Betsy Beach ’74  
Chelmsford, MA

**Favorite Cornell Spot:** Ever since my freshman year, I have loved the shady and tranquil spot with the little brook between the Campus Store and Barnes Hall.  
**Favorite Cornell Tradition:** The “Cornell Evening Song” played by the chimes of McGraw Tower. I can recall listening to the chimes while studying in the stacks of Olin Library. The daily chimes concerts is indeed a tradition that has not changed since my years on The Hill.  
**Cornell Volunteer Communities:** Class of ’74 Class Officer for 20 years, including Class Correspondent for 10 years and Reunion Chair for 35th and 40th reunions.  
**First CU Volunteer Experience:** Social Chair for the Cornell Club of Boston  
**Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience:** Reunion and Registration Chair for 40th reunion (which broke the attendance record for a 40th reunion!)  
**Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience:** ”The greater the effort, the greater the reward.” Leading the Reunion team and being Registration Chair was a lot of work, but it meant that I had the opportunity to get a ”jump-start” on interfacing with classmates before reunion. I received many kudos from classmates for the volunteer efforts of our reunion team.

David Call ’54, MS ’58, PhD ’60 and  
Mary Gentry Call ’54  
Ithaca, NY

**Favorite Cornell Spot:** The Pond at the Plantations  
**Favorite Cornell Tradition:** Singing both verses of Evening Song after almost everything  
**Cornell Volunteer Communities:** Sorority and fraternity; Reunion  
**First CU Volunteer Experience:** College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) Alumni Association  
**Most Recent and Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience:** Being co-chairs for our 60th reunion

Bradley Grainger ’79 and  
Mary Maxon Grainger ’79  
Ithaca, NY

**Favorite Cornell Spot:** Minns Garden  
**Favorite Cornell Tradition:** ”We Want More” cheer at Lynah Rink  
**Cornell Volunteer Communities:** Class of 1979 Leadership; Cornell University Council (CUC); CALS Charitable Trust Board; Quill and Dagger Board  
**First CU Volunteer Experience:** As students, Brad was first on University Senate, and Mary on New Student Orientation Steering Committee. As alumni, Sorority and Fraternity Advisor roles.  
**Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience:** Co-chairs of 35th Reunion Committee  
**Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience:** Brad > Alpha Zeta Capital Campaign Committee | Mary > Cornell Alumni Federation (CAF) Communications Committee working with Alma Matters (now Cornell Alumni Association, or CAA)

Cara Kagan ’77 and  
Erica Kagan ’05  
Dix Hills, NY (Cara) and Brooklyn, NY (Erica)

**Favorite Cornell Spot:** Cara > This is a very tough question... there are dozens of spots that bring back great memories. I have always loved sitting at the top of
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Libe Slope behind Uris Library—the view is breathtaking and I can still see my 18-year-old self trudging up that hill. Or would it be The Chapter House??? | Erica > Obviously this is a difficult question, but I would say Willard Straight Hall. From my first LGBTQ group meeting as a freshman, to our Student Assembly meetings in the Memorial Room, to Queer Kiss-Ins on Ho Plaza, WSH always had a sense of excitement that inspired me.

**Favorite Cornell Tradition:** Cara > Reunion, of course!! | Erica > Ditto!

**Cornell Volunteer Communities:** Cara > Class of 1977 (Class Officer, Reunion Chair); Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO), Human Ecology Alumni Association | Erica > Cornell LGBTQ Alumni Association (CUGALA)

**First CU Volunteer Experience:** Cara > I joined the Class of 1977 Class Council over 25 years ago. | Erica > Class of 2005 Affinity Co-Chair

**Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience:** Cara > 2014 first-ever CUGALA Reunion (Cornell University Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association) | Erica > Same!

**Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience:** Cara > Reunion planning has been extremely rewarding. I so enjoyed chairing our 35th Reunion in 2012 and was thrilled to be asked along with Erica to be part of the committee planning the first-ever LGBT Reunion! It was the perfect opportunity for me to show my appreciation to Cornell for the wonderful experience Erica had as an undergrad. There are so many things I am grateful to Cornell for but, as the proud mother of an extraordinary gay woman, Erica's years on The Hill are at the very top of my list!! | Erica > Becoming involved in CUGALA and helping to plan Cornell's first ever LGBTQ Reunion has been a remarkable experience for so many reasons. I not only feel a sense of pride and accomplishment for my alma mater, but I had the incredibly unique opportunity to plan a big gay party with my mom!! My parents have always been a source of support and strength for me, and sharing this experience with my mom takes my Big Red Pride to a whole other level!!

**Anthony Lopez '09**
Bronx, NY

**Favorite Cornell Spot:** The Latino Living Center

**Favorite Cornell Tradition:** Singing the Cornell Alma Mater

**Cornell Volunteer Communities:** Class Council, Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassadors Network (CAAAN), Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO), Board Member, Cornell Alumni-Student Mentoring Program (CASMP)

**First CU Volunteer Experience:** In 2005,"Into the Streets," student-run program through the Cornell Public Service Center

**Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience:** Class of 2009 5th Reunion (Registration Chair)

**Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience:** Meeting with applicants through CAAAN reminds me of how fortunate I was to attend Cornell and at the same time shows me how bright the future of Cornell is with each applicant I meet.

**Nicholas Cantwell McCormick '13**
Atlanta, GA

**Favorite Cornell Spot:** I really love the A.D. White Room in Uris Library at night, with Libe Café being a close second since every late night paper deserves a few cups of coffee to accompany it.

**Favorite Cornell Tradition:** Attending Cornell hockey games at Lynah Rink or on the road. Cornell hockey fans are a lot of fun to spend time with before, during, and after the game, especially when we're beating Harvard or BU!

**Cornell Volunteer Communities:** Cornell University Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association (CUGALA); Seal and Serpent Society

**First CU Volunteer Experience:** Probably the first time I “volunteered” at Cornell would have been in 2004 during my mom’s 20th Reunion. My siblings and I got to help with the pre-planning gluing pictures to poster boards and going with her on errands. My major volunteering while in school was through my fraternity, Seal & Serpent.

**Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience:** This year I had the privilege to be a member of the LGBT Reunion Committee through the Cornell University Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association (CUGALA). I
served as the registration chair, answering emails and sorting out our reservations online. It was a fantastic experience working with staff and alumni to create an enjoyable and memorable event for alumni, allies, families, and friends of the Cornell LGBT community.

**Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience:** While the planning piece and committee meetings were valuable parts of the process, being back for Reunion this year and having the opportunity to meet so many successful and inspiring alumni was the most meaningful volunteer experience for me so far. Hearing what other Cornellians have been able to accomplish as alumni helped me start thinking about my bigger goals and what impact I want to have in my community going forward.

**Juanita Parker McGonagle '04**  
Astoria, NY

**Favorite Cornell Spot:** The top of Libe Slope, right behind Uris library  
**Favorite Cornell Tradition:** Slope Day of course!  
**Cornell Volunteer Communities:** Class of 2004 Class Council (Co-President)  
**First CU Volunteer Experience:** Pre-Freshman Weekend Student Host  
**Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience:** Class of 2004 Reunion Co-Chair  
**Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience:** COSEP Pre-Freshman Summer Program Counselor (Summer 2002)

**Linda Cohen Meltzer '64**  
Little Silver, NJ

**Favorite Cornell Spot:** Hard to have one favorite, but high on my list are Beebe Beach, the Arboretum at the Plantations, the Arts Quad, and the Suspension Bridge.  
**Favorite Cornell Tradition:** Singing the Alma Mater and the Evening Song at Cornell events always brings a tear to my eye. Doing this at Reunions especially so.  
**Cornell Volunteer Communities:** At present, I am only active with the Class of 1964 and I am a member of the Cornell Club of Monmouth/Ocean County.  
**First CU Volunteer Experience:** At my 20th Reunion, Nancy Butler asked me to help her with her Treasurer responsibilities. I’ve been deeply involved in all my class’s activities ever since.  
**Most Recent CU Volunteer Experience:** I was one of three co-chairs for the Class of 1964’s 50th Reunion.  
**Most Impactful CU Volunteer Experience:** Chairing my class's 25th and most recently 50th reunions were my most personally rewarding Cornell experiences. I like to have a job to do and be left to carry it out in all of its many aspects. Reunions are perfect for this. Decorating, organizing meals, programs, entertainment, housing and obsessing over details. I discovered that I take great satisfaction and enjoyment in executing and accomplishing all these things. Reunions generate camaraderie and good will for Cornell, which translates into more alumni participation in the university and its goals and activities.