Volunteer Spotlights, April 2014: PCCW Members

Cynthia Cuffie ’74
Far Hills, NJ

**Favorite Cornell Spot**: Plantations
**Favorite Cornell Tradition**: Homecoming
**Cornell Volunteer Communities**: Cornell University Council (CUC); President’s Council of Cornell Women (PCCW); College of Human Ecology Alumni Association Board of Directors; Cornell Black Alumni Association (CBAA); Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN)

**First CU Volunteer Experience**: CAAAN
**Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience**: All of the above
**Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience**: College of Human Ecology Alumni Association Board of Directors; Past Chair and member of committee that oversees the awarding of research grants to students. The grants are given to enhance student experiences

Anika Daniels-Osaze ’96
New York, NY

**Favorite Cornell Spot**: Trillium
**Favorite Cornell Tradition**: Steppin' Out at the old RPU [Robert Purcell Union, renamed Robert Purcell Community Center in 1999], Ujamaa Sweatboxes, Slope Day
**Cornell Volunteer Communities**: Cornell Black Alumni Association (CBAA) (President); Mosaic; President's Council of Cornell Women (PCCW) (Vice Chair, Alumnae Engagement Committee). Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN)

**First CU Volunteer Experience**: Serving on the computer and housing committees at Ujamaa Residential College
**Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience**: Mentoring Cornell students
**Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience**: Partnering with Nancy Law from Career Services to provide career development for current students; participating in the FRESH and Externship programs; participating in the Black Bio-medical and Technical Association (BBMTA) conference and providing guidance to pre-health students

Stephanie Fox ’89
Winnetka, IL

**Favorite Cornell Spot**: A tie between the peaceful view from the top of Libe Slope and the Hot Truck.
**Favorite Cornell Tradition**: There are so many wonderful traditions at Cornell, but my favorite is singing the Alma Mater at the close of events. Whether it is hundreds of Cornellians, or just a handful, the song brings us all together. I always feel our connection when we stand arm-in-arm and raise our voices.
**Cornell Volunteer Communities**: Cornell Alumni Association Board (CAA); President’s Council of Cornell Women (PCCW); Cornell University Council (CUC); Cornell Club of Chicago

**First CU Volunteer Experience**: I was the Cornell Asian Alumni Association (CAA) representative on the Cornell Club of Chicago Board. That was my gateway to all future experiences as a Cornell alumna.
**Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience**: I just returned home after attending the West Coast Leadership Conference. It was worth the trip from Chicago!
**Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience**: As President of the Cornell Alumni Association, I had the joy of working with an outstanding team of alumni and staff. Board members represented Cornell regional
clubs, affinity groups, and colleges and units. During my tenure, this diverse group fully aligned with the university and underwent a cultural transformation.

**Linda Gadsby ’88**  
South Orange, NJ

**Favorite Cornell Spot:** I love sitting in front of Williard Straight Hall, looking up at the Clocktower.  
**Favorite Cornell Tradition:** The Libe Slope Celebration of the end of classes was great! Even without the star-studded entertainers that students now get to enjoy. No, I'm not jealous!  
**Cornell Volunteer Communities:** President's Council of Cornell Women (PCCW); Cornell University Council (CUC); ILR Dean's Advisory Council; Cornell Black Alumni Association (CBAA); Cornell Black Lawyers Alumni Network (CBLAN); Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN)  
**First CU Volunteer Experience:** My first alumni volunteer experience was with CAAAN as an interviewer in NYC for Stuyvesant High School, which I attended. I remember being amazed that there were so many applicants from Stuy that they had their own committee!  
**Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience:** I'm currently Co-Chair of the President's Council of Cornell Women  
**Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience:** I've had many impactful experiences, but I'd probably have to choose my tenure as President of the Cornell Black Alumni Association when I spearheaded the fundraising drive to endow a Cornell Black Alumni Association Cornell Tradition Fellowship in the name of deceased professor Dr. John Henrik Clark. We held a Gala Dinner in NYC in support of the campaign at which Dr. Clarke's widow was present, and former Mayor David Dinkins, then Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields, and then Director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Howard Dodson, spoke. It was a wonderful tribute to Dr. Clarke supported by a broad cross-section of alumni, as well as Cornell faculty, administrators, trustees, and students.

**Jill Goldy MS ILR ’78**  
Wilmette, IL

**Favorite Cornell Spot:** Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Sapsucker Woods. When far from Ithaca, I stay tuned on the BirdCams.  
**Favorite Cornell Tradition:** Spending time with all the great members of the President's Council of Cornell Women (PCCW) at our annual meetings in Ithaca; singing the alma mater and seeing the emotion it always evokes in students and alums alike  
**Cornell Volunteer Communities:** President's Council of Cornell Women (PCCW); Cornell University Council (CUC); Cornell Club of Chicago  
**First CU Volunteer Experience:** I started attending the January junior/senior teas in Chicago. I loved meeting all the wonderfully bright students and having a chance to mentor them.  
**Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience:** I am currently Co-Chair of the President's Council of Cornell Women.  
**Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience:** Starting as a regional volunteer and then becoming engaged with PCCW, I have devoted significant time and energy over many years to mentoring students. I have developed longstanding relationships with some of the students I first met through extern programs or at the PCCW meetings. Without exception, they have taught me a lot, and I would like to think I have helped generate a positive impact for them and for Cornell. I also love working with the PCCW Development and Grants committees to raise and then distribute needed funds to support student scholarships, faculty research and various types of programming that that enhance the experience of Cornell women.
Nancy Mills '65  
Manhattan Beach, CA

Favorite Cornell Spot: Whenever I'm back on campus, I always visit the Campus Store. Finding new memorabilia is fun. I also enjoy walking around North Campus, taking a peek at Clara Dickson 5, Donlon, Balch and Comstock. My junior year roommate, Barbara Klopper, drew #3 in the housing lottery, so 4 of us women who worked on The Cornell Daily Sun were able to room together in our own apartment. This was well before women could live off campus.

Favorite Cornell Tradition: I love singing the Alma Mater whenever the occasion presents itself.

Cornell Volunteer Communities: Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award (2009); Cornell Club of Los Angeles (organizing networking brunches; Cornell in Hollywood program as co-founder, former president, former programming chair); PCCW Sustaining Member (former Vice Chair, then Chair of PCCW Membership Committee; former Vice Chair of PCCW Alumnae Engagement Committee); Cornell University Council (CUC) (past member)

First CU Volunteer Experience: Hosting a networking brunch in the late 1980s

Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience: Helping to organize a Hangovers concert for 50 people in Los Angeles, including making desserts for 80 people and hosting 5 Hangovers overnight

Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience: Organizing and helping run the Cornell in Hollywood Summer Internship Program, now in its 8th year. The program finds internships for Cornell students for a 10-week period each summer. I arrange mentors for each intern and plan and execute a seminar with Hollywood alumni each week the students are in town. During the 7 years of the program (we start year 8 on June 1) we have placed more than 125 students. This year we have 69 applicants and hope to place at least half of them. Many of these students have gone on to get jobs in the entertainment industry in both Hollywood and New York after graduation.

Daphne Mobley '83  
Bronx, NY

Favorite Cornell Spot: In the middle of the Arts Quad with an overview of the adjacent towns

Favorite Cornell Tradition: Listening to the Cornell chimes that provided tranquility during the day

Cornell Volunteer Communities: President's Council of Cornell Women (PCCW)

First CU Volunteer Experience: PCCW and working on increasing the number of female faculty at Cornell and enhancing their experiences here

Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience: Planning the PCCW Annual Meeting for 2014; speaking about career advancement at a Cornell Black Alumnae event; speaking to students who applied to Cornell and expressing my 3.5 year journey there

Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience: Bonding with the members of PCCW; sharing career insights with recent female Cornell graduates

Jeannette Perez-Rossello '91  
Wellesley, MA

Favorite Cornell Spot: The top floor of Lyon Tower, at sunset you have a beautiful view of Libe slope, the Johnson Museum and Uris Library and the most spectacular view of Cayuga lake.

Favorite Cornell Tradition: Meeting old and new friends at Homecoming and Reunion weekends and listening to the a cappella groups.

Cornell Volunteer Communities: Presidents Council of Cornell Women (PCCW); Class of 1991 Class Council; Human Ecology Alumni Association Board; mentoring students interested in medicine
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**First CU Volunteer Experience:** Giving tours and talks to students applying to the College of Human Ecology as an undergraduate

**Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience:** Working through PCCW to fundraise and promote through the Affinito-Stewart research grants our brilliant junior women faculty seeking tenure

**Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience:** Planning the 2012 PCCW annual meeting: a humbling experience to meet, collaborate and engage with Cornell alumnae leaders to support women students and faculty on campus