

# Alpha Chi Alpha

2018 Alumni Newsletter





# **Officers:**

Fisher Katlin, President Billy Kosmidis, Vice President Matthew Woodberry, House Manager John-John Fitz-Henley II, Treasurer Dominic Arcona, Social Chair Austin Zaelke, Social Chair Nico Turk, Programming Chair William Johnson, Service Chair Ian Frey, Secretary Charlie Johnson, Wellness Chair

# From the Desk of the President

Fisher Katlin '19

Dear AXA Alumni,

I am pleased to relay to all of you that the statement 'It's great to be an Alpha Chi!' rings truer than ever! The current brothers of the Cheese Lodge have continued to maintain the history and traditions that connect the generations of AXA while developing a sustainable house culture that suits today's Dartmouth environment. In a world in which the merits of Greek Life are being questioned nationwide, I'm glad to say that I continue to be proud of what we do here and the value we add to campus.

Although it was sad to say goodbye to the energy and strong leadership of the 18s class, my executive board and the entirety of the 19s class have risen to the occasion of running Alpha Chi. Pigstick, as usual, was a huge success last spring; the 20s managed to have a fantastic sophomore summer; and most recently we welcomed in a remarkable class of 31 new members. Furthermore, we have continued to champion the academic excellence and overall conscientiousness of our brothers through consistent opportunities for academic support and joint events with sororities to break down the most pertinent issues of our time at Dartmouth. In the same vein, thanks to the continued support of our Wellness Chair, the mental health and wellbeing of each member of AXA has remained a top priority for my board. I am also particularly proud of my Service Chair, Will Johnson, because his efforts have made service work an integral piece of what we do at Alpha Chi.

Over the course of the last few terms, Billy and I have maintained our close ties not only with our house advisors and alumni mentors, but also Brian Joyce and the Office of Greek Life as we try to navigate Dartmouth's social scene in conjunction with the administration. Establishing this strong rapport is absolutely necessary to the sustainability of Alpha Chi for future generations. Because of some of what we have done, I have no doubt that we will be able to return to the physical plant as alums for years to come!

Please reach out to me directly for anything regarding the house! I will continue to make myself a resource for alumni throughout the rest of the academic year. Otherwise, thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing many of you on campus in the coming months!

Happy holidays and good luck to all of you in the coming year!

Fidelis et Suavis,

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Fisher Katlin enjoying a Green Key concert with the 18's Vice President, Ethan Isaacson.

# Here's to the Seniors:



Alex Beals Hometown: Westfield, NJ Degree: Computer Science & Mathematics Post-Graduation Location: San Francisco, CA

# Andrew Crutchfield

Hometown: Potomac, MD Degree: Earth Science Post-Graduation Location: Hanover, NH

#### **Andrew Ogren**

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA Degree: Computer Science Post-Graduation Location: New York, NY

# Andrew Wolff

Hometown: Voorhees, NJ Degree: Quantitative Social Science / Government Post-Graduation Location: Dubai, UAE Carter Noordsij New London, NH Engineering Post-Graduation Location: Hanover, NH

### Chaoran Cheng Hometown: Shanghai, China Degree: Engineering / Economics Post-Graduation Location: Oxford, UK

### Dave Tramonte Hometown: Peabody, MA Degree: Government / Public Policy & Hebrew Post-Graduation Location: Chicago, IL

Erik Loscalzo Hometown: New York, NY Degree: Engineering Post-Graduation Location: Hanover, NH Erik Weis Hometown & Post-Graduation Location: Fort Lauderdale, FL Degree: Physics / Human Centered Design

#### **Ethan Isaacson**

Hometown: Lexington, MA Degree: Chemistry & Physics Post-Graduation Location: Boston, MA

#### **Grant Khosla**

Hometown: Greenwich, CT Degree: Economics & Government Post-Graduation Location: New York, NY

#### Itai Taubenfeld

Hometown: Thornwood, NY Degree: Economics & Linguistics mod. with Italian Post-Graduation Location: New York, NY Jeffrey Kim Hometown: Seoul, South Korea Degree: Mathematics Post-Graduation Location: Hanover, NH

#### Jimmy Fair

Hometown: Highlands Ranch, CO Degree: Economics / Latin American Studies & Public Policy Post-Graduation Location: Luanda, Angola

#### Jonah Kelly

Hometown: New City, NY / Chicago, IL Degree: Economics Post-Graduation Location: New York, NY

#### Josh Ufland

Hometown: Southborough, MA Degree: Economics & Mathematical Data Science Post-Graduation Location: Boston, MA

#### Kyu Kim

Hometown: Fairfax, VA Degree: Engineering modified with Computer Science & Mathematics Post-Graduation Location: San Francisco, CA Liam Fortin Hometown: Silver Lake, NH Degree: Economics / English & German Post-Graduation Location: Boston, MA

Manmeet Gujral Hometown: Albany, NY Degree: Economics & Computer Science Post-Graduation Location: San Francisco, CA

Mike Ohene Hometown: Mount Vernon, NY Degree: Biology modified

with Neuroscience / Computer Science Post-Graduation Location: New York, NY

#### Zach Schnell

Hometown: Atlanta, GA Degree: CS / QSS & Education Post-Graduation Location: Washington D.C.

Noah Goldstein Hometown: Orinda, CA Degree: Government / Public Policy Post-Graduation Location: New York, NY

#### **Peter Blum**

Hometown: Newton, MA Degree: Computer Science modified with International Studies / French Post-Graduation Location: Boston, MA

**Riley Collins** 

Hometown: Aurora, CO Degree: History / Economics Post-Graduation Location: New York, NY

#### Sam Colello

Hometown: Sudbury, MA Degree: Psychology, Spanish, and Education Post-Graduation Location: Boston, MA

Scott Bohn

Hometown: Minnetonka, MN Degree: Computer Science / History Post-Graduation Location: San Francisco, CA

#### Will Tremml

Hometown: Vero Beach, FL Degree: Physics & Engineering Post-Graduation Location: Washington D.C.

#### Zach Plante

Hometown: Menlo Park, CA Degree: Physics modified with Earth Sciences Post-Graduation Location: San Francisco, CA We would also like to congratulate the following '18s for their exemplary achievements:

Phi Beta Kappa: Andrew Wolff, David Tramonte, Itai Taubenfeld, Jonah Kelly, Josh Ufland,

The Student Life Award: Andrew Crutchfield Class of 2018 Legacy Award: Andrew Crutchfield RWIT Excellence in Peer Tutoring: Ethan Isaacson Tucker Center Chaplain's Prize: Jonah Kelly Macdonald-Smith Prize in Music: Kyu Kim Culley Competition Woodwind Division Winner: Kyu Kim

Summa Cum Laude: Andrew Wolff, David Tramonte, Itai Taubenfeld, Jonah Kelly, Josh Ufland
Magna Cum Laude: Manmeet Gujral
Cum Laude: Alex Beals, Andrew Ogren, Chaoran Cheng, Ethan Isaacson, Jimmy Fair, Kyu Kim, Liam
Fortin, Riley Collins, Zach Schnell
High Honors in the Major: Andrew Wolff (Quantitative Social Science), Zach Schnell (Quantitative Social Science)
Honors in the Major: Jonah Kelly (Economics), Josh Ufland (Economics), Riley Collins (History), Will
Tremml (Physics), Zach Plante (Earth Science)
James O. Freedman Presidential Scholars: Josh Ufland (Economics)

# **Junior Class:**

As the '19s head into their final term on the Executive Board, we would like to congratulate the following '20s and wish them luck as they take over in the Spring

Trevor Briggs, President Matt Spencer, Vice President Joshua Zambrano, House Manager Graham Hazlett, Deputy Houseman Will Barth, Treasurer Nayib Asis, Social Chair Michael Wilson, Social Chair Taggart Bonham, Social Chair Will Kirby, Programming Chair Nat Healy, Service Chair Noah Piou, Secretary Sriram Bapatla, Wellness Chair

# **Sophomore Class**

This fall, we eagerly welcomed a new class of thirty-one '21s to the brotherhood:

Michael Saturno Teddy Wahle Michael McGovern John Perrotti Kyle Bensink Eitan Darwish David Hauge Mason Brady John Arcona Justin Baker Joe Signorelli Harish Tekriwal Ryan Ewing Matt Haughey Jack Mattson Henry Phipps Alex Quill Nolan Sankey Matthew Mann Edward Johnson Sam Lefkofsky Sam Drew Noah White Rijul Garg Tyler Neath Tony Milne Thanh Nguyen Nico Dominaitis Will Synnott Antonio Vitor Souza Andrew Binder



A group of our new members enjoying the end of fall term at the house!

# **Officer Reports:**

# <u>Vice President</u> Billy Kosmidis '19

Happy Holidays to all of our alumni, I hope this newsletter finds you well. I would also like to extend a special warm welcome to our recent graduates from the class of 2018!

Over the past year I have witnessed our brotherhood grow stronger with higher levels of engagement from brothers both on and off campus. Whether its our heightened levels of participation in house events or the increased presence of Alpha Chi living spaces outside of the house, our fraternity continues to be one of the most tight knit on campus. This tangible aspect of Alpha Chi resulted in one of our best years of rush yet, where we welcomed in one of our largest new member classes yet with thirty one sophomores joining our family. Additionally, their dedication to the house has been unparalleled. For example, all but three of the '21s took the time to become trained members of the Internal Adjudication Committee, the internal judicial branch of Alpha Chi headed by the Vice President, which has been championed by the Office of Greek Life as a testament to how Greek organizations can meaningfully engage with making our spaces a safer place for all.

We have also enjoyed furthering our relationships with our advisors, from Trip and Mac providing us with their helpful guidance through the current administration's increased scrutiny of the Greek system to Gail Gentes connecting us with Dartmouth's culture. For example, as the President's Wife, Gail has invited the executive board members and the advisors of Alpha Chi to the President's house for tea. While we enjoyed getting a chance to share all of our achievements this year with Gail, we were also happy to receive a tour of the historic building and see some of the lesser known traditions in Dartmouth culture, such as the collection of woven chairs that each represent a President of the College and their accomplishments during their presidency. Throughout the winter we look forward to continuing our close relationship with the President's family, our advisors, and all of our alumni. If you ever find yourself visiting campus this year please do not hesitate to reach out to me at bill.kosmidis.19@dartmouth.edu for anything at all. We look forward to seeing you when you visit back at the house!



A group of Alpha Chi 19s Officers were enjoying a warm day out on the Alpha Chi porch during Sophomore Summer when a Google camera man suddenly appeared – only later did we realize that this scene would now be seen for years to come on Google Earth as the new image of AXA!

## <u>Service Chair</u> Will Johnson '19

Alpha Chi has continued to set an example on campus for commitment to service. In the past two terms, brothers have run around campus, volunteered at numerous events with local service groups, and reached out into the broader Upper Valley service community to give our time and resources. We have continued to put on Sausagefest, the annual a cappella benefit concert for the Prostate Cancer Foundation, which was a great success this year. We have also worked with other Greek houses and student groups on their great service events, as well as organizations such as Students Fighting Hunger, Haven, and Habitat for Humanity. With the financial assistance of our alumni and families, we continue to raise money to support great causes and dedicate significant time, which has allowed Alpha Chi to become part of the greater effort to assist the Upper Valley. We hope to continue this commitment into the new year!



Several brothers before running the CHaD, benefiting the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock.

## **Social Chairs** Dominic Arcona '19 and Austin Zaelke '19

Social life at the Magic Green Cottage is as healthy as ever despite a few scares. Pigstick was of course a roaring success in the spring. Current brothers and alumni welcomed thousands of guests to the house and what remains of the yard on May 5th. All told, 15 kegs and a few hundred pounds of pig disappeared as weather cooperated and the band played for a raucous crowd into the late afternoon. RTRTs, Green Key weekend, and Formal at Storr's Pond capped off a memorable spring for busting and brotherhood.

In the fall, we were forced to occupy a slightly quieter niche in the campus social scene due to probation. Still, Alpha Chi did not surrender. We were proud to welcome 31 "new members" while avoiding further scrutiny from the administration. RTRTs, debaucherous semi-formals with XD and SD, along with formal at the Top of the Hop highlighted a slightly more conservative term in busting under the threat of suspension. With probation in the rear-view mirror, we look forward to hosting larger parties and having our newest members breathe new life into Beach Party and other social happenings this winter term.



Several brothers show off their "bustaches" during Pigstick 2018. Whether this look will become a Pigstick tradition remains to be seen.

## <u>House Manager</u> Matthew Woodberry '19

It has been my absolute pleasure this past spring and fall to serve as houseman, and since the start of the spring the house has seen a number of exciting improvements with more on the way. In the spring we saw the addition of the 19's class table as well as a wooden table stand in lieu of trash cans to provide much needed stability to the all-important meetings table.

Over the summer we saw the addition of a new smaller table replacing a battered and aged slap cup table, and saw the construction of a new and much sturdier stand for the traditional meetings table after the 18's admirable vigor exposed structural flaws in the original table stand. This past fall, the addition of 31 new members invigorated our weekly cleanings in a big way, the basement has rarely been so clean so often. The college also began the process of refitting rooms with vinyl faux hardwood flooring, a massive improvement over the aged, difficult to clean carpets that were beginning to show their age. The college has also repaired a number of holes they had left from old pipes in the mung, as well as the basement elevator, among other improvements. We are also excited about the edition of festive Christmas lights which will be getting an upgrade for the winter term.

A recent amendment has also passed calling for a Deputy Houseman, who's responsibilities focus on securing an off campus location for brothers of the house. Beyond the great benefits of having an off campus space for events and brothers who could not live in the house, this Deputy Houseman will also take some of the day to day operations of the Houseman, enabling him to focus more on planning and making larger scale improvements. The amendment will first come into affect in the coming Spring term.

Over the winter interim period, the college is planning substantial renovations. Some rooms are receiving a new coat of paint, and the basement floor is being fully refurbished. We also will be receiving a long awaited metal frame on the second floor bathroom door. In the winter term, I look forward to hammering out some significant aesthetic and functional improvements, including new speakers for the front room area, replacing the busted outdoor speakers so they are ready for spring, and sprucing up the outside of the house with red and white Christmas lights to ensure that the passing of the holiday season does little to diminish our holiday spirit. We'll also be seeing the addition of a pair of new deer mounts to the newly cleaned Ryerson.

All that said, cleans this term have been phenomenal and I'm pleased with the quick pick up by our new members. The house is looking great as always and will only continue to improve. If you are ever in the Hanover area, please stop on by!

## Programming Chair Nico Turk '19

2018 saw another great year in Programming, not the least part due to the efforts of the previous Programming Chair, Josh Ufland '18, who set the bar very high for all Programming Chairs to come, and our Sophomore Summer Programming Chair, Brian Tomasco '20. In Intramural sports, we captured the Championship in Soccer, and made it to the finals or semi-finals in just about every other contest. The Teds can sport now, and the basketball and hockey teams should be filthy this upcoming winter. We've held numerous shows at the house over the past year – a cappella, band, improv comedy, dance, etc. – and almost all of these shows feature the brothers of AXA, as we're now fortunate to count many talented performers of all kinds among our brotherhood. We continue to uphold Programming Traditions such as playing a game against the Women's Club Soccer team and going apple picking with Chi Delta, and we're looking forward to the winter term for more Hockey pregames, skiway outings, and 1V1 pong domination from our brother Tanish.



Several fearless Alphi Chi's representing our intramural soccer team on the field.

## <u>Treasurer</u> John Fitz-Henley II '19

First and foremost, we would like to thank all the alumni who have contributed to Alpha Chi in the past year; your contributions continue to help make the house financially inclusive.

Alpha Chi prides itself on creating a financially accessible environment where all brothers can afford to bust big and dues are never a barrier to joining or participating in house events. In the past year the house has been able to revamp our scholarship process. With additional collaboration from the financial aid office and Office of Greek Life and Societies, we have improved the tiering structure of scholarships, ensuring that those brothers with the highest need receive the highest scholarships, and improved the confidentiality of the scholarship progress. Thanks to generosity from the alumni association, this past term alone, the house was able to offer over \$2000 in scholarships this past Fall term.

I would also like to thank Manmeet Gujral '18, our previous treasurer, for leaving the house finances in orderly and good standing. I congratulate Will Barth '20 for winning the treasurer election, and fully anticipate great things under his leadership over the next year.