

Class Leaders Meet in Boston

Class leaders met during the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) on February 8, 2019. Our class had among the largest delegations at CALC. Most of the meeting concerned our 55th Reunion, but we also discussed membership, finances, our JFK Award and nominations for our 2019-24 leadership slate.

Class of 1964 Participants in CALC 2019



Back row: Tim Davis, Janet Spencer King, Steve Whitman, Dick D’Amato, Susie Mair Holden, Judie Pink Gorra, Nancy Taylor Butler, Phyllis Rivkin Goldman.

Front row: Cindy Wolloch, Carolyn Stewart Whitman, Linda Cohen Meltzer, Barbara Lutz Brim, Bruce Wagner

Missing: Thomas Helfrich, Carolyn Chauncey Neuman

Cornell Tradition Fellowship

Our Cornell Tradition Fellow this year is **Adam Ziccardi**, a sophomore Engineering student from Orchard Park, New York. Adam hopes to combine his engineering education with his interests in the natural world. He wants to integrate the natural and the built worlds in developing countries. He also wants to try to restructure already developed societies that lack greenspace. Adam, passionate about music, is in the marching band, the wind symphony, and lives in the music dorm. He thanks our class for supporting his Cornell Education!

Facebook



The 85+ 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, just mere months 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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55th Reunion



June 6-9, 2019

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Cornell Class of 1964

News! - Spring 2019

Reminisce, Reconnect, and Celebrate!

Our 55th Reunion is June 6-9, 2019

"Reunion should be a week long!" said a classmate on Sunday morning of our very successful 50th Reunion. Yes, it was hard to leave -- but we'll soon be on campus again! Hundreds of your classmates and thousands of other alumni will attend one of the largest and most extensive reunions in the world. The entire university opens its doors and rolls out the welcome mat with dozens of activities, athletic events, lectures, tours, and meals to attend.

End your evenings at the Tent Parties on the Arts Quad or at headquarters where we will have refreshments available, or do both. We've tried to leave you plenty of free time to enjoy the campus, get together with friends, and soak up the atmosphere of your old Cornell, Ithaca, and Collegetown haunts. Enjoy the old, admire the new, and return home refreshed and inspired by this lively weekend at the scene of our youth.

Help us **BREAK** the Cornell 55th Reunion record by having **180** classmates return in June. Whether it's someone from your freshman corridor, a member of an affinity group, or someone you sat next to in a lecture, call or e-mail to invite him or her to join us. To help build turnout, we invite you to contact members of an **Affinity Group** (i.e., your major, sports team, Greek house, music group, club, etc.) to make sure they'll be attending. Nancy Butler can provide the names and contact info: nanbutler64@gmail.com.

Questions about reunion? Contacts are Carolyn Whitman (csw54@comcast.net), Reunion Chair, for general topics, or Barbara Brim (barbarabrim@comcast.net), Reunion Registration Chair, about registration and housing.

If not now, when?

The Reunion Campaign

We'll soon be celebrating our 55th Reunion!

As a Reunion class, I hope we can be even more generous in giving back to the University that brought us all together and educated us. Help us continue our great tradition of leadership in both the amount that the Class of 1964 gives to Cornell each year as well as the percentage of classmates who contribute.

Any contribution, as large as a gift at the Tower Club level (\$5,000) or at the level of \$25, makes a difference.

When you give to the Cornell Annual Funds, the scope of learning and opportunity offered by Cornell can flourish for our extraordinarily diverse students, disciplines and faculty, who, together with our alumni, are changing the world through research, the humanities and the arts.

Please continue our tradition of supporting our own legacy of generosity by giving to the Annual Funds or to any area of Cornell about which you are passionate -- including our own JFK Memorial Award and Cornell Tradition Fellowship.

To learn more, see the "Dues and Giving" tab at our Class website.

CLASS OF 1964 JOHN F KENNEDY MEMORIAL AWARD: UPDATE

The winner of the 2018 JFK Award could not have been a timelier choice. **Salma Shitia**, a Near Eastern Studies major in the College of Arts and Sciences, is devoting herself to advancing the rights of refugees nationally and internationally. Born and raised in Connecticut and now pursuing a career in clinical legal education, Salma's goal as a lawyer is in part to help supervise law students pursuing pro bono work in labor, immigration and asylum. The purpose is to provide free legal consultation and representation for those who cannot afford it, experience for law students aspiring to a public service career, and educational opportunities for Salma to learn from her students.

Salma was the founder of Cornell Welcomes Refugees, a group dedicated to refugee advocacy, philanthropy and awareness, in which she interacted with refugees seeking asylum in Ithaca. The many other leadership roles she held is impressive as well: President of the Arab Student Association; student liaison to the downtown non-profit Ithaca Welcomes Refugees; translator-interpreter with the Cornell Law School International Refugee Assistance Project; legal intern for the Law School's Labor Law Clinic; Residential Advisor for the Arabic Language House; Research and Teaching Assistant in the Near Eastern Studies Department, and Executive Board Member of the Meinig Family Cornell National Scholars. She is a member of Mortar Board der Hexenkreis; Phi Beta Kappa, and Quill and Dagger.



In her JFK application, Salma pointed out that the refugee crisis is not new. However, she noted that new identifies, countries, and regions are exacerbating the situation, even with many refugees "being offered rights of return by international courts and bodies. Only by reflecting on history, making ourselves accountable for our actions, and acknowledging those we are complacent [about], can we even begin to take a step in the right direction," she concluded. Salma is now a law student at Georgetown University. In an update for our JFK history, she reports that in addition to the Global Law Scholars Program she will be pursuing, she was selected to be a fellow for Georgetown Law's Public Interest Fellowship Program. "I was also selected for the law school's first service trip to Dilley, TX to provide legal representation for detained families in the South Texas Residential Family Center, following

allegations that a migrant child had died after release due to conditions at the detention center." This summer Salma will work for the US Securities and Exchange Commission, prosecuting white collar crime; following that she will become a volunteer at the Robert F Kennedy Human Rights Foundation.

Salma joins a long line of JFK Award winners committed to securing the rights of all, whether by consolidating democracy at home or working to protect and extend the welfare of people worldwide.

Once again, we are in selection mode, this for the 2019 award, our 64th, which will be awarded in May.

Contributions to sustain this level of activity are welcome. You can make a donation through the Class web page: www.cornell1964.org/jfk/jfk-donate.html or via your annual dues renewal form.

The future of the Class of 64 JFK Award is an important subject currently under discussion. You are encouraged to join the conversation on reunion weekend at the Class Forum, to take place at the class headquarters, Alice Cook House Reunion, on Friday morning, June 7. Classmates Judie Pink Gorra, Tim Davis, Stan Morgenstein and Cindy Wolloch will be joined by award alumni Jared Genser, JFK '95, Katie Dealy, JFK 2000, and Phil Caruso, JFK 2008, members of the JFK Award review and selection committee. We hope to include our 2019 winner at this event as well. Finally, we have updated *The JFK Award, the History and Grantees*, the book distributed at our 50th reunion. The new edition lists awardees from 2013 to the present and updates previous entries. Many of the JFK awardees have had extraordinary accomplishments that make for fascinating reading. These include filmmakers, the Chancellor of the New York City School System, and the founder of the US Grameen Foundation. Some of the newer awardees include a disability rights advocate and two advisors to the United States Senate. Classmates who will not be attending reunion can request a copy of the book by emailing me at cwolloch@yahoo.com.

Cynthia Wolloch, JFK Memorial Award Chair

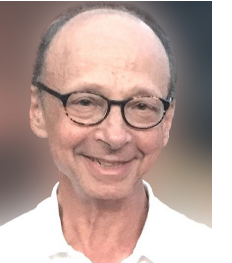
President's Letter

Hello Classmates,

This year it's all about Reunion, our 55th (or 11th, if you're counting). Either way, we'll have more free time than at the 50th, great for catching up with friends, exploring the campus, attending University events, even dancing late night in the Arts Quad tents. See the Reunion article in this newsletter, and check out our class website for the latest info.

I feel honored to have been your class president over the past five years. The engagement and teamwork of our class leaders have been brilliant, much more than I could have expected. Thanks to them and our Class Council for the good run. At Reunion, you'll elect and meet our new class officers for 2019-24.

I hope to see you at Reunion! **Bruce Wagner, Class President**



Ken Kupchak and Michael Troner



Barbara Sarkus Busch and Barbara Lutz Brim



Group Gab!

Membership Report

Another year when '64 dues paying membership numbers stand out from other classes. Of 75 classes we are #3 with participation from 437 classmates. And Let's not forget, we draw from a smaller pool of classmates than younger classes.

Shall we strive to be #1?

We moved up from #5 in 2017 to #3 in 2018

It's 2019, 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: cornell1964.org Dues and giving drop down menu. The magazine comes to your mailbox 6 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. Hope to see you all at our 55th Reunion, June 6 -9.

Barbara Lutz Brim, Cornell '64 Treasurer

Linda Cohen Meltzer, Cornell '64 Membership Chair