



AUDREY MANLEY
Delmar, NY



AUDREY LEWELLEN
Etna, NH



AUDREY WU
Chalfont, PA



AVA ROSENOW
Chicago, IL



BRONWYN MCNULTY
Bethesda, MD



CAROLINE REVSINE
Oak Park, IL



CATHERINE ORDERS
Steamboat, CO



CELESTE MOREAU
San Diego, CA



ELSA LI
Fairfax, VA



EMILY DOMEK
Williams Bay, WI



ISHAANA RAO
Singapore



JACKIE ELLIS
Wayne, NJ



JESLYN CHOUDHURY
Jericho, NY



JULIA VIZZA
Harleysville, PA



KAI AH MOO
San Diego, CA

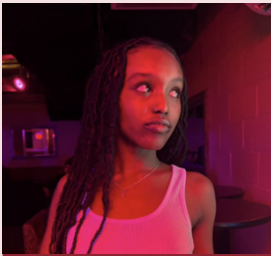


KAIA ROSS
Brooklyn, NY



KATE SEVIGNY
Ormond Beach, FL

NEW MEMBERS SPRING 2024



LANA WAWERU
Boxford, MA



LAUREN TAVOLACCI
East Williston, NY



LILI SPRAGUE
Stockbridge, MA



LILLY VARON
San Francisco, CA



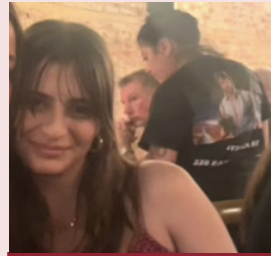
LILY EHSAN
Tiburon, CA



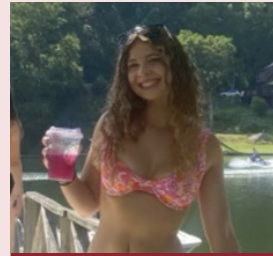
LUCY ALCOBA
Harrison, NY



MADDIE YOON
New York, NY



MIRADYN FEIST
New York, NY



NATALIA POTENZA
Yonkers, NY



NORA MAHER
New York, NY



PAIGE HURWITZ
East Amherst, NY



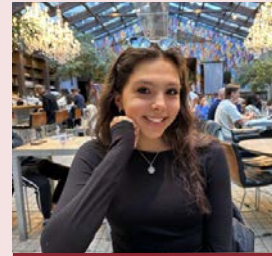
PAIGE BURCH
Seaford, NY



RACHEL PINEDA
Warrington, PA



RAYANNA NORTHGRAVE
Fullerton, CA



REGINA VELASCO
Mt Kisco, NY



RIYA MENON
Fairfax, VA



SAMMY LOCKWOOD
Glen Head, NY



SIGRID DREFKE
Bethesda, MD



SOPHIA FLYER
Bethesda, MD



SOPHIE SIMS
Zionsville, IN



TALIA NETZER
New York, NY



TANVI GHOSH
La Jolla, CA



TIFFANY HUANG
San Bruno, CA



Yael SPECTOR
Morganville, NJ



ZOE WELCOME
Greenville, SC

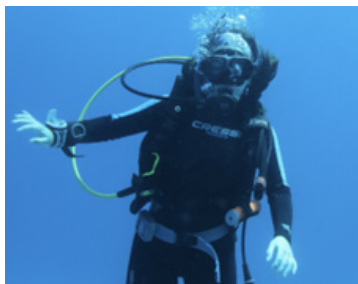
PI PHI PASSIONS



Rayanna Northgrave '27

Certified Chef

Ray has been attending culinary school for the past four years. She has learned many new techniques and styles of cooking. Over the summer she went to Europe on a culinary adventure to explore cuisines all around the world. She was trained by chefs in Italy, France, and Spain. She is currently studying food science and working to develop a new ice cream flavor for the Cornell Dairy Bar, and hopes to enter the flavor into national dairy competitions.



Megan Benefeito '25

Recreational Scuba Diver

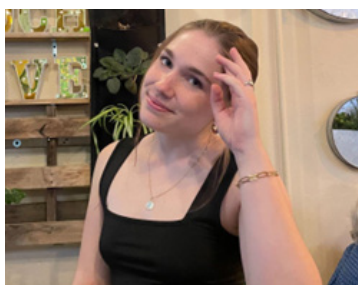
Megan has recently discovered a new passion for scuba diving, earning her advanced open water certification about a year ago. Since then, she has been able to grow her love of the ocean by learning about the beautiful creatures and ecosystems that exist below sea level. This new passion has allowed her to see the world from a new perspective. It has also allowed her to combine her love of sustainability with a new aspect of the Earth.



Allie Kozak '24

Undergraduate Plant Science and Public Health Researcher

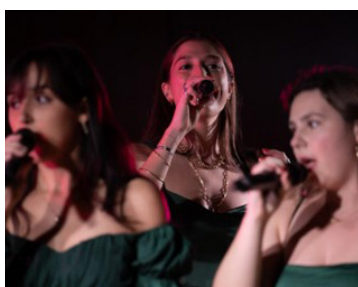
Allie has been involved in the Katz Lab at Cornell since last summer. She is currently conducting a meta-analysis on the effects of rising atmospheric CO₂ on allergenic pollen production. This is important work for the future of public health and applies to all humans! Allie will be presenting her research this summer at the 2024 Ecological Society of America annual meeting and hopes to have her meta-analysis published in a peer-reviewed journal in the near future.



Emma Cerrato '24

Product Management Intern at eCornell

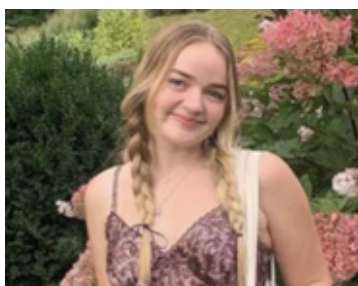
Emma is a current intern at eCornell, a leading education technology company specializing in delivering professional development certificates to non-traditional learners. She has been working for eCornell for nearly two years and has enjoyed the opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge she has gained from her information science major related to user experience design, user research, and data analysis.



Ale Carlon '25

A Cappella Singer

Ale is a mezzo-soprano singer for Hearsay A Cappella at Cornell. She began her second semester freshman year and has held the role of president and now treasurer. She spends six to 10 hours a week in rehearsal preparing for their end-of-semester concert where they perform 10 songs by a variety of artists such as Rhianna and Adele. During rehearsals, you can find her either singing or even beatboxing. Her favorite part of being in Hearsay is bringing singing and the arts into her Cornell experience and sharing her love of music with the Cornell community.



Tabitha Mueller-Schrader '26

VP of Operations for the Cornell Fashion Industry Network

Tabitha is the current VP of Operations for the Cornell Fashion Industry Network. This organization functions as the connection between Cornell students and the fashion industry. In the fall semester, Tabitha helped to organize a gala centered around the theme "The Fashion Moment" where three fashion professionals came to the Ithaca campus to discuss their journeys and thoughts on the Gala theme. She has loved the opportunities CFIN has brought her to develop her leadership skills, deepen her knowledge of the industry, and grow the fashion community on campus.

SENIOR REFLECTION

by **Caroline Kelly '24**

I am beyond grateful to have been a part of NY Delta during my time at Cornell. Looking back on my last four years, I can say with certainty that joining Pi Phi was one of the best decisions I made during my college journey.

When I first arrived at Cornell, I was overwhelmed by the anonymity of the campus and felt lost. As a freshman, it was easy to feel forgotten and disconnected and it made me question if Cornell was the right fit for me. However, that all changed when I went through recruitment and found my home in Pi Phi. From the moment I joined, I was welcomed with open arms and felt a sense of belonging. I'll never forget after my first week as a member a senior said "hi" to me on campus—I was starstruck! I think this speaks to the character of NY Delta, as a chapter filled with compassionate, caring, and thoughtful individuals.

From living at 330 when I returned to campus as a sophomore to living with those same girls on College Ave, I've always had Pi Phis by my side. We've made so many memories together that have fostered friendships I'll have as I enter post-grad life. Whether it be late nights listening to the Olin Library closing chime or eating one too many gummy bears from Dicky's jar in the kitchen, through these times I've been surrounded by sisters to laugh, learn, and grow with.

Looking back, I'm so grateful for the leadership and community service opportunities NY Delta has given me, whether they were formal like my time as president or informal like the role and relationship I've had within my lineage. I've watched Pi Phi be one of the most involved chapters on campus through our outreach and the countless passions and activities. I've learned so much from all of them and am inspired to further find my place and passion.

As a second-semester senior, I reflect with gratitude on how my sisters have shaped me into the person I am today. I carry the invaluable lessons and friendships that Pi Phi has gifted me. The growth I have experienced thanks to this chapter, both personally and professionally, has been immense. I could not be more thankful for my sisters' unwavering support these last four years. You have made my time at Cornell truly unforgettable and were always there with a smile on your face, a shoulder to cry on, or a passion to share. 330 Triphammer will always hold a special place in my heart, with the people within it supporting me wherever I go.

Pi Phi Love and Mine,

Caroline K



Caroline Kelly '24

PHILANTHROPY

Pi Phis of NY Delta continue to make philanthropic endeavors within the chapter, support efforts made by other organizations on campus, and interact with the greater community. This is indicative of the hundreds of service hours chapter members complete and the many dollars raised for the Pi Phi Literacy Fund.

Last semester was sweet... and not just from whipped cream that covered our faces after getting pied on Ho Plaza. We also did a book drive, won Arrowbowl, had a super successful PokeLava fundraiser, and volunteered at the Ithaca Childcare Center.

Most recently, NY Delta ran a clothing drive where plentiful donations were directed to a local secondhand store. New Member Class '24 understood quickly what philanthropy means in this chapter. Shortly

before Valentine's Day they staffed the tables alongside other members to sell donuts in support of the Literacy Fund, spreading the love through smiles and brownie batter donuts! Up next on the calendar, includes volunteering to read at the nearby Ithaca Childcare Center, hosting ArrowBowl, and the Family Weekend barbecue.

Beyond these amazing efforts within the chapter, Pi Phis never hesitated to partake in other philanthropic involvements on campus. Two members, **Libby Elman** and **Sophia Shah**, are involved in the organization Ballet and Books and volunteer together weekly at the library. Three members, **Sophie Sims**, **Ariana Greenberg**, and **Eunice Kang**, are volunteer firefighters at nearby stations. Hopefully they don't have to respond to us for any burnt toast! And the list could go on.

ALUMNAE SHARE THEIR NEWS

Ann Telfer Eaton '55: Still able to tend the grounds on my hillside property, which is something I love doing! My daughter lives next door, and other family and step-families are all in New England or New York, so I see them often.

Donna Snyder '56: Married 63 years; 3 sons; 8 grandchildren; 4 great-granddaughters.

Johanna Buscher '58: I was cited as "woman of the year" by the local branch of American Association of University Women for "shaping history" in this part of Florida (e.g., founding Ridge Scenic Highway).

Ann Coyne '58: I attended reunion in June with Ginny Gustafson Douglas. She came by train from Oregon, and I picked her up in Syracuse. **Harriet (Auerbach) Peters '58** (big) joined us at the house for a Pi Phi reception. We were joined by a number of Pi Phis from 1975 who were celebrating their 50th reunion while we celebrated our 65th. I continue to live at Kendal at Ithaca. It was the best decision I ever made. It is like living in a dorm with all my interesting friends but having a private apartment.

Jane C. Ware '65: Jim and I live comfortably in an active retirement community East of San Francisco. While I am not able to travel, we welcome all visitors! And also news!

Elisabeth K. Boas '71: No headlines from me here. I'm a few blocks from the Maryland/DC state line. I continue to be involved leading general community groups and Cornell ones (Cornell Club of DC (secretary); Cornell class of '71 (class correspondent), Cornell's Adult University Advisory Board, etc. Last summer, I enjoyed all two weeks of CAUs summer session and, in January 2024, the several weeks of CAUs program in Antarctica taught by faculty Warren Allmon and Holger Klinck. My kids and grandkids are doing well; no change from last year but for the number of candles on the birthday cakes. I continue to enjoy the friendship I made at 330 Triphammer Road; sometimes amazed by the number of years since we first met there.

Jean Olney '72: All is well! I enjoy volunteering, gardening, traveling, and spending time with our five grandchildren whenever possible. Bob and I celebrated our 52nd wedding anniversary this year!

Cheryl J. Kessler '84: Beth Benjamin '85 came to San Diego over Thanksgiving; so good to see her after so many years! Hoping to go to reunion in 2024 or 2025 and to see more of our sisters in Pi Phi! **Lori Allen '84** and I joined the house corporation as the house needs a lot of work! Reconnected with **Laura Clark '85** as a result of volunteering with Pi Phi. Please keep your eye out for news on fundraising for house upgrades so future generations of ladies can enjoy the house as we did! Both my kids are out of the house! My son, age 24, is a firefighter, and my daughter is applying for postgraduate architecture school. They are amazing kids! Please look me up if you are planning a trip to San Diego.

Elsa Waymer Dempsey '86: Retired life is treating me well down in Venice, Florida. If anyone is down in southwestern Florida, please look me up. Jim, my husband, who is from Venice, and I live in his childhood home here near downtown. We spend a lot of time traveling and playing Tennis. I'm lucky Jim was a teaching pro, and now I have him to myself! I've really only kept in touch with **Ellie Nordberg '86** but very much miss the girls whom I lived with and don't see anymore from class of '86 or '87.

Laura Vanzandt '89: After 20 years with REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, working in metro Boston, I took a healing break during 2023. Two kids in college now; ready to find a new job in 2024!

Elizabeth Totten '00: I'm living on the North Shore of Boston with my husband and two teenage boys. I'm an active soccer and ski mom. Unbelievably, my oldest is a senior, and we are actively searching for colleges and hoping he finds as great a fit as I did with Cornell. I recently celebrated 23 with Marriott: currently on our global sales team. I'm also in the process of getting my MBA.



On June 15, 1919,
New York Delta was installed
as a Greek Chapter on Cornell
University Campus.

330 Triphammer Road
has been home to thousands
of women over the past
100 years, and our sisterhood
has grown with it.

Pi Beta Phi has become a
remarkable group of young
women on Cornell's campus.

We are athletes, activists,
engineers, hotelies,
cheerleaders, singers,
leaders in our Ithaca Community
and much more!

In 2019, our chapter celebrated
our 100th on Cornell's campus
with friends and alumnae.

We regret to announce the deaths of:

Kathleen Adele Novak '41

February 6, 2021

Jean Carnell Conner '46

November 22, 2023

Beth Sullivan Walkenbach '00

March 11, 2024

deceased