



CCW News

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Brooke Pinto '14 DC Council Member for Ward 2



Brooke Pinto '14 BA Cornell Hotel Administration, '17 JD Georgetown University Law and Assistant Attorney General for Policy and Legislative Affairs, Washington, DC won the June 23rd special election to fill the seat that Jack Evans vacated on the DC Council. As a DC Council Member Brooke stated that "I will have the opportunity to immediately begin representing Ward 2. It is important for our community to

have consistent representation as we have not had an advocate fighting for our interests or rights on the DC Council since January. Budget negotiations are imminent and they will have a tremendous impact on how Ward 2 recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic and begins to transform our policing and public safety models into a more just and equitable system for all people. There is much for us to do and I'm ready to get to work!" Brooke was sworn in on the steps of The John A. Wilson Building. "Serving the people of Ward 2 and protecting our nation's Constitution is the greatest honor and privilege of my lifetime. The oath I am swearing upon is one that I take without reservation and with the utmost solemnity. In addition to the oath that I swear to uphold, I also pledge to our community and District to legislate fairly, both in process and outcomes. Fairness is critical at all times, but especially now as we work to get our city through two historical crises." Originally from Greenwich, CT, Brooke concentrated her studies in Law, Human Resources, and Managerial Leadership, and was a member of the Cornell Democrats attending meetings, staying abreast of current events and engaging in honest debates and discussions with her Cornellian peers. Brooke also was a Cornell Teaching Assistant for "Human Resource Management" which facilitates an understanding of the HR policies, procedures, and systems, as well as teaches about the major factors that affect the HR function, including legislation, economics, and demographics. In 2013 Brooke participated as the Cornell Student Representative at the Labor Relations in the Hospitality Industry Roundtable Discussion, presided by Distinguished Speaker, John Ceriale who is the President of Prospect Advisors, the advisor to Blackstone Real Estate Advisors (BREA).

Events at a Glance

Virtual Events and Tours

The Cornell Club of Washington is Cornell's largest all-volunteer regional club and one of its most active. Your membership helps you connect with local alumni through social events and service programs advancing the university's mission through community-engaged discovery and learning that contribute to solving many of the local and world's challenges. CCW offers engaging programs and activities for alumni, students, and friends of Cornell University in the greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Due to public health and safety concerns associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, many CCW events have become virtual. Use your computer to open up doors to a wide variety of "Virtual" experiences on the internet.

Although the campus remains closed for now, you can participate virtually in Cornell summer activities. Please check the **List of Virtual Tours Available** at <https://cornellclubdc.org/page-1862736>. If registered for a CCW Events in July/August please check the CCW Events page at <https://cornellclubdc.org/events> for a current and complete listing of events and updates whether postponed or cancelled. Watch live streams from Cornell on demand. Get virtual access to events, expert panels, and more exclusive alumni content! Login and Watch at: <https://live.alumni.cornell.edu/?ga=2.136492592.1695844917.1586722951-1954509078.1586722951>

Take a tour of the Cornell Dairy Bar <https://vimeo.com/430380217/91aef5f6f8>,

Explore the Waterfalls of Fall Creek <https://cornellbotanicgardens.org/the-waterfalls-of-fall-creek-2/>

Watch birds through the Lab of Ornithology's live web cams <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/cams/>

Managing Your Wellbeing <https://www.ecornell.com/keynotes/view/K051520/>

Stroll the Botanic Gardens <https://cornellbotanicgardens.org/cornell-tradition-and-history-come-alive-in-narrated-virtual-tour-of-cornell-botanic-gardens/>

And, Cornell Adult University, CAU Virtual Summer <https://sce.cornell.edu/travel/about/virtual-summer>. Check out this summer's offerings at <https://sce.cornell.edu/travel/about/virtual-summer/virtual-schedule-adult>.

Virtual Event: Solve a Crossword Puzzle Together

Join Tony Chen lc465@cornell.edu and CCW members solve the NY Times Saturday Crossword Puzzle together using video chat and working off of one shared-screen. **Registration is required.**

- July 4, 2020 - 3:00PM- 4:00PM <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-3887408>
- July 11, 2020 - 3:00PM- 4:00PM <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-3887409>
- July 18, 2020 - 3:00PM- 4:00PM <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-3887414>
- July 25, 2020 - 3:00PM- 4:00PM <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-3887415>
- Aug 1, 2020 - 3:00PM- 4:00PM <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-3887418>
- Aug 8, 2020 - 3:00PM- 4:00PM <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-3887420>
- Aug 15, 2020 - 3:00PM- 4:00PM <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-3887422>
- Aug 22, 2020 - 3:00PM- 4:00PM <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-3887423>
- Aug 29, 2020 - 3:00PM- 4:00PM <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-3887424>

CCW Book Club

A book club for Cornell alumni (and friends) in the Washington, DC area organized by Liz Pamper (ehp3@cornell.edu). New members and book suggestions are always welcome! Join our Facebook group to **RSVP** at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornellclubdcbookclub/>

- July 12, 2020 - 4:00PM- 5:30PM "The Friend" by Sigrid Nunez
- Aug 18, 2020 - 4:00PM- 5:30PM "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson

Hamilton at the Kennedy Center ***CANCELLED***

The Kennedy Center and the producers of Hamilton have made the difficult decision to postpone the entire upcoming 14-week engagement, June 16–September 20, 2020.

Volunteer Corner

Communications

Are you a fan of Instagram and Facebook? Help CCW with our communications efforts including our social media and email updates.

Contact Steve Piekarec at communications@cornellclubdc.org

Community Service

We are always looking for community service ideas and volunteers! To learn more,

Contact Julia Buffinton and Drew Zukowsky at communityservice@cornellclubdc.org

Editorial

Interested in assisting CCW with its newsletter and informing the local Cornell community about local goings-on? What to be published?

Contact Claudia Benack at newsletter@cornellclubdc.org

Finance Committee

Do you have a background in accounting or tax law? Or want to become more familiar with these areas and how they work in the non-profit context? Then please consider joining us!

Contact Mel Zurn at treasurer@cornellclubdc.org

Membership

Invite your Cornell classmates and alums to join CCW. For current member to renew your membership, and update your contact, newsletter and email preferences,

Contact Annalise Schoonmaker and Justin Kondrat at membership@cornellclubdc.org

Programming

The CCW Programming Committee welcomes suggestions for programs and volunteers to help with them!

Contact Jim Schoonmaker at programming@cornellclubdc.org

Technology

Looking for people with website experience to help in the redesign of the CCW website. Contact

Matt Nieman at president@cornellclubdc.org

Nominations

Interested in serving on the 2020-21 CCW Board of Directors? Consider being nominated to serve CCW.

Contact Terry Horner at nominations@cornellclubdc.org

CCW History

We need your help! Whether you are a past or present CCW Board member or Cornell alumnus at large, we ask that you provide us copies of significant documents that reflect CCW history from 1966 to the present.

Contact CCW Historian, Gladys Stifel, at gls23@cornell.edu

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Moved? New email? Update your member profile at www.cornellclubdc.org

Do you have ideas for CCW News? Or corrections? Email us at: newsletter@cornellclubdc.org

Event Venues and Speakers Wanted

Do you have a meeting space that CCW could use for lectures or receptions?
Do you know a local Cornellian who would be a great speaker?
Contact Jim Schoonmaker at programming@cornellclubdc.org

CCW News

Do you know a local Cornellian who should be featured in a future newsletter?
Contact Claudia Benack at newsletter@cornellclubdc.org

New CCW Members

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Andrew Atwell '02
Marianne Drowne '02
Tina Atwell '98 '00
Anne Suh '87