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John Boochever ’81
Arts & Sciences
Washington, DC

Favorite Cornell Spot: Willard Straight Rock Garden
Favorite Cornell Traditions: Hanging out in the gorge under the Suspension Bridge, and roadtrips to Glenwood Pines
Cornell Volunteer Communities Experience: CAAAN (past and present); Cornell Alumni Club of Washington (past and present); Cornell Alumni Club of London (past); Cornell Arts & Sciences Advisory Council (present); Cornell Annual Fund Washington DC Campaign Committee (present); Cornell University Council (past and present); Class of 1981 Officer (Annual Fund Chair, Reunion Campaign Co-Chair); Cornell Alumni Trustee Nominating Committee (past, Chair); Cornell Family Fellows (past and present); CAA Board Task Force on Alumni Trustee Elections (past, Chair); Cornell Alumni Advisory Board
Most Recent Cornell Volunteer Experience: Class of 1981 35th Reunion Campaign Co-Chair
Most Impactful Cornell Volunteer Experience: Cornell Alumni Trustee Nominating Committee Chair (opportunity to play a small but significant part in the governance of the university and to serve our entire alumni community)

Kelly Brown ’88, MBA ’92
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Cincinnati, OH

Favorite Cornell Spot: The patio at Willard Straight Hall overlooking West Campus and Cayuga Lake
Favorite Cornell Traditions: Ahh, so many! I guess the chimes concert in the morning and the evening
Cornell Volunteer Communities Experience: I began as a class officer, in ’86 and before I knew it, I was Class President and then President of the CACO Board. This led to Cornell Alumni Federation Board (VP and Nominating Chair), the Johnson School Advisory Board, CALS Undergraduate Business Program Campaign Committee and Dean's Advisory Council, and the Cornell University Council Administrative Board (TCAM Chair, Ambassador concept creator, Vice Chair). From 2006 - 2010 I had the honor of serving on the Board of Trustees as an Alumni Elected Trustee and also as Tower Club National Chair. Most recently, I was the President of the Cornell Alumni Association.
First Cornell Volunteer Experience: As a junior, I was asked to co-chair the Cornell Fund student phonathons. This experience introduced me to many stellar alumni and also the excellent staff who work in the Cornell Fund. I fully enjoyed this volunteer opportunity and it led to my serving on the NYC Tower Club committee after graduation. Two years later, I attended Mid Winter Meeting (now CALC), and a classmate stepped down from the job of reunion chair. It was a case of being in the right place at the right time - voila!, I was an official class officer with 2 years to plan our 5th reunion.
Most Recent Cornell Volunteer Experience: President, CAA
Most Impactful Cornell Volunteer Experience: As an alumni-elected trustee, I was a vocal advocate for clearly defining and building the Cornell Brand. Over 3 years, a small group of trustees joined forces and we championed branding at Cornell. The end result was a brand strategy which has been deployed across University Communications. Importantly, the strategy also served as the springboard for a strategically important initiative to redefine the CAA and ultimately create the Cornell Alumni Advisory Board.
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Angela DeSilva ‘78
ILR School
Houston, TX

Favorite Cornell Spot: Suspension bridge
Favorite Cornell Traditions: The chimes
Cornell Volunteer Communities Experience: Class of 1978 (president, secretary, nominating committee, class council, Cornell fund rep, class correspondent); President's Council of Cornell Women (steering committee, membership committee, sustaining member); Cornell University Council; ILRAA lifetime member; Cornell Alumni Association of Greater Houston lifetime member; Cornell mentor
First Cornell Volunteer Experience: Class correspondent
Most Recent Cornell Volunteer Experience: Part of committee drafting class constitution
Most Impactful Cornell Volunteer Experience: Mentoring an incoming ILR freshman from Houston starting in 2004. We have remained friends since that time and I was present when she graduated from Harvard Law School. We are truly simpatico.

Shane Dunn ‘07
Agriculture & Life Sciences
Boston, MA

Favorite Cornell Spot: Barnes Hall (Cornell Public Service Center)
Favorite Cornell Tradition: Climbing the 161 steps to the top of McGraw Tower, watching a live Chimes Concert, and peering out over campus, Ithaca, and Cayuga Lake
Cornell Volunteer Communities Experience: Past: Young Alumni Engagement Chair, Boston; Cornell Tradition Student Recruitment Coordinator; Cornell Class of 2007 Class Council Boston Regional Representative; Class of 2007 5th Reunion Co-Chair; Class of 2007 5th Reunion Registration Chair; Class of 2007 Class Gift Committee Co-Chair; Cornell Alumni Association Director from the Region; Cornell Alumni Association Director At-Large; Cornell Club of Boston Programming Chair; Cornell Club of Boston Senior Vice President. Present: President, Cornell Club of Boston; Cornell University Council; Cornell Annual Fund National Campaign Committee Volunteer; Sphinx Head Society Board of Directors; Cornell Class of 2007 Class Council President; Cornell Alumni Advisory Board; CAAAAN Volunteer; Ongoing Cornell Public Service Center alumni volunteer; Student and Campus Life Advisory Council (founded under Susan Murphy, now under Ryan Lombardi)
First Cornell Volunteer Experience: Planning a young alumni happy hour in Boston. It ultimately led me to being asked to be Programming Chair on the Cornell Club of Boston Board, which I did for four years before becoming SVP and now President! It all started there!
Most Recent Cornell Volunteer Experience: Every day is a Cornell volunteer experience :). The one that I spend the most time on is serving as President of the Cornell Club of Boston. I feel privileged to lead a 10,000-member alumni club with such a strong history. It's fun to work closely with a small board and to meet alumni in the area with different backgrounds from my own. Volunteering for the Club by planning young alumni happy hours was my first alumni volunteer experience and that experience led to a board role. Being president is a lot of fun and is a great way to meet a lot of Cornellians.
Most Impactful Cornell Volunteer Experience: While I have enjoyed all of my Cornell alumni volunteer experiences and currently serve in a role (President of the Cornell Club of Boston) that I aspired to be in when I graduated and greatly value, I found the experience of being Co-Chair of my 5th Reunion in 2012 to have been the most impactful. As a transfer student to Cornell, I found I did not have a deep bond to my class because I didn't come in with everyone as a freshman. Therefore, my connections to Cornell were based more on affinities and experiences than with the 3,200+ people in my class. However, I realized that if I really wanted to be connected to Cornell and fully understand the Cornell alumni experience, having stronger connections to my class was necessary. It was not a difficult decision for me.
to want to be a Reunion Co-Chair for my class, and I'm grateful to the then-Class Council for accepting me. The experience was wonderful. It was a ton of work and was exhausting, but it was memorable and unforgettable, too. To help set a 5th Reunion attendance record and meet so many new classmates while celebrating with my existing class friends was incredibly gratifying and rewarding. And working with Cornell's Alumni Affairs staff was extremely positive and it made the experience that much better!

Heidi Grenek '92, MEN '93  
Engineering  
Fairport, NY

**Favorite Cornell Spot:** A.D. White Library  
**Favorite Cornell Tradition:** My favorite Cornell tradition is Homecoming (or any of the other home football games). While I was at Cornell, I worked with the football team, so I enjoy visiting Schoellkopf Field to cheer on the Big Red!  
**Cornell Volunteer Communities Experience:** President's Council of Cornell Women, Cornell Club of Rochester  
**First Cornell Volunteer Experience:** Cornell Red Carpet Society  
**Most Recent Cornell Volunteer Experience:** President's Council of Cornell Women  
**Most Impactful Cornell Volunteer Experience:** Participating on the President's Council of Cornell Women has been a fantastic experience for me! PCCW has given me an opportunity to reconnect with Cornell, to meet and work with multiple generations of accomplished Cornell women, and to continue to grow my leadership skills. I've made new friendships and rekindled old ones, while making a tangible impact on the Cornell community.

Kevin McManus '90  
ILR School  
Pittsburgh, PA

**Favorite Cornell Spot:** The top of Libe slop on a cool, clear fall day taking in the view  
**Favorite Cornell Traditions:** Dragon Day  
**Cornell Volunteer Communities Experience:** Class of 1990; CACO; Psi Upsilon; ILR School Alumni; Cornell University Council  
**First Cornell Volunteer Experience:** I served as the President of my class (Alumni) from the 5th to the 10th reunion.  
**Most Recent Cornell Volunteer Experience:** Cornell University Council and working on being an ambassador in 2015  
**Most Impactful Cornell Volunteer Experience:** Serving on the Cornell Alumni Trustee Nomination Committee. I felt such great responsibility and honor to be a part of this committee. The deliverable was so important to the well-being of the university. I was in awe of the accomplishments of my fellow alumni, it was inspiring and humbling. And finally, so gratifying to see so many as crazy about Cornell as I am!

Robert Rosenberg '88  
Agriculture & Life Sciences  
Hartsdale, NY

**Favorite Cornell Spot:** Libe Slope  
**Favorite Cornell Traditions:** Homecoming  
**Cornell Volunteer Communities Experience:** Cornell Alumni Advisory Board (Member, 2015-present); CALS Department of Communication Advisory Council (Member, 2012-present); Leadership In Communication Award (Recipient, 2014); Cornell Alumni Magazine Committee (Ex Officio 2009-2013, Board Member 2015-present);
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CUVolunteer Focus Group (2015-present); Candidate for Alumni-Elected Trustee (2015); Cornell Association of Class Officers (Immediate Past President, 2014-2015; President, 2009-2013; Vice President, 2007-2009; Director At Large, 2003-2007); Cornell University Council (Ex Officio, 2009-2013, Member, 2013-present; Life Member); Alumni Affairs Steering Committee (Member, 2009-2010); Trustee Committee on Alumni Affairs (2010-2013); SAS Advisory Council (Member, 2010-2013); Class of 1988 (Class Council, 2008-2013, 2013-2018; Nominating Chair, 2008; Nominations Committee, 2013; President, 2003-2008; Vice President, 1988-1993, 1993-1998, 1998-2003); Cornell Alumni-Student Mentoring Program (JobCAMP, CALS Communication) (Member, 2012-2015); Extern Program Sponsor (2012-2013; 2015-present); Cornell Alumni Association (Ex-Officio, FHTR Committee, 2009-2013); Cornell Club of New York (Past Member)

First Cornell Volunteer Experience: Vice President of Class of 1988
Most Recent Cornell Volunteer Experience: CALS Department of Communication Advisory Council, CAAB, Cornell Alumni Magazine Committee

Most Impactful Cornell Volunteer Experience: While CACO President from (2009-2013), we did a lot of good work including helping to evolve the CACO Midwinter Meeting into CALC. Personally, I had so many valuable interactions with administration, staff, alumni (including other alumni organizations) and students while serving in this position.

Jennifer Warner '04
Engineering
Millbrae, CA and Buffalo, NY

Favorite Cornell Spot: The gorges
Favorite Cornell Traditions: Sledding and the Dairy Bar

Cornell Volunteer Communities Experience: Cornell Engineering Alumni Association (board of directors, Vice President, President, director emerita); Cornell Club of Greater Buffalo (board of directors, President); Class of 2004 (affinity chair); Cornell University Council

First Cornell Volunteer Experience: Cornell Engineering Alumni Association
Most Recent Cornell Volunteer Experience: All

Most Impactful Cornell Volunteer Experience: Cornell Engineering Alumni Association - It was the first alumni group I got involved in, and because of that, is where I met many different alumni whom I would not have met otherwise -- because most of the people involved at the time were 20-40 years my senior. I learned to work with and understand different viewpoints, to get things accomplished, to navigate politics for a board, and learned a lot about dealing with different people. Most of all, I made many connections and friends, from whom I have learned a lot.