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Special points of interest:

- **35 Alpha Phi Seniors Graduating May 17, 2014**
- **Barbeque on Alpha Phi Lawn**
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The Alpha Phi Graduating Class of 2014 say so long to SUNY Cortland and their sisters.

### 35 Seniors Say Goodbye to this Chapter in their Life

As the semester winds down graduation is right around the corner. On May 17, 2014, 35 sisters of the Eta Tau Chapter of Alpha Phi will be saying so long to their undergraduate educations. The sisters will be a part of the biggest undergraduate class SUNY Cortland has ever had.

The ceremony will be outside on the College campus football field with friends and families in the bleachers. Each Sister is able to have 8 guests come, unlike 4 in previous years. There are two commencement ceremonies that the girls can choose from, either 9:30 AM or 2:30 PM.

Most of the sisters of Alpha Phi have chosen to attend the afternoon ceremony due to a traditional Mom initiation in the

morning. Each sister's Mom is inducted into Alpha Phi that morning in a ceremony at the house. Each mom is given letters that they can wear for a lifetime.

After the graduation ceremony the younger sisters in the sorority hold a barbeque for the seniors and their families can attend. It is \$25 each and catered by Hairy Tony's located on Main Street. The barbeque is held outside of the Chapter house with a tent, just in case the weather does not agree with them.



Cap and Diploma

### Senior Spotlight

Transitioning into alumni, we took the time out to interview one sister, Lauren Blumberg, who is graduating. We wanted to know how her experiences as a member of Alpha Phi at SUNY Cortland have impacted her. We were amazed at the least at how passionate she was when talking about her relationship with the sorority.

She explained how choosing to join Alpha Phi was one of the best decisions she ever made. She decided to join her third semester at SUNY Cortland as a sophomore in the fall of 2011. She said she would have joined in the previous spring if she had gone to the recruitment events at the time.



Hooray to Graduating!

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"Union Hand in Hand"



Alpha Phi Sorority

*"Alpha Phi has opened so many doors for me. Not only is it something I can put on my resume, but also has been a way for me to give back to the Cortland community"*

Check Eta Tau out on the web!

<http://alphaphicortland.wix.com/etatau>

### Senior Spotlight Cont.

When she joined Alpha phi, she was one of 15 other girls asked to join the sorority. This made them the largest fall class Alpha Phi has ever had. Typically fall new members are smaller than spring new members.

"Alpha Phi has opened so many doors for me. Not only is it something I can put on my resume, but also has been a way to give back to the Cortland community". She has been involved in so many different charity events that other clubs on campus has done and has helped raise money for their specific philanthropy of women's cardiac

care.

She encourages every girl who is interested in Greek life to rush every house. She, as well as the other sisters, knows that not everyone is the same and finding the right sorority that fits every girls interest is key to a wonderful experience. She highly encourages all girls to look into Greek life in order to get more involved with the SUNY Cortland College and community.

Lauren said graduating is so bitter sweet. She remembers like it was yesterday getting initiated into Alpha Phi and feeling like her life was about

to begin. Now, graduating with a psychology degree, she is sad to have to leave, but knows that she can always come back to the Chapter house and visit.

