Volunteer Spotlights: February 2015

Michael Avery ’55
Hotel Administration
Ruckersville, VA

Favorite Cornell Spot: The student lounge at the Hotel School
Favorite Cornell Tradition: House-party weekends
Cornell Volunteer Communities Experience: Class of ’55 (Treasurer since 2000); Reunion Chair (2010 & 2015); Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) Board of Directors (Co-Vice President, Communications Focus Group)
First CU Volunteer Experience: Treasurer, Class of ’55
Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience: CACO Board of Directors
Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience: Reunion Chair

Ruth Bleyler ’62
Agriculture & Life Sciences
West Lebanon, NH

Favorite Cornell Spot: Plantations
Favorite Cornell Tradition: Dragon Day
Cornell Volunteer Communities Experience: Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAN); Annual Fund; Regional Clubs (DC, Boston, NH); Class of 1962 (President); Reunion Chair President; Plantations Advisory Council (Chair); Cornell University Council (Life Member)
First CU Volunteer Experience: Annual Fund in Hawaii
Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience: Class of 1962 President
Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience: Reunion

Mark Hansen ’79
Arts & Sciences
Singapore

Favorite Cornell Spot: The top of Libe Slope, looking down on West Campus and Cayuga Lake
Favorite Cornell Tradition: Singing our alma mater with fellow alumni – and I am a bad singer so I rely on fellow alums to carry the tune!
Cornell Volunteer Communities Experience: CAAAN, Cornell Alumni Club of Singapore, Cornell University Council, Cornell Alumni Association Board
First CU Volunteer Experience: CAAAN volunteer in Singapore – loved talking with applicants about Cornell
Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience: Helping to plan Cornell Sesquicentennial celebration and activities in Hong Kong with Cornell Hong Kong Alumni Club leaders, which was a huge success
Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience: Cornell Asia-Pacific Leadership Conference, hosted last year in Singapore – which brought together alumni club leaders from around the Asia region

Simon Krieger ’76, MBA ’77
Engineering, Johnson
Scotch Plains, NJ

Favorite Cornell Spot: At the top of Libe Slope with the beautiful, panoramic view over Baker Towers, West Campus and across the skyline beyond the hill
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Favorite Cornell Tradition: Dragon Day Parade
Cornell Volunteer Communities Experience: Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) Board (Vice President, Leadership); Committee on Alumni Trustee Nominations (CATN); Johnson School Dean’s Leadership Committee; Johnson School Marketing Executive Coaching Program; Annual Fund Chair for Class of 1976; Metro New York Regional Annual Fund Campaign, Cornell Club of Northern New Jersey
First CU Volunteer Experience: Annual Fund Phonathon
Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience: Writing thank you notes to Class of 1976 donors as the Class Annual Fund Chair
Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience: Creating, in perpetuity, a scholarship fund which provides financial aid to one College of Engineering Student each year

Cynthia Kubas '78
Agriculture and Life Sciences
Yardley, PA

Favorite Cornell Spot: The Andrew D. White Room at Uris Library
Favorite Cornell Tradition: Reunion Weekend, especially Cornelliana night
Cornell Volunteer Communities Experience: Cornell University Council (CUC) (Vice Chair, Ambassador Program; Chair, Admissions and Financial Aid Committee); Class of 1978 (Vice President); Cornell Club of Greater Philadelphia (Board Member); Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN); Cornell Club of Central NJ; Alpha Phi House Corporation Board; Annual Fund Volunteer; Cornell Club of Hawaii (Past President)
First CU Volunteer Experience: Cornell Club of Southern California Board Member
Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience: Joined the communications committee of the soon-to-be-established Cornell Varsity Club
Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience: Vice-Chair, Cornell University Council Ambassador Initiative. The opportunity to meet and work with my fellow Council members to spread the Cornell message was very rewarding.

Kathleen "Kate" McAndrews '02
Agriculture and Life Sciences
Sauk Centre, MN

Favorite Cornell Spot: View from Schoellkopf Field
Favorite Cornell Tradition: Graduation
Cornell Volunteer Communities Experience: Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) (Chair); Cornell Club of Minnesota (President); Dairy Fellows Alumni; Cornell University Dairy Science Club (CUDS) (Vice President); Senior Week Co-Chair
First CU Volunteer Experience: Habitat for Humanity
Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience: Second Harvest Heartland
Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience: Annual new student send-off picnic

Elyse Richardson '06
Agriculture & Life Sciences
Flushing, NY

Favorite Cornell Spot: The Clocktower, especially for concerts
Favorite Cornell Tradition: Dairy Bar
Cornell Volunteer Communities Experience: While at Cornell: Circle K; Class Council; Senior Week; Post Cornell: NYC Cornellians, Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN)
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**First CU Volunteer Experience:** While at Cornell: Slope Day monitor, freshman year; Post Cornell: NYC Cornellians (then Big Apple Red Committee) (event planning and service opportunities)

**Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience:** CAAAN meetings; NYC Cornellians coordinator of volunteer recruitment and operations for NYC Marathon 25th Mile Fluid Station

**Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience:** CU in Central Park, a recurring multi-generation and multi-alumni organization summer picnic in Central Park led by the NYC Cornellians

Joshua Steiner '97, MS '98
Engineering
Bayside, NY

**Favorite Cornell Spot:** A.D. White Library

**Favorite Cornell Tradition:** Sledding down Libe Slope

**Cornell Volunteer Communities Experience:** Class of 1997 (Reunion Chair); Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN)

**First CU Volunteer Experience:** Reunion 1994 Clerk

**Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience:** CAAAN Chair for Switzerland

**Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience:** Reunion Chair