



# ALUMNAE PINE PRESS

*"Let us steadfastly love one another"*

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## Gamma Sigma



## Philanthropy Update

This semester we have had our carnations and candy grams annual event where we collaborated with the Blue Diamond Society. Together we were able to raise \$1,100 for St. Jude's.

We are continuing to receive responses to the Sincerely Yours letter campaign, but at press time we had already raised \$28,000! This is an incredible amount and places us among the chapters with the highest amounts raised. Thank you to anyone that supported this event!

We are currently celebrating St. Jude's week with several ongoing events. Tables have been set up in the O'Connor Campus Center to raise awareness of our work with St. Jude's and to

allow others on the Colgate Campus to send supportive notes. At the end of the week, all of the cards will be sent to the children currently receiving treatment at St. Jude's.

We are looking forward to our annual Easter egg hunt with Phi Delta Theta and an as yet undecided Spring Party Weekend fundraiser.

In addition, there are several other organizations we are looking into supporting along with other groups on campus. Greek Life has been looking to partner with other campus organizations, and Tri Delta has been doing an excellent job!

## Tri Delta and Me

### *Catie Murray '12*

As a graduating senior, I am soon to be joining all of you among the ranks of the alums. So while I am looking forward to the future, I also often find myself reminiscing about what Tri Delta has meant to me. Looking back at my four years at Colgate, the decision to join Tri Delta was truly one of the best decisions I have ever made. I have shared countless memories with the wonderful women of the Gamma Sigma Chapter, including laughing 'til I cry, late-night movie marathons, studying at "Club Case," and dance parties at the Jug, and wonderful family dinners. These are the memories that make up my collegiate experience, and I can't imagine it any differently.

Being a part of the Tri Delta sisterhood means that there will always be someone there for me; someone who will make me smile on even the darkest of days. The friends that I have made in Tri Delta have taught me so much about myself, but also about the nature of friendship itself. My friends, my sisters, have been there through with me through thick and thin, and several of them

*A sister is a gift to the heart, a friend to the spirit, a golden thread to the meaning of life.*  
-- Isadora James

know more about me than I know about myself. They are truly exceptional women. Even as I leave Colgate, I know that I will always have a place to call home at 84 Broad.

### *Amanda Harris '13*

At the beginning of this year I was anxious that many of my friends were travelling abroad and that I would be remaining on campus all year. But being in Delta was a perfect scenario. There is always someone around to go study with, to talk to or hang out with. Sisters and friends have come and gone all year but, though I was worried, I have never felt alone. The best part about being in Tri Delta is that every one of us is there for each other, that we make sure everyone feels welcome. I was especially concerned about the transition between semesters; many people that I became close to and hung out with were leaving. It was so hard for me to imagine coming back to Colgate and to Delta without them here. The sisters that returned and our lovely new Delta members have helped my transition as much as I have helped theirs back into the "Colgate Bubble." I have done what I can to help acquaint the new members and those coming back from abroad, but at the same time they have made me more at ease outside of my comfort circle.



*New members find a home in ancient buildings in Israel*



*Seniors took the time to enjoy the beautiful Hamilton weather and decorate the house*

### **Favorite Sisterhood Moments**

An overwhelming amount of sisters loved the spontaneous bonding that occurs. **Gillian Scherz '12, Claire Aziz '13, Rachel Godbout '12** and others mentioned nights spent in the newly renovated living room watching movies as their favorite time spent with sisters. Breakfast at the house is also a favorite time for members to catch up with one another.

**Claire Aziz '13, Sarah Gilkes '14, Cambria Litsey '14, Daheun Ju '14, and Sam Frank '14** all loved the opportunity to meet the sisters returning from semesters abroad. Claire A. planned a meet and greet event for our new members and those abroad involving cookie decorating and name swapping.

Many new sisters love having dinner every night at the house. **Sunny Spain '14** specifically noted, "There is something really special about getting together with all my sisters and sharing an evening meal. Having a group of girls who have become family over the year, and being able to go to a house and eat with them, has been the most rewarding experience of sophomore year."

**Catie Murray '12** and **Cambria Litsey '14** really enjoyed our semi-formal this semester! Catie commented "There's just something super exciting about dressing up with your sisters!" Semi-Formal was enjoyed by all!

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**Lauren Bearden '14**, one of our philanthropy chairs, thoroughly enjoyed one of our events for St. Jude. Getting together to put all of the candygrams and carnations together was a great time for all!

### Reflections from Sisters Returning from Abroad

**Rachel Godbout**, a senior who participated in the NIH program in DC last semester, really missed sorority living. She noted, "I really missed living in the house because I just love living with my sisters. The best part for me is being able to just have to go down the hall to see my best friends." **Rebecca Raudabaugh '13**, was sad that she missed recruitment and the chance to get to know the new members early on, but loved being in London with some fellow Deltas!

### Activities Outside Delta

**Becca Murphy '14**, **Cate Gropper '14**, and **Hilary Nicholson '12**, all participated in the annual Cabaret. Becca also had the honor of directing this year's show.

**Lauren Bearden '14** recently ran in the Marine Corps Marathon for the American Cancer Society. Junior **Maggie Dunne** participated in the Disney Princess Half-Marathon on behalf of Autism Speaks. Congratulations girls on these great achievements!

Senior **Jessica Krebs** began student teaching second graders at Hamilton Central School. Jess notes that these young children have been teaching her about the world while she helps them to understand their textbooks.

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*Delta Pride all the way in Harry Potter World!*