

# Letter from the Editor

## Dear reader,

It may seem obvious, but I wouldn't be writing to you today if it weren't for my mom. "Duh. You wouldn't be alive without her." Yes, this is true. However, my reasons go far beyond her essential role in my birth. As a baby, I was always at my happiest when wrapped up in her arms. Growing up, she supported every need that I had and poured her entire being into my care. Throughout my life, she has always encouraged me to move forward on the path that brought me the greatest joy. There was never any pressure from her to become something great, because she knew that the greatness would come from my personal fulfillment.

As a kid, I had a firsthand look at my mom's appreciation for food. The way that she used it as a tool to celebrate our family and bring us together had a lasting effect on my older brother and I. She recognized the spark it generated within us and did everything she could to help that interest develop. She gave me the confidence to apply to Cornell, where I dreamed of unlocking the knowledge that would permit me to thrive in the food and beverage industry. Being at Cornell led me to Crème, where I was free to combine my interests in food and media for the first time. Throughout it all, my mom was there to cheer me on—participating in long phone calls, lifting me up when I questioned myself, and reminding me of why I deserved to be here. Now that I've reached the final chapter of my undergrad journey, I realize just how important her support was all these years. It led me to the position that I am in now, and thus to this final letter that I leave you with.

Crème has been one of the most significant highlights of my college career. This organization has seen me throughout many seasons of life, and it shaped me into the person I am today. It was here that I gained friendships that will last a lifetime and had beautiful experiences that I will cherish forever. This club and its members exude a passion for food unlike anything I've experienced, and that mutual love has resulted in the most wonderful community that I am so proud to have been a part of. Every magazine launch is a reminder that our community extends far beyond our E-board and G-body, and it's so touching to see how many people appreciate this project in the same way that we do.

I am beyond thrilled to be sharing this latest issue with you. Within these pages, our incredible magazine staff celebrates the impact that their moms have made on them through a culinary lens. I hope the stories, photos, and visuals you are about to witness lift your spirits, warm your heart, and bring you inspiration. Finally, it has been the greatest pleasure to be a member of Crème. Thank you to everyone who has been on this ride with me, and thank you to my mom for watering the seeds of my dreams and encouraging me to grow.

*Until we meet again,*

*Mikayla Stock*

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