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*Lets continue
the tradition
for the 60th!*

Membership Report

Another year when '64 dues-paying membership numbers stand out from other classes! Of 75 classes we are #5 with participation from 407 classmates. And let's not forget, we draw from a smaller pool of classmates than younger classes.

Let's strive to do even better in 2020!

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 using the Dues and Giving drop down menu.

The magazine comes to your mailbox six times a year. Each issue contains numerous interesting articles to keep 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, Cornell '64 Treasurer



Linda Cohen Meltzer, Cornell '64 Membership Chair

CU on Facebook and Thank You!

The 90 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!

If you haven't already, check out the album of our 55th Reunion in June. To join us, go to facebook.com/groups/cornell1964 or our website. We hope you'll want to stay connected!

Special thanks to all those classmates who contacted their affinity groups about attending Reunion. I especially liked hearing from one volunteer about how much she enjoyed making her calls. And then from another volunteer: "Several in my group are 'holding out for the 60th!'" On that optimistic note, let's all look forward to doing this again in 2024!

Nancy Taylor Butler, Affinity Chair



Key Portals

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News! - Spring 2020

President's Message

These two pictures from our 55th, one of Carolyn Whitman, our reunion chair, being serenaded by the Sherwoods and the other of your incoming president sneaking away for yet another visit to Taughannock Falls between class gatherings, exemplify for me the joy of sharing with each of you once more. **Mahalo nui loa** to Carolyn and the 30-40 classmates who chipped in to make this a beautifully-run and treasured experience.

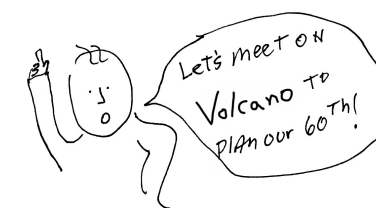
As has become the rule, Cindy Wolloch orchestrated yet another great panel revolving around our signature legacy, the John F. Kennedy Memorial Award presented to graduating seniors with a demonstrated commitment to public service. This in turn led us to ponder who will keep the award going. And, for that matter, what happens to the various class funds, if any, which remain unspent on our various endeavors? Good questions for sure and regarding which your thoughts are always appreciated.

Because we have more than four years to plan our next reunion, we decided not to convene a class gathering in conjunction with the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference when it met this February in Las Vegas. But as we ponder the Class of 1964's legacy, we will be gathering in mid-Spring on the East Coast, where many, but not all of us, are located to "talk story," Hawaiian for sharing, regarding the path ahead for us.

Carolyn, who makes things happen on time, on budget and with her signature warmth, has agreed to reprise as Reunion Chair. So mark June 6-9, 2024, for our 60th!



Aloha from Volcano, Hawaii, Ken Kupchak



55th Reunion - It was Great!

Sunny skies and comfortable temperatures provided the perfect setting for the 120 or so classmates and their guests who participated in Class of '64 and University organized activities including campus bus and walking tours, special music events, lectures and panel discussions. Highlights included:

- Caps to identify us as members of the Class of 1964 donated by Mark Colman.
- 50th Reunion slide show featuring photos by classmate Bob Friedenson. (Photos included with this article are also provided by Bob.)
- A very **special and important** JFK Memorial Award panel discussion organized by Cindy Wolloch. (See Cindy's article for details.)
- Architecture walking tour of the Arts Quad.
- Glee Club's 150th Anniversary Concert and Cornelliana night.
- Olin Lecture Speaker, former National Security Advisor, Stephen J. Hadley.
- Canoeing on Beebe Lake led by Alice Friedenson.
- Sherwoods performance at our Saturday night banquet.



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55th Reunion continued...

Our accommodations in Alice Cook House provided a large lounge area where small groups could congregate to reconnect and reminisce. It was relaxed and cheery, thanks to the decorating skills of our student clerks. In fact, we were congratulated by visitors from other classes for the festive, comfortable atmosphere.

While attendance was low (not unexpected for a 55th reunion), the survey for the Class of 1964, conducted by Alumni House, was overwhelmingly positive. 100% of the 1964's responding to the survey said they would recommend attending Reunion to others.

In addition to the individuals named above, many classmates--too many to list here--contributed to the success of this reunion. There was a dedicated group of fund raisers and affinity group recruiters as well as workers who arrived early to set up the reception and lounge areas in the dorm. The core year-long planning group who assisted me deserve special thanks: Bruce Wagner for email blasts, Susie Holden for meal planning, and Linda Meltzer for organizational detail.

Carolyn Stewart Whitman, Reunion Chair

If you were unable to attend, enjoy the fun vicariously through these photos:



Class of 1964 John F. Kennedy Memorial Award

By Cynthia Wolloch

Our JFK Award was once again a Reunion highlight, where a vibrant panel of past JFK Award winners made a strong case for heightening the award's visibility. One outcome was a change in the competition schedule from spring to fall, to increase application numbers and position our winner to be on campus for a semester before leaving Cornell. Last spring we made our 64th award. This winter, drawing from a rich and much enlarged applicant pool, we awarded numbers 65 and 66. The opportunity to make two full grants arose this year, which we were able to do on a one-time basis. The award level remains at \$15,000.



To continue the visibility initiative, the Class, in cooperation with the Public Service Center, held a JFK Award celebration at the Statler on February 27th of this year. The event, organized by JFK 2000 award winner Katie Dealy Polansky, brought students, faculty and administrators together for the introduction of our two newest awardees, followed by a conversation about public service with four award alumni, hosted by Vice President Emerita Susan Murphy. Our hope is that this event has brought the award to the attention of the University community in ways that will contribute to cementing the Class of 1964's legacy and promote greater institutional support in coming years.

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JFK Memorial continued...

Our three latest awardees all find their service outlets in health care. Our JFK 2019 award winner is **Nicole Agaronnik**, a Nutritional Sciences major in the School of Human Ecology, whose life's work integrates the arts and medicine by shining a new light on people with disabilities, using wheelchair ballroom dance to stretch public understanding and to educate the medical profession. In selecting Nicole, the JFK review committee cited her skill at turning her own challenge into an opportunity, her stunning early leadership in a field largely of her own making, and the discipline she has shown in sustaining her academic standing while publishing in peer-reviewed journals, choreographing, dancing, teaching and conducting research. One of Nicole's referees spoke to her empathy with and advocacy for persons with disability who confront "persistent social and environmental barriers to securing their basic human rights." The referee spoke to the heightened empowerment experienced by Nicole's students and concluded that "Nicole Agaronnik has demonstrated a multi-level, creative and passionate commitment to advancing the civil and human rights of persons with disability, supporting their full participation in community life." Nicole spent a gap year working at Massachusetts General Hospital on an NIH grant and preparing to apply to joint MD/MPH Programs.



Dalton Price, one of our 2020 awardees, is an Anthropology major in the College of Arts and Sciences and a proud first-generation college student. When he entered Cornell, he already had a well-grounded interest in healthcare, being both fascinated with and overwhelmed by the system's complexity. He thus strategically mapped out his undergraduate experience to work in all aspects of healthcare. Dalton has worked on patient advocacy and policy with The diaTribe Foundation, biotechnology and intellectual property with The Microbiome Coalition, public health strategy and Medicaid finance with Aetna, international coordination and infectious disease control with the World Health Organization, biomedical and economics research at four academic institutions, and clinical work at Halifax Medical Center. He also received funding to write a book for students about the US healthcare system, to be published in 2020. Dalton noticed many cross-industry themes in this work, including a fear of becoming political, and humanitarianism's all-too-frequent failures and role in upholding an unequal global status quo. Dalton was awarded four prestigious fellowships and scholar awards and nearly ten research grants. His service impulse is exhibited in YouResearch, a nonprofit he founded to empower high school students through real world research opportunities. After graduation, Dalton will move to the UK and begin his PhD in Anthropology at either Oxford or Cambridge where he plans to study the humanitarian response to the unprecedented political crisis in Venezuela. After completing his PhD, he will begin medical school at Mount Sinai's Icahn School of Medicine in New York City.



Connell Rae, our other 2020 award winner, is an Applied Economics and Management major in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. An ROTC student, he was awarded the Distinguished Military Graduate and Superior Cadet Awards and is an inductee in Scabbard and Blade. Before beginning Cornell, he attended the Morris County NJ Fire Academy and worked as a volunteer firefighter for the Millington Fire Department, where he served as Captain of firefighters under age 18. As an Army ROTC Cadet, Connell ranks first in his class and tenth in the nation, served as a military ambassador to the Peruvian Army, and, as Battalion Commander at Cornell, mentors younger cadets. Connell's passion is veterans' rights and, in particular, veterans' mental health. He has found that, despite the billions of dollars expended on the VA Healthcare system, veterans often find themselves bereft of assistance and having to fend for themselves as they struggle with the aftermath of their service. As a volunteer firefighter, he was exposed to the harsh reality of drug abuse firsthand, specifically opioid addiction. As he transitions to military service after graduation, he will work to actively combat addiction, train soldiers and veterans in the use of Narcan, and connect them with resources nationwide. Besides his ROTC work, Connell is a student athlete, member of the All-academic Collegiate Sprint Football League, and winner of the Rick Casselman Coaches Award. Connell's academic credentials match his service record, as he maintains a 3.9 average and served as a Teaching Assistant in the rigorous undergraduate Dyson School.

Photo: Cornell Athletics



Once again, we ask for contributions to the JFK Memorial Award endowment to sustain and grow the enhanced level of activity begun in the past year. Annual gifts, made through the Class web page: <http://www.cornell1964.org/jfk/jfk-donate.html> or via your annual dues renewal form, are welcome. Equally so are legacy gifts, through the Office of Trusts, Estates and Gift Planning. <https://giving.cornell.edu>. The updated book, *The JFK Award, the History and Grantees*, is still available. You may request a copy by writing to cwolloch@yahoo.com.