

# COLLEGE MENTORS FOR KIDS AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY

## Looking forward with incoming Chapter President, David DellaPelle

I am excited about the 2016-2017 school year for College Mentors for Kids. Following a highly successful year in which we provided 80 1st-4th graders with mentorship, we will be increasing our service capacity to 120 Little Buddies this fall, adding an additional segment of 40 targeted at-risk students from Cayuga Heights Elementary School. This increase places us in the "Large Chapter" category nationally and is an unprecedented growth rate relative to other chapters. Nationals has given us this responsibility due to our success as a chapter so far, which has only been possible due to the strong leadership we have had in our first 3 years and the invaluable support we have received from the Ithaca community.

We have several major goals for the chapter for the 2016-2017 school year, including:

- (1) provide a high-quality experience for 40 additional Little Buddies and mentors through a seamless transition
- (2) expand brand recognition on campus through successful marketing, HR, and fundraising efforts;
- (3) continue to recruit and retain strong staff and leadership
- (4) continue to be successful in activity planning and execution
- (5) find consistent, long-term funding.

The 3rd goal is already largely complete, as a strong executive board and staff have been hired already to lead the chapter in the fall. I revamped the organizational structure in order to ensure that these roles are clearly defined and to find the strongest candidates to fill those roles. Specifically, I believe that separating the HR and Marketing functions of the organization, with a Vice President in charge of each function, will have a huge positive impact on the completion of the first 3 goals. We plan on continuing to use the successful activities framework implemented under Gabriella, (2015-2016 Chapter President) and her success in booking us a "home base" for the year at Robert Purcell Community Center will make this a much easier job. Lastly, while we have put together many successful fundraising events, most of our funding comes from the Family and Friends campaign, in which mentors ask for donations. I hope to transition towards an increase in funding from 3rd-party donors and grants.

Overall, College Mentors for Kids at Cornell University is ready to take the next step to continue its rise as one of the strongest chapters nationally, and the most impactful student-run nonprofit on campus. We couldn't do it without your continued support. Thank you for continuing to support a great local cause!

-David DellaPelle '17



THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP  
GABRIELLA JOHNSTON, 2015-2016  
CHAPTER PRESIDENT!



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# **COLLEGE MENTORS PROGRAM PREPARES TO EXPAND, SERVING CHILDREN AT CAYUGA HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

The Cornell chapter of College Mentors for Kids, beginning its fourth programming year in Fall 2016 will add an additional programming day and partner school, Cayuga Heights Elementary. This school was chosen after many conversations with Ithaca community members and a recommendation from Ithaca City School District Superintendent, Dr. Luvelle Brown, led by College Mentors community champion, Sandy True. In support of the program, Dr. Brown stated, "Recently, the College Mentors for Kids program has contributed much towards raising achievement for underachieving students at Caroline Elementary. The excellent mentoring and additional academic support has yielded positive academic gains resulting in the school being removed from the state list reserved for schools not closing the achievement gaps. My hope and dream is for this exceptional and effective program expand to Cayuga Heights Elementary where the results may be replicated."

We are excited to work with and appreciate the support of Principal Brad Pollack, the Cayuga Heights PTA, and the Ithaca City School Board.

## **2016-2017 CHAPTER EXECUTIVE STAFF**

President- David DellaPelle

VP of Programming (Tuesday)- Alexis Margolis

VP of Programming (Wednesday)-Alex Stotter

VP of Programming (Thursday)- David Golding

VP of Activity Planning- Nick Mathey Andrews

VP of Fundraising- Devina Jauhar

VP of Human Resources (Recruitment)-Emily Harrington

VP of Marketing- Steven Siegal

Treasurer-Andrew Walsh



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GRADUATING MENTORS AND STAFF!!**

