

## Scholarship Awards

- **Winter AZ Florida Lunch!**  
February 6th in Sun City Center.  
Contact Dick Church at rac15@cornell.edu or 315-272-6371 for details.
- **AZ Summer Picnic**  
July 27 in Tawasentha Park,  
188 Route 146, Altamont, NY.  
Hosted by Dan Demeree '11,  
Brian Crandall '10, Carolyn  
Abbott '10, Bridget Buckbee '08
- **Send correspondence to:**  
Alpha Zeta  
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### Alpha Zeta awards four scholarships as part of the Dyson Awards through Cornell Financial Aid.

Joseph Fairbanks '48 Scholarship:

Caitlyn Robertson

James R. Weisbeck '59 Scholarship:

Lily-Anne Trainor

Robert V. Call Jr. '50 Scholarship:

Samantha Merrill

David J. & Martha Nolan Scholarship:

Valerie Weisbeck

**The current AZ Actives in our annual porch photo!**



### The Kent Wells Scholarship

Awarded to Tyra Jenkins '19 at the October AZ Annual Meeting.

Congratulations to the award winners!

Jeff Perry '89 Corp Board President

**Check us out on Facebook!**

**Our Facebook site is:**

“Alpha Zeta Fraternity—  
Cornell Chapter.”



## New Brothers and Sisters of Alpha Zeta Cornell !



**New Members:** L-R: James Cagle '21, Lily Berghorn '21, Agnes Guillo '21, Allison Finn '21, Erin Scannell '21, Jenna Bernhardt '20

Alpha Zeta is proudly introducing six dedicated new members this semester!

**Lily Berghorn '21** is an Agricultural Science major. She joined Alpha Zeta because of the opportunities AZ offers to grow in the agricultural industry as well as at Cornell. She is looking forward to being the 2019 House Manager of Alpha Zeta as well as becoming involved with clubs such as Collegiate FFA and the Dairy Science Club.

**Jenna Bernhardt '20**, an Animal Science major, joined Alpha Zeta to become involved with like-minded individuals and to grow a sense of community among those who share similar academic goals. She is excited to gain access to connections in the agriculture and animal science field that she may not have been able to without pledging. She is looking forward to being more involved in the house with her new position as Chronicler and can't wait to show what AZ has to offer through aesthetics.

**James Cagle '21** is a Plant Science major. He joined AZ for the wonderful community and ideals that it supports. He looks forward to practicing his leadership and community building skills with this group of brilliant and thoughtful individuals. He was recently elected as the next Pledge Master and looks forward to indoctrinating the next group of bright members into the traditions of Alpha Zeta.

**Allison Finn '21**, an Agricultural Science major, joined AZ because she wanted to be part of a group who shared similar passions and interests. She wowed everyone in elections and has become the new Scribe as well as was appointed to be Parliamentarian.

Agnes Guillo, an Animal Science major graduating in 2021, joined AZ because she was interested in meeting more students who were equally passionate about the Animal Science field and related sectors of agriculture and science. She is greatly looking forward to living in the house and her position as one of the Rush Chairs for the spring.

**Erin Scannell '21** is a sophomore in the Animal Science program. As a transfer from Alpha Zeta at the University of Delaware, she was excited to continue her journey with Alpha Zeta. She really loves how welcoming everyone in the Cornell chapter is. She has been elected as the new Steward of AZ for next year and is currently on the polo team with other AZ members.

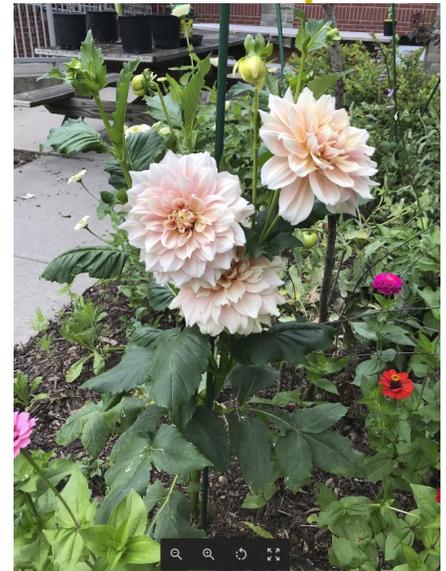
Christel-Remy Kuck '20    Outgoing Censor

## Active Member News



### Horticulturalist Update

Alpha Zeta's garden has had a banner year. Last fall, the Corporation Board gave us \$500 to revamp the garden. Our horticulturalist, Isabella Yannuzzi '20, used that money to purchase tulips, iris', daffodils, hydrangeas, dahlias, and perennial flower seeds. Our foreign exchange student, Jos Kroon, who was working at Kenneth Post Laboratory also donated many tulip, hyacinth, and daffodil bulbs that the lab was getting rid of. All the flower bulbs were planted in the fall before the first frost, and come spring they bloomed! Tulips and daffodils were planted along all of the beds and bloomed first followed by hyacinths, dahlias, zinnias, marigolds, and calendulas. The small raised bed was used to plant herbs including coriander, lemon basil, and chives for our chef Peter. Our horticulturist was working in Ithaca throughout the summer and maintained the garden, sowing later-blooming flowers as well as cultivating a vegetable bed that contained many tomatoes, peppers, lettuce, carrots, cucumbers, and a watermelon. This fall, even more bulbs were planted and hopefully they, along with the hydrangeas that needed a year of vegetative growth before they would bloom, will pop up in the spring with beautiful flowers.



Garden Additions by Isabella Yannuzzi '20

Isabella Yannuzzi '20



Another AZ treasure in need of background! Any stories about it?

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### House Manager Report

Over the past semester, a few more of the renovation projects of the house have wrapped up, including the new flooring in the hallways. The second floor bathroom renovation is also completed with greatly improved ventilation and aesthetic improvements. The basement has also seen a new washer dryer set. My final project is to replace the lights within the individual rooms with more efficient and cost effective LEDs. As my term for house manager wraps up, I am confident as I pass my clipboard to the newly elected house manager, Lily Berghorn '21, that she will continue to maintain and improve our beloved home at 214 Thurston.

Justin Dye '19  
Outgoing House Manager



## Member Activities 2018

### December Graduates

We cheered on three graduating seniors from Alpha Zeta this December. We are proud of their accomplishments and excited for their futures as they begin their journeys into the workforce. **Carter Collins '18**, from a large dairy in Sauquoit, NY, pursued Cornell's strong Animal Science dairy program, including Dairy Fellows, and also earned an Agribusiness Management minor. Carter's deep love for crops has driven him to accept a job offer from a neighboring green bean farm back home in Sauquoit where he will maintain the farm's machinery and manage cropping. **Joe Morgiewicz '18**, from a five-generation vegetable operation in Orange County, NY, will be graduating with an Agricultural Sciences degree and promptly returning home to black dirt country. He will help his family manage and grow their business to include hydroponic lettuce, a more sophisticated fleet of machinery, and a larger fresh produce market in the nearby city as he is Bronx-bound. **Kiana Peters '18**, from an almond, rice, and pig farm in Fresno, CA, will also be graduating with an Agricultural Sciences degree and a minor in Business. She has interned for an impressive list of companies, such as Driscoll, Nationwide Agribusiness, the Farm Service Agency (USDA), and Stellar Distributing Inc. in sales. She plans to continue working in the agribusiness sector for insurance or e-commerce upon graduation. Our newest graduating class is certainly an accomplished one, and they will be greatly missed. Congratulations and good luck, Carter, Joe, and Kiana!  
Hannah Merrill '19, Outgoing Scribe



December 2018 Graduates:  
L to R: Carter Collins '18, Kiana Peters '18, Joe Morgiewicz '18

### School Outreach Project

This semester, members of Alpha Zeta Fraternity worked in conjunction with 4-H and Rural Youth Services to provide an agriculture afterschool program to elementary and middle school students in Groton, NY and Enfield, NY. The goal of the program was to expose students at a young age to the different fields and career opportunities within agriculture. The program involved both hands-on classroom lessons and field trips to Grisamore Farms, Cornell University Ruminant Center, and the Vet School Teaching Dairy. Participating actives included Alanna Staffin '19 (Organizer), George Stack '19 (Beekeeping), Corrigan Herbert '19 (Grapes), Stephanie Bishop '19 (Dairy), Lily-Anne Trainor '20 (Herbs & Spices), and Hannah Merrill '19 (Poultry). Overall, the program was a big success; a great relationship was established with the afterschool coordinators in Groton and Enfield, and both the coordinators and AZ actives wish to continue the program in future semesters.  
Alanna Staffin '19, Philanthropy Chair



Corrigan Herbert '19 helps with grape stomping!



George Stack '19, hands on beekeeping lesson!



## Fraternity Leadership Corner

### Outgoing Chancellor's Note

Reflecting on my two years as Chancellor, I see how much we've grown as a house, and how much I've grown as a person. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who helped me along the way. Thank you to all of the actives who were in the house when I pledged, you gave me a second home and a second family. Thank you to all the members of my pledge class, we couldn't have done it without each other. Thank you to my predecessor as Chancellor, Lauren Fessler '16, you gave me guidance all along the way. Thank you to all the members of the 2017 and 2018 executive boards, you rose to the occasion and exceeded expectations. Thank you to all of the alumni involved with our Chapter, we couldn't exist without your support and guidance. And, finally thank you to all of the members of Alpha Zeta, past and present, for making our fraternity what it is today.

### Incoming Chancellor's Note

I am deeply honored to have been elected as Chancellor by the members of Alpha Zeta Fraternity. I believe that we have a very strong incoming Executive Board with many members from the most recent pledge class. They will provide new perspectives on the activities that we hold throughout the year and offer solutions to the current challenges we face. Prior to joining Alpha Zeta, I was struggling to find a group of like-minded individuals who I could connect with. From the moment I stepped through the door of Alpha Zeta, I felt like I belonged. I had stumbled upon a family that was passionate about their area of study and challenged me to become a better student and person. However, I believe that as a house, we need to go back to our roots. We need to focus on our main values of scholarship, character, leadership, and fellowship so we can create strong leaders in the agricultural industry. I will be striving to strengthen and develop our values by increasing our engagement with each other, Alpha Zeta alumni, and the Cornell and Ithaca community. I am looking forward to the improvements we will make as a fraternity in the upcoming year. Allyson Wentworth '20, Incoming Chancellor



Jane Peck and Tyra Jenkins '19 at Annual Meeting

### Alumni Board Update

The Corporation Board members have been continuing to plan ahead for physical plant maintenance and upgrades. Individual room lights are being reviewed for an update as they are starting to fail. Windows are also a high expense item that is under review as they are a weak point in house energy efficiency. The roof is holding up well. The recent flooring and second floor bathroom updates are finished and have improved the character of the house. The board continues to support the efforts of member recruitment and visibility on campus. Looking forward to an exciting spring.

Jeff Perry '89, Board President

## Alumni Connections!



### CALS Charitable Trust Report

There's no shortage of interesting opportunities for CALS undergraduates during Cornell University Winter session. The kicker is many options are not easily affordable. The CALS Charitable Trust Fall 2018 Academic Enrichment Program was able to help 9 deserving AZ undergraduates with some intriguing pursuits. Thanks to generous alumni donations, a total of \$10,620 was granted to students to, quite literally, explore the world!

#### **Congratulations and bon voyage to our AE recipients:**

**Stephanie Bishop**, 2019, AnSci – self-designed internship to visit a variety of California agri-businesses

**Corrigan Herbert**, 2019, Viticulture&Enology – 3 week trip to India with IARD 6020/4020 Agriculture in Development Nation

**Anupreksha Jain**, 2019, BioSci – 2 week trip to Dominican Republic with BIOEE 2640/2641: Tropical Field Ornithology

**Sabrina Molyneaux Sanchez**, 2019, AnSci - trip to Argentina with BIOEE2525: Patagonia Field Course (Ecology&Conservation of wildlife in the neotropics).

**Caitlyn Robertson**, 2020, AnSci - internship with ambulatory large animal vet clinic

**Audrey Schuttak**, 2020, FoodSci - 3 week trip to India with IARD 6020/4020 Agriculture in Developing Nations - first trip abroad

**Marete Seymour**, 2020, Viticulture&Enology - trip to Argentina with BIOEE2525: Patagonia Field Course (Ecology&Conservation of wildlife in the neotropics)

**Alanna Staffin**, 2019, AnSci - trip to Borneo with Global citizenship & sustainability in Malaysia program and travel to 2018 AFA Leader's conference in Kansas City, MO



**Lily-Anne Trainor**, 2020, Plant Sci - Trip to California with Plant Sci club - & then, a trip to Belize for course "A Garden Case Study in Belize" in spring semester - first time outside US

Submitted by Wendy Weichert '87

Alanna Staffin '19 and Gordon Peck '62 at AZ Annual Meeting!



## Alumni Connections!



Dave Chamberlain '68 and Cal Wood '66 attended a recent Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) Northeast Council Christmas Dinner. Cal gave Dave a well-deserved send off for his 20 years of service applauding his 16 years on the Dairy Farmers of America Board and 4 years on the full Dairy Farmers of America Board. Since his retirement from dairy farming, Dave is now a consultant with FarmNet.

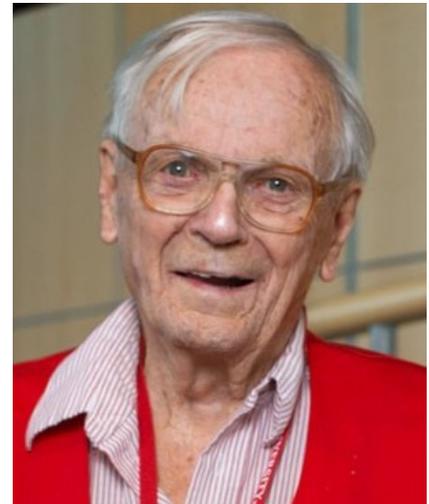
L-R Dave Chamberlain '68 and Cal Wood '66

### In Memory



James C. White '39,  
Ph.D. '44, professor emeritus in the Cornell School of Hotel Administration, died October 2 at his home in Ithaca, less than a month shy of his 102nd birthday.

White had a wide-ranging career that included dairy and food safety research, and after retirement, he worked in areas of climate change and acid rain.



### Giving Back — Philanthropy in Action!

Our beloved Philanthropy Chair of 4 semesters, Alanna Staffin, and several other active members helped plan and organize numerous philanthropy opportunities throughout this past spring semester. In addition to our commitment as members of the IFC to individually perform 10 hours of community service per semester, we collectively participated in our fairly regular annual events including writing letters to veterans and soldiers, hosting a blood drive on campus through the Red Cross, and attending Greeks Give Back. We also hosted Ag Day this semester (see Stephanie Bishop's "Ag Day" section), all the proceeds of which were donated to Tompkins County 4-H. AZ actives participated in other 4-H events as well. We volunteered for their Ag-stravaganza event, delivered presentations for a few local 4-H clubs, and are currently developing an after-school program led by AZ actives that will debut this coming fall semester. Other philanthropy activities this semester included participation in Relay for Life, Science Olympiad, and Cornell's Block and Bridle Barnyard Fun Day. Thank you to all of our actives for dedicating a collective 500+ hours of service, and thank you to Alanna for orchestrating so many opportunities for our involvement in the community!

Hannah Merrill '19 Scribe

Have alumni news to share? Contact Dick Church at: [RAC15@cornell.edu](mailto:RAC15@cornell.edu) or mail to: Alpha Zeta, PO Box 5077, Cortland, NY 13045.

Many thanks to Dick Church '64 for collecting and capturing these fine AZ alumni moments!

# AZ News

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## OPTION FOR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER:

If interested in receiving an electronic newsletter rather than a mailed copy, please email Jeff at [jap255@cornell.edu](mailto:jap255@cornell.edu) and we will make that adjustment for the next newsletter.

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**Annual Dues:** Please consider sending your annual dues of \$50 (made out to CALS Charitable Trust) to the AZ Alumni, PO Box 5077, Cortland, NY 13045 address. The Corp Board and CALS Trust are coordinating efforts in supporting the actives. The annual support will allow the Trust to continue to grow and support future actives. Jeff Perry '89 Corp Board President. (Pay pal is still available on our website — [www.alphazeta-cornell.org](http://www.alphazeta-cornell.org))

## Officers

### 2019 UNDERGRADUATE OFFICERS

Chancellor: .....Allyson Wentworth '20  
Censor: .....Lily-Anne Trainor '20  
Scribe:..... Allison Finn '21  
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House Manager: .....Lily Berghorn '20  
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Rush Chair .....Agnes Guillo '21

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