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CAAAN & CCW Host 2018 Program and Reception for Students Accepted to the Cornell Class of 2022

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On April 15th, an enthusiastic crowd of more than 125 students and parents from Maryland, Northern Virginia, and Washington, DC attended the annual program for applicants recently accepted to Cornell's Class of 2022! The setting was the Courtyard Washington Embassy Row Hotel graciously offered to us again this year by Marc and Nancy Duber, (P'08, P'11, P'14).



From one class of Cornellians to the next!

Organized by Janet Cornfeld '72 and Matt Nieman '98, CCW VPs and General Chairs of the MD/DC and NoVa Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN), the program included general remarks to a joint audience followed by two separate panel discussions - one for admitted students and one for parents. Gratitude goes to local CAAAN committee chairs Judy Kopff '68, Janine Peyser Lossing '89, Susan Ebner '89, Scott Kauff '93, Robert Scarlett '09, and Lisa Griffin '87 for their unflinching support of this program as well as for their strong leadership of metropolitan DC area CAAAN committees. Appreciation also goes to an exceptional group of current Cornell in Washington student volunteers (Alden Aikins, Jamila Amanfu, Robert Bussey, Dana Horowitz, Gleni Kodra, Jake May, Joshua Roth, Kendra Sober) and Class of '17 alumni (Steve Slaughter, Sam Weintraub) for serving on both panels. Especially valuable were the observations, insights and advice about undergraduate life they shared with students and parents alike. The tremendous enthusiasm and direct experience of these Cornellians contributed greatly to the success of this year's event and we wish them the very best as they create their own paths after Cornell.

Many thanks to all participants and to CCW for sponsoring this annual event!

- Janet Cornfeld '72

SAVE THE DATE

**Young Alumni and
Second Decade Boat
Cruise**

Saturday, July 14th

Questions?

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Honoring CCW Past Presidents

CCW History

With the March 2017 issue of CCW News, we began a series to honor CCW's 32 Past Presidents. For many years, the Cornell Women's Club and the Cornell Club of Washington (Men only) sponsored their own programs and activities.

In December 1965, both boards approved a merger agreement, and a referendum vote was mailed to the alumni. The two presidents at the time, Edwin Miller '35 and Lori Eisenberg '50, completed their terms. For the following year (1966-67), Phil Fleming '52 became the first president of the newly consolidated group.

Visit www.cornellclubdc.org/history for more CCW history.

Jonathan Simon '92 was President of CCW from 2005 to 2007. We started chatting about a favorite memory from Cornell. As for most Cornellians, it was hard for Jon to pick just one. It's probably easier to rule out un-favorite memories, like statistics and organic chemistry. "Organic chemistry started me on my way from biology to economics and government." He fondly recalled his time on the executive board of the Cornell Concert Commission. According to Jon, "it's not every activity that provides an opportunity to receive unsolicited advice on how to drive on ice from Branford Marsalis!"

He put that experience to use after graduation working on a major campaign event in New Jersey for Bill Clinton the night before his first election day and on two inaugural galas. Jon was quick to point out that another favorite memory was, of course, meeting his future spouse at a Cornell Big Red football game in the now condemned and gone student bleachers across from the Schoellkopf Crescent. Another of Jon's favorite memories was Carl Sagan pirouetting around "Our Place in the Universe" to demonstrate the planets' orbits. "And it's not everywhere you can take scuba diving for PE credit, although I don't at all recommend Cayuga Lake as a vacation destination for your next diving trip."



The Simon Family on the Hill

After graduation, Jon moved to D.C. and lived with classmate Scott Samuels in a "charming" house, which the county ultimately bought and tore down, near the East Falls Church Metro station. As for his time with CCW, Jon originally heard about the club from Bob McKinless '48 on the Old Rag hike, and Lois Berkowitz '59 somehow sweet talked him into becoming Secretary early in his time as an alumnus. In addition to serving as President and Secretary, Jon has been VP Programming, First VP, Nominations Chair, and Board Member. Jon joked that he broke out the president's gavel to establish a greater semblance of order during board meetings. He recognized that people have limited volunteer time, and he wanted to encourage new volunteers to remain involved by effectively using their time. According to Jon, "I also had a great First VP in Kim Jones Gilliam '98 MBA '02. She helped make the job much easier, along with a strong programming team."

We concluded our interview with reasons for why Jon thinks Cornellians should get involved with CCW. It's a great way to stay engaged with Cornell from 350 miles away, expand your network, make new friends and find interesting things to do and interesting people to do them with. For someone who's looking to stay engaged with Cornell, you get to enjoy variety of events—sporting events, community service activities, faculty speakers, local tours, concerts, and shows. CCW also provides important leadership opportunities—plan an event, join a committee or the board, become an officer—that can lead to other Cornell volunteer opportunities. Cornell loves its volunteers, and CCW is an excellent way to develop organizational, relationship, and problem-solving skills.

Jon has continued to stay involved as President of the Class of 1992, member of the Cornell Outdoor Education Alumni Advisory Board and Cornell University Council, and past member of the former Cornell Alumni Association Board (reconstituted as the Cornell Alumni Advisory Board). "For someone new to the DC area—whether right out of college or moving later from somewhere else, CCW is an opportunity to be part of a community and develop relationships with others that you know you share an important bond with—the time you spent on the *other* Hill."

- Terry Horner '92, PhD '98

The CCW Annual Dinner 2018

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2148 O Street NW

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On May 22nd, 125 Cornell alumni attended CCW's Annual Dinner at The Kimpton Hotel Palomar in Washington, DC. The wonderful event was an opportunity for alumni to connect, honor members for their achievements, and listen to remarks by beloved, three-time Cornell President, Hunter R. Rawlings III.



CCW President Terry Horner '92, PhD '98



Carole Epstein '61 presenting the Bondareff Award to this year's recipient, Mel Zurn '93

The evening began with CCW President Terry Horner's annual report and the election of the 2018-2019 Board. Jim Mazza '88, Cornell's retiring Associate Vice President for Alumni Affairs, next spoke briefly about his 30-year career with the university and his deep and unwavering affection for the more than 100 years of Cornell alumni he has known.

CCW then presented two awards to its members. The first was for outstanding programming, which went to David Muchow Law '69 for his program entitled "How to Start Your Own Company." Next, was the Bondareff Award, which CCW gave to Mel Zurn '93 for his long and distinguished service.

Finally, President Emeritus Rawlings spoke about the "remarkably vibrant time" that Cornell is experiencing. In particular, he described the synergy that has developed for the university because of Cornell Tech's

new and substantial presence in New York City and operational integration with the Ithaca campus. He also praised Cornell's longstanding emphasis on undergraduate teaching, describing fondly a recent journey he and his wife, Elizabeth, took to the Galapagos Islands with eleven Cornell freshmen.

It was a memorable evening and we look forward to the next annual dinner!

- Lisa Burns Griffin '87



Cornell University President Emeritus Hunter Rawlings III

Past Event Highlights

Cocktails & Connections, at the Kimpton Carlyle Hotel

On March 29th, Brooke Pinto '14 and Caroline Simon '14 brought us a superb speaker, Professor Chang Oh Turkmani, Managing Director at the Mega Company and faculty member on trade negotiations at Georgetown Law. She is also a Cornell University parent, with two sons ('14 and '16), who graduated from the Hotel School.

Alumni and guests in attendance heard about pre-negotiation strategies for cross-border transactions as Professor Turkmani shared her insights from years of running an international business in Romania. The Kimpton Carlyle created a custom cocktail for the occasion and served delicious hours d'oeuvres. Many new and renewed connections resulted with our thanks to Matt Wexler '99, the Kimpton Carlyle Hotel DuPont Circle, Chuck Schilke Law '88, Professor Turkmani and a special thanks to Brooke and Caroline for their initiative and for their efforts!
- Katherine Stifel '87



Prof. Chang Oh Turkmani (in fuchsia, far left), Chuck Schilke Law '88 (distant to speaker's right), Brooke Pinto, Hotel '14 (profile) and Jim Schoonmaker, '74

Earth Day 2018

On April 21st, CCW joined with the Anacostia Watershed Society for a volunteer project in honor of Earth Day, our 8th year with this partnership. The group began the day at the Mt. Ranier Nature Center in West Hyattsville, MD and cleaned trash from the streets and playgrounds the surrounding neighborhood. More adventurous volunteers even climbed into a creek to pick up larger trash items destined for the Anacostia River.
- Liz Herman '01



Cornellians cleaning up on Earth Day

Old Rag Hike

The CCW tradition of hiking Old Rag Mountain continued with our 65th hike. On April 21st, more than two dozen Cornellians, friends and family, participated in the Shenandoah's most popular and most challenging hike. Our 66th climb up Old Rag Mountain will be scheduled for the fall.

- Liz Herman '01



Cornellians hiking Old Rag Mountain

Past Event Highlights – cont'd

CCW Reception at Qatar-America Institute



A beautiful view of the Capitol Building from the Qatar-America Institute

Photo credit: Sathi Soma '92, MEng '94

CCW was hosted by the Qatar-America Institute at their offices overlooking the Capitol on April 24th for a Qatar Food Festival, featuring a delicious representation of the region. Cornell's connection with Qatar began in 2001 when Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar (WCM-Q) was established in Doha. This event offered the opportunity for almost 100 CCW Members and guests from all campuses and colleges to experience the culture of Cornell's campus overseas. The featured speaker was Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (of New York's 12th congressional district), who worked to bring Cornell to Qatar originally. In her remarks, Congresswoman Maloney said that "what I really commend Qatar and the Qatar Foundation for is their insistence in having a degree from an Education City campus hold the same weight as the degree from an American campus." WCM-Q was the first American medical school to offer their MD outside of

the United States. Other speakers included CCW President Terry Horner '92, PhD '98 and CCW Member Annalise Schoonmaker '14. Annalise shared her experiences when she worked as a full-time teaching assistant with the pre-medical program at WCM-Q from 2014-2016.

– Annalise Schoonmaker '14

RBG The Movie

More than 150 Cornellians attended a screening of the new documentary "RBG" at the Landmark E Street Cinema on Thursday evening, May 17th. Julie Cohen, one of the co-directors, introduced the film and answered questions afterwards. Julie's parents, George '55, '57 and Phyllis Cohen '57 are lifetime members of the Cornell Club of Washington. The 97 minute film documents Ruth Bader Ginsburg's education at Cornell, Class of 1954, where she met her husband Marty Ginsburg. It covers personal and professional aspects of her life. Interviews with colleagues, including three individuals recommended by the Justice herself, tell the compelling story of her work to eliminate gender discrimination for both women and men, including her work at the Women's Rights Project of the ACLU, her appointment to the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit by President Carter and the US Supreme Court by President Clinton. Several important cases are featured, as well as her friendship with Justice Scalia, two diagnoses of cancer, workout routine, and now elevation to social media icon as Notorious RBG. Anyone who has not yet seen this documentary is definitely encouraged to do so and CCW is awaiting Julie's next film for another event.

- Linda Jarschauer Johnson '60, '63



RBG The Movie

Cornell vs. Maryland Lacrosse

On Sunday, May 20th, Cornell University lost to Maryland 13-8 at Navy-Marine Memorial Stadium, ending the Big Red's 2018 Men's Lacrosse dark horse season. It was a tough loss for the same team who claimed the Ivy League Tournament Championship from Yale earlier this year. Despite valiant efforts by player such as Senior goaltender Christian Knight and senior midfielder Jordan Dowiak, Cornell's defense failed to shut down the Terrapin offense. The Terrapins won the face-off battle (15-9), essentially shut out sophomore attack Jeff Teat, and held a consistent lead throughout the game. Ultimately, the Red's fate was sealed in the third quarter when Maryland scored five goals and Cornell scored zero. "I'm sorry to be done this season with this group," said interim head coach Peter Milliman to the Cornell Sun. "We were hoping we'd get another week together, but I think we made some good plays and some bad plays and at the end of the day left our hearts on the field ... I couldn't ask for anything else." Although Cornell's fate in the 2018 NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championship is sealed, the fate of interim coach Milliman is not as locked. The Big Red, picked to finish fifth in the Ivy League and entering the season unranked in national polls, far outpaced analyst expectations this season in part due to his leadership. Players unanimously support Milliman's coaching abilities and they may be playing under his guidance for years to come. The NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championship has not seen the last of the Big Red!

- Matthew Lynch '14

Events at a Glance



Cornell Reunion 2018

Thursday, June 7th to
Sunday, June 10th

Enjoy the camaraderie of old friends and the opportunity to revisit your favorite places and spaces on the Hill!

Questions?

Cornell Alumni Affairs
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JUNE

- 06 Untold Normandy, 1944, with Professor David Silbey
Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 07-10 Cornell Reunion 2018
Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org
- 08 White House Tour
Questions: Jordan Robinson at jordan.robinson1421@gmail.com
- 12 CCW Book Club - "Lincoln in the Bardo" by George Saunders
Questions: Liz Pomper at ehp3@cornell.edu
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- 22 Boomers to Busters - Summer Solstice Rooftop Soiree
Questions: boomerstobusters@gmail.com
- 24 15th Annual Cornell Mid-Atlantic Crab Feast
Questions: Rebecca Booth at rbooth@thevervepartnership.com

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- 14 Young Alumni and Second Decade Boat Cruise
Questions: Julia Buffinton at jab684@cornell.edu

Register for events at <http://www.cornellclubdc.org/events>

CCW Volunteer Corner – We Want You!

Communications

Are you a fan of Instagram and Facebook? Help CCW with our communications efforts including our social media and email updates. Contact Liz Herman at communications@cornellclubdc.org.

Community Service

We are always looking for community service ideas and volunteers! To learn more, contact Laura Gonzales Meyers at communityservice@cornellclubdc.org.

Programming

The CCW Programming Committee welcomes suggestions for programs and volunteers to help with them! Contact Jim Schoonmaker at programming@cornellclubdc.org.

Social Media Director

We are looking for someone who loves to post, tweet, and 'gram! You will handle all of CCW's social media communications, which include creating and monitoring content. If you are interested, please Contact Liz Herman at communications@cornellclubdc.org.

Technology

Do you have website design experience? We are looking for people with website experience to help in the redesign of the CCW website. Contact Terry Horner at president@cornellclubdc.org

Club Announcements

Untold Normandy, 1944: Why the Fight After D-Day Won WWII in the West

Wednesday, June 6th, 7:00 p.m.

Georgetown Neighborhood Library, 3260 R. St., NW, Washington, DC

David Silbey, Professor of History at Cornell University and Associate Director of Cornell in Washington, will lead a discussion about Normandy in the days following the June 6 invasion.

Cost: free

Transportation: Dupont Circle (Red Line)

Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org

CCW Book Club: "Lincoln in the Bardo" by George Saunders

Tuesday, June 12th, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Teaism Penn Quarter, 400 8th St., NW, Washington, DC

Join us to discuss a moving and original father-son story featuring none other than Abraham Lincoln, as well as an unforgettable cast of supporting characters, living and dead, historical and invented.

Cost: free

Transportation: Metro Center (Red Line)

Questions: Liz Pomper at ehp3@cornell.edu

CCW Monthly Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 12th, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Cornell Center, 1341 22nd St., NW, Washington, DC

Monthly Cornell Club of Washington planning meeting for officers and board members, open to all Club members or other interested parties. The CCW Monthly Programming Meeting will follow from 8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Cost: free

Transportation: Dupont Circle (Red Line)

Questions: Terry Horner at president@cornellclubdc.org

Boomers to Busters: Summer Solstice Rooftop Soiree

Friday, June 22nd, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

1730 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC

Come join CCW and the event sponsor, the University of Chicago Club of DC, and enjoy the latest sunset of the year on a private rooftop taking in one of the most exquisite views anywhere in Washington: an unobstructed southern panoramic view encompassing the Jefferson and Washington Memorials, White House and the Capitol.

Cost: Early bird registration is \$35 until June 11th, Regular is \$40 until June 18th and Late is \$50.

Transportation: Farragut North (Red Line) or Farragut West (Blue/Orange/Silver Line)

Questions: boomerstobusters@gmail.com

Third Thursdays is Retiring

This successful event series sprang from the idea of International Spirit of Zinck's. We began Third Thursdays in the fall of 2015 as a way to bring Cornellians of all ages together, face to face. After three years, we are retiring Third Thursdays to make room for a new series, with new Club members shapping our all-volunteer Club's offerings.

If you have an idea or want to give back to our Cornell community, please come to our Program Committee Meeting, every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., following the monthly Board Meeting. Or email VP of Programming at programming@cornellclubdc.org.

CCW News

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Welcome New CCW Members

Alice Anne English '93 *	Gunit Makkar	Michael Rozner '10
Allie Perez '10	Hermine Dreyfuss '62	Michael Tate LAW '17
Andrea Milano '08 LAW '11	Isabelle Stark '16	Nicole Mormilo '12
Barry Cutler '65	Jason Carr '00	Robert Lanza '80 MEng '82
Charles Sills '	Jay Jupiter MBA '70	Samantha Gold '92
Claudia Regen-Johnston '87	Kelly McDarby '16	Samantha Spindel '08 Meng '09
Danial Asmat '09 MEng '10	Kendra Hart	Theodore Liao '
Elizabeth Farrell '99	Marissa Lowman '16	Thomas Chen '17
Ellen Cooper '04	Mary Olson '75	Tianze Pan '16
Emily Ardalan '17	Matt Berta '89	Zachary Stern '01

* *Life Member*