#2020ready

Cornell Reunion Zoom · June 6, 2020

Welcome

Behold, how good and
how pleasant it is,
for brothers to dwell together
as one.

— Ps. 133

Who's Who

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President, OAA

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Arts ’22, O-1970
High Alpha

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Arts ’74
Faculty Fellow

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Arts ’94, O-1473
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Mark “MEF” Fernau
Ag ’82, O-1262
Oracle Editor

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IFC President

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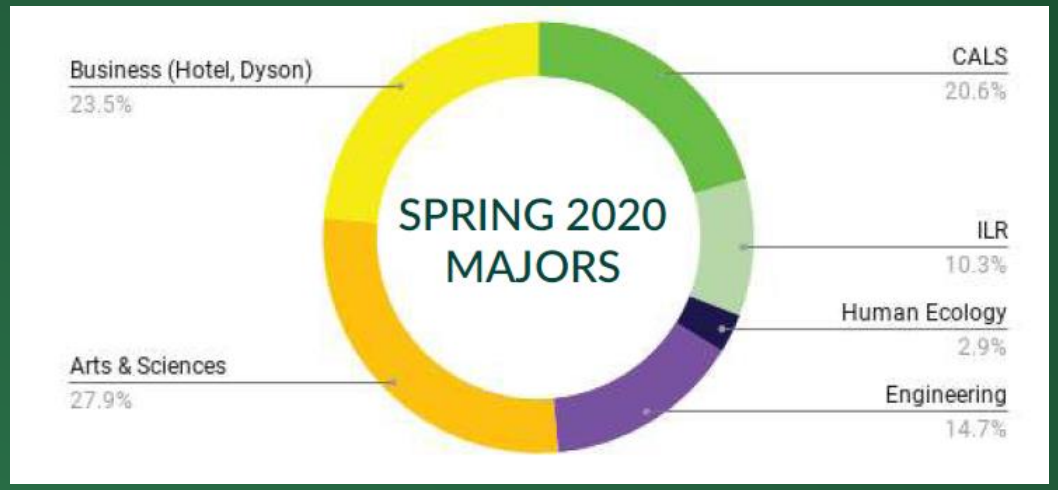
Arts ’98, O-1512
High Pi

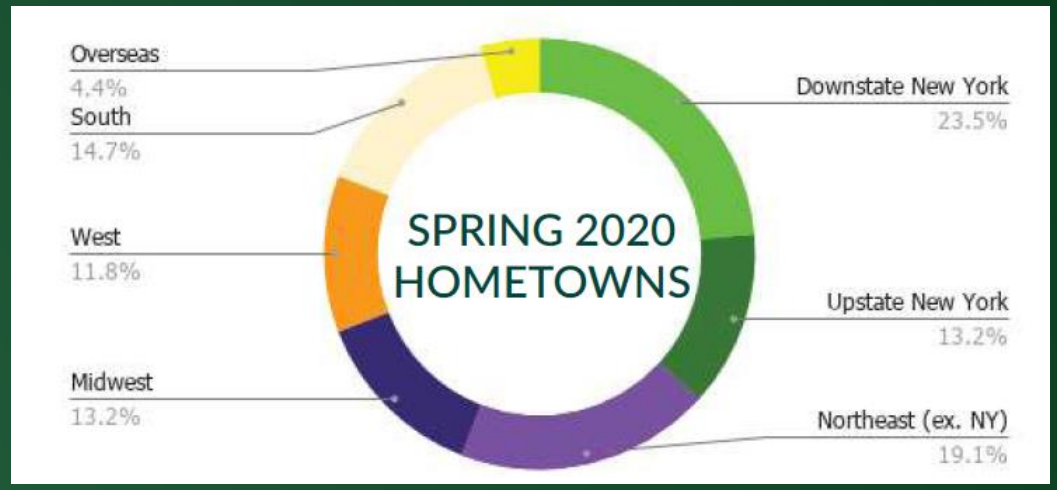
Mike Agostin
Eng ’92, O-1448
Treasurer, ISWZA

Recent History

- False accusations in fall 2018 almost ended the chapter.
- After considerable uncertainty over the summer, brothers resolved to continue and rebuild.
- Every single undergraduate member has persevered.
- Strong return this year with good leadership, active social program, and exceptional recruitment.

Fast Facts

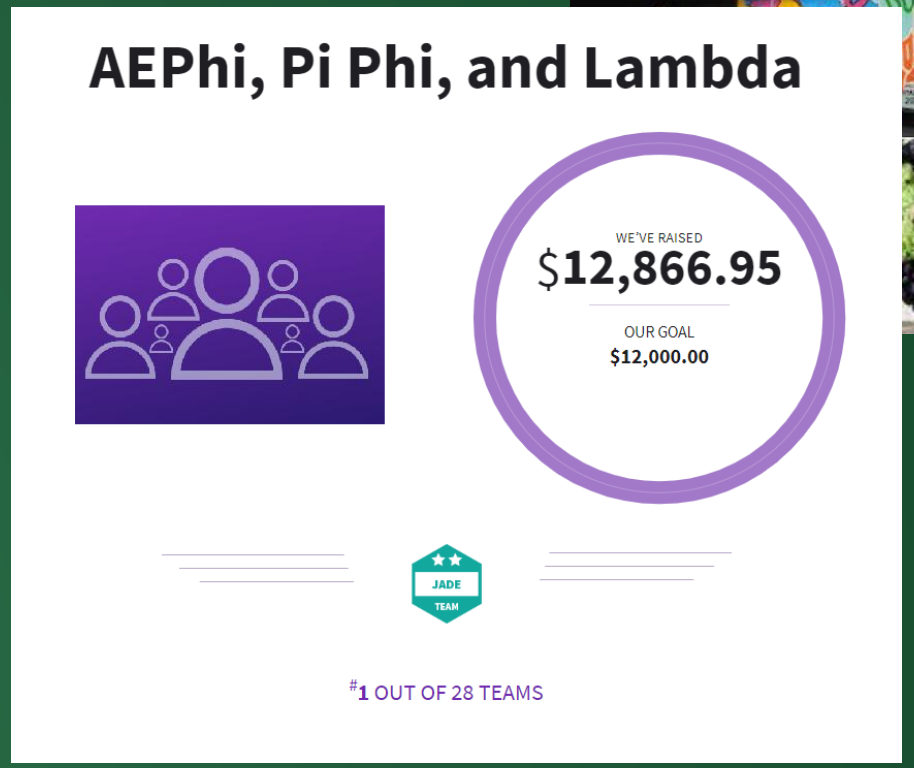




Big Red Leadership Institute, Cornell Tradition, IFC Executive Board, Student Assembly
ACHA Club Hockey, Club Crew, Varsity Golf, Varsity Sprint Football
Big Red Ambassadors, Cayuga's Watchers
Cornell Business Journal, Cornell Current, Cornell International Affairs Review (CIAR)
Cornell Design by Biomedical Undergraduate Teams (DEBUT), Cornell European Business Society (CEBS), Dyson Students of Color, Global Economics & Finance Society (GEFS), Mutual Investment Club of Cornell (MICC), Raising Education Attainment Challenge (REACH), Real Estate Club, Schmittau-Novak Small Grants Program, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE), Student Agencies, ΦΑΔ, ΦΧΘ, ΦΓΝ, PhiDE, Order of Omega
Cornell Hellenic Club, Sabor Latino, La Asociación Latina (LAL)
Ski & Snowboard Club

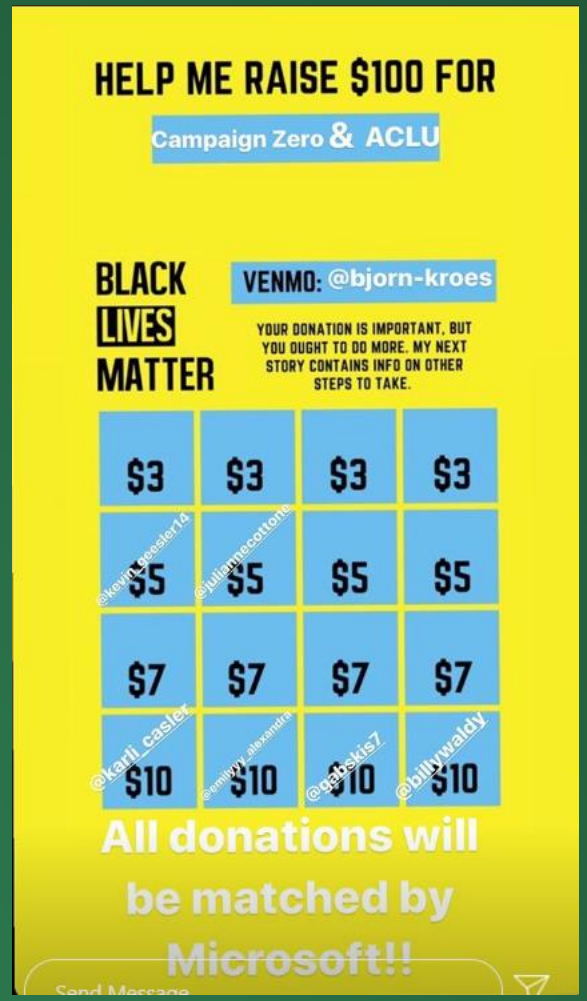
New Faces

What Lockdown?



Online Activism

$1400 for ACLU and Campaign Zero, matched by Microsoft



IFC News

- Body of Antonio Tsialas ’23 found in Fall Creek after unregistered event; family is now suing university and Phi Kappa Psi.

- IFC has 33 active chapters, 27 of which participated in 2020 spring rush.
- Spring rush participation sharply down since 2018, but yield is sharply up; participation holding at 30% of male students. Changes were coming even before COVID-19.
- Omicron had top IFC recruitment each semester 2019–20.

OAA Activities

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- New *Oracle* forthcoming; delayed due to COVID-19 and other factors.
- Successful Brother Brunches in Pittsburgh in January and San Francisco in February, looking to resume in 2021.
- Homecoming likely to be downscaled. Considering on-campus event in 2021 for the 100th anniversary of the purchase of Edgemoor.
- Participation in AIFC.

ISWZA Activities

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- Five years since major construction; ongoing repair and maintenance program in line with strategic plan.
- Capital campaign income is winding down; investigating buyout of mortgage to allow faster repayment of Brother Bonds and for greater flexibility.
- Major projected needs include roof repair, building of additional upstairs bathrooms.
- Do not qualify for PPP or EIDL financing, but investigating NYSBDC/NYFLF loans in case Cornell is closed.

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- Campus empty since mid-March, re-opening plans expected week of June 15.
- 9 brothers remained in the house through the spring. 38 originally projected to live-in in the fall, subject to change.
- Undergrad-alumni committee to make plans for re-opening after Cornell guidelines are issued.
- Telluride summer rental canceled. House will be closed for inspection and sanitizing June 10 to July 12.

Summer 2020

- Pristine Cleaning and Ruff Maintenance to coordinate work starting June 10.
- Public rooms, halls, and bathrooms to be “deep-cleaned” and sanitized first. Repair work to follow room by room.
- Student rooms to be “deep-cleaned” and sanitized starting with the third floor and working down. Repair work to follow room by room until budget exhausted.
- First undergrad summer live-ins since 2016 expected in July.

Support the Cause

- Stay in touch with brothers, share news about the chapter, encourage them to take an interest.
- Contributions toward the continued operations of the chapter, payment on outstanding pledges.
- Volunteers with knowledge or interest in development, construction, insurance, and other property issues.
- Advisors/mentors to work with undergraduate officers, as we will have a very young chapter next year.

Links

– www.iswza.org

– www.facebook.com/lxacornell

– www.instagram.com/lxacornell

- Cornell COVID-19 and Reactivation Planning – covid.cornell.edu
- Contributions – www.iswza.org/give
- Volunteer – www.iswza.org/contact

Thanks

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