

Dear Brothers of Sigma Pi Mu Chapter,

We hope this note finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe.

As many of you know, the alumni board of Mu Chapter closed the fraternity house for the semester in keeping with Cornell's <u>policy</u> to require students to leave campus and return to their permanent residences to complete their semester online. The undergraduate brothers moved out the week of March 16.

Among the brotherhood, there are individuals who have already been affected by this rampant virus in some way, shape, or form. Unfortunately, there will likely be more. In response, the Education Foundation is doing what we can to help the undergraduate brothers in a time of uncertainty. We recently polled them to find out how we can help and the results were startling - at least 6 brothers to date have lost their summer or full time employment offers, and more than 30 are still looking for opportunities (many of whom were in the final rounds of interviewing when the crisis escalated.)

These employment opportunities are a significant supplement to our undergraduate brothers' education. The Educational Foundation has launched a special \$25,000 campaign to help the Mu Chapter brotherhood. The sponsorship opportunities from the fund will be determined based on the Funds received but overall will support activities such as sponsoring brothers in unpaid internships, covering the relocation costs for brothers struggling to afford to start a new internship, and other initiatives as the Foundation finds the best ways to help.

We already have \$5,000 secured in funding from the generosity of the Educational Foundation's Board of Directors. However, to meet the goal and address the estimated \$25,000 need, the Sigma Pi Mu Chapter's Educational Foundation is earnestly asking for your help in our newest philanthropy effort. Any contribution amount will help meet the goal and address the estimated \$25,000 need during these pressing times. The campaign will be active until June 30, 2020.

You can donate online by visiting https://www.sigmapicornell.org/150-giving-edufound.asp

Thank you for taking the time to read this message, your consideration, and your continued support of the Sigma Pi Educational Foundation. We wish you, your friends, and family the best of health — together, we will overcome this!

Best,

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