Volunteer Spotlights: April 2014

Jay Carter '71, MEN '72
Hillsborough, NJ

Favorite Cornell Spot: Walking around campus as the sun comes up. (I love the entire campus and especially the quiet calm at dawn.)
Favorite Cornell Tradition: Sprint Football Alumni Weekend and Alumni Game (still playing)
Cornell Volunteer Communities: Sprint Football Alumni Association; Athletics Alumni Advisory Council; Engineering College Council; Cornell University Council (CUC); Cornell Varsity Club; Cornell Football Association; Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN); Cornell Club of New Jersey (CCNJ)
First CU Volunteer Experience: Sprint Football Alumni Association
Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience: Still actively engaged in all of the above
Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience: Sprint Football Alumni Association and Cornell University Council

Katrina James '96
Jersey City, NJ

Favorite Cornell Spot: From an aesthetic perspective, the Thurston Avenue bridge—the view of the gorge and the waterfall is breathtaking. But my favorite Cornell spot is the Dairy Bar. Cornell ice cream is second to none, especially Coconutty Spring Thaw!
Favorite Cornell Tradition: Singing the Alma Mater at all Cornell events. There's something magical about seeing a massive crowd all rise when they hear the first few notes.
Cornell Volunteer Communities: Cornell University Council (CUC); CUC Administrative Board; Mosaic; Class of 1996 officer; Cornell Alumni Association (CAA)
First CU Volunteer Experience: Cornell Ambassadors (very fitting given CUC members' role as ambassadors for the university)
Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience: Serving on the Steering Committee of Cornell Mosaic, which is an umbrella organization serving Cornell's diverse alumni and diverse alumni organizations.
Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience: Serving as Chair of the Cornell University Council. We've implemented a number of significant changes to what Council does and how we do it that hopefully have made the Council experience a more meaningful one for our members.

Tomoko Morinaga MPS CALS '89
Chevy Chase, MD

Favorite Cornell Spot: View from Johnson Museum
Favorite Cornell Tradition: Cornell Dairy Bar
Cornell Volunteer Communities: Cornell University Council (CUC); Cornell Club of Washington; Cornell Asian Alumni Association (CAA); CALS Alumni Association and a sesquicentennial advisor (Washington D.C.)
Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience: Served on Cornell Club of Washington Award Committee. Cornell Club of Washington gives the Bondareff Award every year to a member who has given outstanding, significant, and continuous service to the Club. This award was created by Esther Schiff Bondareff '37 and her late husband Daniel Bondareff '36. I was a recipient of the award in 2011.
Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience: In 2002, I received $2500 from the Cornell Alumni Federation (now known as the Cornell Alumni Association) and organized a faculty panel titled "Hot Spots in Asia" in Washington, D.C for the Cornell Asian Alumni Association. Her Excellency Chan Heng Chee '67, Ambassador of Singapore to the United States, gave the opening remarks.
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Sarah Brubacher McDonald MBA ’99
San Francisco, CA

Favorite Cornell Spot: I always walk through Sage Hall when I visit Ithaca. I LOVE the atrium.
Favorite Cornell Tradition: I love singing the Alma Mater.
Cornell Volunteer Communities: Past: President of the Class of 1999; Johnson Club of Boston (President 1999-2003); Johnson Club of the Bay Area (President 2003-2007); 5th and 10th Reunion Committee, Johnson Alumni Board (2010-2012). Current: President, Class of 1999; 15th Reunion Committee lead; Cornell Silicon Valley Advisor
First CU Volunteer Experience: Johnson Club of Boston
Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience: 15th Reunion Committee lead
Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience: Calling my classmates to encourage them to attend reunion has been a spectacular experience. I have loved getting caught up on their lives—and it really makes me excited about going back for reunion.

David Pisacich MBA ’10
Boston, MA

Favorite Cornell Spot: The suspension bridge. The spectacular views were well worth the detour on a walk home from Sage Hall to North campus.
Favorite Cornell Tradition: Sage Social happy hours held every Thursday are a testament of Johnson’s community. I always looked forward to connecting with classmates, faculty, and staff.
Cornell Volunteer Communities: Johnson Advisory Council; Johnson Club of Boston (President); Class of 2010 Class Officer (Correspondent); Johnson Pal (JPal)
First CU Volunteer Experience: Johnson Admissions Group (JAG). I volunteered to review prospective student applications and conduct interviews for the Admissions Office.
Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience: I recently returned from a Johnson Advisory Council meeting that included a Cornell Tech MBA Campus tour of the Google building while Roosevelt Island is developed. It was exciting to interact with the inaugural class and witness the positive energy on campus. Johnson is advancing the MBA program thanks to the leadership of Dean Dutta, Associate Dean Doug Stayman, and others, combined with generous alumni donations.
Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience: I’m honored to serve on the Advisory Council and work with Johnson alumni, who are passionate about giving back and providing strategic direction.

Theresa “Terri” Port ’84
Hollis, NH

Favorite Cornell Spot: The terrace outside Uris Library on a sunny day.
Favorite Cornell Tradition: I love reconnecting with old friends and making new ones.
Cornell Volunteer Communities: Class of 1984 Officers; Cornell University Council (CUC); CUC Administrative Board; Boston Tower Club Committee; Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN)
First CU Volunteer Experience: New Student Orientation Councillor sophomore year
Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience: All of the above communities
Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience: Fundraising. I went to Cornell on scholarship and this is my opportunity to pay it forward so that future generations of Cornellians have the same opportunities that I did.