



# THE CORDELT

BETA OMICRON CHAPTER OF DELTA TAU DELTA AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY

FALL 2017



**Left:** Greg Hwang '04, Eric Stucker '13, Mike Sandman '08, Daniel Shaw '11, and Andy Howlett '07 enjoy the tailgate cookout in the backyard of the Shelter. **Right:** Delts young and old enjoy the tailgate cookout at the Shelter.

## Planning for the Future

*House Corporation Launches New Website Design, Mentorship Programs, and Capital Campaign Committees*

I hope this edition of *The Cordelt* finds you and yours well and enjoying the nice fall weather we've been having. I'm writing on the heels of an exciting and successful Homecoming, where we saw the launch of a new Beta Omicron website, the approval of two new mentorship programs, and probably the most exciting news, the formation of two capital campaign committees.

Homecoming at the Shelter is always a time for brothers past and present to gather, share stories, memories, and just catch up. This year was no exception. I would like to first thank the undergraduates for inviting us back with open arms and for hosting one of the best Homecomings in recent memory. A special thanks to **Justin Kim '19**, who orchestrated the event flawlessly. This Homecoming also saw the kitchen crew, led by **Tim Ray '83** and **Sean Riley '83**, successfully prepare the often talked about "exploding" chicken Kiev. A big round of applause for such a great meal!

### REDESIGNED WEBSITE LAUNCHED

Our website, [www.cornelldelts.org](http://www.cornelldelts.org), was completely revamped by **Bryan Cuccioli '14** with support from **Young Hur '11**. The website will continue to grow and change as our needs change and has been designed with this in mind. We also hope that it becomes a favorite in your browsers

and that you check in often as updates on events and the chapter are added. The website now serves as a portal to pay dues and make donations, as well as an alumni page where you can view past articles of *The Cordelt*, search for fellow Beta Omicron Delts in our new searchable database, and sign up to be a mentor. This section of the website is password protected, so when you would like to peruse, please access using 104deltaTau.

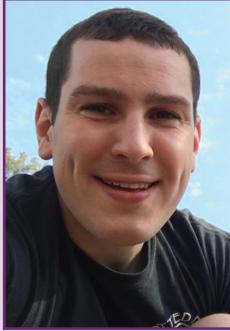
### MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The annual House Corporation meeting saw the approval of two new mentorship charters that were prepared over the past year by **Young Hur '11** and **Jason Saltsberg '94**. The first of these mentorship programs has been started to create a database of alumni and their field of career expertise that will be accessible to the undergraduates. It is intended that the undergraduates will reach out to alumni whose careers reflect a path the individual undergraduate wishes to pursue, and that communication between the mentors and mentees will be organic and useful for both parties. The second mentorship charter sets out a procedure to create a group of alumni who previously held leadership positions within the chapter who can offer current undergraduate officers additional support as they learn to navigate their new roles. Both mentorship programs are completely voluntary. I encourage you to visit the website, read about the charters and expectations of a mentor, and if so inclined, sign up to help our fellow brothers succeed both as leaders of the chapter and as future members of the working world.

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# Alexander Nestle '13 Practices His Beta Omicron Values in Japan

Upon attending recruitment with an invitation from **Eric Stucker '13**, **Alexander Nestle '13** knew Delta Tau Delta was the place he wanted to spend his college years. During 2012, Alex became the secretary for the Beta Omicron Chapter of Cornell University. He was immediately drawn to be involved and felt he was in the right group to succeed. Alex was studying operations research and information engineering, and graduated in 2013. "I would not have been able to finish school without the support of my Beta brothers." His brothers were always willing to lend him a hand with his studies during a stressful time at Cornell.



U.S. Navy helicopter pilot and a division officer taking him all over the world, he still feels a close connection with his Beta Omicron brothers.

"I would encourage undergraduates to always look for a Delt brother, regardless of where you find yourself in the world. Become aware of and involved in your brothers' interests. Be receptive to all in the house. One of my life friends could have been missed if I had disregarded him due to my first impression." He urges

undergraduates to expand their presence and be mindful of the grand history at Cornell and nationally at Delta Tau Delta.

As an alumnus, Alex knows the importance of engagement after graduation and has tried to mirror the examples set by **Graham Seward '07**, **Jason Saltsburg '94**, and **Jeffery Catalano '09**. Alex is currently serving our country and would love to be more of a regular presence upon his return to the U.S.

"I can say without a doubt, I am who am in the Navy today because of my loyal brothers. I have an advantage in confidence and teamwork that can only be attributed to my Beta brothers. They made me be the best I can be and recognized my true talents." He was able to learn to work with much diversity that has served him well as a Navy pilot on tour.

"Many brothers left a lasting impression on me as an undergraduate, I met **Michael Bonacum '10** my first night at the Shelter and he has been a big part of my Delta Tau Delta experience for the last decade." Many others impacted Alex in a positive way. Even with Alex's career as a

"Beta Omicron helped make me who I am and I am proud of the direction the chapter is headed. Special thanks to the current members of the House Corporation. Their dedication is obvious through the many successful alumni that have passed through the Beta Omicron chapter house.

Alex enjoys hockey, softball, flag football, soccer, skiing, and "pretty much any sport." He is stationed in Japan and enjoys exploring the country and welcomes all the experiences in his surroundings.

Contact Alex at [alexander.nestle1@gmail.com](mailto:alexander.nestle1@gmail.com).



Left: James Kim '07, Andy Howlett '07, John Shand '07, Sam Mason '07, Graham Seward '07, and Pierce Corwin '07 with their spouses and children on Beebe Lake at the 2017 reunion. Right: Duncan Perry '84, Jim Schneider '87, and Henry Joe '82 at the 2017 reunion.

## Undergraduates Welcome Alumni to the Shelter for Reunion

*Plans for 2018 Reunion to Come*

On June 10, 30 alumni and guests, as well as a significant number of undergraduate brothers, gathered at the Shelter on a beautiful summer day to enjoy themselves as proud Deltas. The Deltas hailed from a number of class years, including the classes of 1982, 1987, 2007, and 2012, who were celebrating their 5th, 10th, 30th, and 35th reunions, respectively. In addition, a number of members from other pledge years were present.

games, as well as swapped stories about the different eras of the house.

Other activities on campus included a social on the arts quad, a trip to Ithaca Brewery, and college-specific presentations and other events throughout campus. Reunion 2018 is scheduled for June 7-10, with a cookout at the Shelter on June 9. Look for more information as the date draws closer.

The brothers did a great job of making alumni from all years feel welcome. Alumni Relations Chairman **Justin Kim '19** coordinated a cookout in the Shelter's backyard. Alumni and undergraduates enjoyed cold drinks and a few

Fraternally,  
**Andy Howlett '07**  
House Corporation Treasurer

# Joel Frost-Tift '10

## Learned Passion and Dedication as a Delt

### Leading Social Justice in California

**Joel Frost-Tift '10** was raised just outside of Albany, N.Y., where he was engaged in social justice issues at an early age. Joel decided to attend Cornell and was friends with a few Delts before pledging. "I made some lasting friendships during my two and a half years with Beta Omicron."



Joel was not an active officer of Beta Omicron, but definitely had a passion for human rights and social involvement. "It is important to me that the work I do at Esperanza has a meaningful impact on others' lives. The

guidance I received from alumni and older brothers, as I was preparing for law school, helped me get started down this path." While at Cornell, Joel regularly reached out to alumni who were in law school to seek out a realistic look at what to expect.

While studying law, Joel stayed occupied by interning with the Appeals Chamber for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. He was also involved in the International Human Rights Clinic. "It was comforting to be around other brothers who were committed to social justice."

Joel chose a career path that struck him at his core and encourages undergraduates to do the same. "Take your time figuring out the best career path for you." After earning his J.D. from the University of Southern California, Joel joined the Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project team in 2015.

"I am active in politics and serve as an assembly district delegate for the California Democratic Party, and am on the Congressional Advisory Council on Immigration for Rep. Nanette Barragan." Joel's work in the field of law is recognized as he was named a Saks Scholar where he received a grant to study issues at the intersection of law and mental health.

Joel is no doubt a passionate individual in his career and outside his work life. He was introduced to running by his father and has continued this activity throughout college as a long-distance runner. He completed his first marathon shortly after graduation and has discovered trails in Los Angeles where he escapes the daily grind. He also enjoys international travel. He and his wife, Melinda Amato, reside in Huntington Park, Calif. Please contact him at joelaft@gmail.com.



*Hunter Seitz '20, Pratik Tarafdar '18, and Justin Kim '19 enjoying a nice day out in the Shelter's backyard.*

## Philanthropy Promotes a Stronger Sense of Community

### Sophomore Class Takes Initiative

The Beta Omicron Chapter has continued to improve our recruitment efforts, initiating four men into the fraternity this semester. These new members are excited to offer their talents to make our chapter a fun and welcoming place for all on the Cornell campus. With a large senior class, we hope to carry our trends of strong recruitment into the spring 2018 to continue our positive growth.

Through the tireless efforts of Philanthropy Chairman **Alex Chong '19**, brothers are taking a more active role in the Ithaca community. In addition to our monthly visits to Enfield Elementary, we now volunteer at Loaves and Fishes, a local soup kitchen, every month. Also, we have taken an active role by supporting the philanthropic efforts of other Greek organizations on campus. Along these lines, Alex has planned a philanthropic bowling night in partnership with Pi Beta Phi. We hope to further improve our philanthropic efforts and give back to the greater Ithaca community.

The spring 2017 class has already left their mark on our organization. **Arjun Bhalla '20** and **Carlos Gonzalez '20** have taken on leadership roles as the responding secretary and brotherhood chairman, respectively. Outside of leadership, this class has undertaken various improvement projects, spearheaded by **John Grover '20** and **Ryan Slama '20**. This active participation is very encouraging as this class looks to take on more leadership roles within the house going forward. Additionally, our efforts to improve our studies are just as focused. Our men represent a wide range of majors from hotel administration to chemical engineering, with a GPA competitive with Cornell's fraternity GPA of 3.352.

We would like to thank you all for your never-ending support, your dedication to the values of Delta Tau Delta, and your commitment to our chapter. Special thanks to Chapter Advisor **Jack Thompson '73** and the House Corporation for their immense support. We also wanted to thank **Young Hur '11** and **Bryan Cuccioli '14** for their work in redesigning our website and launching our new alumni mentorship programs. We have an incredible group of alumni from our chapter, and these new tools will only allow us to better communicate and coordinate with one another going forward.

If you find yourself in the Ithaca area, please stop by for a visit. We would love the opportunity to connect with you, share stories of our time in the Shelter, receive guidance, and share with you our vision for the future.



Fraternally,  
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# Thank You, Loyal Alumni, for Your Generous Support

Through the generosity of 99 donors, we've raised more than \$37,000 since fall 2016. The success and achievements of Beta Omicron are directly attributed to the support and involvement of its members. The active brothers are grateful for and proud of the donations they receive from alumni.

Contributions to the fall 2016 and spring 2017 appeals are listed below. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift(s), or we have mistakenly omitted your gift, we sincerely apologize. If corrections to your giving record are needed, please contact our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661. Your generosity is making a difference!

*To support continued improvements to the Shelter, visit [cornelldelts.org](http://cornelldelts.org) and make a gift today!*

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(\$1,000 and above)

- Kenneth Schapiro, *parent*
- Edward J. Carney '52
- William J. Cochran '70
- Paul A. Baginski '78
- David A. Wilcox Jr. '79
- John W. Pirie '83
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(\$500 to \$999)

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- Lawrence D. Zamojski '76
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*Ryan Slama '20 and Yash Sahoto '20 out to dinner at a Delt formal.*

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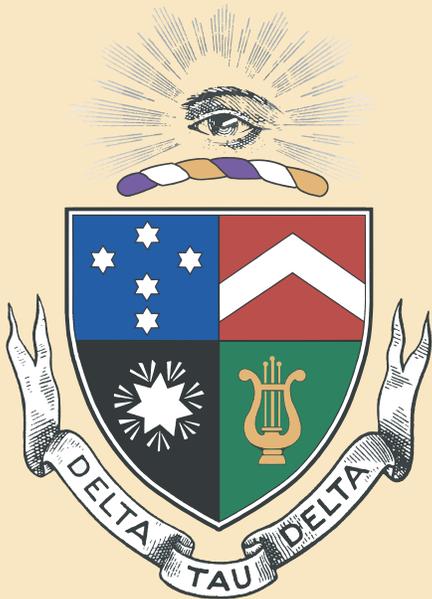
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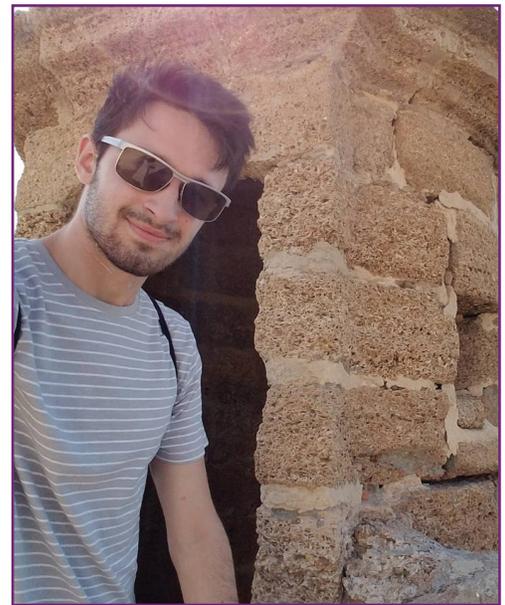
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*Zachary Schapiro '18 and Ian Melvin '18 at a formal date night at the Shelter.*



*Justin Alicea '18 enjoys the sights in Spain as he studies abroad.*

## Planning for the Future

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### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES FORMING

I am extremely excited to announce the formation of two capital campaign committees. **Sonny Sonnenstein '90** proposed the motion from the floor, which was overwhelmingly approved, and graciously offered to head the first committee, which will focus on the financial planning related to the capital campaign. The second committee, which will be led by House Corporation Vice President **Jeff Alfano '13**, will focus on the facility needs and updates that the campaign will finance. If you are interested in joining either committee, please contact me and I will place you in contact with Sonny or Jeff.

I am honored to announce that with his proposal to form the capital campaign committee, **Sonny Sonnenstein '90** started the proverbial ball rolling by making a pledge of \$50,000 over the next three years to the capital campaign. This pledge exemplifies the dedication our alumni have to the undergraduates and alumni, but also to the legacy of Delt at Cornell. It is this type of generosity that makes Beta Omicron the premier fraternity on the Hill. I hope that we can count on all of our alumni to contribute, to the best of their ability, to ensure that the Shelter is competitive with all other housing options on and off campus and remains a shrine to international brotherhood for another 127 years.

Fraternally,

**Graham Seward '07**, House Corporation President

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*Richard Schrade '82 and Sean Riley '83 perform a successful test run of the exploding chicken Kiev.*

