

Appendix I NY Alpha (ΣAE) at Cornell Quick Facts

Chapter History

- 120 years continuous operation (1891 – 2011)
- 1985 Chapter house acquired by Cornell
- Feb 2011 George Desdunes dies
- Mar 2011 Charter suspended by Cornell and SAE National
- Jun 2012 Strategic Plan adopted (aspiration to build a model for Greek life)
- Jun 2017 Litigation settled
- Sep 2017 Application for reinstatement
- Dec 2017 Application rejected by Cornell's "Growth Committee"
- Sep 2018 SAM occupies Hillcrest (SAE chapter house)

Awards and recognition

- 1994 Zeal Award winner (Best ΣAE Chapter Nationwide)
- 2004 Zeal Award winner
- 2009 Zeal Award finalist
- 2009 Outstanding Alumni Association Award (ΣAE National)
- 2009 Outstanding Chapter Award (FSAC – Cornell)
- 2009 Recognized by FSAC as "a great example of best a practices success story"
- 2008-2009 SAE Chapter exceeded expectations in the Cornell Fraternity and Sorority System Strategic Plan

Prominent Alumni

- Fairbairn Gilkeson '14, Long time Chapter advisor for SAE
- Robert Dean '49, Cornell Hall of Fame Football player, Chapter Advisor and long-time Ithaca resident.
- Curtis Reis '56, Long time Cornell Trustee
- Ron Demer '59 – 2017 recipient of the Frank H T Rhodes award for exemplary alumni service
- David Lipsky '61. Emeritus Professor ILR School
- Bill Perez '69, Cornell Trustee emeritus, Presidential Advisor
- Steve Hindy '71, Founder of Brooklyn Brewing Co., Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year
- Eamon McEaney '77, All American Lacrosse player, hero and victim of World Trade Center on 9/11.
- David Einhorn '91, Current Trustee, major donor
- Svante Myrick '09, 3-term Mayor of Ithaca

Alumni Board

20 active members
Consistent fund raising @ \$75K-100K/yr
Invested \$1.7M in Hillcrest since losing recognition
Established George Desdunes Memorial Fund
Sponsored keynote at annual Greek conference
Developed Chapter Advising Model
Working on "Best Practices" as part of strategic plan