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WE WERE GIVEN A HOME. LET'S LEAVE A LEGACY

I hope this message finds you well, thriving, and proud of how the torch of brotherhood is being carried forward at 777 Stewart Ave.

This year has seen outstanding progress in every corner of our chapter's life. Our rush and recruitment process has been especially robust: the undergraduate brothers have welcomed a remarkable class of new members who embody the values of brotherhood, leadership, service,

A key focus this year is the long-overdue renovation and restoration of our physical plant. The house is more than a building—it is the living symbol of our brotherhood. Through repairs, upgrades, and improved infrastructure, we are ensuring that future generations will enjoy the same safe, welcoming, vital home that we did.

To that end, I invite you to partner with us in our current capital campaign, which includes

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sacrifice, scholarship, and camaraderie. These young men are already stepping in as leaders—fully engaged in our traditions, living at the house, and being stalwart stewards of our standards.

On the philanthropy front, Victory Club continues to benefit local literacy efforts via the Ithaca Public Education Initiative. From voluntary community service in Ithaca to hands-on support of campus organizations from varsity sports to the Interfraternity Council, our brothers continue to make an impact. Meanwhile, leadership development is alive and well: through structured training workshops, peer mentoring, and alumni-undergraduate forums, our undergrads are gaining real-world organizational management experience and strengthening accountability.

Academics continue to shine. I'm pleased to report record-setting GPAs across the house this semester—proof positive that we embody not only social excellence but intellectual rigor as well. Speaking of the social program, the chapter's calendar has been full, intentional, and spirited—balancing tradition, community responsibility, and the keen sense of fellowship and derring-do that bonds us.

a generous matching gift challenge. Every dollar you give now will be matched, by John Dyson '65 and Mike Zak '75, doubling your philanthropic impact and accelerating our planned improvements—both tangible and intangible. Your support is crucial.

Finally, a heartfelt thanks goes to our undergraduate brothers for rolling out the red carpet during Homecoming 2025. The warmth, hospitality and shared memories made for an unforgettable autumn weekend. Alumni seeing the house alive with energy, purpose and pride was truly heartening.

Please take a moment today to reflect on your time at the house, the friendships forged, and the ideals we embrace and uphold. With your ongoing participation and generosity we will secure the house's future, solidify and promote our values, and send the next generation of Cornell Alpha Dels into the world ready to make their unique impact while also understanding their responsibility to ensure the health and vitality of our chapter.

Xaípe,
Howie Schaffer '90

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

by *Gregory Williamson '82*

Our Building and Planning Committee continues to grow, and I invite any interested Brothers to join. I welcome Tim Blanchard '98 and Tom Gibb '84. Kent Hubbell '67 has also offered his support and interest to be kept in the loop. And a round of clicks for the continued groundwork provided by Ellen Reuben and her on-site coordination with contractors and consultants. I've reached out to several other brothers and encourage all to network for additional participation. We have tremendous resources in our

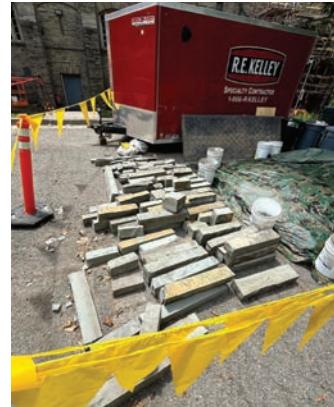
alumni Brotherhood that can add value in this process, and now is the time to imagine our most respectful and best vision for the next 50 years.

MASTER PLAN DESIGN

We have engaged a team to provide design services up through a design development set of documents. That team includes architectural services by Bond Brothers and mechanical services by Taitem Engineering. We have also engaged a kitchen consultant—Five Oaks—in the development of the kitchen master plan. A critical factor

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2025 MASONRY & REPOINTING



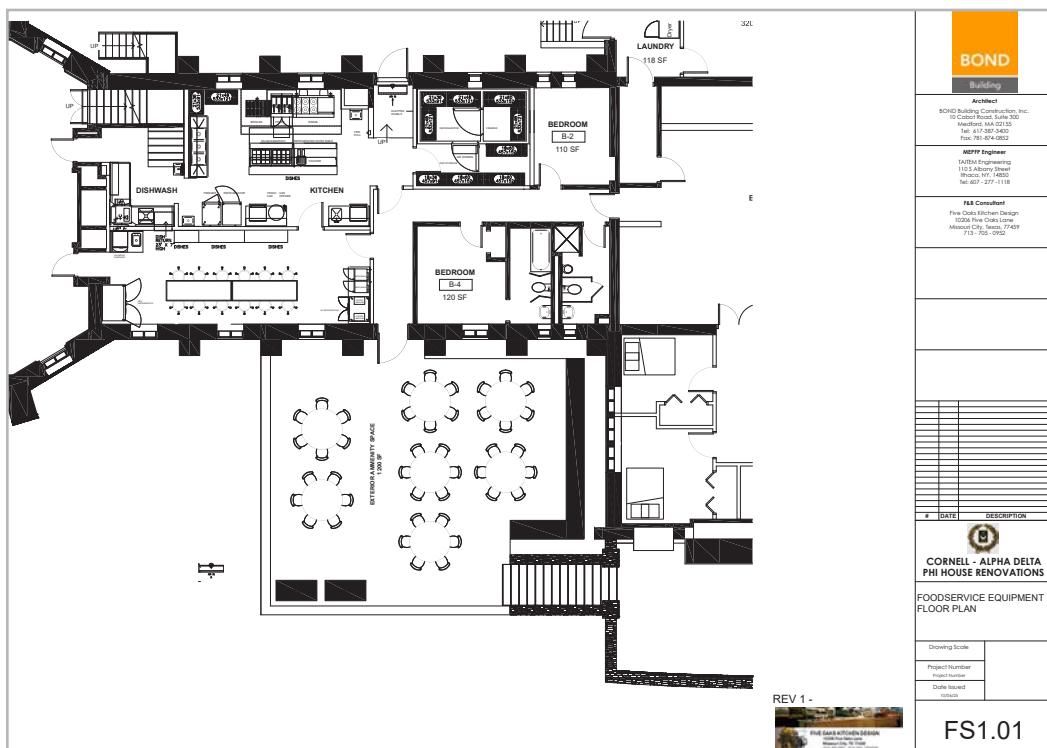
KITCHEN UPDATE

Our kitchen planning committee is making progress toward an envisioned future. During our committee meetings we have been commenting on proposed floor plans, equipment needs, and space utilization, as you can see in a snapshot of our planning review process. We've had lots of input from Mike Havens, our current chef, as well as kitchen planner Five Oaks. A chance to reimagine our kitchen and dining facility will be triggered by the disruption to replace the aging infrastructure below the slab for sanitary and grease waste systems.

Rather than work around the legacy floor plan from 90 years ago, the committee has been

challenged to reimagine the space to meet current and future needs while we optimize operations and equipment, as well as the social engagement of shared meals in the kitchen. Our goal is to create multifunctional spaces for in-kitchen dining and event staging for banquets and events incorporating more energy-efficient support systems for refrigeration, cooking, ventilation, and easier maintenance for sanitary compliance.

What we've imagined also allows for the development of a southern patio area that would be accessible via a new doorway/hallway through the current pantry.



We've discussed a number of best practice changes:

- Energy-efficient cooking hoods that use recirculation and filtering to eliminate the wasteful single pass draw of air from the rest of the house
- Energy-efficient walk in freezers and coolers, along with improved dry goods storage
- Improved dishwasher line with local hot water boosting and energy recovery on the rinse for preheating
- Pass-thru counter for dirty dish collection
- Improved quantity and locations for hand sinks
- Improved three basin dish sinks
- Stainless steel work surfaces and wheeled equipment to allow for easier deep cleaning
- Potential wheeled, mobile steam servery to be located in the dining room

- Improved dish and glassware storage
- Installation of a ceiling system to conceal necessary mechanicals, improve lighting, and maintain cleanliness
- Flooring will be changed to a seamless epoxy system

The resources of all of our esteemed alumni, their collective knowledge and input to participate in this strategic vision for the future of our programming and beloved house are welcome. Feel free to contact us and get involved. This is the time for our collective resources to shape the best future for our future generations of Brothers, as those before us did to create the experience we all cherish from our time in the house. And it's not just the kitchen: we're thinking boldly about restoring the splendor of the Goat House as well. More to come on that initiative.

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FALL 2025 CHAPTER PRESIDENT UPDATE

by Stav Agajan '27

It has been a privilege to lead Alpha Delta Phi through another successful and memorable semester. This fall, we welcomed 23 new members, continuing our tradition of bringing in strong, well-rounded individuals who embody the values of our fraternity.

We were proud to rank third (in GPA) amongst Greek organizations at Cornell, a testament to our chapter's ongoing commitment to academic excellence and the effort our brothers put into everything they do—both inside and outside the classroom.

This semester also brought an incredible

turnout at Homecoming, where it was great to see so many familiar faces back at 777 Stewart Ave. The continued involvement of our alumni and the unwavering support of the brotherhood have played a huge role in the chapter's success, and for that, I am truly grateful.

I would like to especially thank my Executive Board and Vice President Jacob Liberman '27 for their leadership, dedication, and consistent drive to move the house forward. It's been an honor to serve this chapter and see firsthand how much Alpha Delt continues to mean to everyone who's been part of it.

BROTHER SPOTLIGHT: EZANA KAVUMA '28 & GYMPOINT

Brother Ezana Kavuma '28 is redefining how people discover and access fitness spaces with GymPoint, a platform built to connect travelers, students, and professionals to gyms wherever they go. By solving the frustration of finding quality gyms while on the move, GymPoint helps users locate nearby facilities, compare options, and access them seamlessly, without long-term contracts or hidden fees.

Unlike traditional directories or class apps, GymPoint also works with gyms to understand why visitors don't convert, which turns missed opportunities into data-driven insights. This creates a model in which travelers can find flexibility and convenience as gyms grow smarter and more efficient in their outreach.

As part of Cornell's Accelerate Program, Brother Kavuma is leading early pilots in Ithaca to refine the model before expanding to new cities. With the vision of making fitness access as easy as booking a flight, GymPoint is set to bridge the gap between mobility and health.

Contact Brother Kavuma at ekkavuma@gmail.com to get involved in testing or partnerships.



Ezana Kavuma '28

NEWS ON RECRUITMENT

by Gabriel Heller '28

After an incredibly successful spring 2025 recruitment, our actives are eager to welcome the next generation of Alpha Delt into the Phi.

Led by our newest class of brothers, Alpha Delt is determined to uphold the excellence and quality that defined our recent pledge class during the upcoming spring 2026 recruitment. More than just a process, rush represents the continuation of the lifelong bonds

of brotherhood that define our chapter. So far this semester, our dedicated rush chairs, each bringing their own unique perspectives and enthusiasm, have been laying out the foundation for next semester's recruitment season.

With the brotherhood's full engagement and continued alumni support, Alpha Delt is incredibly excited to make spring 2026 recruitment one of the most distinguished and memorable ones yet.

STEWARD UPDATE

by Alejandro Espinosa '28

This year marks an exciting new chapter for our Alpha Delta Phi kitchen. We recently welcomed Chef Mike Havens, whose professionalism, warmth, and culinary talent have quickly made him an integral part of the house. Beyond his cooking, Chef Mike's attention to detail and commitment to maintaining a smooth, spotless kitchen have made daily operations both efficient and enjoyable.

Working with Chef Mike has been a pleasure, his enthusiasm for good food and community aligns perfectly with the spirit of Alpha Delt. He's not only embraced our traditions, but also brought in new ideas that keep the menu diverse, flavorful, and well-balanced.

This semester, we've also embarked on a major kitchen renovation project, a truly

transformative initiative for the house. Chef Mike has been actively involved in this process, contributing valuable insight from the perspective of someone who uses the space every day. Alongside Greg Williamson '82 and his professional team, we've been meeting regularly to plan and refine every aspect of the design from layout and functionality to equipment upgrades ensuring that the new kitchen will serve generations of brothers to come.

Meals at 777 continue to be one of the cornerstones of the house; a sacred place where brothers catch up, exchange stories, crack jokes, and unwind. With careful planning and budget management, we've continued to serve quality meals for around 60 brothers each week, which is no small task. It's been great seeing how shared meals keep the Alpha Delt community strong and connected.

MEET "CHEF MIKE" HAVENS

Can you tell us a bit about your background: where you've worked before linking with Alpha Delta Phi, and what inspired you to become a chef or get started in the culinary field?

Growing up with my grandparents and watching my grandmother cook and tasting her homemade meals is what piqued my interest in the culinary arts. I started working at the age of 13 in a small local diner, but wanted to learn more; a chef's desire to learn and stay current is a huge part of the craft. I've worked at a variety of corporate restaurants as well as privately owned establishments, such as country clubs and fine dining restaurants. Additionally, I worked as a corporate chef doing menu development, perfecting recipes for a major chain.

What kind of food do you most enjoy cooking, and why?

My favorite type of cuisine is definitely Italian because of the complexity of flavors achieved with minimal ingredients. However, after 30 years working in restaurants, I wanted to try my hand at something different, which is how I stumbled across the job with Alpha Delta Phi. It has been a challenging undertaking, but very rewarding.



Chef Mike.

What's your favorite part of working here so far? And what plans do you have for the future?

I enjoy the company of the brothers and the prestige of the fraternity as a whole. Moving forward, I'd like to try new recipes, get to know the brothers more, and learn some of their culinary preferences: likes, dislikes, and things that they would like to see or try in the future. All in all, it's been a wonderful experience.

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RENOVATIONS TO THE PIT

Big news demands attention from the basement of 777, as major renovations have occurred in The Pit over the course of the semester. Brother Jaxon Jacobs '28 has worked hard at putting his creative talents to use, transforming the space into a coveted spot for the brotherhood.

Garnering a mix of house culture, creativity, and hominess, the basement has proven to be a crucial area of the house, embodying the values of the brotherhood at Alpha Delta Phi.

From the refinished wooden tables to the addition of new leather couches and bar stools, The Pit has been completely reimagined as a space that balances both comfort

and style. The old tables have been sanded down to reveal their original grain, giving the room a polished yet rustic feel.

The new poker table quickly became a centerpiece, bringing brothers together for late-night games and conversations alike. The combination of warm, colored lighting, dark wood accents, and deep green walls gives the space a timeless aesthetic that feels both classic and creative. Every detail from the carefully chosen wall décor to the restored seating reflects a shared sense of pride and craftsmanship. The basement has truly evolved into a place that fully represents the energy and unity of the house.

Brother Jacobs has been instrumental in the transformation of this project, and for that, the brotherhood is eternally grateful. He, his mother, and his sister have put countless hours into the project. The renovation process itself, though long, was a rewarding one; they collectively put in long nights of

sanding, painting, and assembling the space. The new lighting fixtures and ceiling work give the ambience a modern touch, while still keeping the gritty character that's always defined The Pit. Even the smallest details—from the framed photos, pledge paddles, and vintage posters to the restored bar setup—were chosen with intention, creating a space that feels both historic and new. His creative work for the house, however, is not limited to his renovation project. Brother Jacobs has also been an instrumental part of the design and procurement of merchandise for various events throughout 2025, such as Slope Day and Homecoming T-shirts. His dedication to his creative side is something that is rare to come across.

Whether it's late-night talks, house meetings, or relaxed evenings with music and laughter, The Pit has become a second home for the brotherhood; a space that feels lived-in, cared-for, and distinctly Alpha Delt.



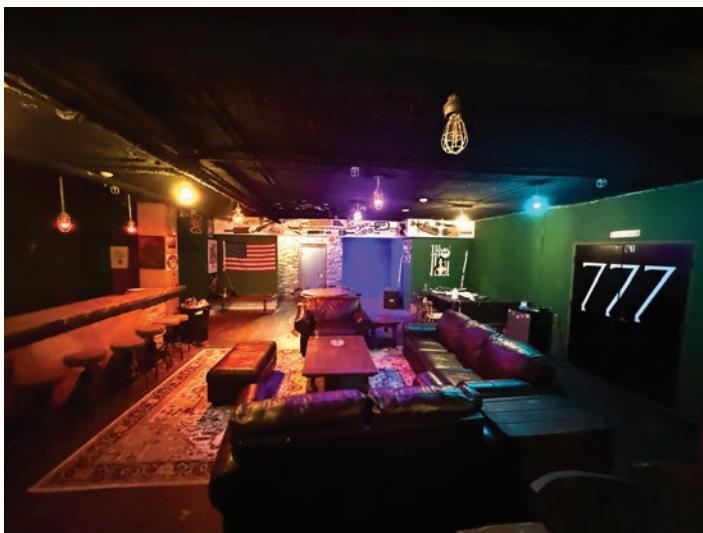
Enjoying The Pit.



Before renovations.



Work in progress.



The finished product.



193RD ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW ORLEANS REPORT

By Clint Kennedy '76

Thor Waguespack '28 and I represented our chapter at this year's convention in New Orleans.

We are one of the 10 largest chapters of Alpha Delta Phi, in no small part thanks to the ability of our undergraduate members to clearly state and consistently project their brand: international, study hard/play hard guys. (Who live in our fabulous house!)

The program this year attempted to channel current social media behavior to showcase positive stories and images of active fraternity members achieving academic, social, service, philanthropy, and sports goals while having fun. Yup, it was all about training attendees to think proactively about what is being posted and increase the volume of postings. They tried to do this without actually saying that the goal was to jump-start public relations campaigns at each chapter. Particularly missing was emphasis on targeting public relations messages and media toward different interest groups.

The general response was enthusiastic. My own reaction, having managed public relations, was that unfocused PR rapidly turns into what one of my English profs would call "treacle goo." Still, if more positive content about Alpha Delta Phi chapters shows up on the Internet, something positive beats nothing at all. An opportunity does exist to use one of the social media channels as a way to increase the linkage between active Brothers and alumni; alumni relations are both a chapter and a fraternity level issue.

Questions that came up during sessions or conversations afterward that warrant some consideration spring from the question: "How are we special?"

1. What do we, as a chapter, want to be known for?
2. What is at the heart of our chapter?
3. What is it that binds our membership together, both actives and alums?

One speaker, thinking it profound, said, "The further I get from my undergraduate life, the less I understand current issues on campus." I'm more in the camp with The Talking Heads, who sang, "Same as it ever was."

Annual Conventions are held in cities with proximate chapters, urban character, and good hotels. New Orleans offered all three. Last



Clint Kennedy '76 and Thor Waguespack '28 at Convention.

year, the urban character of being near Disneyland was decidedly family-friendly. In New Orleans, on the other hand, the hotel concierge advised which streets had pick-pockets looking for marks and which would be populated with private entertainers. Having walked the Red-Light district of Amsterdam at 13 and been on Bourbon Street for the nighttime Mardi Gras Parade in New Orleans at 15, I found the current city center pretty tame. The street that featured art galleries was particularly interesting. A street artist spent 45 minutes doing a sketch of my old face.

The 2026 Convention will be held in Vancouver. It looks like a really fun city to visit. Over 200 of the Vancouver actives and alumni have already registered to attend. It should be a great convention. Plus, for those who wish to carry on with the fun, there will be a cruise ship taking Alpha Deltas up the coast along Alaska. Save the date—August 6-9, 2026.

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April 2025



Last Saturday, IPEI Board President Marge Brodhead and IPEI Board Member Millicent Clarke-Maynard (pictured above with two members of the [Alpha Delta Phi](#) fraternity at Cornell) spoke with partygoers at the fraternity's Victory Club event about IPEI's work supporting the Ithaca City School District. The experience was enlivened by the fact that Marge's two brothers are both former Alpha Delta Phi members!

The origins of the Victory Club date back to the First World War, when fraternity members first organized a soirée to raise money for a victory loan drive in 1918. Now, over a hundred years later, this philanthropic tradition continues with a more local impact (see historic photos below). Since 2013, fraternity members have raised over \$80,000 for IPEI to benefit local teachers and students. We congratulate this year's organizing committee on a successful 2025 Victory Club!

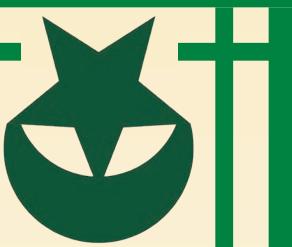




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PAINTBALL EXCURSION TESTS UNDERGRADUATE LEADERSHIP AND TEAM-BUILDING SKILLS

Trading paintballs with friends makes for a cool Friday afternoon. And that's what 18 Alpha Delt undergrads did last March for a Cornell Outdoor Education (COE) Team and Leadership event the ACEF sponsored.

Cornell's abbreviated fraternity pledging process undercuts Alpha Delta Phi's ability to foster brotherhood and camaraderie among pledges—that is, to make pledges into Alpha Deltas. To correct that, the ACEF sponsored a COE-guided leadership and team building program for the undergrads. It fell off in 2018. Now it's back.

Sylvie Froncek, Tillemans Director of the Cornell Team and Leadership Center, is the ACEF's primary COE contact for this project. She is friendly and compelling, an instinctive leader with a remarkable resume, and her observations of how the actives interrelate deserve careful reflection: "There is a chaotic environment right now, and there is an obvious lack of intentional leadership. While there are some strong voices that overpower others and force decisions, these are not the people who really speak for the group... It's clear that they haven't had support to develop a culture that they like and the current culture is not clearly defined, which leads to the chaotic moments and lack of organization."

Excerpted and condensed herein is the report Sylvie provided the ACEF following the March 21 paintball excursion. It documents how structured fun helped headstrong individuals slowly yield to team-centeredness.

The brothers played five games. Before they commenced, the brothers were "rowdy, talking over each other, loud, disruptive. The facilitators and the paintball staff member, Butch, had to step in a number of



elevated with excitement for improvement and what comes next." The facilitators separated the teams and had them debrief themselves. The first team "shared the air space well and had good discussions, asking each other clarifying questions." The second still had work to do: They were "talking over each other and there were a few dominant voices. This was a recurring theme, that there were some really loud people who demanded things but didn't actually speak for the group, they were just the loudest."

And then things started to gel. "We had everyone come back, and one person shared what their team had talked about. We told them that we would be mixing teams for the next round, so this was a chance for everyone to level up, and team strategy would not apply because they'd be with new people. General takeaways were that working groups of three was effective, calling out what they needed from each other helped them move smoothly, and finding a balance of being patient but also aggressive allowed them to succeed. They all agreed they do well when they protect each other."

Game four made things better still. "They entered the field planning their moves and left the field excited for another round, already scheming new ideas."

And game five, despite bringing heavy losses for want of strategy, at last made brothers out of brothers. "There was a really stark improvement in attitudes and communication during the short time we spent together. By the last round, the groups were working as a team, offering each other encouragement and advice, no longer blaming people for situations that didn't go according to plan, but critiquing in a way that led to progress and better results....We finished the final game, sat everyone down, and did a one word go around about what people felt. The main emotions were happy, energized, and proud. The second question was 'what are you taking away,' and the themes were love, teamwork, supporting each other."

Another ACEF-COE-AΔΦ paintball event is scheduled for this fall, as is a climbing descent/barbecue at Schoellkopf Field. We're quite pleased with this program's results and hope to make it permanent part of the Alpha Delta Phi—Cornell experience.



times to get them to listen and respect them so that they could get through the introduction and safety information."

Game one proved somewhat chaotic. The debrief after revealed that many brothers were enjoying themselves, but that team-oriented thinking and behavior remained elusive. "It was a rowdy discussion, people talked over one another and Charles [Matheus, another COE facilitator] stepped in to reiterate what respect looks like and why it is necessary."

Game two's debrief brought some improvement. "When the game ended, the conversations were more

BROTHERS RECEIVE ACEF PUBLIC SERVICE STIPEND MATCHES

The ACEF exists in large part to make better Alpha Deltas. Accordingly, we encourage Alpha Deltas to work for public-service nonprofits by matching any stipends the nonprofits pay them.

Kamsi Anienwelu '28 and **Evan Draga '27** received ACEF stipend matches for public service work they completed this past summer. They wrote summaries of what they did and learned:

Kamsi worked in New York City for the Harlem Commonwealth Council. The HCC was founded in 1967 to sustain minority-owned businesses by providing them low-cost properties from which to operate. According to its website, the HCC has since expanded to provide its clients education, mentorship, and skills development.

As an intern, Kamsi helped HCC keep its books and manage financial data. Doing so acquainted him with the back-end essentials of nonprofit management while bolstering his accounting skills. The most important takeaway he observed was “seeing how finance could be a direct tool for public service...What may appear to be routine financial work in a traditional setting became, in this nonprofit context, a way of giving back to the community and ensuring that vital resources could reach those who needed them most.”

Evan Draga interned in his native Ohio for U.S. Congressman Max Miller (OH-7). There he enjoyed frontline opportunities to manage

constituent inquiries from around Miller’s district, which “included handling phone calls and helping with issues concerning social security, visas, healthcare, and veteran’s affairs.”

This Evan found to be “the most valuable aspect of the internship; the opportunity to help my community’s veterans and senior citizens was rewarding, and it motivated me to approach the task diligently.”

The internship proved most interesting when Evan had to defend Rep. Miller’s policy positions and votes during the politically fractious summer of 2025. “As I am sure you all are aware, political tensions were high throughout the summer, and I became deeply involved in the process of handling complaints, critiques, support, and suggestions regarding federal policy. While these moments were sometimes unpleasant, they allowed me the unique opportunity to keep a finger on the pulse of the nation. Maintaining empathy and staying updated on daily news were key to ensuring our office was well represented, and despite a direct threat to the congressman in my first week, I found this aspect of the internship professionally and personally valuable.”

Public service betters Alpha Deltas. We hope that more brothers will take public service internships and seek our support accordingly. Those interested may apply via the ACEF website.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

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in any further improvements is the development of a long-term master plan to determine electrical loading and service upgrade requirements, as we have exceeded our code compliant capacities for electrical distribution. Hard to believe, but many of you likely have a similar residential electrical service at your home as our beloved 20,000-square-foot 777, a 200 amp single phase 208 volt. Once a load plan is developed, including long term planning for mechanical system replacement and potential code compliant EV charging stations, we will engage the local utility for an engineering determination of the service upgrade, which will hopefully be installed during the summer of 2026. Preliminary calculations for a decarbonized electrical solution for the master plan could be as large as a 1,600 amp 3-phase 208 volt.

Also, given that we will be disturbing much of the kitchen in any long-term infrastructure upgrades to replace the below slab, 95-year-old sanitary and grease-waste piping, I've challenged our design team and kitchen committee to imagine our best programming and improvement solution for the next 50 years. Our current committee includes Mike Havens, our current chef, and Mario Giacco, a former chef for many years, as well as our building committee. There are lofty goals for creating a more efficient dining area within the kitchen for breakfast and lunch, and a plan to connect the dining to a new patio area to the south in an underutilized lawn area between the house and Campus Hill Apartments.

Long-term planning also includes a

code-compliant permanent solution for residential units in the current Music Room (former Pit) that might also include an additional bathroom for that suite, along with a public amenity for the bar area, which was significantly cleaned up and restored through undergraduate efforts led by Jaxon Jacobs '28. Other planning goals are an improved facility for laundry.

BIM (Building Information Modeling) of the house has been developed, documenting existing conditions through a laser scanning survey. This survey is available online through a hosted service and has been used to develop a coordination model for planning renovations and improvements.

While we work to imagine our infrastructure and programming solutions, we can't ignore the exterior masonry and envelope, having completed another stage of chimney and buttress restoration this past summer. There is still more to do with window replacement and additional buttress work, as well as flashing, waterproofing, and reconstructing the parapet walls at the tower and deck. We've also replaced the existing domestic hot water storage tank, which was 30 years old and had started to leak; our new tank is being incorporated into our long term upgrade solution.

Our former brothers left us the legacy of an iconic structure with the Goat House, and we now find ourselves with a need to develop a respectful solution to return the structure to our beneficial use. Efforts will be coordinated with initial preservation efforts to avoid further degradation and a long-term, code-compliant access solution. With all the talent amongst our Brotherhood, I invite anyone who would like to participate in developing a solution to return

this structure and space to a reimaged but glorious solution for our next generations to contact me. This effort will track independently in our master planning, but will be accommodated in any power and infrastructure requirements in the main house.

1. Roof replacement—Full copper replacement:

\$190,000 (needs to be coordinated with any additional structural framing supports for roof structure not included in this estimate)

2. Masonry restoration—exterior:

\$40,000 for limestone and exterior repairs

3. Interior repointing of brick backup:

Unable to currently access with crews due to confined space and limited egress. Risk to be mitigated with access solution.

4. Exterior glazed tile replacement:

TBD, but we have received quotes upward of \$70,000 to recreate the glass tile panels

5. Access and tunnel code-compliant solution: TBD

6. Interior finish improvements:

Insulation and full seasonal use with restoration of original detailing mill-work—TBD

7. Mechanical and infrastructure systems:

Would need to include mechanical upgrades for heating/cooling and ventilation, fire protection, sprinkler protection, lighting, and support of mechanical systems—TBD

More to come and share as we develop the master plan with the goal of a phased implementation that does not displace occupancy during the academic year.

NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

David Lewis Brown '58: Now age 89. Nancy died eight years ago. I stopped skiing two years ago. Living alone, go out for coffee four times a week, lunch two times a week. Big family! Five children, 11 grandchildren, and 13 great grands! *The AΔΦ brotherhood sends warm regards to Brother Brown.*

Otto C. Doering III '62: Barbara and I are still in West Lafayette, Ind. We have friends and a sense of place here. **Pedro Sanchez '62** and I check in with each other every month or so. We both are finding our worlds are shrinking as we get older. My one professional gig is working with the American Farmland Trust, which has been very rewarding. We hope to be in the Adirondacks this summer and visit Cornell in the fall.

John M. Beeman '63: Visited Cornell for the graduation of my grandson, Sam Nath, in mechanical engineering.

Knight A. Kiplinger '69: Enjoying my semi-retirement, still editor emeritus of The Kiplinger Letter and Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine, now published by Future LLC, a U.K. media company. Spent six years planning and launching a new town near Stuart, Fla., called New Field, now being developed by a

Canadian homebuilder, Mattamy Homes. Six grandchildren and lots of civic interests, so life is good!

Clif Leonhardt '69 writes to say: The house is historic and most of my best friendships to this day originated at Alpha Delt. So, it is my pleasure to contribute. All best wishes.

Lysle R. Waterman '81: My wife of 20-plus years, Vivian, passed away in February of 2022 at my house in the San Francisco Bay Area. Later in 2022, I was remarried to Mae Ann at her home area of the Philippines. We are both Born Again Christians and wanted our own family, as I did not have children before, when younger. We lived together in Manila while we waited for Mae's U.S. spouse visa, which took two-plus years. We were blessed with the birth of the first child for both of us, a beautiful, healthy baby girl, Sofia Mae, on June 5, 2024. I sold my house in California and moved to Queen Creek, Arizona, near Phoenix in mid-2024. We found a wonderful church nearby and are enjoying a simple, God-centered family life. We hope to visit Cornell and AΔΦ soon.

Ravi Mohan '89: I see *Chris Flynn '89* and *Matt Williams '90* in Marin frequently. I also

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William D. McKee '53

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go to 49er games with **John Mao '91**, who hosts an annual Christmas lunch for Alpha Delta in the Bay Area.

Peter A. Christ '92: After 10 years of parish ministry in St Paul, Minnesota, I have accepted a new call. My wife, Anna, and I have returned to Montana, where I now serve as the foundation president and vice president at Mission Advancement for St. John's United, Montana's largest provider of senior living and human services. We're thrilled to be back in the mountains as we reconnect with old friends.

Tate Lavitt '14: Stopped by the house in March on my way to play some polo against the undergrads. Saïd hi to some of the kids, and they were very nice. In October, I'm joining **Sam Ritholtz '14** in Oxford for my own PhD in the business school. Hope to see you at reunion in four years or sooner.

ALPHA DELT BROTHERS

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