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Justin Bredahl '17 and Landon Budenholzer '19 on the Beach (top); Sigma Pi brothers on the Beach (middle); Sigma Pi undergrads, alumni, and friends before the Cornell vs. Brown lacrosse men's lacrosse game (bottom).

With Alumni Support, the Educational Foundation's \$60,000 Grant for the Learning Commons Pushes the D&L Campaign into the Home Stretch

Largest Grant in Foundation's History Ensures Project Construction Will Begin on Time

By Tom Silver '81, Kurt Rasmussen '80, & Jarett Wait '80

The Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Educational Foundation voted at a recent board meeting to fund its largest grant since the Foundation was established ten years ago, the grant of \$60,000 for the establishment of a new Learning Commons, which is the cornerstone of the broader Dining and Learning for the 21st Century campaign. The Learning Commons will be the center for collaborative study, enabling students to take advantage of enhanced communications capabilities, new learning infrastructure, and greater ability to use the house as a center for academic advancement. It is the next step, following the introduction of the Dick Cahoon Technology Center, which was constructed a few years ago and is widely used by students every day. This is a strategic and definitive statement being made by the Foundation toward the overall importance of the Learning Commons.

The grant will be funded over two years. The total projected cost of the Learning Commons project is estimated at \$140,000 and is now **fully funded**, with 17 alumni donors committing \$80,000. With this generous gift, total donations to the overall Dining and Learning campaign now stand at **\$495,000**, versus our overall goal of \$650,000! We are now entering the home stretch of the campaign and are asking all alumni who have yet to donate to join the over 190 alumni and parents who have already donated to support the campaign and make a gift.

Undergraduate participation to the campaign is 100%.

The undergrads are currently focused on three key initiatives and are helping to play their role in the campaign:

- + Parent fundraising appeal, following the recent successful Parents Weekend
- + Outreach to former Sages, asking for their support and leadership
- + Letter-writing campaign to over 600 alumni who have yet to make a contribution, encouraging participation

We are expecting another large turnout for Reunion this June. Reunion classes are those that end in 3 and 8. We are asking all reunion classes to consider making a class gift to the campaign.

CAMPAIGN AND PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- + Fundraising support from our alumni, parents, and friends continues to be robust, and momentum continues to build. Expanded and increased participation across all alumni classes is still needed.
- + Total pledges and contributions as of May 4, 2018: **\$494,652** of the **\$650,000** goal.
- + Remaining fundraising needed: **\$155,348**.
- + The vast majority of funds that we have received to date have come from the classes of the late '70s and early '80s.
- + Many of our younger alumni have also contributed as well. The main focus remains increasing participation across the alumni population base. Mu Chapter has approximately **1,250** living alumni.
- + Approximately 635 alumni have made multiple contributions to Mu Chapter or one of its campaigns since their own graduations.

- + More than **190** alumni have contributed to the campaign, which is approximately **15%** of the alumni population.
- + We have **100%** participation from the undergraduates in giving to the campaign. Parents of undergraduates have also been strong supporters of the project.

We would like to thank all of our generous supporters and everyone who has worked on the campaign! We will continue to keep you updated on our progress.

For those who have yet to contribute, we would really appreciate your support at whatever level you feel comfortable with.

REMAINING NAMING OPPORTUNITIES (AS OF MAY 4, 2018)

- + Kitchen (\$100,000)
- + Dining and Learning Commons (\$100,000)
- + Grab and Go (\$75,000)
- + Storage Room (\$50,000)
- + Bathroom (\$25,000): 2 opportunities
- + 60-inch Gas Range with Oven and Griddle (\$11,000)
- + Lighting (\$10,000)
- + Table and Chairs for Dining and Learning Commons (\$7,500)
- + Digital Media Equipment (\$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

LEADERSHIP GIVING LEVELS:

Major Benefactors: \$10,000 or more
Leadership Gifts: \$1,000–\$9,999 **Supporters:** \$999 and under

Contributions are still needed to reach our campaign goal. Please visit Sigma Pi's website (www.sigmapicornell.org/150-Dining-Learning.asp#Xdonate) to make a contribution or pledge via credit card, or 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



TOP 10 GIVING CLASSES

Total raised for the D&L Campaign as of May 4, 2018

1978: \$172,200	1981: \$35,451	1983: \$7,150
1979: \$60,861	1985: \$22,700	1968: \$5,000
1980: \$52,800	1977: \$19,200	1973: \$4,350
	1982: \$17,775	

DINING and LEARNING for the 21ST CENTURY

Honor Roll of Contributors (in formation as of May 4, 2018)

Total Raised as of May 4, 2018: \$494,652

Major Benefactors (\$10,000 or more)

Mu Chapter Educational
Foundation
Kent Sheng '78
Rob Novo '79
Gordon Pugh '79
Neal Douglas '80
Jarett Wait '80
Mike Rantz '81
Josh Weinreich '82
P. Kevin Morris '85

Leadership Gifts (\$1,000-\$9,999)

VanNess Robinson '57
Bert Harrop '61
Richard Frey '63
Kevin Fountain '68
Steven Sanford '73
James Kraker '74
Michael Quaid '75
Michael Anderson '77
Craig Binetti '77
Henry Dunnenberger '77
Jim Franz '77
Steve Ryan '77
Mark Sullivan '77
Victor Sung '77
Mark Barmasse '78
John Haggerty '78
David Hanssens '78
Steve Mongeau '78
Lawrence Paglierani '78
Michael Reiner '78
Robert Ruhlman '78
Sandy True '78
John (Jack) Welch '78
Wayne Buder '79
David D'Orlando '79
Jim Horn '79
Kevin Kruse '79
Larry MacLennan '79
Christopher Olie '79
Luc Chabot '80
Joseph Dervay '80
Wayne Forman '80
Robert Fuchs '80
Aron Minken '80
Donald Motschwiller '80
Randall Ottinger '80
Stephen Pirozzi '80
Kurt Rasmussen '80
Jay Sacco '80
Mark Sherwin '80
John Altmeyer '81
Edward Berlin '81

Gary Derck '81
Brian Finneran '81
Howie Gordon '81
Joe Ruocco '81
Tom Silver '81
Nick Vojnovic '81
Barry Weiss '81
Ford Fay '82
James Garr '82
Tim Hawes '82
Robert Pratt '82
Richard Rego '82
John Roche '82
Michael Feiertag '83
Jesse Hammerman '83
David Knapp '83
Dennis McNamara '83
David Colville '84
Frank Sposato '84
Steven Decker '85
Eric Hamburg '85
Christopher Selland '86
Jason Halio '93
Craig Dewey '06
Federico Castellucci '07
Seth Mosner '10
Tracey & Angelo
Balestrieri, P('20)

Supporters (\$999 and under)

John Holden '43
Richard W. Pew '56
Peter Romeo '55
James Keene '57
Robert DeLaney '58
Kenneth Meyer '59
Kenneth Steadman '59
Richard Boerner '60
Thomas Smith '61
Herbert Holden '63
George L. Reeves '63
William Stevenson '63
Steve Whitman '64
Arnold Cary '65
George Parker III '65
John Rumble '65
Hugh Snyder '65
Dennis Kirby '66
Robert Inslerman '67
Donald Rider '69
Peter Chase '70
Walter Knox '71
David Miller '71
Greg Fisher '72
Frederick Hoge '72
James A. Boland '73

William Ford '73
Howard Rosen '73
William Strusz '73
James Forbes '74
Peter Muth '74
Jeffrey Craver '75
Mark Cunningham '75 Hon.
John Morrison '75
Frederick Parker '75
John Stetson '75
Tom Garr '76
Peter Cady '77
John Christoforo '77
Charles Clark '77
Jim Myers '77
William Cavanaugh '78
Todd Hasselbeck '78
Larry Barstow '79
Steven Bergh '79
Andrew Kantor '79
Keith Molof '79
Curtis Quantz '79
Steven Rosenzweig '79
Rick Bosshardt '80
Jeffrey Brown '80
Thomas Cherner '80
Jonathan Fordin '80
Lawrence Kantor '80
Brad Croke '81
Jay Ernst '81
David Hagner '82
John Mennell '82
Richard Rego '82
Aron Steck '82
Kurt Bosshardt '83
Dennis Ehrenberger '83
Matthew Harrison '83
Steve Novak '83
John Schor '83
Mike Vernick '83
John Burger '84
William Fisher '85
Jeffrey Lewis '85
Greg Vojnovic '85
Steven Parker '86
Matthew Tobin '86
Brad Fortune '87
George Rocklein '87
Mark Childs '88
Stuart Strumwasser '88
Leonard Wolin '88
Bruce Kornfeld '89
Andrew Sherman '89
Thaddeus Szarzanowicz '90
Christian Hansen '91
Jonathan D. Broder '91

Lawrence Keane Jr. '99
Raymond Shan '99
Matthew Pens '00
Jonathan Coll '01
Quin Garcia '05
Michael Glicken '05
Raphael Rabin-Havt '05
Jonah Allaben '06
Dia Beshara '06
Matthew Bordegaray '06
Nathaniel Bryce '06
Alex Deyle '06
Alan Chan '06
Joshua Katcher '06
John Zimmer '06
Jeremy Kraker '07
Stephen Yanchuk '08
Tucker Whitcomb '10
Andrew Chatham '12
Sean Fuoco '12
Aaron Klein '12
Adam Cherubini '13
Matthew Davis '13
Samuel Hendrickson '13
Alex Rawitz '13
Jake Sion '13
Zach Smith '13
Bennet Heidenreich '15
Robert Attia '16
Alec Charbonneau '16
Brandon Choi '16
Connor Riser '16
Justin Bredahl '17
Benjamin Capasso '17
Fernando Cevallos '17
David DellaPelle '17
Alexander Feldman '17
Danny Janeczko '17
David Kogan '17
Agustin Martinez '17
William McGrane '17
Steven Siegel '17
Samuel Strang '17
Andrew Walsh '17
Jonathan Wu '17
Alexander Yablonovich '17
Sanjay Banda '18
Sam Barnum '18
Matthew Blakley '18
Charles Byrnes IV '18
Isaiah Duck '18
Josh Even '18
David Golding '18
Zac Goldman '18
Jacob Howell '18
Susan Howell P('18)

Drew Lord '18
William Murphy '18
Ezra Pak-Harvey '18
Griffin Py '18
Colin Roche '18
Alex Rodriguez '18
Gabriel Smuel '18
Joshua Sones '18
Patti & David Sones, P('18)
Alex Stotter '18
Patrick Wang '18
Alexander Wood-Thomas '18
Hakim Ali '19
Dexter Amadasun '19
Brian Barr '19
Landon Budenholzer '19
Jonathan Caen '19
Jack D'Agostino '19
Jack Daly '19
Abdo Dergham '19
Shailen Doshi '19
Connor Duffy '19
James Goodman '19
Justin LaClair '19
Elliot LaGuardia '19
Aaron Lauer '19
Clouse Lee '19
Christopher O'Dore '19
Ari Perlmutter '19
Onur Saglam '19
Alex Santoriello '19
Donovan Wright '19
Ian Atkinson '20
Luke Balestrieri '20
Joseph Brogan '20
Nico Capalongo '20
William Colerick '20
Maxwell Cook '20
John DeMouilly '20
Harrison Drazhal '20
Alex Ewald '20
Evan Fischhoff '20
Travis Fristoe '20
Amy & Howard Goldman,
P('14, '18, '20)
Lucas Goldman '20
Richard Greenbaum '20
Cole Hunter '20
Jonah Hutchinson '20
Caleb Klausner '20
Andre Macallister '20
Cal McKinney '20
Joanne McKinney P('20)
Jake Miola '20
Alexander Schmack '20
Jason Spector '20
Jessica Sanderson P('21)



Sigma Pi's 2018 Pledge Class

**By Peter Gribizis '21, Spring 2018
Pledge Class President**

Sigma Pi's 2018 pledge class of 21 new members is a truly unique and diverse group of brothers, consisting of members from San Louis Obispo, Livermore, New York City, Greenwich, Monroe, Denver, Nairobi, Madrid, Philadelphia, Houston, Charlotte, Long Island, Harrison, Stamford, and Portland. Our diversity doesn't stem only from our geographic and national origins but also from our studies; we have three information-science majors, seven engineers, one bio major in premed, one policy-analysis and management major, one hotel-administration major, one English major, four ILR majors, one AEM major, a biology and economics major, and a physics and economics major. In addition, Sigma Pi's 2018 pledge class includes sophomore transfer students. Even with all of these differences, I could not feel any closer to my pledge class and firmly view them to be my

brothers; I know any one of them would also say the same.

What makes us unique is that we are indeed a very diverse group of brothers, not just by major, hometown, or class year but also in personality and demeanor. Given our distribution of origin and study, it only makes sense that we encapsulate such contrasting senses of character. There is no stereotypical member within our pledge class. Yet, at the same time, I have never seen a more cohesive collection of 21 people. We are also a group of individuals who are incredibly driven and motivated. Two members are part of project teams on campus, one has started and is the president of Cornell Blockchain, another is interning at a venture-capital firm in New York City, and the rest of us are involved in and leaders of an assortment of different clubs and programs on campus. We are driven, motivated, diverse, unique, and as close to one another as we possibly could be. We are Sigma Pi's 2018 spring pledge class.

Why I Joined ΣΠ

**By Peter Gribizis '21, Spring 2018
Pledge Class President**



At the outset of my Cornell career, I never intended to join a fraternity. Having no real connection or experience with Greek life in the past, I walked onto campus with no knowledge of fraternities other than their stereotypes, largely perpetuated by social media. My closest friend, however, knew a brother in Sigma Pi and urged me to come with him one day and to meet some of the brothers.

It didn't take me long to realize that the brotherhood of Sigma Pi wasn't the stereotypical fraternity chapter I had initially envisioned. The brothers there were driven, most having impressive internships and job offers, as well as being involved all around campus. They were diverse in many ways: by major, by background, by geography, by origin, and by thought. Above all, though, the brothers were genuine people with whom I wanted to spend the rest of my four years.

Sigma Pi changed my perspective on what I thought a fraternity was and convinced me to wholeheartedly join. The chapter made it clear that I would be in an environment that would better me as a person, as a student, and as a leader on campus. Within the house, I saw role models, people to whom I believed I could look up to and whom I knew would help me throughout my college career. The fact that I can call these same people my brothers has been a privilege, and these brothers were the reason I joined the chapter: a decision I haven't regretted for a second.

Undergraduates Boost Campaign Fundraising Efforts with Letter-Writing Project

By Slater Goodman '18, Resident Advisor

The letter-writing campaign is a new undergraduate fundraising initiative designed to facilitate a stronger and more effective dialogue between Pi men, past and present. This spring, over 750 letters were sent to Mu Chapter alumni who have not yet contributed to the Dining and Learning for the 21st Century campaign in order to supplement

the funds already raised and to help the campaign reach its goal. It is my hope that, in the coming years, projects like this will become an institution within Sigma Pi. I would love for future generations of Pi men to receive their yearly letter, look back fondly on their own letter-writing days, and feel a strong sense of pride in and connection to the current undergraduates. If you receive a letter, we would love to hear back from you!

**We are proud
to announce...**

that Mu Chapter had the highest GPA out of all 117 Sigma Pi chapters in the United States and Canada.

**Average GPA of all
Sigma Pi chapters: 2.93**

Mu Chapter's GPA: 3.57

Congratulations to our undergraduate members. Keep up the good work!

K&D Construction Set To Begin This Summer

By Steve Pirozzi '80

Sigma Pi Alumni Board signed a contract securing T. Shaw, Inc., as our general contractor for the implementation of Sigma Pi's kitchen and dining project. T. Shaw will begin work on the project Monday, June 11, and anticipates the project to be completed in six weeks, ahead of undergraduates moving into the house in late August.

The following is an update on some of the items we have completed or are working on since the fall 2017 *Muse*:

✦ Alumni Kitchen & Dining Committee has contacted NYSEG and has begun the process to gain approval for the electrical upgrade.

✦ The K&D Committee are finalizing details with the Ithaca buildings department to obtain all required permits for the construction work.

✦ T. Shaw is ordering and scheduling delivery dates for the materials necessary to complete the project.

✦ T. Shaw will be hiring subcontractors, including the ones we have designated, to complete each aspect of the project.

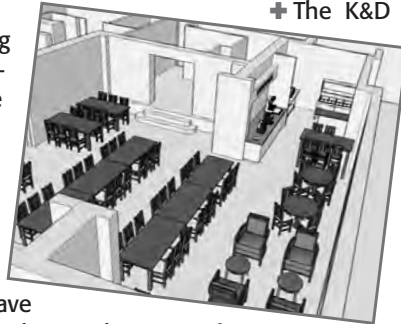
✦ The K&D Committee will be finalizing

orders and scheduling delivery dates with the two suppliers from whom we will obtain cabinetry and kitchen equipment.

✦ The K&D Committee is continuing to work to refine and improve the layout and function of each area included in the project.

✦ The K&D Committee continues to monitor all aspects of the project and plan—to the best of our ability—for the various scenarios that we might face.

Please feel free to contact me (Steve Pirozzi) with any questions you may have: spirozzi1@nyc.rr.com.



Help Sigma Pi Complete Its Roster of Past Sages

By Kurt Rasmussen '80,
Alumni Relations Chair

The Mu Chapter Alumni Board and Undergraduate Executive Board have recently compiled their collective knowledge to create a complete list of Mu Chapter's past sages. They combined their efforts in an expansive

list; however, the list is not yet complete, and we need your help to fill in the missing information. We hope to soon have a complete list that can be used as a resource for networking, outreach, and historical research and that will be a repository for a very important segment of institutional memory.

As you can see from the list below, we

have complete information for some past sages relating to their terms of office, but some have names and are lacking confirmed years of office, and, in some cases, there are large gaps of information. With some of the earlier sages, we're confident we know who held office, but we're not certain about the years of their terms.

2017–2018: Griffin Py	1992–1993:	1968–1969: Thomas T. Watts	– : Richard G. Clark
2016–2017: Jacob S. Howell	1991–1992: Sandy W. Doti	1967–1968: Roger N. McEnnis	– : Albert B. Bishop III
2015–2016: Fernando M. Cevallos	1990–1991: Miguel A. Ferrer	1966–1967: Kevin Frederick Fountain	– : David K. Felbeck
2014–2015: James Francis Alvarez	1989–1990: Bruce L. Glazer	1965–1966: Carl E. Schellhorn	– : David C. Kay
2013–2014: Nicholas S. Wint	1988–1989: Guy L. DiPietro	1964–1965: Steven C. Page	– : John Dana Masters
2012–2013: Jeffrey R. Baker	1987–1988: Michael B. Weissman	1963–1964: Arthur J. Hoffman	– : William Mansfield Woodford
2011–2012: Zachary P. Smith	1986–1987: Brad Fortune	1962–1963: Herbert R. Holden	– : George Cambridge Grubb Jr.
2010–2011: Alex S. Rawitz	1985–1986: Bruce A. Vanicek	1961–1962: Richard Greenwood Frey	– : Douglas Robertson
2009–2010: Rohan A. Siddhanti	1984–1985: Patrick Kevin Morris	– : Thomas K. Smith	– : Richard Jacoby Huff
2008–2009: Seth A. Mosner	1983–1984: Jeff Pine	– : Charles Hawks III	– : Newman Edward Wait Jr.
2007–2008: Jacob Slowik	1982–1983: Dennis J. Ehrenberger	– : Richard J. Boerner	– : Frank Curtis Abbott
2006–2007: Tristan T. Kouk	1981–1982: Nicholas S. Vojnovic	– : Kenneth R. Meyer	– : Fredrick Karl Knack
2006–2007: Trevor Barnes White	1980–1981: Timothy M. Hawes	– : Charles H. Hill	– : William Jacoby Huff
2004–2005: Craig J. Dewey	1979–1980: Owen Michael McCarron	– : Joel K. VanWynen	– : Benjamin Richard Andrews Jr.
2003–2004: Devan R. Musser	1978–1979: David C. D'Orlando	1956–1957: James H. Keene III	– : Chester Austin Roig Jr.
2002–2003: Matthew R. Maloney	1977–1978: Robert Grant Ruhlman	1955–1956: VanNess D. Robinson	– : Walter Pierre Naquin Jr.
2001–2002: Adam T. Brown	1976–1977: Craig F. Binetti	– : Allan Richard	– : William C.W. Child Jr.
2000–2001: Steven L. Cerritelli	1975–1976: Richard M. Feldman	– : Richard W. Pew	– : Stewart Charles Smith
1999–2000: Nicholas A. Kruczynski	1974–1975: John B. Stetson Jr.	– : Venceslaus James Vanicek Jr.	– : Donald Austin Farrey
1999–2000: Kyle A. Kozora	1973–1974: Peter A. Muth	– : Winthrop B. Cody	– : William Paul Batchelder
1997–1998: Matthew D. Pens	1972–1973: James P. Turner	– : Fred O. Jensen	– : Harry William Lundin
1996–1997: Liviu Victor Rusu	1971–1972: Frederick C. Hoge	– : David A. Dewey	– : Richard Joseph MacConnell
1994–1995: Keith R. Weingardt	1970–1971: Robert R. Colbert Jr.	– : John G. Robinson	– : Peter Louis Carnesale
1993–1994: Jason R. Oppenheimer	1969–1970: Glenn R. Kort	– : Vincent G. Crane	– : Richard Henry Mollenberg

If you can help us to fill in parts of this list, whether the information comes from fraternity documents that you have safeguarded, from university publications that you

have collected, or simply from your memory, please **e-mail me at rasmussen.kurt@comcast.net** or write to us at:

Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity
Alumni Records Office
P.O. Box 876
Ithaca, NY 14851

Sage's Report

By Griffin Py '18



Morale is high in the Pi house; the spring semester has been in full swing and all is well at 730 University Avenue.

The semester kicked off with the all-important rush process, which served as a great litmus test for the health of the house. The week (along with efforts in the fall) was executed at the zenith of quality. Rush Chairmen **Forest Colerick '20** and **Lucas Goldman '20**, with the strong support of the general body of the brotherhood, were successful in bringing aboard 21 strapping young men of exemplary moral fiber and intellectual prowess.

Following bid signing, Herald **Jack D'Agostino '19** began bringing the 21 young men through the new-member education process. Led by New Member Class President **Peter Gribizis '21** of Portland, Maine, the new guys learned about the history of Mu Chapter and Sigma Pi as a whole and got to know the rest of the brothers throughout the process. Initiated into Mu Chapter on February 24, the guys have been a great addition.

Parents weekend on March 9–11 was a blast, with Brotherhood Chairmen **Joe Brogan '20** and **Luke Balestrieri '20** running the majority of the tech for the operation. The parents and their sons enjoyed socializing Friday night, a brunch on Saturday morning, and a dinner in the dining hall, courtesy of Chef Patrick Spirawck.

The rest of the semester has been jam-packed with great events for the Pi men, including the Entrepreneurship Conference on April 21, Oasis, and Orchid Ball.

New Undergrad E-Board Officers

By Griffin Py '18, 2017–'18 Sage

On April 22, Mu Chapter held elections for its 2018–2019 Executive Board officers. We are pleased and excited to report that the following men will be serving the chapter and fraternity in office during the next academic year:

Sage: **Alex Ewald '20**

Vice President: **Ian Atkinson '20**



New officers (L to R): Harry Drahzal '20, Jonah Hutchinson '20, Ian Atkinson '20, Alex Ewald '20, Joe Brogan '20, Justin LaClair '19.

Alumni Secretary: **Harry Drahzal '20**

Treasurer: **Joe Brogan '20**

Herald: **Justin LaClair '19**

Steward: **Jonah Hutchinson '20**

We would also like to thank the outgoing officers for their service; we look forward to your continued involvement with Sigma Pi in whatever roles those might be.

Thanks again to the outgoing officers, and congratulations to the incoming officers!

Mu Chapter Hosts Parents Weekend

By Joe Brogan '20 and Luke Balestrieri '20

With a multitude of scenic, historic, and cultural locations in and around Ithaca, there was a wide variety of activities and sights for the parents of our brothers to explore during Mu Chapter's Parents Weekend, held Friday, March 9, through Sunday, March 11.

Many parents arrived on Friday and were able to explore the wide variety of culinary options in Ithaca. Saturday, we hosted the brothers, along with their parents, at the Pi house for a Saturday brunch. Many of us made our way over to the Ithaca Beer Company for a mid-afternoon lunch before our formal dinner that night. Following a casual cocktail hour, our long-time chef, Pat Spirawck, cooked us a delicious dinner of



champagne chicken, served by our beloved housekeeper, Becky. We had a great time, with the seniors, reminiscing on their time at Cornell, passing along their advice to the new pledge class, and telling us about their plans for the next steps in their lives.

This year was a great opportunity for us to expand our home with an absolutely stand-up group of young gentlemen, and we would love to thank the parents of this new class for this. We were so glad to have the opportunity to host the parents of our new guys and our older guys alike. Meeting families of the guys with whom we are currently living and the guys who will be our roommates next semester was an absolute pleasure. Luke and I would love to say thank you to all the parents who made the effort to come out to see their sons' new home, and we look forward to meeting more of you as our time at Cornell progresses.



Join Us for Reunion at Sigma Pi June 7–10, 2018

All Sigma Pi alumni are welcome and encouraged to come to Ithaca for Reunion Weekend! This year, there is a special focus by the Cornell administration on bringing back alumni whose class years end in 8 and 3.

For more information, including registration information for Sigma Pi alumni events and lodging, as well as links to events organized by the Cornell alumni relations office, please visit www.sigmapicornell.org/150-rsvp_reunion. You can also see which Sigma Pi alumni have already registered.

Please contact **Slater Goodman**, Sigma Pi house R.A., at jsg325@cornell.edu if you would like more information about staying at 730 University Ave. during Reunion Weekend. Please contact **Kurt Rasmussen '80**, Alumni Relations Chair, at rasmussen.kurt@comcast.net if you have questions about Reunion Weekend activities or Mu Chapter alumni events in general.

Congratulations to Our 2018 Graduating Seniors!

Zac Goldman

MAJOR: ILR
MINORS: philosophy, business
POST-GRAD PLANS: Volition Capital (VC/growth equity)
FAVORITE MEMORY: summer '16 spent living at the house with 15 brothers

Jake Howell

MAJOR: operations research
MINOR: business
POST-GRAD PLANS: Deloitte Consulting, NYC
FAVORITE MEMORY: summer '16 in the Pi house

Griffin Py

MAJOR: applied economics and management
MINOR: real estate
POST-GRAD PLANS: Barclays, investment banking analyst
FAVORITE MEMORY: summer '16 in the Pi house

Alex Stotter

MAJOR: biological sciences
MINOR: business
POST-GRAD PLANS: undecided
FAVORITE MEMORY: Mt. Marcy sunrise hike during summer '16 at the Pi house

Will Murphy

MAJOR: mechanical engineering
POST-GRAD PLANS: Tesla, manufacturing robotics
FAVORITE MEMORY: summer '16 in the Pi house

Alexander Wood-Thomas

MAJOR: mechanical engineering (Masters of Engineering)
MINOR: computer science
POST-GRAD PLANS: Neuralink
FAVORITE MEMORY: Orchid Ball

Drew Lord

MAJOR: ILR
MINORS: business, law
POST-GRAD PLANS: JP Morgan Chase, analyst
FAVORITE MEMORY: receiving bid

Chaz Byrnes

MAJOR: computer science
POST-GRAD PLANS: Goldman Sachs, technology analyst
FAVORITE MEMORY: Parking Lot Party 2017

David Golding

MAJOR: economics, Spanish
MINOR: business, psychology
POST-GRAD PLANS: IBM, global business services consultant
FAVORITE MEMORY: annual camping trip

Gabriel Smuel

MAJORS: economics, math
MINOR: philosophy
POST-GRAD PLANS: Evercore Partners, restructuring analyst
FAVORITE MEMORY: DealBook conference

Sanjay Banda

MAJOR: applied economics and management
MINOR: real estate
POST-GRAD PLANS: Fitch Ratings, credit analyst
FAVORITE MEMORY: tanning on the Beach

Alex Rodriguez

MAJORS: English and American studies
MINORS: creative writing, latino studies
POST-GRAD PLANS: pursuing a career producing electronic music, touring in Fall 2018
FAVORITE MEMORY: Disneyland trip with pledge class

Isaiah Duck

MAJOR: computer science
POST-GRAD PLANS: IBM, software engineer
FAVORITE MEMORY: summer '16 in the Pi house

Yordanos Goshu

MAJOR: computer science
POST-GRAD PLANS: Goldman Sachs, technology analyst
FAVORITE MEMORY: Disneyland trip with pledge class

Abdo Dergham

MAJOR: policy analysis and management
MINOR: nutrition and health
POST-GRAD PLANS: research at Cleveland Clinic for gap year
FAVORITE MEMORY: spring break 2018

Ezra Pak-Harvey

MAJOR: chemistry
MINOR: music
POST-GRAD PLANS: research at Cornell and Duke
FAVORITE MEMORY: orientation week junior year

Matthew Blakley

MAJOR: human biology, health, and society
POST-GRAD PLANS: medical school
FAVORITE MEMORY: winter formal 2017

Patrick Wang

MAJOR: hotel administration
MINOR: Italian
POST-GRAD PLANS: Rosewood Sandhill, management trainer
FAVORITE MEMORY: bonfire at 3:00 a.m. after Oasis set up

Social Update

By John DeMouly '20, Social Chair

Sigma Pi has had another wonderful social semester. In February, we welcomed in the newest class of members into the Pi tradition and have held a wide array of events to help celebrate their arrival. From dinners with the new member classes of sororities to parties to our first formal of 2018, the brothers of Mu Chapter have enjoyed an exciting start to 2018. The brothers enjoyed a week featuring mixers with seven different sororities, celebrating the initiation of our new member class along with that of new member classes of all organizations.

One of our most noteworthy social events has been our futuristic Sigma Space party during the first week of March, featuring Mu Chapter's Behave Ferris. The following weekend was our annual spring formal at the house. Activities included a casual reception hour and dinner, ending with dancing in the west lounge. The brothers are looking forward to three of our most enjoyable events of the year in May. Our annual Oasis party, Slope Day, and Orchid Ball will mark the end of the social calendar for this semester. Spring is in the air of Cornell, and we look forward to spending even more time outdoors, enjoying the Beach, the porch, and other outdoor areas as much as possible.



Left to right: Ian Atkinson '20, Logan Goddard '20, Adomas Hassan '21, Alex Ewald '20, Clouse Lee '19.



Left to right: Matthew Blakely '18, Landon Budenholzer '19, and Justin Bredabl '17; Sam Barnum '19 and Drew Lord '18.



Posing for the camera during Spring Formal festivities (L-R): David Golding '18, Sam Barnum '19, Landon Budenholzer '19, and Griffin Py '18

Mu Chapter Brothers Take First Place in Cornell Hospitality Business Competition

By Will Murphy '18

On Saturday, March 17, **Will Murphy '18** and **Sam Barnum '19** placed first in the Cornell School of Hotel Administration's Business Plan Competition. Along with mentorship and exposure, Will and Sam received a prize of \$25,000, which they will invest in their start-up going forward. In order to advance to the finals, the two were tasked with submitting multiple idea proposals, leading up to a 25-page comprehensive business plan. Ultimately, the competition finished with a 10-minute presentation to a panel of entrepreneurs and venture capitalists during Cornell's Hotel Ezra Cornell conference.



Sam Barnum '19 (L) and Will Murphy '18 (R) pose with their \$25,000 prize, received as part of the winning team in the 2018 Hospitality Business Plan Competition.

Will and Sam's winning business plan was built around their startup, YNot Bike, which is developing autonomous bicycles that have the ability to self-navigate to a user who has called the bike using a smartphone application. Will, a mechanical engineer, has been developing his prototypes for three years and is hiring other engineers who will work over the summer to further improve the functionality of the bikes. Using the momentum from their first-place finish, Will and Sam are partnering with local startup incubators to expedite their growth and achieve their goal of having a finished product within the next year.

Both brothers attribute a portion of their success to the entrepreneurial nature of Sigma Pi. Not only did the fraternity introduce Sam and Will to each other, but it also provided many other resources; the two spent countless late nights working in the Memorial Library and relied on the help of other brothers for feedback along the way.

Anyone interested in learning more about YNot Bike can visit the School of Hotel Administration's website at sha.cornell.edu or can contact Will directly at wsm64@cornell.edu.

Meet Slater Goodman '18, Mu Chapter's Resident Advisor



Slater is from San Juan Capistrano, California, and is enrolled in Cornell's College of Arts and Sciences. He is the son of Davis Goodman and Amanda Read and has two older brothers and an older sister. His brother, Spenser, was on the swimming team at Harvard.

Slater is a member of the Cornell Men's swimming and diving team. As a freshman, Goodman was a regular competitor in the breaststroke and also swam the IM and the freestyle. He placed second in the 100-m breaststroke against Colgate and third in both the 100-m and 200-m breaststroke against Brown. As a junior, he swam in four meets for the Big Red, including three Ivy duals. He also recorded career-best times in the 50-m freestyle (23.57 sec) and the 100-m butterfly (54.20 sec). Though he is part of the class of 2018, he is delaying his undergraduate graduation to use his final year of athletic eligibility.

Prior to matriculating to Cornell, Slater was the team captain of the 2013 public-school national swimming champions at Capistrano Valley High School, as well as a four-year member of the undefeated league championship team and part of two state championship teams. He also played three seasons of water polo.

Slater is also adept in photography and videography, providing much of the imagery for the chapter website, social media, and *The Muse*.

Aaron Klein '12 Finishes Another Chapter in His Service and Leadership for Sigma Pi

By Tom Silver '81, President, Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Educational Foundation

I would like to inform our alumni and other supporters that **Aaron Klein '12** has decided to step down from his role as treasurer of the Educational Foundation at the end of this fiscal year (June 30). While we are sad to learn of and regretful to share this news, we are primarily thankful for his years of service to the Foundation and thankful that he will continue to serve as a Foundation Board member beyond the end of his term as treasurer.

Aaron graduated in 2012, having served in multiple chapter leadership roles, with a degree in industrial and labor relations. He earned his MBA from Cornell's Johnson Graduate School of Management in 2014, while also working as a graduate resident assistant at the Sigma Pi house during his two years as a graduate student.

He joined the Foundation's board of directors in 2012, served as the Foundation's president for two years, from 2014 to 2016, and will be completing his second year as treasurer this June.



Aaron Klein

He is currently working for the Chicago Cubs as a business development executive, where he assists local and global companies with corporate events at Wrigley Field and the surrounding Wrigleyville campus. Prior to moving to Chicago, he served as the director of football operations at Cornell and has also interned with the Buffalo Bills and Buffalo Bisons.

"I am proud to be part of the Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Educational Foundation, because it not only helps support the academic pursuits of the brothers, but also provides opportunities to make them more well-rounded men," Aaron wrote. "Through programs such as College Mentors For Kids, The Distinguished Alumni Speaker Series, made possible by the Dick Cahoon Tech Center, and the funding of leadership initiatives and conferences, the Foundation has enhanced and transformed the fraternity experience of Pi men."

We are now in the process of searching for the Foundation's next treasurer. If you have suggestions or recommendations about who could or should serve in this role, please contact me at tsilver10359@yahoo.com.

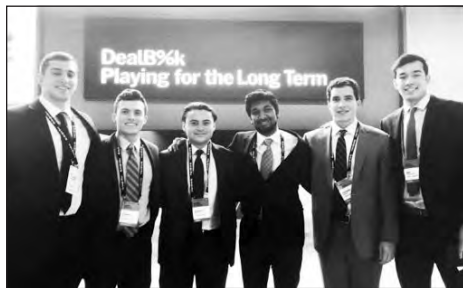
Career and Mentoring Program Continues To Grow

By **Tom Silver '81 & Rob Novo '79**

One of the most frequent requests from undergraduates when they speak to alumni is for assistance with career planning, internships, mentorships, and job placement. They also want advice from alumni regarding graduate school and/or post-graduate degrees. The alumni board established the Career Development Committee a number of years ago, co-chaired by **Tom Silver '81** and **Rob Novo '79** to address these ongoing requests. Mu Chapter has established a series of programs for our undergraduates and alumni to take advantage of.

Annual New York City Career Event

One of Mu Chapter's signature programs is the annual fall New York City career event, which is now in its 13th year. This event has continued to evolve, with student interest and enhanced alumni engagement. Some of the students who participated in our first NYC career event are now well on their way in their own respective careers, and a number of our younger alumni have enthusiastically participated with the undergraduates, sharing their experiences and perspectives. Over the years, Sigma Pi brothers have visited the New York Stock Exchange, met with **Jim Cramer** from **CNBC Mad Money**, and a select few have attended the annual **DealBook** conference, hosted by Sigma Pi alumnus **Andrew Ross Sorkin '98**.



Sigma Pi undergrads at the November 2017 DealBook conference.

Students have been exposed to alumni across a number of industries and business sectors, including finance, consulting, IT/tech, venture capital, startups, law, hospitality, engineering, marketing, and business logistics, just to name a few.

Undergraduate brothers interested in a career in law have attended an event with alumni from prominent law firms, including **Cravath, Swaine & Moore**, **Skadden, Arp**, and the **Hearst Corporation**. Students have also participated in workshops focused on resume writing, cover letters,

interview prep, and post interview follow up. Companies that have consistently participated and supported the program include **Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, Credit Suisse, Lazard Freres, First New York Securities, Oppenheimer, Columbia Investment Management, DealBook, Intermedia Production & Events Group**, and **PricewaterhouseCoopers**.

The 13th annual Sigma Pi NYC Career Event took place November 9 and 10, 2017, with 16 undergrads and over 30 alumni participating. Andrew Ross Sorkin '98 hosted five undergraduates to attend the prestigious DealBook conference that he organizes annually. The student admission ticket was funded out of the generosity of the Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Educational Foundation. The students heard speakers, including **Mark Cuban, Howard Schultz, Jack Dorsey**, and **Laurene Powell Jobs**, among many others.

The DealBook conference was followed by the annual dinner with alumni, held at Orsay Restaurant. Thank you to all of the alumni who attended and those that could not attend for sponsoring the students for the dinner. We had an excellent turnout, with 24 alumni in attendance, spanning over five decades. This year's after-dinner speaker was **Ali Hamed '14**, founder of **CoVenture**. The following day, students visited with NYC area alumni in industries, including finance, venture capital, investment banking, consulting, real estate development, and entrepreneurship.

Sigma Pi Educational Foundation Internships

As part of the Educational Foundation's mission to provide Sigma Pi brothers with opportunities that enhance their undergraduate experience, the board approved the creation of three paid internships, with individuals supporting career services, the educational foundation, and technical support service. The Educational Foundation intern is a liaison between alumni, undergraduate brothers, and the Ithaca Community, overseeing communications, promotions, and coordination of the program. The career-services intern supports the development and coordination of the alumni/student mentor program, which includes 70 brothers and alumni. The intern also helps to coordinate career-services events and the Distinguished Alumni Speaker series throughout the years. The tech-support services intern helps build out and manage the tech infrastructure that connects alumni and undergrads. The tech-services intern is also responsible for

operations, management, scheduling, and upkeep for the Richard Cahoon '77 Tech Center. These internships enhance our current investments in the Tech Center, as well as help us expand our community programming, marketing, and development efforts. In addition, the interns benefit from direct interaction and mentoring from Foundation Board members.

Sponsoring Students for Select Industry and Business Conferences

From time to time, the Sigma Pi Educational Foundation has also provided funding for students to attend industry and business conferences, including the DealBook Conference.

The Richard Cahoon Tech Center: Alumni Distinguished Speaker Series

The Tech Center, funded by a generous gift from **Richard "Dick" Cahoon '77** to the Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Educational Foundation, is a state-of-the-art video-conferencing system that enhances and facilitates interactions between undergraduates and alumni. The center plays a pivotal role in Sigma Pi's focus on career and mentoring. The Tech Center allows for one-to-one and one-to-many webcasts between alumni and undergraduates, promoting dialogue and assistance for students with career planning, internships, mentorships, and job placement. The undergraduates also want advice from alumni regarding graduate school and/or post graduate degrees. Many of our alumni are scattered across the country and around the world. The Tech Center bridges those distances for our students and alumni. As such, the Richard Cahoon '77 Tech Center aligns with the Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Educational Foundation's mission.

The Alumni Distinguished Speaker series has included over 20 alumni, speaking over the last couple of years about their career experiences. The speakers provide deep and personal insights from a wide range of classes and functional experiences, ranging from finance and music and concert promotion to business start-up. Select speakers include **Andrew Ross Sorkin '98 (New York Times)**, **John Zimmer '06 (Lyft)**, **Zach Crane '10 (Moore Capital Management)**, **Grant LaFontaine '10 (YouTube)**, **Quin Garcia '06 (AutoTech Ventures)**, and **Ben Dreier '15 (Boosted Boards)**.

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Career and Mentoring Program Continues To Grow

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Entrepreneurship Conferences Sponsored by Sigma Pi Educational Foundation

The Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Educational Foundation sponsored three conferences on entrepreneurship for undergraduate brothers. The third Mu Chapter Technology, Social Media, and Career Conference was held on Saturday, April 21, 2018, in Ithaca. In conjunction with the Entrepreneurship at Cornell Celebration, the Sigma Pi conference will focus on social media and entrepreneurship. The last conference, held in 2016, featured six speakers and was extremely well received by the undergraduate brotherhood. The event was attended by over 50 undergraduate brothers and alumni. The keynote speaker was **Felix Litvinsky**, managing director of Blackstone LaunchPad at Cornell University. **Blackstone LaunchPad** is an experiential campus-based program designed to introduce entrepreneurship as a viable career path and to develop entrepreneurial skills and mindset through individualized coaching, ideation, and venture creation support.

In addition, **Zachary Schulman '87**, the director of Entrepreneurship at Cornell (E@C), spoke about the Cornell entrepreneurship program, which was created in 1992 to promote entrepreneurship education, experiential learning opportunities, programmatic activities, and events for the Cornell community. Sigma Pi alumni speakers included **Quin Garcia '05**, managing director of **AutoTech Ventures**, a venture fund investing in ground transport startups focused on connected, autonomous, energy efficient cars, motorcycles, commercial vehicles, and services; **Randy Ottinger '80**, founder of **Leader-2-Leader**, a firm that helps founders, CEOs, and senior leaders build great companies with the strategies, cultures, and networks to accelerate growth, innovation, and financial value; **Ali Hamed '14**, co-founder, **CoVenture**; and **Dan Smalls '92**, founder of **Dan Smalls Presents**, a talent-buyer, concert-promotion, and event-production company based in Ithaca, New York. **Tom Silver '81**, president of the Mu Chapter Educational Foundation, discussed the ways undergraduates could partner with the foundation on entrepreneurship endeavors. **Brody Ehrlich '10** and **Brian Lederman '10** spoke about a new initiative to help secure funding for undergraduates' entrepreneurial and business projects. If you're an entrepreneur and would like to be involved in further

promoting entrepreneurship with the undergraduates as a speaker or as a mentor to an undergraduate, please reach out to Rob Novo at robn1979@gmail.com.

Mentor Program

The 2017–2018 academic year is the fourth year for the Sigma Pi Undergraduate Alumni Mentor Program. As a reminder, the Alumni Mentor Committee strives to match undergraduate brothers with alumni of similar academic and career interests. It has been, and continues to be, met with resounding enthusiasm. This year, we had a record 35 undergraduate brothers participate in the program. It was quite a challenge to match 35 undergraduates with alumni, but we were able to do so. Thank you to those alumni who agreed to be mentors. We received excellent reviews of the program and have learned that many relationships fostered by the mentor program have continued beyond the undergraduates' graduations and into the early years of their careers.

Looking forward, the program will continue to take advantage of the Tech Center, allowing for easier and more frequent alumni/undergraduate communications that promote even more meaningful relationships between undergraduates and alumni, including potential career "days," specialized workshops, and other events to link alumni and undergraduates.



Career and Mentoring Committee Members and Volunteers

ΣΠ Fraternity, International: 54th Biennial Convocation

The 54th Biennial Convocation of Sigma Pi Fraternity, International, will take place in Niagara Falls, New York, on August 1–5, 2018.

Convocation brings together hundreds of alumni, students, and guests in a celebration of our fraternity. The event gives our brotherhood a chance to recognize brothers, chapters, volunteers, and alumni clubs who have achieved outstanding accomplishments during the past two years. It also allows our members the chance to share experience and make lifetime friendships with Sigma Pi brothers from chapters across North America. Delegates to the Convocation will also elect the Sigma Pi Fraternity, International, 2018–2020 Grand Council and accept any pertinent awards on behalf of their chapters.

Beyond the educational and functional aspects of the Convocation, attendees will also have the opportunity to join in excursions to local attractions, such as the Maid of the Mist boat tour of Niagara Falls and social and networking events with undergraduates, alumni, fraternity leadership, vendors, and fraternity industry experts.

Mu Chapter expects to send a primary and at least one alternate delegate. Sigma Pi alumni are also welcome and encouraged to attend the Convocation and its related social and educational activities, and they are welcome also to bring their significant others (there will also be alternative activities scheduled while Sigma Pi-specific events are taking place). More details and the registration portal can be found at www.sigmapi.org/convocation.

Help Mu Chapter Rebuild Its Composite Collection

By Slater Goodman '18

A walk around the common spaces and hallways of 730 University Avenue will leave those brothers who were undergraduate members pre-fire with a sense that something is missing. The impact of that 1994 fire is particularly felt with the noticeable absence of many Mu Chapter composites. I am currently engaged in a project to track down any

composites that might be in existence and to procure new composites that were lost. If you or any brothers you know have copies of composites, whether in print or in digital format, please contact me at jsg325@cornell.edu or **Kurt Rasmussen '80**, Alumni Relations Chair, at rasmussen.kurt@comcast.net. It is my goal to restore the images of the Pi men who have gone before us to the walls of 730 University Avenue.

Young Alumni Share Career Perspectives with Chapter

By Landon Budenholzer '19

The undergraduate brothers of Sigma Pi were fortunate to host **Erik Charpentier '10**, senior product manager at Amazon, for a speaker series in the Memorial Library. During the chat, Erik touched on a wide array of topics, including professionalism, how to stand out in a technical major, work and life balance, and his time in the Pi house at Cornell. Erik detailed his career path, starting in consulting, attending business school, and accepting a job offer at Amazon. This chat was especially important for Sigma Pi's newest member class, which is comprised of a considerable number of engineers.

We were also fortunate to host **Rohan**

Siddhanti '12, who discussed his process of applying to business schools for his MBA and his time at Wharton. He touched on why he chose the MBA program, provided advice for freshman on how to be top candidates, specifically in engineering, and discussed best steps for older members who have jobs locked down on how to achieve continued success. Rohan's honesty was great for many of our new members without summer plans and inspired many to reach out to me regarding resume review and mock interviews.

We are thankful Erik and Siddhanti spent time with the chapter discussing their careers, and we are looking forward to speaking with more alumni in a variety of fields.

Sigma Pi and College Mentors for Kids

By Sam Barnum '19

As the spring semester of College Mentors for Kids nears completion, mentors and "little buddies" alike have enjoyed a number of fun, educational activities. While each activity is memorable in its own right, a couple have stuck out in particular in the minds of the mentors and little buddies.

From the little buddies' perspectives, it was a science activity that stood out most. The kids had the opportunity to experiment with fluid dynamics by constructing lava lamps out of household materials. They used plastic water bottles and suspended a wax-like fluid in an oil base. Later, they got a "crash" course in aerodynamics through competitions with paper airplanes and boats that the kids learned to make themselves. The little buddies were smiling ear-to-ear the entire time, and the general managers were ecstatic to see that the little buddies were finding science fun.

The mentors had a different favorite; theirs was an activity centered around teaching other mentors and little buddies about cultures from around the world, which even allowed them to share stories about their own. It became a great group discussion, and the mentors, who come from all corners of the globe, enjoyed having the chance to teach their little buddies about their backgrounds.

Each week saw a new learning objective, but overarching the semester was an emphasis on listening, respect, and safety. Little buddies who exhibit one or multiple of these traits are rewarded at the end of each activity with "buddy bucks." These paper notes are redeemable at the end of the semester for a range of toys and prizes and provide a tangible way for the children to see the positive repercussions of good behavior.

Overall, College Mentors for Kids has had another great semester, and we all look forward to seeing what next year has in store.



Third Sigma Pi Career Conference Sponsored by the Educational Foundation

By Michael Vernick '83

The third Sigma Pi Career Conference took place on Saturday, April 21, at the Mu Chapter house, with 45 undergrads attending. The conference featured nine distinguished speakers, including Sigma Pi alumni and Cornell professors:

KEN ROTHER: managing director of eLab and visiting lecturer of management at the Johnson Graduate School of Management

JEFF CORBIN, Sigma Pi '87: founder and CEO of APPrise Mobile

JAMES MAHONEY, Cornell '84, '18(MS): software developer, entrepreneur, digital artist

JESSE HAMMERMAN, Sigma Pi '83: president and founder of AMG Solutions and HH Woodworking

DENNIS McNAMARA, Sigma Pi '83: executive vice president and general counsel for Oppenheimer & Co.

DANIEL ABARAOHA, Cornell '17: founder of Vita Shoes Company

WILL MURPHY, Sigma Pi '18: co-founder of YNOT Bike

TOM SILVER, Sigma Pi '81: Top Gun Ventures; president of Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Educational Foundation

MICHAEL VERNICK, Sigma Pi '83: solutions architect for JW Player; Sigma Pi alumni board member

This year's conference focused on career stories. Speakers talked about their career paths, including the successes and pitfalls along the way. They shared interesting

stories about how they made job-changing decisions or how the decisions were made for them. They discussed the day-to-day routines (or lack thereof) in their companies and fields, as well as what they love about their jobs. Perhaps most importantly, they conveyed tips, advice, and lessons learned to the undergrads. Each speaker concluded by answering questions about his position and about what kind of person could find success and fulfillment in his industry and career path.

We would like to thank all of the speakers and participants for helping to make the conference a terrific success! If you would like more information about participating in future Sigma Pi Career Conferences, either as an attendee or as a speaker, please contact **Michael Vernick '83** at michael@giantface.com.



Entrepreneurship Conference participants listen to guest speaker Jesse Hammerman '83.

Mu Alumni News & Notes

Retirement is still in the future for **John Rumble '64**, who reports, "For all you science majors, I am now editor-in-chief of the *Handbook of Chemistry and Physics!* Plus lots of work on nanotechnology, both here and in Europe." John is still in Gaithersburg, just outside Washington, DC. "Come visit. Email me at jumbleusa@earthlink.net." (11 Montgomery Ave., Gaithersburg, MD 20877)

"Zoltan Reunion was one for the ages," exclaims **John Christoforo '77**. "Wonderful catching up with so many of the brothers and seeing that the current group is such a great bunch." Send "Foro" an email at john@christoforo.org. He makes his home at 36 North Ridge Rd., Ipswich, MA 01938.

Peter Storck '82, co-founder of Points North Group, was recently featured in an article on adage.com for his work with major brands to "get real measures of their influencer marketing, because they don't get

them from the partners they work with." Peter calls his firm "the Nielsen of influencer marketing," helping to collect credible and accurate data for clients regarding their brands' exposure through digital advertising, including whether digital audience impressions are authentic or only seen by fake followers. Points North Group helps brands with their influencer marketing measurement: vetting and standardizing results, ferreting out waste and fraud, and maximizing ROI. The article can be viewed at adage.com/article/digital/study-influencer-spenders-finds-big-names-fake-followers/313223.

An orthopedic surgeon in Buffalo, New York, **Ted Szarzanowicz '90** specializes in sports medicine (knee and shoulder surgery). Ted has two kids currently at Cornell—a daughter in pre-med (human biology, health and society) and a son in plant biology (genetics). Of his daughter he writes, "She is in Alpha Phi Sorority and is roommates with a student whose

dad is also a Sigma Pi brother, **Matt Tobin '86**. Small world!!" He adds that the Alpha Phis have had mixers with Sigma Pi on a number of occasions. Catch up with him by email at tedandshel@gmail.com or 150 Beard Ave., Buffalo, NY 14214.

Deceased

Leo J. Chamberlain '52

January 28, 2018

David M. Heimbach '60

August 7, 2017

Richard W. Kubiak '68

November 26, 2017

YongSoo Ha '76

February 18, 2018

Honor a deceased brother with a memorial plaque; visit sigmapicornell.edu/150-giving-memorial.asp

Amazing "It's a Small Sigma Pi World" Story!

By **Nick Vojnovic '81 (a.k.a. "Serb")**



Fellow Sigma Pi Brothers:

First of all, I want to thank all of you for your incredible support over the last year as I went through the traumatic stem-cell transplant and recovery. My family and I were blown away by how you all stood with me as we dealt with the effects of the chemo and graft-versus-host disease. Because of the high mortality rate, they make you wait a year before you can meet your donor.

Earlier this year, I had the honor of meeting my amazing donor, Caroline Gomez. Her parents and her boyfriend, Mark, also joined her at a Be The Match dinner in our honor in Clearwater, Florida. After a very emotional dinner, I stopped to speak with Mark and mentioned that I had gone to Cornell.

He replied, "My mom and uncle went there. Did you know Emily and **Jim Garr '82**?" Needless to say, my jaw dropped to the ground. Of course I know them! I am golfing with "Uncle Jim" in two weeks! As Dolly would say, "Unbelievable!"

Thanks again brothers!



At a photography exhibition of Marissa Zackowitz (wife of David Zackowitz) in New York City (L-R): Matt Pens '00, Jarrett Wait '80, David Zackowitz '01.

Trevor White '07 Gets Oscar Nod

Sigma Pi alumnus **Trevor White '07** was nominated for an Academy Award this spring. Trevor was an executive producer of *The Post*. The film portrays key members of the Washington Post's staff during its reporting and publication of the Pentagon Papers, especially focusing on the perspectives of publisher Katharine Graham, played by Meryl Streep, and executive editor Ben Bradlee, played by Tom Hanks.

Trevor is a founder and managing partner of Star Thrower Entertainment, which also produced *The Post*, *LBJ*, *Ingrid Goes West*, and *Wind River*. Trevor co-founded the company with his (biological) brother, Tim White. Trevor has also directed multiple films that Star Thrower has produced, including *Jamesy Boy*.

White grew up in Annapolis, Maryland, and now lives in the Greater Los Angeles. He studied filmmaking at Cornell, during which time he worked as an intern for Michael Mann's company on the set of the *Miami Vice* film. Trevor also served in leadership roles as a Sigma Pi undergraduate, including a term as the chapter's sage, and has previously served as a member of the Mu Chapter Alumni Board.

We would like to offer congratulations to Trevor and his colleagues, and we wish him continued professional success!

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