

Class leaders at CALC 2018



Back row: Stan Morgenstein, Bruce Wagner, Janet King, Susie Holden, Adadot Hayes, Tim Davis, Steve Whitman.
Middle row: Carolyn Neuman, Barbara Brim, Marcia Epstein, Barbara Attardi, Cindy Wolloch.
Front row: Linda Meltzer, Carolyn Whitman. *Missed the photo:* Tom Helfrich, Karl Miller, Nancy Parker

Facebook



The 75+ members of our Facebook group are staying in touch with other classmates and informed about Cornell happenings -- and can share their own news, photos, and observations, profound and otherwise!

We hope you'll want to stay connected as preparations continue for our 55th Reunion, a little more than a year away. Go to www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964/ to join us!

Nancy Taylor Butler, Affinity Chair

Key Portals

Class Website: cornell1964.org

Dues (Pay online): Pay through the Dues and Giving Link on our class website

Dues (Pay by check): "Cornell Class of 1964" and mail to: Cornell University, PO Box 37333, Boone, IA 50037-0333

- \$55.00 annually, includes subscription to Cornell Alumni Magazine
- \$65.00 annually, couples (both '64), includes Cornell Alumni Magazine
- \$30.00 annually, without subscription to Cornell Alumni Magazine

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Cornell Class of 1964

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Class of 1964 President's Letter

Dear Classmates,

55th Reunion... Can it be? Didn't we just have the 50th? Well, yes, but our 55th is just over a year away, June 6-9, 2019. Make a note of it. And see Reunion Chair Carolyn Whitman's article. If you'd like to help with Reunion, contact Carolyn at csw54@cornell.edu.

Class Gift: Late last year class leaders donated \$15,000 from our treasury to support lymphoma research at the College of Veterinary Medicine, complemented by research at Weill-Cornell Medicine. Together, it is one of the top lymphoma research programs the United States. Read more about this important effort at our class website.

CALC Meeting... Class leaders met in Philadelphia in February as part of the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). *See our photo on Page 4!* Our contingent is consistently one of the largest (and most spirited!) at CALC. We discussed our coming reunion, membership, awards and more. Meeting minutes are posted at our class website.

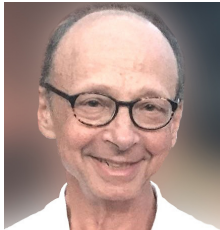
Class Dues... We are in the midst of our 2018-19 class dues solicitation. This year, if you pay your dues by April 13 (or renew automatically), you (and others in your party) will receive a \$150 discount for enrolling in a study tour or class at Cornell's Adult University. Help us maintain our outstanding membership record.

Donating to Cornell... While our classmates have been generous to Cornell, overall, Cornell lags our Ivy peers in the fraction of alumni who participate. If you were able to donate on this year's Giving Day (March 20), thank you! And please consider a donation to Cornell as part of our 55th Reunion Campaign next year. Gifts of all sizes matter for Cornell; 80% of alumni gifts are \$500 or less. You can support a Class of '64 fund or direct your gift anywhere at Cornell. We'll remind you next year.

Please consider a donation to the 1964 John F. Kennedy Memorial Award and the 1964 Cornell Tradition Fellowship. Both are funded by classmates and are tax-deductible. Go to our class website for more information.

Our Tradition Fellow this year is Adam Ziccardi '21. Adam writes "Thank you very much for your scholarship contribution to the Cornell Tradition! Your support allows hundreds of student to have tremendous experiences, as well as make Cornell a financial feasibility for our families, which my family is very grateful for." Raised near Buffalo, NY, Adam has performed with honored marching bands and plays with the Big Red Band.

Bruce Wagner, Class President



Has your email address, phone or address changed? *We don't want to lose you.* Please notify Kate Freyer (Alumni Affairs) at kate.freyer@cornell.edu or Linda Meltzer at lcm12@cornell.edu.

We celebrate our JFK Award recipient: Jordan Berger '17

2017 marked a first for the JFK Award. The winner, Jordan Berger '17, an ILR Honors graduate from Fort Wayne, Indiana, is the first awardee pursuing a career in disability rights. Accepted at twelve law schools, Jordan is currently pursuing a public interest law degree at NYU. Her goal is to educate disabled individuals on their rights and to expand their legal protections. Her emphasis is on education and employment.

Jordan's activism began in high school, when she founded a nonprofit to help families of Head Start students make ends meet. She continued to assist this group through her Cornell years. At Cornell, Jordan found a home with the Student Assembly for her growing focus on broadening inclusivity. She served for three years drafting legislation as Parliamentarian and her senior year as Student Assembly President, where she served as principal communicator among student groups and the University Administration during several campus emergencies. Jordan wrote in her application, "Serving in this role has taught me how important it is that public servants be extremely passionate about the people that they serve. I know that in my future career, before I represent or serve a particular constituency, I must make sure that I understand the intricacies and the complexities of the particular group of people."

Her other Cornell activities included active participation in Hillel, where she created the Cornell Interfaith Council; and Intergroup Dialogue, where she was a facilitator and events publicist.



Jordan Berger '17
Our Class of 1964

John F. Kennedy 2018 Award
Recipient

Jordan held three summer internships focusing on disability rights: In Israel, working for the Ministries of Justice and the Economy, she identified resources and researched links between disability and employment. In Washington, she assisted the White House Office of Public Engagement on events commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Finally, as intern to renowned disability rights activist Judith Heumann during the latter's tenure as State Department Special Advisor on International Disability Rights, Jordan contributed to the development of a course on Civil Rights for Foreign Service Officers.

Jordan exemplifies the attributes we seek in JFK Awardees. Her academic referee wrote, "I was consistently blown away by the depth of her contributions to class discussion.... Every comment was thoughtfully framed and articulated in elegant dynamic prose." The professor described Jordan's work as "strikingly original," displaying "keen analytical skills," "nuanced, balanced and very cogent." And this: "Every interaction with Jordan leaves me awestruck by how powerfully her intellectual work and political advocacy intersect. Jordan's commitment to learning is unparalleled, but it is her ability to put this engagement into meaningful practice that places her in a league above other students."

In a catch-up note, Jordan writes,

"This summer, I had the opportunity to teach a four-week course on social justice to high schoolers at a summer camp. I have (almost) survived my first semester of law school; we begin our finals next week! I have really been enjoying my Lawyering class, which is the legal writing program at NYU. At NYU, I also had the opportunity to represent my first client in an unemployment benefits hearing through the Unemployment Action Center. I was also appointed to the board of the Disability Allied Law Student Association and as a trip leader for iTrek (a spring break trip to Israel for law students). Although I am really missing my time at Cornell, I had the opportunity to go back to Ithaca for Homecoming, to help facilitate an Intergroup Dialogue event in NYC, and to meet several alumni through the newly created Cornell's Jewish Young Alumni Network."

Carolyn Neuman's serendipitous encounter with JFK Award alumnus Jonathan Lowry '16 at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in February brought him together with the class officers. Jon spoke eloquently about his work with the Senate Judiciary Committee's Russia probe and particularly about the critical importance of a free press in sustaining democracy. This gratifying encounter renewed our enthusiasm for the JFK Award and the extraordinary Cornell graduates it honors.

Competition for the 2018 Award is under way and will conclude by early May. Look for news on the class website. Our winner will again be honored at the Public Service Center's annual year-end awards dinner.

Cindy Wolloch, JFK Memorial Award Chair

It's Coming – 55th Reunion!

You think – "It can't be possible!" 55 years since we graduated from CORNELL? It's coming faster than we might wish.

Fifteen months from now we will have the opportunity to enjoy a week-end of fun and nostalgia. Come and visit your favorite places on campus, see all the amazing changes that have occurred since we graduated, and learn about the vision for the future. Those of us who attended CALC February 2-4 in Philadelphia were blown away by student presentations, strategic planning initiatives, and a question & answer session with President Pollack.

SUGGEST CLASS ACTIVITIES – What's on the reunion schedule? This is the time to make suggestions. Would you like to attend lec-

tures/concerts/wine tastings; go hiking/canoeing/stargazing? What topics for forums turn you on? Let us know.

GET INVOLVED – Help out before and during reunion. Contact Carolyn Stewart Whitman at csw54@comcast.net to find out ways you can volunteer. The best way to reconnect with old friends and acquaintances is to GET INVOLVED now. The more who volunteer now, the better the reunion will be for all of us.

SPREAD THE WORD – Now is the time to get in touch with FRIENDS far and near, to encourage them to come back for reunion. Nancy Taylor Butler, our AFFINITY chairperson, is organizing an outreach to all the members of our class to whip up excitement for reunion.



Get ready for an unforgettable 55th reunion weekend!

2018 Newsletter Membership Report

Another year when '64 dues-paying membership numbers stand out from other classes.

Of 75 classes we are number 5 with participation from 430 classmates.

Shall we strive to be #1?

It's 2018, so let's give it a try!

When paying dues, please consider signing up for Automatic Renewal and the dues option that includes a subscription to the Cornell Alumni Magazine. You can pay dues through our class website via the Dues & Giving drop-down menu at the class website.

The magazine comes to your mailbox six times a year. Each issue contains numerous interesting articles keeping you abreast of all the latest news from Cornell, and don't forget our CLASS NOTES, the first thing many of us turn to.

As always, thanks for your support of Cornell and our Class.

Barbara Lutz Brim, Class Treasurer and Linda Cohen Meltzer, Class Membership Chair