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Annual Cornell Trustee  
Council Breakfast**  
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Trustee Council Annual Meeting  
Sorority and Fraternity Life Breakfast



Saturday

October 19, 2019 7:30-9 a.m.  
Sigma Pi, 730 University Ave.

Welcome Remarks

Jarett Wait '80  
President, Sigma Pi Alumni Board

John Haggerty, Ph.D. '78  
Senior Lecturer, Cornell University ILR School, Sigma Pi Faculty Advisor, & Alumni Board Treasurer

Chris Cavanaugh '20  
President, Sigma Pi

Sorority & Fraternity Life Updates

Kara Miller McCarty  
Robert G. Engel Director of Sorority & Fraternity Life

Bob Forness '87

Chair, Fraternity and Sorority Advisory Council

Felix Blanco '21

President, Multicultural Greek & Fraternal Council

Maya Cutforth '20

President, Panhellenic Council

Christian Gonzalez '20

President, Interfraternity Council

# Sigma Pi Hosts CU Trustees

Trustee Council Breakfast • Sigma Pi Fraternity • Sat., Oct. 19

Cornell's Office of Greek Affairs asked Sigma Pi to host this year's Greek breakfast for the Trustee Council annual meeting weekend. This was a huge opportunity for Mu Chapter to showcase our fraternity to the alumni leadership of the university. There were over 50 trustee and council member in attendance, including our brother **Kent Sheng '78**.

**John Haggerty '78**, **Jarett Wait '80**, and Sage **Chris Cavanaugh '20** made some remarks. Below is a copy of John's speech.



Good morning, and welcome to Sigma Pi Mu Chapter. And thank you for your interest in, and hopefully support of, fraternity and sorority life at Cornell.

My name is John Haggerty, BS ILR 1978, PhD ILR 2010.

I am a faculty member in the ILR School, a proud GE retiree, treasurer of the Mu Chapter alumni corporation, and faculty advisor to this chapter.

You are all aware that these are challenging times for student organizations. In 2013, we celebrated our 100th anniversary on the Cornell Campus, and I began to think about how we could assure future generations of college students the opportunity to have an experience like Jarett and I had in this house and like Chris is having now.

The answer, I think, is actually quite simple. But building the mechanisms to execute the required work is not.

Here's what I concluded:

1. We need to play by the rules, no matter how stringent they become and how often they change.
2. We need to provide a level of economic stability for the undergraduate brothers

so that they do not face an existential threat on a daily basis.

3. We need to have an active and continuing presence as alumni in the makeup and operation of the house and a strong base of credibility with the university administration.

4. But while doing all that, what our alumni president Jarett Wait refers to as providing guardrails, we also have to allow the brothers significant room to craft their community in a way that is meaningful to them.

Like many of the organizations you are affiliated with, we are on this journey. The undergraduate brothers will probably tell you that we have not gotten everything right. We know. But we keep trying. Like any business, the business of running a fraternity faces constant and accelerating challenges from the environment. It can be frustrating, but looking back on the progress we have made, for me, it is well worth the effort.

I would like to close by recognizing one of your peers, Kent Sheng, a 1978 Mu Chapter classmate and an important and consistent supporter of this house. Welcome home Kent!



## Jim Keene '57 Memorial Library Dedication

By **Adi Ramachandran '21**

Mu chapter dedicated the Memorial Library in honor of **James H. Keene III '57** at homecoming. Large groups of alumni, undergrads, family, and friends gathered. Thanks to all who were involved; this day won't be forgotten.

Alumni, undergraduates, and family gathered to honor and to celebrate a distinguished member of our fraternity in the very library Jim Keene helped create. A number of people attending the dedication stepped forward and shared fond memories, highlighting how Jim impacted them.

Having Mr. Keene's family join us for the celebrations made the event all the more special. Both of his daughters and his wife were able to speak so fondly about our house and the memories it provided them. Our house will forever continue to provide memories, thanks to the gifts and sacrifices of Mr. Jim Keene.



Upper left, Jim's family (L-R): Sarah Keene (second to youngest daughter), Ruth Keene (wife), Ruth Ann Keene (eldest daughter), oldest son not pictured; upper right: Steve Pirozzi '80, Colvin Duntelman '22, Sammy Malhotra '22, Connor Riser '15; lower left: undergraduate brothers join in the dedication ceremony; lower right: Dennis McNamara '83, Tom Owens '83, Larry Keene '99, John Morrison '75, John Haggerty '78.

# Robust Fall Career and Mentoring Program

By **Adomas Hassan '20**

The undergraduate-alumni career and mentoring programing this fall has been very robust.

**Developing a game plan:** The calendar kicked off with a presentation by **Jarett Wait '80** at the house in the Learning Commons to sophomores and juniors, focusing on developing a game plan for their career searches, as well as on a roadmap to opportunities on Wall Street for those interested in financial services.

**Cornell Real Estate Conference:** A group of six undergraduates interested in real estate attended the annual Cornell Real Estate Conference, held in NYC on Friday, October 18, with **Alan Riffkin '88**, managing director and head of real estate at Lazard, as host (see article on page 4).

**DealBook Conference: Andrew Ross Sorkin '99** continued to support Sigma Pi undergraduates by extending six invitations to worthy brothers to attend Andrew's signature DealBook Conference, held on Wednesday, November 6, at the Time Warner Center in New York City. This VIP and exclusive conference is targeted to CEOs and business leaders. This year's theme is "Playing for the Long Term." The Conference included marquee speakers Bill Gates (Microsoft), Dara Khosroshahi (Uber), Reed Hastings (Netflix), Gini Rometty (IBM), Brian Chesky (Airbnb), and Dennis Muilenburg (Boeing), among others.

**15th Annual Sigma Pi Career Event:** The annual Sigma Pi career event in New York City was a huge success. This year's event kicked off with a networking dinner at the Cornell Club of New York, with over 50 undergraduate brothers and alumni attending. At the dinner, undergraduate brothers were able

to get exposure to the various industries and fields that they are interested in, mingling and networking with Mu Chapter alumni. This proved to be extremely valuable to the undergraduate brothers, especially those that are not sure about what they would like to pursue post-graduation. The undergrads were able to network with alumni in fields ranging from investment banking and consulting to law and software engineering. Please see list below of attendees, sponsors, and hosts.

Generous alumni sponsored students cost for their participation in the dinner diner.

## ALUMNI ATTENDING DINNER

**Jack Welch '78**  
**Donald Motschwiler '80**  
**Steve Pirozzi '80**  
**Jarett Wait '80**  
**Ed Berlin '81**  
**Dennis McNamara '81**  
**Mike Vernick '83**  
**Dave Colville '84**  
**Steven Decker '85**  
**Jeff Lewis '85**  
**David Hogan '86**  
**Jeff Walwyn '02**  
**Dan Holzwanger '09**  
**Felix Tabary '14**  
**Zack Gilbert '16**  
**Andrew Joseph '16**  
**Charles Byrnes '17**

## ALUMNI CAREER HOSTS

**Donald Motschwiler '80:** First Securities of NY, hedge fund and proprietary trading  
**Barry Weiss '81:** Records LLC, music production.  
**Frank Sposato '84:** Lazard, asset management, investment management  
**Jeff Lewis '85:** entrepreneur/sports, start-up professional US flag-football league  
**Alan Riffkin '88:** Lazard, RE investment banking

**Giorgio Piccoli '07:** American flat, entrepreneurship, start-up  
**Dan Holzwanger '09:** doctor, specialize in radiology, medtech  
**Zach Zelikovic '10:** GFI Capital, hotel/RE project development  
**Brian Harwitt '15:** CoVenture, venture capital

## THANK YOU ALUMNI SPONSORS

**Henry Drexler '69**  
**John Morrison '75**  
**Kent Sheng '78**  
**Aron Minkin '80**  
**Donald Motschwiler '80**  
**Jarett Wait '80**  
**Ed Berlin '81**  
**Dennis McNamara '81**  
**Mike Rantz '81**  
**Dave Colville '84**  
**Steven Decker '85**  
**Eric Hamburg '85**  
**Jeff Lewis '85**  
**David Hogan '86**  
**Miguel Ferrer '91**  
**Jeff Walwyn '02**  
**Sean MacGregor '07**  
**Dan Holzwanger '09**  
**Zach Smith '13**  
**Felix Tabary '14**  
**Andrew Walsh '17**



At DealBook (L-R): **Forest Colerick '20**, **Adomas Hassan '20**, **Andrew Sorkin '99**, **Max Cook '20**, **Chris Cavanaugh '21**, **Alexander Schmack '20**.

# Resident Advisor Report



By **Connor Duffy '20**,  
**Resident Advisor**

With the advent of the academic year, undergraduate brothers returned to 730 University Avenue to settle in for the semesters ahead. A smooth move-in process was led by house manager and Alabama native **Stuart Thornton '22**, who also ensured the house passed its mandated compliance inspections.

Though the brothers enjoyed what was left of the Ithaca summer during orientation week, the Learning Commons and Keene Memorial Library were quickly put to use as classwork and Wall St. recruiting picked up momentum. The Pi house remains at the center of campus life for the entire brotherhood. In between classes, the seniors living in Collegetown are commonly found playing a game of pool or discussing contemporary events with the current residents of the house.

Our social calendar is as busy as ever, especially with the ladies of Sigma Delta Tau, thanks to the efforts of **Dillon Razler '22**. The highlight of the week for many is the weekly brotherhood bonfire held by **Jacob Stein '21** in the backyard fire pit. With the leaves starting to turn their shades of gold, orange, and Big Red as autumn rolls around, the Pi house will continue to be a home base as the bonds of brotherhood and the West Lounge hearth together burn bright.

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## Jonathan Caen '19 Brother of the Year!

Every year, Sigma Pi awards the Adolphus Dolly C. Hailstork Jr. Brother of the Year award to a senior-class member of the chapter. The Brother of the Year is awarded to honor a brother who has demonstrated his unwavering commitment and unparalleled leadership throughout his time as an active member of the fraternity.



Last spring, the chapter chose **Jonathan Caen '19**, a graduating senior, as the recipient. Among other roles, Jonathan served the chapter as vice president during the 2017–2018 academic year. He demonstrated selfless commitment to the betterment of Sigma Pi through his role as an officer and through his role as a brother and friend.

Jon studied in Cornell's College of Human Ecology and explored financial services in his extracurricular work, developing a growing passion for the management of healthcare and life sciences. Following graduation, Jon began a position in life-science consulting at Ascel Health.

Jon has helped to lead the chapter through periods of progress and growth and guided the chapter through challenges along its way. He truly lives and breathes for this brotherhood. He has demonstrated immeasurable commitment to his brothers as individuals, to Mu Chapter as a whole, and to the greater Cornell community. Congratulations, Jon, and thank you for your commitment and leadership during your tenure as an undergraduate member. We look forward to witnessing your future successes and your future contributions to Sigma Pi!

## Joe Drogan '20, David Harrop Memorial Scholarship

Every year, Sigma Pi awards one junior member of the fraternity the David Harrop Memorial Scholarship. This \$1,000 award is given to the brother who demonstrates academic excellence while leading and supporting Sigma Pi, as well staying active and giving back to the local Ithaca community.

The 2019 David Harrop Memorial Scholarship Recipient: **Joseph Brogan '20**.

Joseph Brogan is a senior in the School of Hotel Administration, working toward his Bachelor of Science degree. He is also pursuing a minor in real estate.

While academics are Joe's main focus, he has demonstrated his well-rounded spirit of brotherhood in all that he does. He has served as Mu Chapter treasurer (2018–'19), and his list of other extra-curricular activities is impressive, including College Mentors for Kids, Cornell Real Estate Club, Cornell Traditions Fellows, and the Cornell men's rugby team.



Joe credits his academic success to Sigma Pi: "Having the opportunity to live in 730 University Avenue has granted me the unique opportunity to push myself to new intellectual heights that I would not have strived for if I was not in that cultivating environment... rising to the occasion, competing with those around me, while finding spirited debate and discussion. Living in this house has elevated me academically and intellectually, and for that, I am forever grateful". Joe is extremely grateful for the opportunity to be a part of Sigma Pi and for the mentorship and support that he has received from the active brothers and alumni of Mu Chapter.

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## 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Cornell Real Estate Conference

By Nico Capalongo '20

On Friday, October 18, six undergraduate Mu Chapter brothers were afforded the chance to attend the 37th annual Cornell Real Estate Conference in New York City. The event, within the Times Center in midtown, gathered several hundred Cornell undergraduates and alumni with a main goal of discussing the unfolding challenges, disruptions, and opportunities available in the commercial real-estate industry in light of future market uncertainty.

The conference began with opening remarks from Mu Chapter alumnus **Alan Riffkin '88**, who welcomed all and set the stage of the event by discussing the unique global macroeconomic environment. Afterward, the conference hosts staged a series of interviews with several prominent real-estate professionals, including Jonathan Gray and Bill Ackman. The undergraduate brothers in attendance were met by **Jarett Wait '80** and had the opportunity to network with industry leaders, prominent university alumni, and other young professionals.



Left to right: Joe Brogan '20, Harry Drabzel '20, Elvis Wombua, Jonah Hutchinson '20, Nico Capalongo '20, and Forest Colerick '20.

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# Brothers Always Keep Risk Management in Mind



By **Connor Duffy '20**

As the live-in resident advisor at Mu Chapter and the representative of the alumni in the daily operations of the fraternity, I am pleased with the fraternity's approach toward risk management. I would like to outline some of the policies and procedures in place at 730 University Avenue to ensure the safety and success of our chapter in our increasingly scrutinized national Greek-life climate.

To begin the school year, the undergraduate brothers met with the alumni board to review Cornell and Sigma Pi codes of conduct. Following the meeting, each brother was provided a handbook outlining expectations for conduct and containing relevant policies or news regarding incidents at Cornell. Every brother signed an agreement to abide by these standards.

The undergraduate executive board has been strong in its approach with regards to risk management. At every fraternity event, the policy has been that at least one executive-board member must

be present, sober, and ready to assist in any way possible with the help of the other brothers who are designated as risk monitors. These risk monitors are present at all parties and events involving the consumption of alcohol. The risk monitors are brothers in the house, and the position of risk monitor rotates for every event, so every brother of Sigma Pi will have served as a risk monitor at some point. For larger events, such as the annual parking-lot party, the fraternity hires security services and employs representatives from Cayuga's Watchers.

Furthermore, **Matt Pullano '21**, as the current vice president, hosts weekly meetings on Tuesdays to discuss the upcoming agenda for the week and how we can better mitigate risk in our event planning. These meetings are mandatory for all position holders in the house, and brothers without formal positions attend as well.

This year, every brother completed an online training program from Sigma Pi executive office on the topics of sexual assault, hazing, binge drinking, and mental health. The Tightrope Program, as it is called, was informative and interactive. The

brothers of Mu Chapter remarked about how it was refreshing to cover concepts they already were familiar with and how it was useful to dive deeper and learn new things on these important topics.

Risk management has become something that is on the mind of all brothers as we look to protect the house and be proper stewards of Greek life at Cornell. In this year's fall rush and fall new-member education process, the potential new Pi men were given a briefing on the importance of risk management. In the weekly chapter meetings on Sunday afternoons, brothers who took on the mantle of leadership and made proper decisions regarding risk are recognized in front of the brotherhood. Sigma Pi Mu Chapter has been effective in managing risk and setting an example for fraternities at Cornell. Current Sage **Chris Cavanaugh '21** had this to say on the topic: "While the sitting executive board of Mu Chapter prides itself in its commitment to risk management, what truly makes a difference is the responsibility each brother feels to actively contribute to the safety and well-being of our chapter and our guests."

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## From the Desk of the Sage



By **Chris Cavanaugh '21**

The 2019–2020 academic year is off to an exciting and enjoyable start for the men of Sigma Pi Mu Chapter. After returning from another successful summer of anything from business in NYC to volunteering abroad, the undergraduates were relieved to be back in Ithaca, spending time together at 730 University Avenue. Social Chairmen **Dillon Razler '22**, **Spencer Jimenez '22**, and **Will Roth '22** have taken full advantage of the brotherhood's excitement by organizing numerous social events, such as orientation week mixers, the annual parking-lot party, and a Homecoming social tailgate. Some upcoming events include a Halloween party, a brotherhood trip to a Buffalo Bill's game, and our fall-semester formal.

Since the first day back on campus, the rush chairs of Mu Chapter, **Alex Frank '21**, **Arthur Decker '22**, and **Andre McAllister '20**, have worked diligently to ensure the fall rush cycle yielded great success for Sigma Pi. To no surprise, the hard work paid off in mid-September, when Sigma

Pi extended eight bids to now new members of Sigma Pi. Since then, Herald **Travis Fristoe '20** and Fall Pledge Class President **Will Nuga '21** have led the new pledge class in learning about Mu Chapter's history and developing strong bonds with the rest of the brotherhood. This is all in preparation for their formal initiation in October. All of Sigma Pi Mu Chapter is looking forward to the contributions these new Pi men are sure to make to our brotherhood.

While continuing to thrive academically, undergraduate brothers are using the skills they've learned within the fraternity to serve as leaders across the Cornell campus. **Jason Spector '20** and **Eric Hu '20** are both presidents of Cornell Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity and Cornell Blockchain respectively. In addition, **Matt Pullano '21** has taken on the role of vice president of Cornell men's club lacrosse, and **Francisco Wagner '21** is the current captain of Santos, a Cornell men's club soccer team. Finally, the rest of the brotherhood has continued their involvement with organizations such as College Mentors for Kids as an opportunity to give back to the surrounding community.

I am proud to report that Homecoming

2019 was a huge success. The undergraduates and the alumni board hosted numerous alumni and the Keene family for a ceremony and luncheon dedicating the Memorial Library to the late **Jim Keene '57**. This event highlighted the resounding impact Jim had on Sigma Pi Mu Chapter over the course of his entire life. It also gave undergraduate brothers the opportunity to learn more about the many alumni who have committed to the betterment of Mu Chapter throughout the years. All of the undergraduates are already looking forward to Homecoming 2020.

I am also pleased to report that the 15th annual NYC Career Event was held on the weekend of November 8. A strong contingency of alumni and undergraduates participated in last year's events, and we are incredibly grateful for the support and guidance offered to us from Sigma Pi alumni. Considering past success, it is no surprise that we have many undergraduate brothers really looking forward to this year's event!

With 2019 coming to a close, Sigma Pi Mu Chapter can take pride in all that we have accomplished this year, and I look forward to seeing what 2020 has in store for Mu Chapter.

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# Fall Rush Yields Seven New Members

By **Andre Macallister '20, Alex Frank '21, and Arthur Decker '22**

## THE RUSH CHAIRS

**Andre Macallister '20:** I am a senior in the School of Hotel Administration, working toward a minor in real estate while also doing a finance concentration. I have had multiple internships in the finance field, and I plan on going into that same field after graduation. However, my true passion is entrepreneurship, and I eventually want to start my own business.

I am originally from Bogota, Colombia, but I moved to Los Angeles, California, when I was 14. On campus, I am involved in several organizations. I play for Santos FC, one of the three club soccer teams at Cornell University. I work as a fitness monitor for Cornell Fitness Centers. I am part of the National Society from Minorities in Hospitality, as well as the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting. And I work as an independent freelance translator for a multinational dubbing company. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my friends, reading, and exercising.

I am enjoying working with my fellow rush chairs, and I believe that we have done a great job already. I am excited to see how the new pledge class develops, and I'm also excited to meet new kids for our potential spring pledge class.

**Alex Frank '21:** I am a junior studying policy analysis and management. After college, I intend to pursue a career related to government and public policy. On campus, I am involved in several organizations. These include YOURS, a volunteering club dedicated to the underprivileged youth in the Ithaca area, and the Cornell Santos club soccer team. I am also a member of the Cornell Tradition Fellowship. I look forward to this coming year as one of the Sigma Pi rush chairs and anticipate another great pledge class.

**Arthur Decker '22:** I am a sophomore in the School of Hotel Administration. I am concentrating in finance and looking to minor in computer science while serving as a rush chair for Sigma Pi. I'm originally from Queens, New York, and in my free time, I enjoy playing intramural baseball and basketball with the other Pi men. In the future, I hope to hold at least one more position in the house, and I am excited to see the new member class grow as they spend more time with one another and the brotherhood this year.

## RUSH BRIEF

Brothers from all classes of the Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi came together to make a strong effort during the fall recruitment cycle. Between the several IFC events (West Campus Hangout, Meet the Greeks, and formal smokers) and informal brother efforts, including lunches, Monday/Sunday Night Football, and hangouts on the Beach, the men of Sigma Pi met a number of quality prospective brothers.

Fall rush is very different from spring rush, and it can be a difficult time. A restricted rush pool combined with a reduced timeline and increased outside brotherhood commitments makes it hard to form the bonds that are necessary for an informed and complete bid process. If our experience with the last two fall pledge classes that we took has taught us anything, it's that we have to start really strong in the beginning stages of the process.

We did a great job getting started early this year, and we met a lot of the members of the new pledge class during 0-week. After that, we stayed in touch with them and tried to get to know them as well as we could so that we could have a good idea as to whether they would be a good fit for our house or not. We recommend starting early for the future rush chairs, and we would like to emphasize the importance of meeting new kids during 0-week for both the fall and spring rush processes.

Starting early was fundamental, but all the effort the brothers put into the process after that is what really made everything happen. This collective push by the entire brotherhood, as well as the right combination of prospective members, resulted in a great fall rush pledge class.

It is, therefore, with the utmost excitement that we announce our newest class of Pi men: PC '19 2.0. These men undeniably make us a more diverse and complete brotherhood. Remember, we did not "need" a fall pledge class, but what we did need is these seven men with our letters on their chests.

We would like to note that we extended eight bids, and they were all accepted. Unfortunately, we had one new member drop early because his parents didn't want him to join a fraternity. The whole brotherhood still likes him a lot, and we will be as supportive as possible with anything he needs.

From here, our rush efforts continue, and we look forward to expanding the brotherhood further come spring.

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## CORNELL AND SIGMA PI LEGACIES

Do you know any Sigma Pi legacies (sons, daughters, grandchildren, siblings, cousins, etc.) who are attending or planning to attend Cornell? Do you know any current or incoming students who would be good potential Mu Chapter brothers?

We are aiming to regularly compile this information to aid the undergraduate chapter with new member recruitment, increase potential networking opportunities, and provide more information for historical record-keeping.

### CURRENT CORNELL LEGACIES:

**Jack Burger '20:** CALS, son of **John D. Burger '84**

**Bryan Fuchs '21:** Eng, son of **Rob Fuchs '80**

**Peter Mao '21:** A&S, grandson of **K.T. Mao '63**

**Uno Wait '21:** Hotel, son of **Jarett Wait '80**

**Arthur Decker '22:** Hotel, son of **Steven Decker '85**

**Elijah Gordon '22:** HumEc, son of **Howie Gordon '81**

**Carolyn Rantz '22,** daughter of **Mike Rantz '81**

If you know of current or potential legacies, both for Sigma Pi and Cornell in general, please share your information by e-mailing [alumnirecords@sigmapicornell.org](mailto:alumnirecords@sigmapicornell.org) or writing to Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity, P.O. Box 876, Ithaca, NY 14851.

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## On Behalf of My Pledge Brothers

By **Will Nuga '21, 2019 Fall Pledge Class President**

The fall 2019 pledge class of Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi at Cornell University is a group of seven new potential members eager to give back our time, resources, and group ingenuity. We want to support the house and brothers, like the active brothers currently do with us, and especially like the many great forefathers before us.

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# Mu Dominates Fall Intramurals

By Mac Ritchie '22, IM Chair

Now half-way through the intramural league season, Sigma Pi has already asserted its athletic dominance. From flag football to golf, the Pi men have not placed below third place in a sport and are well on track toward challenging for the fraternity IM cup.

The semester started with a golf meet. Sigma Pi was represented by senior **Luke Balistreri '20** and house RA **Connor Duffy '20**. They competed against Beta Theta Pi and two Pike teams. Our boys managed to secure a strong second place finish, despite the challenging Ithaca weather.

Two weeks later, the Pi men were back in action in the tennis doubles tournament, with juniors **Sackett Terry '21** and **Jacob Wigdor '21** leading the line against a huge variety of opposition, which included Pike, Pi Kapp, DU, Beta Theta Pi, and *four* Sammy teams. Despite the competition, Sigma Pi placed third out of nine teams in what was an immensely impressive performance.

Outdoor soccer was the next sport to start, and this was a team which held enormous potential. With a roster containing six club soccer players, Sigma Pi had the appearance of an unstoppable team, despite IM rules constricting teams to only having two club players on the field at a time. This appearance quickly turned to reality as the team romped to an undefeated regular season, beating Phi Tau (2-1), Pi Kapp (3-1), and most notably, Sigma Chi (6-0). With a record of 3-0-0, 11 goals scored, and only two conceded matches, Sigma Pi sat in a very powerful position ahead of its first

playoff game. Special mention must go out to junior **Alex Frank '21**, who is our top scorer, with four goals.

The final sport that Sigma Pi is competing in is flag football. Despite infighting for the role of QB1, the team has settled into a machine capable of dispatching any opposition. Like soccer, the football team also had an undefeated regular season. Recording wins against DU (19-6), Chi Psi (31-12), Pi Kapp (32-7), and DU (19-0). No team has challenged the Sigma Pi dominance.

DU in particular has not been heard from since being humbled twice in four weeks by the Pi men. The team has had an exceptional rotation of quarterbacks driving the team, but the undisputed MVP has been junior **Jack Samett '21**, playing wide receiver. Described as "unplayable," rapid footwork and dummyming ability has left opposing defenses unable to touch him, let alone grab his flags.

In further exciting news, due to their brilliant performances, the Sigma Pi team has been offered places in two IM flag football regional events at the University of Maryland and Springfield College. Winning either competition will result in an automatic bid to flag football nationals in January, hosted in Round Rock, Texas.

Looking forward to the rest of the season, Pi men can look forward to 3-on-3 basketball, disc golf, no-tap bowling, and dodgeball. If the IM season so far is any indicator of what is to come in the final half of the season, then Sigma Pi can feel great confidence that the fraternity IM cup is coming home.

# On Behalf of My Pledge Brothers

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At first glance, our pledge-class members are markedly different individuals, both culturally and academically. These differences are demonstrated by five members of our pledge class who hail from the northeast states of New York and Maine, two members hailing from the northwestern and southern states of Idaho and Texas, and one member hailing from New Delhi, India.

Two members of our pledge class study economics at Cornell's School of Arts and Sciences, two members currently study statistics and communications at Cornell's School of Agriculture and Life Sciences (with one interested in pursuing English as well), two members study hotel administration at Cornell's School of Hotel Administration, one members studys industrial and labor relations at Cornell's ILR school, and the last studys policy analysis and management in the College of Human Ecology.

However, our pledge class believes it is these differences that will incite us to become one as a collective and eventually as members of the current brotherhood. What will incite us? Sacrifice. Although we are still in the preliminary phases of our new-member education process, our pledge class believes that sacrifice (being there for one another through tribulations and especially during trials) will forge our minds and spirits into one. Ultimately, we, as potential new members, look forward to the challenge of meeting and exceeding the expectations the brotherhood of Sigma Pi Mu Chapter will set (and continue to raise).

Despite both the short time our pledge class has known each other and the short time our four new transfer students have had to get acclimated to campus, we are all certain of the positive leadership, change, and innovation we plan to showcase to Sigma Pi and even to Cornell University as a whole, both inside and outside of the classroom. We plan to push each other academically. We plan to hold one another accountable for their actions. We plan to treat each other with respect at all times. We plan to carry ourselves like admirable men, not boys. We plan, as aforementioned above, to invest our time, resources, and group ingenuity in the brotherhood – to sacrifice.

**We are the Sigma Pi 2019 fall pledge class!**



# Procrasticup Celebrates Its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

By Joe Ruocco '81

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, was the scene of the 35th anniversary of the Procrasticup, as 18 Pi men attended this year's activities in early October. The extended weekend included multiple rounds of golf played in exquisite weather, great dinners, fine cigars, tons of old tunes, and many many old Pi-house stories that get better every year. Next year's Procrasticup goes global as we depart from our home base of Myrtle Beach and travel for a week of fun in Ireland in July of 2020. We will return to Myrtle Beach in October, 2021. If you are interested in learning more about the Procrasticup, contact any member of the executive committee, including brothers **Vernick '83, Hawes '82, McNamara '83, or Ruocco '81.**



## The History of the Procrasticup

By Michael Vernick '83

In 1984, **Brad Crooke '81, Time Hawes '82, Dennis McNamara '83, and Michael Vernick '83** (the original executive committee) convened in Houston, Texas, for the first Sigma Pi Procrasticup, played at Texas National Golf Course. The next year, the group grew, and the P-cup moved to Clearwater, Florida, for spring break. Although four days of golf were planned, only nine holes were played; the pull of the beach and coeds kept us from the golf course. One (of many) funny stories: **Frank Sposato '84** lived in Clearwater. The Monday morning after the P-cup, Frank was supposed to start a new job, but he was too "under the weather" to go to work. He called in and said he lost the keys to his car and couldn't drive in. He spent the rest of the day by the hotel pool. Priorities!

The P-cup group stayed small and moved between Boston and Myrtle Beach in the late '80s. In the early '90s, we kept trying to get together for another trip, but we just couldn't arrange it. Eventually, someone (no one can remember exactly who or how it happened) coined the term

"The Procrasticup," the golf tournament that was never played. After some persistence, however, a group of eight brothers reunited in Myrtle Beach in 1995. We've played together at least once a year since then. Sometime in the late '90s, due to a war injury, Crookie became P-cup emeritus and Joe Ruocco joined the executive committee. Rumor has it that, after a long hiatus, Crookie will be rejoining the annual event starting in 2021.

We normally play every Columbus Day weekend. We've had anywhere from 12 to 22 brothers in attendance. Although we get together most frequently in Myrtle Beach, we also played Scotland in 2000 and 2004 (site of the one and only P-cup hole-in-one by Tim Hawes), Whistling Straits in 2010, Firestone and Ithaca in 2011 (our first golf ball beaming, again off the club of Tim Hawes and into the cranium of John Roche), Ithaca again in 2013 during the centennial, and Pebble Beach in 2015.

Whereas some golf groups actually go on trips and focus on the golf, our trips are about reminiscing, brotherhood, and figuring out when the golf cart will be by to quench our thirst.

# Educational Foundation Welcomes Three New Board Members

We are pleased to welcome three brothers, **Joe Zanetta '75**, **Mike Reiner '78**, and **Nick Ornitz '16**, to the board of the Educational Foundation, pending final approval in July. Each of them brings different strengths and backgrounds that will help further our mission. Their commitment to education and Sigma Pi will help our board reach new heights in the coming years.

Joe is a seasoned non-profit leader, with more than 30 years of strategic fundraising and institutional advancement experience. He works at the Bryant Group and has previously served as CEO of Citrus Valley Health Foundation, a nonprofit integrated community health-care system, serving one million residents. Joe also serves as a member of the board of directors for the Log Cabin Republicans, chairman of the board of Holy Family Services Adoption Agency, and chairman of the Pasadena Enterprise Center. Joe is a double Cornellian, having also graduated from Cornell Law School.

Mike is a resident of Weston, Connecticut, after recently moving from Tenafly, New Jersey. The 1978 School of Industrial and Labor Relations graduate is a partner/co-owner of Resource International, an importing firm specializing in the home and giftware industries, with his wife, Erica (Cornell '78). He has two daughters, Sara and Leah, married to Jason and Ben respectively, and one granddaughter, Cara.

Nick was the Foundation's inaugural David Harrop Memorial Scholarship winner back in 2015. A 2016 graduate of the College of Engineering, Nick has spent the past three years consulting with McKinsey & Company, most recently as an engagement manager. In the fall, Nick started pursuing his MBA at Harvard Business School. As an undergraduate, Nick held a number of positions in Sigma Pi, including alumni secretary, recruitment chairman, technology chairman, and academic chairman. He also is a co-founder and was vice president of finance for College Mentors for Kids.

## Deceased

**David C. Kay '50**  
February 26, 2019

**Clifford J. Wengert '53**  
February 8, 2019

**Peter B. Taylor '55**  
December 10, 2018

*Honor a deceased brother with a memorial plaque; visit [sigmapicornell.edu/150-giving-memorial.asp](http://sigmapicornell.edu/150-giving-memorial.asp)*



# 2019 REUNION

By Omar Nesheiwat '20

Reunion weekend was a wonderful time to gather and reminisce. The weekend also saw the announcements of two engagements. **Josh Benamram '14** and **Brandon Choi '14** both used reunion weekend to propose to respective girlfriends!

This was the largest reunion to date, with over 70 alumni showing up, representing multiple classes, including '74, '79, '84, '09, and '14. Every single room in the house was accounted for, making this one of the most memorable and successful reunions in recent history. It seemed to invigorate the alumni base, and it was a weekend that won't be forgotten.

At the annual reunion barbecue, alumni shared various stories about their time in the house and remembered their brothers who had since passed away. The undergraduate brothers who were fortunate enough to be in attendance that weekend were appreciative of the opportunity to meet and to learn from brothers from various classes, while learning more about the history of our esteemed house and its influential members.



# 2019 REUNION: Letters from Alumni

Dear Notable Pi Men of the 1970s:

I'm back home now and am still thinking that I left my heart back at Cornell and at Sigma Pi. All of us have completed or nearly completed our notable careers, have perhaps attended multiple schools, and participated in multiple organizations, churches, and clubs since Cornell. Along the way of multiple decades, we have made many dear friends from these associations. But I must confess that among the many friends in my own personal journey, Sigma Pi friends, as a group, have meant more to me than any others by a long shot.

I ask myself why is that? I think the answer has to be the commonality in the values that we share. Those values were passed on from one Sigma Pi generation to the next. I cannot attest that the current class shares the same values, but I believe that the proximity of classes near our own do. As I watched Bill Strusz memorialize the five gentlemen in the '73 composite, which he gave back to the house newly refinished, his emotions that he expressed only reinforced those values that we hold dear. You might have your views about what they are. These are mine:

- We respect and deeply care for one another. Even after all these years, that was strongly evident during the reunion.
- We value diversity in ethnicity, spirituality, personality, economic background, and abilities, both physically and mentally.
- We emot and share our feelings. We sometimes cry and are not bashful to do so openly.
- We value and admire the varied talents among our fellow Pi men.
- We do not put anyone down.
- We have fun, lots of fun. We celebrate our fun and our stories of fun.
- We still get the job done (like succeed in school, at work, and for our loved ones).
- We're not all jocks, not snobs, not all intellectuals. We are accepting of one another.

That's why I joined as a freshman, and that's what I view you fellow Pi men as still being today. I just had to do that outpouring. I miss and love all of you.

These are the Pi men and women who showed up in the years around us:

- Steven Sanford '73 and Yoly
- Bill Strusz '73 and Carol Sue
- Ted Chen '74
- Casey Forbes '74
- Michael Gentry '74
- Sandy Kraker '74 and Joline
- Peter Muth '74
- Dave Myers '74 and Nancy
- John Morrison '75
- Richard Priester '75 and wife
- Pete Duda '74 (Duda was a surprise. He was not on the list of attendees, but he had an engagement nearby with his family, so he was able to steal away for a bit.)
- Steve Booth '74 and Fran
- Rob Colbert '71 (Rob showed up briefly on Friday. It was so great to see him!)
- Don Fullerton '74
- Matt Petti '77

Respectfully,  
Ted Chen '74

*Bill Strusz '73 told the story about how, just days before the fire in 1994, he was walking through the house and saw a piece of cardboard in a pile of rubbish. He pulled it out and found it to be the 1973 composite: his year, no frame, just pictures and backing. He's kept it since, had it fully restored, and returned it to the house at last summer's Reunion. His talk included a memorial to those brothers in the composite no longer with us: John Bowen, Tom Bush, Yong Soo Ha, Reber Carroll, Mark Hausknecht, Paul Connell, and Dolly Hailstork.*

There is a reason we use the word "brother" to describe each other. It is not the same thing as "friend" or "team mate" or even "family"—not to minimize friends, family, and colleagues. I have a circle of friends who are dearly close. I love them; I love their kids. But it is not the same. Ditto goes for work colleagues. And family is completely different.

If each of us is a vessel, Cornell and the brothers at Sigma Pi molded and fired us, finishing the raw clay from the prior 18 years. How each is used or decorated comes later, but the basic form, the point of creation, is really taken during our college years. There is something about living together, dining together, socializing together 24/7 at a time when we are first let loose in the world as independent beings. And through pledging, we were able to do it with people with whom we wanted to share those experiences. As a result, there are bits of all of us in each of us. Each brother imprinted every other brother, so that in reconnecting, even after decades, we come into contact with the pieces of ourselves we distributed throughout those impactful years.

In return, we expose pieces our brothers left deep inside us. It is a remarkable thing. Many of us in the class of '74 will be returning to high school for a 50th reunion next year. And we will rejoin people from our youth. We will recall jokes we played on teachers. We will remember football games, school plays, and a slew of "first experiences". But it won't be the same. In the next month, we are certain to join friends for a weekend at the lake or a big backyard barbecue, but it won't be the same. There is a reason we call each other brother.

Peter A. Muth '74





# MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR REUNION 2020

## JUNE 5–7, 2020

The alumni board, in partnership with the undergraduates and reunion class leaders, are working hard to increase participation and to make Reunion weekend a fun and memorable time back at the Pi house. All Mu Chapter alumni are encouraged to attend! There will be special events for alumni from classes ending in 0 and 5. Stay tuned to the Mu Chapter website, [sigmapicornell.org](http://sigmapicornell.org), and to your e-mail and mailboxes for more information, including registration options and event schedules, as the dates draw nearer.

We are hoping for a big turnout and look forward to seeing you there!

If you plan on attending reunion, please **register online at [www.sigmapicornell.org](http://www.sigmapicornell.org)**. We will continue to update the website with event details, so check back regularly.

### CLASS REPS FOR 2020 REUNION

- '70 – Peter Chase ([peterchase80@gmail.com](mailto:peterchase80@gmail.com))
- '75 – John Morrison ([johnmorrison236@comcast.net](mailto:johnmorrison236@comcast.net))
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- '10 – Brody Ehrlich ([behr1423@gmail.com](mailto:behr1423@gmail.com))
- '15 – Nick Wint ([nickwint42@gmail.com](mailto:nickwint42@gmail.com))

**We still need class reps! ('60, '65, '95, '00, '05)** If you do not see your class listed above and are interested in helping to rally brothers from your class, please contact **Kurt Rasmussen '80** ([rasmussen.kurt@comcast.net](mailto:rasmussen.kurt@comcast.net)), alumni relations chairman.

Please also visit the **Cornell University website** to view its schedule of Reunion 2020 events, information on lodging, and additional contact and social media information. You can also view more information about special events and programs that are in the works for Cornell classes ending in 0 and 5.

### Want to know more?

Contact Kurt Rasmussen '80 ([rasmussen.kurt@comcast.net](mailto:rasmussen.kurt@comcast.net)), Alumni Relations Chairman.

### REUNION HOUSE BAND IN FORMATION

... for the 2020 Reunion. Sigma Pi reunion house band is in formation and is looking for alumni musicians to join. Current band members include: **Bill Strusz '73**, **David D'Orlando '79**, **Kevin Kruse '79**, **Jay Sacco '80**, and **Brian Finneran '81**. If interested, contact David D'Orlando '79 ([ddorlando@comcast.net](mailto:ddorlando@comcast.net)).

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN STAYING AT THE HOUSE?

If so, please contact **Connor Duffy '20**, Resident Advisor ([cbd59@cornell.edu](mailto:cbd59@cornell.edu)). The undergraduates will be "running" Sigma Pi during reunion weekend like a bed 'n' breakfast. Those staying at the house will have fresh linens and towels. There will be housekeeping services to keep things tidy. The fee to stay at the house is **\$40 per night!** (What a bargain!) The demand so far is high. Please take advantage ASAP! If you are confirmed to stay at the house, you can pay online on our payment page.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(event details are still being confirmed)

#### Wednesday, June 3

7:00 p.m.: Dinner @ Glenwood Pines

#### Thursday, June 4

Afternoon: spent on Cayuga Lake (details TBD) followed by casual barbecue

#### Friday, June 5

10:00 a.m.: Golf with ΣΠ alumni @ Robert Trent Jones Golf Course of Cornell University. If interested, contact Jarett Wait: [jwait@jfwaitadv.com](mailto:jwait@jfwaitadv.com).

4:00–6:00 p.m.: Happy hour, Pi house (BYOB)

6:00–8:00 p.m. Pig roast dinner, Pi house (BYOB)

9:00 p.m.: Socializing, live music on the porch

#### Saturday, June 6

8:30 a.m.: Yoga on the porch. Yogis, please bring your yoga mats

10:00 a.m.: Vineyard tour

4:30 p.m.: Sigma Pi Reunion photo, front porch

5:00–6:00 p.m.: Happy hour on the front porch, followed by an interactive update on Mu Chapter with alumni board directors, West Lounge, Pi house

6:30 p.m.: watch the Belmont stakes live in the Learning Commons, Pi house

9:00 p.m.: Socializing, live music in the Learning Commons, Pi house

#### Sunday, June 7

Open schedule, brunch at Glenwood Pines, departures

Check the Mu Chapter website ([www.sigmapicornell.org](http://www.sigmapicornell.org)) to see what events are planned for Sigma Pi alumni and families.

## Mu Chapter Website & Social Media Outlets



The alumni board continues to invest in enhancing our social-media outreach.

### The Mu Chapter website:

- ✦ increases the ability for our alumni to stay connected and to be kept up-to-date
- ✦ has a robust section for our undergraduate brothers to enhance new member recruitment
- ✦ has a section for parents to find the information they need, whether their son is a current or prospective member
- ✦ has better support for mobile devices.

If you haven't visited the site, please go, check it out, and register for the members-only section to gain access to the full range of content.

In addition, the alumni board is keen to make the most of existing social media channels. Please visit our current social media outlets.



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# Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity Inc. Annual Meeting

**By Jarett Wait '80, Alumni Board  
President**

The annual meeting of Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity of the United States was held on Thursday, September 26. Once again, the alumni board made an increased effort to garner alumni proxies submitted electronically, which would provide the alumni corporation the needed quorum to conduct the annual meeting in accordance with our bylaws. I am happy to report that we received 132 proxies, representing almost 12% of our active membership (alumni and undergraduate). Thanks to all who participated.

Elections for alumni directors were held, and, by unanimous vote, the current

alumni slate of directors was re-elected for another year. The alumni board also elected or re-elected its slate of officers for one year terms: **Jarett Wait '80**, president; **Kurt Rasmussen '80**, vice president; **John Haggerty '78**, treasurer and faculty advisor, and **Slater Goodman '18**, secretary.

We thank the following directors for their generous support and leadership of the fraternity while serving on the alumni board: **Steve Ryan '77**, **Rob Novo '79**, and **Brian Finneran '81**. The alumni board, in recognition of Steve's valuable contributions to the fraternity, has asked him to continue on as a director emeritus of the fraternity. **Peter Muth '74**, **Eric Hamburg '85**, and **Slater Goodman '18** were all elected directors of the alumni corporation.

## Report from the Alumni Treasurer

**By John J. Haggerty '78**

Greetings from the Hill!

With the fall semester nearing the half-way point, we are stickhandling our way through a lean (financially) semester due to a substantially lower number of brothers living at 730 University Avenue. We have done several joint (alumni and undergraduate) reviews, and I am comfortable that we have created a better system for assuring that the house operates in the future closer to the maximum occupancy of 44 than we are operating at today with 31. The most significant impact of the cash flow problem is the decision to postpone the replacement of the roof from 2019 to 2020. The cost of over \$40,000 would have

left us with too little financial flexibility. I fully anticipate that the roof will get done next summer, after we complete another outstanding Reunion weekend.

Otherwise, the house remains in solid financial shape. All bills are current, we remain in very good standing with our banking partners at Tompkins Trust Company, and we have sufficient cash reserves to keep the house in top condition as we prepare for another spring rush season. Your continued generosity to the Sigma Pi alumni corporation will certainly help!

As always, if you find yourself in or near Ithaca, contact me at 607-255-6075 or at [jjh56@cornell.edu](mailto:jjh56@cornell.edu), and I'll try to arrange to meet you and to happily show you the house.

## Alumni Social Calendar

November 9–10, 2019: **"Cleveland Rocks!"**— Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Browns-Bills game, gathering at Rob and Abby Ruhlman's house, Cleveland  
contact Joe Ruocco '81: [jruoc21@aol.com](mailto:jruoc21@aol.com)

December 6, 2019: **Big Red vs. Harvard hockey**, Cambridge, MA  
contact Mark Sullivan '77: [sully2759@gmail.com](mailto:sully2759@gmail.com)

March 12–15, 2020: **Pagapalooza ski weekend**, Stowe, VT  
contact Larry Paglierani '78: [larrypag@hotmail.com](mailto:larrypag@hotmail.com)

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## CAMPAIGN AND PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- + More than **\$ 544,564** has been raised out of the \$725,000 project goal
- + Mu Chapter's Educational Foundation has committed a \$144,500 grant toward the project.
- + More than 200 alumni have already contributed.
- + Remaining fundraising needed: **\$180,436**.
- + 100% of undergraduates have already contributed.
- + Construction was completed in summer 2018.
- + Building and renovation work includes upgrades to all kitchen and meal-service equipment, the new Adolphus "Dolly" C. Hailstork Dining Room, and the new Learning Commons.
- + Rooms, spaces, and equipment can still be named in honor of a class, oneself, or in memory of a brother.
- + Many alumni have made contributions in memory of brothers **Jim Keene '57, Reber Carroll '75, and Ed Finnerty '82**.
- + Alumni got to see and use the facilities this year at the 2019 Reunion in June.



## LEADERSHIP GIVING LEVELS:

**Major Benefactors:** \$10,000 or more

**Leadership Gifts:** \$1,000–\$9,999

**Supporters:** \$999 and under

**Contributions** can be made online using a credit card through Sigma Pi's website ([www.sigmapicornell.org/150-DiningLearning.asp#Xdonate](http://www.sigmapicornell.org/150-DiningLearning.asp#Xdonate)), or you can mail a check to the address below and write "Dining and Learning Campaign" in the memo field.

### Mail checks to:

Dining and Learning Campaign  
 Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity  
 P.O. Box 876  
 Ithaca, NY 14851-0876



## DONOR SNAPSHOT

**Total contributed to the campaign: \$543,585**

### THE TOP TEN FUNDING CLASSES:

<b>1978 (\$286,687)</b>	<b>1977 (\$208,736)</b>	<b>1947 (\$69,853)</b>
<b>1961 (\$264,907)</b>	<b>1979 (\$136,868)</b>	<b>1957 (\$69,181)</b>
<b>1980 (\$210,900)</b>	<b>1981 (\$113,691)</b>	<b>1949 (\$62,161)</b>
	<b>1960 (\$98,817)</b>	

*Don't see your class represented?* There are still opportunities to fund rooms and equipment! Opportunities can be funded as a group or class, and pledges can be made over three years. Show your brothers what Sigma Pi means to you. Check out our website for details: [www.sigmapicornell.org/150-dininglearning.asp](http://www.sigmapicornell.org/150-dininglearning.asp).

## REMAINING NAMING OPPORTUNITIES:

### As of October 2019

- + Kitchen (\$100,000)
- + Dining and Learning Commons (\$100,000)
- + Grab and Go (\$75,000)
- + Storage Room (\$50,000)
- + Bathroom (\$25,000)
- + 60-inch Gas Range with Oven and Griddle (\$11,000)
- + Lighting (\$10,000)
- + Table and Chairs for Dining and Learning Commons (\$7,500)
- + Steamer (\$6,000)
- + Food Slicer (\$3,500)
- + Under-Counter Freezer (\$1,700)
- + Split-Pot Gas Fryer (\$1,500)
- + Cappuccino Dispenser (\$1,500)
- + Hands-Free Sink Unit (\$1,000): 2 opportunities



*Left: Opening up the Learning Commons! Right: Mike Reiner '78, Brian Finneran '81, Bill Strusz '73, Dennis McNamara '83.*

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**HONOR ROLL OF CONTRIBUTORS** as of October 29, 2019

**Total Raised to date: 544,564**

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Matthew Harrison '89	Zach Smith '13	Hakim Ali '19	Elvis Wambua '20
Bruce Kornfeld '89	Jonathan Beckerman '14	Dexter Amadasun '19	Patrick Angle '21
Andrew Sherman '89	Felix Tabary '14	Brian Barr '19	Chris Cavanaugh '21
Thaddeus Szarzanowicz '90	Bennet Heidenreich '15	Landon Budenholzer '19	Trevor Faulk '21
Jonathan D. Broder '91	Michael Adelstein '16	Jonathan Caen '19	Alexander Frank '21
Miguel Ferrer '91	James Alvarez '16	Jack D'Agostino '19	Carter Gran '21
Christian Hansen '91	Robert Attia '16	Jack Daly '19	Peter Gribizis '21
Liviu Rusu '98	Alec Charbonneau '16	Abdo Dergham '19	Kirk Hachigian '21
Peter Sedivy '98	Brandon Choi '16	Shailen Doshi '19	Christian Lippey '21
Lawrence Keane Jr. '99	Zachary Gilbert '16	Connor Duffy '19	Matt Pullano '21
James Lauer 'pp	Andrew Joseph '16	James Goodman '19	Jessica Sanderson, P('21)
Raymond Shan '99	Connor Riser '16	Justin LaClair '19	Daniel Sanderson '21
Jean Simoes '99	Andrew Wald '16	Elliot LaGuardia '19	Kyle Schwartz '21
Jonathan Chew '00	Justin Bredahl '17	Aaron Lauer '19	Jake Stein '21
Mark Lynn '00	Benjamin Capasso '17	Clouse Lee '19	Alexander Tucker '21
Matthew Pens '00	Fernando Cevallos '17	Christopher O'Dore '19	Francisco Wagner '21
Brian R. Yasutis '01	David DellaPelle '17	Ari Perlmutter '19	Ruth Ann Keene
Timothy Altier '03	Alexander Feldman '17	Onur Saglam '19	

# Mu Brothers' News & Notes



**Douglas Parker '56** is a graduate of the Cornell Law School and has served in the White House counsel's office during the Watergate investigations and in the Department of

Housing and Urban Development during the Ford administration. He practiced law in New York City, specializing in corporate litigation and alternative dispute resolution. After retiring, he wrote an authorized biography, *Ogden Nash: The Life and Work of America's Laureate of Light Verse*. He and his wife now live in Ojai, California. Drop Doug a line to let him know how you're doing: [dmparker74@gmail.com](mailto:dmparker74@gmail.com); 410 Church Rd., No. 46, Ojai, CA 93023.

**Thomas Cayten '64** informs us that his grandson Gareth (24) just received his chemical engineering degree *magna cum laude* from North Carolina State. Gareth spent some time exploring entrepreneurial endeavors but is now looking for a chemical engineering job in the Northeast. Thomas adds: "Any assistance would be appreciated." He also said he would be happy to host any brothers traveling through the New Hampshire seacoast area. Get in touch with Thomas and plan a trip to see him: [teccayten@comcast.net](mailto:teccayten@comcast.net); 21 Carroll St., Exeter, NH 03833.



Maj. Gen. **Thomas J. Owens II '83** is the Air National Guard assistant to the commander of the Air Force Global Strike Command at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. He organizes, trains, equips and maintains combat-ready forces that provide strategic deterrence, global strike, and combat support to United States Strategic Command and other geographic combatant commands. General Owens received his commission in 1985 as a distinguished graduate of the ANG Academy of Military Science in Knoxville, Tennessee. After completion of pilot training, he has flown in operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Provide Comfort, Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Noble Eagle, Iraqi Freedom, and Enduring Freedom.

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Congratulations to **Michael Linowes '84** for starting a new position in July as executive vice president of business affairs at Village Roadshow Entertainment Group.

Congratulations to **Kevin Morris '85** on his latest work: *Gettysburg*.



Congratulations also go to **Marshall Gilinsky '92**, who was recognized in the 2020 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*.

**Dan Smalls '92** was recently celebrated in an article by Ithaca.com for his decade of work promoting musical acts in and around Ithaca through his company, DSP. Read up on Dan's accomplishments at [bit.ly/32D84fc](https://bit.ly/32D84fc).

**Federico Castellucci '07** has also been the topic of a recent article. The *Atlanta Business Chronicle* recently published a piece on his family business, Castellucci Hospitality Group, his work as CEO, his successes and not-so-successes, and his company's philosophy. View the article at [bit.ly/3605Vw6](https://bit.ly/3605Vw6).

**Omar Nijem '13** began his second year as a dental resident at New York Presbyterian Hospital.

Be sure to congratulate **Jeffrey Baker '14** for being promoted to development director at Weller Development Company.



**Josh Benamram '14** proposed to his long time girlfriend at Reunion this year... and she said yes! Congratulations Josh!



**Nick Wint '15** has recently moved to Arizona: "... and I'm lovin' that dry heat!"



A chance encounter in a Paris metro station last May (L-R): **Bennet Heidenreich '15**, **Nick Wint '15**.

Congratulations to **Steven Siegel '17**, who started a new position as corporate strategy senior analyst at PepsiCo.

**Connor Riser '16** notifies us that three members of the 2013 pledge class are beginning graduate school this fall. Connor, himself, will begin law school at NYU School of Law, **Nick Ornit '16** will be pursuing his MBA at Harvard Business School, and **Maximiliano Olivares '15** will be starting his MBA at the UCLA Anderson School of Management. Keep in touch with Connor, and let him know what you've been up to: [mo343@cornell.edu](mailto:mo343@cornell.edu); PO Box 190, Calexico, CA 92232.

**Jonathan Caen '19** wanted to share that he received an offer for life-science consulting at Acsel Health and plans on signing. He wanted to thank his brothers for their help throughout the job-search process: "I greatly appreciated your advice through the rut of recruiting."