



### Plan to Attend!

- Cornell Homecoming & AZ Annual Meeting!

**Saturday, October 5th**

Initiation Ceremony 11:00am  
Lunch and business session to follow at noon.

- AZ Summer Picnic

**July 27 Tawasentha Park,**  
188 Route 146, Altamont, NY.

Burgers, hot dogs, side salads,  
drinks, and dessert provided for  
\$10-\$15—pay cash on site.

RSVP to Dan at **by July 20** at:  
dgd36@cornell.edu

Hosted by Dan Demeree '11,  
Brian Crandall '10, Carolyn  
Abbott '10, Bridget Buckbee '08  
Bring along a frisbee or  
horseshoes, if interested.

### AZ Item Returns to 214 Thurston

Just before graduation in May, actives James Cagle '21, Hannah Maloney '19, and George Stack '19 drove to North Carolina to recover a piece of AZ history. When James F. Davis '67 pledged the Cornell chapter, he made his paddle out of an 8 foot long airplane propeller. Davis originally got the propeller in the 1950s from a family friend whose father was a test pilot circa WWI. Davis recalled thinking a large and unwieldy paddle, such as an 8 foot propeller, might spare him the paddling rumored to be a part of pledging at that time. Thus, he refinished the propeller with 'Alpha Zeta' and 'Cornell' decals and it became his paddle. Now, after nearly 60 years away from Thurston Ave., the propeller made it back to the formal room where it will hang on the wall for Alpha Zetans to admire.

*George Stack '19*

### Check us out on Facebook!

Our Facebook site is:

Alpha Zeta Fraternity/Cornell Chapter  
at the link:

[https://www.facebook.com/  
AZCornellChapter/](https://www.facebook.com/AZCornellChapter/)

**Photo (L to R):** James F. Davis, '67  
and his "paddle" with George Stack  
'19, Hannah Maloney '19, and James  
Cagle '21





## CALS Charitable Trust

The CALS Charitable Trust, founded by Cornell Chapter alumni, serves the active AZ Chapter by providing Academic Enrichment grants through a competitive application process. These grants enhance a student's academic experience: Fall 2018 - \$10,620 granted to 10 AZ actives & Spring 2019 - \$13,050 was awarded to 12 students (below).

Student	Study expenses supported
Agnes Guillo, 2021, AnSci	Cornell Summer Program in Madrid, 6 week, credit Spanish language and culture immersion.
Jonah Helmer, 2022, Nutrition	Housing & travel for internship with on Cornell's aquaponic and hydroponic strawberry project.
Amrit Hingorani, 2020, Bio&Nutrition	Travel to attend a personalized medicine program at the University of Cologne, Germany.
Tyr Jenkins, 2019, AnSci	Travel to shadow an AZ alum at an angus beef operation in Montana and vet internship support.
Lauren Jung, 2021, Food Sci	Summer internship at Sensient, a global manufacturer of colors, flavors, and fragrances.
Christel-Remy Kuck, 2020, AnSci	Living expenses during a summer undergraduate research opportunity at Cornell.
Sabrina Molyneaux, 2019, AnSci	Pet First Aid/CPR course this past spring.
Caitlyn Robertson, 2020, AnSci	Living & conference expenses while working on her undergraduate honors thesis research.
Marete Seymour, 2020, Viticulture	Housing for summer internship at Omega Yeast Labs in Chicago, IL.
Marina Timmerman, 2020, AnSci	Volunteer summer internship with Cornell Volunteers Around the World program in Cusco, Peru.
Lily-Anne Trainor, 2020, Plant Sci	Living & conference expenses while intern with Cornell Botanic Gardens Annual Trials Program.
Allyson Wentworth, 2020, AgSci/ Viticulture&Enology	Transportation for summer internship at Willet Hop & Grain farm in Willet, NY.

### CALS Charitable Trust AE grant awardee: Alanna Staffin

Alanna Staffin graduated in May 2019 as an Animal Science major with a concentration in dairy cattle and a minor in International Agriculture and Rural Development. This fall, she will start graduate school at Penn State. Alanna hopes to one day become a dairy science professor. Among many other things, Alanna is a triplet with a fourth sister also in college. As resourceful as she is, it is easy to appreciate the financial strain on Alanna and her family. To the left Alanna is picture on a hike in Borneo, Malaysia.



#### The CALS Charitable Trust is honored to have supported Alanna with 4 enrichment grants: .

- Freshmen year, living expenses supported while Alanna participated in a research internship, which earned her a Rawlings Presidential Research scholar program allowing her to continue undergraduate research.
- Sophomore year, Alanna is an accomplished French horn player and a grant covered fees associated with summer travel with the prestigious Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps. Alana wrote to the CALS Charitable Trust: ***"Your financial contribution to my summer allowed me not only to pursue my longtime dream of marching with The Cadets, but it allowed me to learn valuable skills in the field of education and many more priceless life lessons along the way. I can apply these lessons to my future career aspirations as a professor."***
- Junior year, help with travel to China for the annual CUDS (Cornell University Dairy Science Club) trip furthering Alanna's growing interest in International Agriculture, which she hopes to continue in graduate school. Senior year, Alanna was a top applicant for the Cornell in Borneo Global Citizenship & Sustainability program in Malaysia. She shared: ***"This trip was honestly the best experience of my life...Without the Charitable Trust, I would not have been able to participate in the Global Citizenship and Sustainability program. This opportunity will continue to touch me for years to come."***
- As junior & senior, Alanna's attendance at the AFA Leadership conference in Kansas City was supported.

All of the academically enriching activities Alanna pursued had a specific purpose and direct meaning to her college and life goals. Congratulations Alanna!

Wendy S. Weichert, '87 CALS Charitable Trust

## Active Member News



### National Agriculture Leadership Conference

In early March, thirteen of our members attended Alpha Zeta's National Agricultural Leadership Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Throughout the three-day conference, our members were able to network with other Alpha Zeta Chapters, the Alpha Zeta High Council, and local farms in Pittsburgh. Two different farm tours showcased the differences and similarities between the urban and rural agricultural communities present in the city and surrounding areas. The day following the farm tours consisted of workshops built to learn more about careers in agriculture and strengthening each Chapter's membership.

**National Alpha Zeta Fraternity awards** were also presented at NALC, in which the Cornell Chapter received the following:

Treasurer of the Year 2018: Stephanie Bishop '19  
Chronicler of the Year 2018: Marlie Lukach '20  
Member-at-Large 2018: Isabella Yannuzzi '20  
Graduate Scholarship 2018: Alanna Staffin '19

Our Chapter also won the Founder's Cup which is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon an Alpha Zeta Chapter.

A new High Council was also elected during Conclave in which two of our members now serve. Lauren Fessler '17 will be serving as the High Chronicler and Allyson Wentworth '20 will be serving as the Student Representative.

*Allyson Wentworth '20*



**Back to Front:** James Cagle '21  
Courrigan Herbert '19, Hannah Maloney '19, Sabrina Molyneaux-Sanchez '21  
Valerie Weisbeck '20, Sammy Merrill '20, Anu Jain '19, Lauren Fessler '17, Stephanie Bishop '19, George Stack '19, Allyson Wentworth '20,

### CALS Day

On April 26, the Cornell chapter hosted their biennial agricultural outreach event, Ag Day. The purpose of Ag Day is to educate the Cornell community and the public about the important role agriculture plays in our local communities, from providing food and clothing to creating jobs and economic growth and stability. It also serves to help unite the actives as they all work together to promote a cause they believe in. Thanks to the hard work of the Ag Day Committee, who began preparing months in advance, and the enthusiastic participation of actives, the event was a success. Highlights of the event included a hay bale toss, livestock on the Ag Quad, and trivia games with donated prizes from event sponsors.

*Sammy Merrill '21*



**Photo (L to R):** Corrigan Herbert '19, Sammy Merrill '21, George Stack '19, Hannah Maloney '19 and Lily Berghorn '21



## Member Activities

### New Members Host Egg Hunt for Community

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, dozens of children gathered at Stewart Park in Ithaca for some Easter fun, hosted by the new member class of Alpha Zeta. The new members put together a fun afternoon for the schoolchildren, complete with an Easter egg hunt, egg decorating, coloring, and an educational gardening activity, with supplies donated from the local Agway. While the kids had fun – and got lots of candy – they also learned about the importance of giving back to the community. Each family that participated donated a children’s book, and the new members were able to collect dozens of books, with some families even bringing bags full – of all different reading levels.



Easter Egg Hunt at Stewart Park

While it was incredibly heartwarming to see the Ithaca community come together to have such a fun day full of laughter, it was even better to know that all the books were donated by Alpha Zeta to the Ithaca Youth Bureau. The IYB is an organization which not only maintains care of Stewart Park but also funds youth activities such as sports teams, summer camp, and after school programs for busy parents. Alpha Zeta members are happy to report that the books are in wonderful hands.

The Spring '19 new member class was asked to host a philanthropy event as part of their requirements for initiation but had such a great experience that they hope to continue to host Easter egg hunts and perhaps make it an annual Alpha Zeta event in Ithaca. The new philanthropy chairs, Emma Davis and Emma Silva, both from the new member class, hope that the hard work and dedication that resulted in the Easter egg hunt will inspire future new members to think outside the box and focus on the Ithaca community.

*Emma Davis '22*

### NYS Agricultural Society Forum

On January 10, 2019, our chancellor, Allyson Wentworth, attended the NYS Agricultural Society Forum. Allyson served as a representative for the chapter and met with students from other NYS schools. She was also able to reconnect with alumni and inform them about events the chapter has been hosting. At the forum, Allyson presented the Agriculture Promotion award, sponsored by AZ, to two New York State farms. One of the farms was located in the same city as our chapter! The Agricultural Society Forum was a great night for networking and celebrating agriculture in New York!"



### CALS Day

Photo (Standing):  
Hannah Maloney'19;  
Being held: a lamb



## Fraternity Leadership Corner

### Chancellor's Report

Reflecting upon the events that occurred throughout the semester, I believe that our Chapter is continuing to move forward in a positive direction. We initiated eleven new members who are deeply dedicated and are already developing new ideas for improvement. We are also continuing to refine our new member and initiation process to effectively encourage involvement in the house. One change that we have made to our new member process is assisting the new members in developing and executing a philanthropy or diversity event. I believe that this new addition assists in strengthening our contributions to the Ithaca community and stresses the importance of service to our Fraternity. The new members successfully carried out an Easter Egg Hunt for children in the community to attend and I am looking forward to seeing what each new member class decides to do with this opportunity we are offering them.

We also invited two women from the School of Industrial and Labor Relations to work with our Fraternity on developing professional communication amongst our members. We are working on creating standard expectations of each of our members and learning to communicate with each other when conflict arises in a professional manner. I believe that the skills we learned during this workshop are not only important for our Fraternity, but also for our members in the other activities in which they are involved in and their future careers. Knowing how to properly address conflict and learning how to handle it efficiently is an invaluable skill.

I am excited to see what this upcoming semester holds for Alpha Zeta and I am hoping we can continue to work on strengthening our core values and the commitment of our members.

*Allyson Wentworth '20*

#### Spring 2019 New Members

**Photo (Back row L to R):** Annika Gerlach, Will Gura, Jonah Helmer, Peter Burritt, Ryan Kelleher

**(Front row L to R):** Julia Meyer, Lauren Jung, Emma Davis, MaryGarrison, Emma Silva and Patrck O'Briant



#### Alumni Board Update

The Corporation Board is excited to continue working with our growing and active membership. 214 Thurston is looking sharp! We are researching a nagging plumbing issue in the kitchen that seems to be reaching a point of major repairs under the concrete. Our summer contract with the Summer Dairy Institute at the Vet School is in its final year. The interaction has been outstanding and we hope to continue our relationship. Rheanna Foley '15 and Elizabeth Martens '14 both returned to AZ as SDI participants this year.

*Jeff Perry '89 Board President*

## May 2019 Seniors



### Senior Reflections

“AZ means a lot to me. Even though I was only at Cornell for two years, AZ is a big part of the reason I made lasting friendships while I was there. As a small town girl, Cornell seemed enormous and overwhelming. But once I joined AZ I had people that made me feel comfortable which made my life at Cornell feel a little more normal and eventually more like home for me. Additionally, the support and networking I received from alumni, associate members, and of course my own brothers and sisters was more than I could have ever asked for. They helped me gain confidence, land a job after graduation, and always had my back even when I didn’t know I needed it.

Because of AZ, my memories of Cornell are much more fond than they would have been without it. Joining AZ was one of the best decisions I made for myself at Cornell and now I look back and almost wish it wasn’t over.” -*Corrigan Herbert '19*

“Joining Alpha Zeta was the best decision that I made during my undergrad at Cornell. I think my fondest memories are seemingly small things, like having dinner with everyone during the week, and coming home to hang out on the porch when the weather is nice. I don’t know what my college experience would have been like without AZ, but I’m fairly sure it wouldn’t have been as good as the time I spent with my brothers and sisters on Thurston Ave.” -*George Stack '19*

“Alpha Zeta has given me delicious cheap beer, a hatred for people who don't change the toilet paper, and a pretty cool girl.” -*Justin Dye '19*

“It's only a few weeks into graduated life and I'm already missing the hustle and bustle of happenings at AZ. Over the last few years, AZ has given me some pretty awesome couching and porching buddies, and also a pretty cool guy to share life with.” -*Hannah Merrill '19*

### AZ Grads and Friends—Congratulations May 2019 Cornell Graduates!



## Alumni Connections!



### Got Solar?

Reported in the May - June Cornell Alumni News, a classmate "got a fascinating tour from Keith Bishop '77, Bishop Orchards, Guilford, CT, of his 400 kw solar electric array on a field adjacent to his farm market and winery building. Keith also has a large roof mounted solar array."

### February Florida Gathering—Save the date for February 5, 2020!

See the impressive, dedicated AZ alumni continuing to gather and welcome AZ family for the annual February Florida Gathering! Thanks to Dick Church for sharing the photo and invite for Feb 2020.

#### Front L-R:

Ralph Miller '60, Roy Curtiss '56, Bob Bitz '52, Bill Holman '50, George Payne '52;

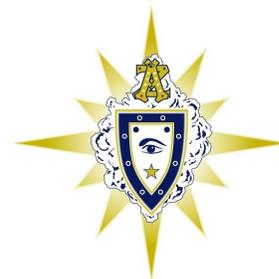
#### Back L to R:

Dick Barie '65, Dave Shearing '62, Dan Bouck '65, Ed Smith '64, Dave Hancock '71, Bill Gifford '82, Stuart Swiler '80, Jim Carter '60, Dick Church '64, and Ted Winsberg '52.



### Sisters and Brothers Who Brunch

A'ndrea Van Schoick '96 shared this photo of more fantastic fellowship shared closer to Cornell—The AZ members from '95 & '96 met for brunch during the Cornell Reunion.



#### Around the table from left:

A'ndrea Van Schoick '96, Christel Cuykendall '96, Clare Fahy, '95 Laura Keramati Fouts '96, Paul Fouts '95, Derek Fouts, Ken Warlick.

### Have alumni news to share? Pictures?

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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**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

### 2017 UNDERGRADUATE OFFICERS

Chancellor: .....Allyson Wentworth '20  
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House Manager: .....Lily Berghorn '20  
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Pledge Master: .....James Cagle '21  
Pledge Educator: Christel-Remy Kuck'20  
Rush Chair: .....Nicole Menetski '20  
Rush Chair .....Agnes Guillo '21

## Alumni Officers

### Corporation Board

President..... Jeffrey A. Perry '89  
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