

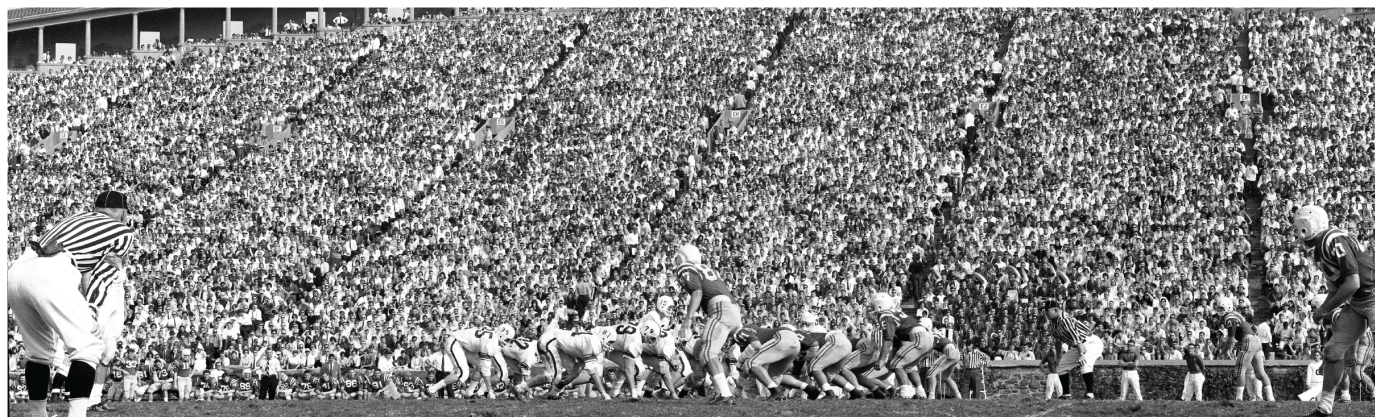
Membership Report

There is still a good deal of confusion about the new, free, digital alumni news site, CORNELLIANs: <https://alumni.cornell.edu/cornellians/>. Check it out! In addition to numerous stories and articles, you will find links to CLASS NOTES and IN MEMORIAM near the bottom of the home page. There is a Cornellians print digest published 4x a year for \$36. This year's subscription window is closed, but watch for updates for subscribing next year or email alumni-pubs@cornell.edu with questions.

Membership in all classes was down again last year, but we did better than most. We were #4 out of 75 classes with 314 dues payers. We thank you all but do hope that this year we can bring our numbers closer to our usual higher level.

Dues are tax deductible, and the convenient Auto Renewal is again an option. Dues help to defray some of the costs for reunion fees, outreach to classmates, class events, mailings, and class projects, so we hope you will decide to support the Class of '64 and Cornell by choosing to pay them. Also, don't forget to continue to submit news to Bev Johns Lamont. As always, thanks for your support of Cornell and our Class.

Barbara Lutz Brim and Linda Cohen Meltzer



Class Notes

Many thanks to all of you who sent in news for the bi-monthly class column. As a refresher to get to Class Notes, begin with our class website (cornell1964.org). Click on "Class Notes" under Cornellians, select the month and year you want, then choose "1960s" from the list of decades on the left, and scroll down to "1964." At the bottom of each of our columns, there is a link you can use to send me news, if that's convenient; but, as before, I prefer that you use the tried-and-true news form that comes with this publication, because it has built-in prompts. That said, if you have an especially long or special news report to relate, send me a direct email at blamont64@comcast.net. I look forward to lots of news, and thank you in advance!

Bev Johns Lamont

CU on Facebook

Members of our Facebook group are staying in touch with classmates and learning about Cornell happenings, including a wide variety of successes, challenges, and opportunities.

Posts that were the "most-read" (60 or more views) over the last two years are about "the LaFeber Posse," Nancy Parker's obituary, Linda Meltzer's birthday, Cornell Tech, Len Berman's obituary, our "Alma Mater," our JFK Award, Bruce Wagner's Rhodes Award, fish noises on NPR's "Science Friday," Community Engagement, new Dean of Faculty Eve de Rosa, Julie Adams Strandberg's Rosenberger Medal of Honor from Brown University, Cornell Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy, Feeney Way, new residential halls, the Mars Perseverance, the '64 Tradition Fellow, various classmates' vacations, and snowy Ithaca!

Log in, and share your ideas, news, memories, and photos. Go to: www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964 to join!

Nancy Taylor Butler

60th Reunion
June 6-9, 2024



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Cornell Class of 1964

News - Spring 2023

President's Message

60th Reunion, JFK Award Transition, Business Meeting in June 2023!

Ahh, Hawaii, far from Cayuga's Waters--fire and ice; an eruption within a mile of our home in Volcano to which we walk and gawk most nights; snow-capped Maunas Loa and Kea, also spy-able from our home. Ithaca weather report today--wind chill in the double negative digits--been there, done that. Every one of the seven years that Patty and I spent at Cornell, it went down to a minus 26 degrees, without wind chill accoutrements (Global Warming!).

Patty and I hope to join some of you at this coming Reunion as eavesdroppers on the Class of '63's 60th. What with our 60th being a short year later, we need to make sure that Cornell has all of the OSHA required ADA badges of seasoned graduates and, either in Ithaca or in New York City around early June, hold a Class Business Meeting--be there or be square!

Carolyn Whitman is scoping out ideas as we begin planning for the 60th. Put our 60th Reunion, June 6-9, 2024, on your calendars. If you are interested in helping out, let us know!

In the meantime, Cindy Wolloch and I have been putting the final touches, we hope, on the transition of the Cornell Class of 1964's John F. Kennedy Memorial Award to a stand alone perpetual Board, at least three-quarters of which will be composed of our former award winners. What better way to kick off legacy-building efforts, knowing that, as we sunset, like-minded people will carry on the JFK Award with our full spirit while fulfilling our intent! Please consider assigning some of those 401K/IRA mandatory distributions to '64's JFK Award! Let's ensure that the award continues to lead the way and we transition in our own ways.

Aloha, Ken Kupchak, Scoring Four! (Or is that Four Score?)



On the summit of the
world's most active
volcano, Kilauea; our
Big Red!

Birds of a Feather

Ken has volunteered at the Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge for decades. With others, he and Patty have propagated and planted over 600,000 indigenous trees, 90% of those that are now in the refuge. Ken notes, "The forest has come back to Hakalau, and with it the [endangered native] birds. They've come back to new trees, and they've nested."



akiapola'au,
the Hawaiian Honeycreeper



Class of 1964 John F. Kennedy Memorial Award

Once again, our JFK Award breaks boundaries. As in recent years, our selected winner is steeped in the pressing issues of the day. This year the Award committee unanimously voted to honor Natalia Urbas, a Materials Science and Engineering student. An outstanding engineer and member of Navy ROTC, Natalia is one of only six Navy ROTC graduates nationwide to be selected as a nuclear engineer with Naval Reactors, the Navy's nuclear propulsion program headquarters in Washington. Yet, it is not for this assignment alone that she set her sights on the JFK Award. From an early age, Natalia has committed herself to encouraging and uplifting other young women of color by mentoring them in STEM fields. Her application is full of examples of how she has actualized this passion and how she proposes to continue to do so. A credible role model herself, she plans to use the award funds "to launch programs and infrastructure that support underrepresented minorities interested in pursuing careers in research and technology, specifically those interested in military and government positions...My goal is to empower women of color to see themselves in science, government and public service." She will use the funds to begin working outside her Navy hours to create STEM mentorship opportunities for young women in Washington and is already in touch with a promising sponsoring institution.

At Cornell, Natalia brought to life a women's wrestling club, reinvigorated her housing coop and brought it back to solvency, and implemented a mentorship program for underrepresented minorities in materials science while serving as a teaching assistant in the Department. She is inspired by President Kennedy's example of setting big goals and inspiring others to follow. One of her professors observed that "Natalia's pedagogical philosophy is unusually well-developed for a person at her career stage," and called her efforts "some of the most significant diversity and inclusion initiatives undertaken by an undergraduate ever in our department." Her ROTC Commander called her a leader among her peers, and said that the military, because of its racial and socio-economic diversity, would be a great place for her to pursue her passion.

Natalia will receive her Award at the Einhorn Center's awards lunch in April, where she will be honored along with winners of other significant prizes and with faculty members who have received grants for engaged learning initiatives across their departments.

What lies ahead for the JFK Award? The 2024 awardee will be the 70th in our 60 years of Class history. Think about it! The Award committee, composed of three classmates—Judie Pink Gorra, Stan Morgenstein and me, and dedicated Award alumni—Karl Hausker '79, Jared Genser, '95, Katie Dealy, '00, Itai Dinour, '01, and Phil Caruso, '08, will continue to manage the award until our 60th Reunion. At that point, a comprehensive plan the committee, along with your Class Officers, has been working on for the past year will become a reality. The Class will be succeeded in its oversight of the Award by the Class of 1964 JFK Award Board, led by Katie Dealy as Chair and composed primarily of past Award winners, with Class presence diminishing to zero no later than our 65th.

Katie is the Director of Engagement for U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthy. In this role, she leads a team to design and execute the Surgeon General's external engagements and collaborations to improve the health and well-being of the American public. Katie earned her BA in Government and served on the Cornell Board of Trustees, the Student Assembly, the President's Council of Cornell Women, and was a member of Quill & Dagger. Katie earned an MA from Columbia University and remains active in public service initiatives at Cornell. With such devoted and energetic alumni governance, our Senior Class gift will have morphed into a University-recognized entity imbued with the Class's spirit and driven by those best placed to carry it forward. We are still discussing the details of this plan with the University Administration. You will learn more about it and the Board leadership in a future communication. We are also in the early planning stages of the JFK component of our 60th Reunion. Stay tuned, and, as ever, thank you for continuing to support your Class of 1964 JFK Memorial Award for Public Service.

Cynthia Wolloch



Natalia Urbas

Planning for our 60th Reunion

June 6-9, 2024

Our 60th reunion is next year! Planning in earnest begins this fall. This is the time to make suggestions. What turns you on now that we have reached the four-score plateau? If partying in the tents on the quad is no longer your cup of tea, is your preference lectures/wine tastings/canoing or simply stargazing? Contact Carolyn Stewart Whitman at csw48@cornell.edu or [603-443-2098](tel:603-443-2098) with your ideas. And spread the word! Encourage your friends to come back to enjoy a weekend of fun and nostalgia.

Carolyn Stewart Whitman

Cornell Tradition Fellow

You may not be aware that in addition to our Class of '64 JFK Memorial Award, we have a designated Class of '64 Cornell Tradition Fellow each year, chosen by the University. Again this year, our awardee is **Taylor Stewart**, a sophomore animal science major from Brooklyn who plans to attend veterinary school. "My dream is to become a wildlife veterinarian with a specialization in conservation. Since coming to Cornell I've had so many opportunities to see and work with animals inside and outside of the classroom that I would not have been able to achieve in the city, so I'm really grateful for your support."

Taylor's lovely thank you letter to our Class continues, "Studying at Cornell has...made me realize that I am interested in learning more about marine biology and want to make that part of my career as well...I can't wait to learn more about how ocean ecosystems work and...to take summer classes at Shoals Marine Laboratory...Thank you so much for your generosity."



Katie Dealy, '00, JFK Award Alumna, becomes Chair of the Class of 1964 JFK Award Board in June, 2024

Our Libe Tower as seen from Olin Library



The Annual Fund

Hello Classmates!

The approach of our 60th Reunion is an excellent time to reflect upon the past and contemplate the future. As we think about our college days, we believe that certain events remain strong in our collective memory. We are struck by how the shock and tragedy of John F Kennedy's assassination inspired us to positive action. As a Class, we established the JFK Memorial Award during our Senior Year. Every year since then it has honored a Cornell senior who has demonstrated commitment to the fields of government and/or public service. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you can read about the dedicated efforts of our classmates who have administered and nurtured the Award over these many years. You can also learn about the outstanding men and women who have been Award recipients.

Let's uphold and support our youthful ideals. Please consider making a significant gift to the JFK Memorial Award. Qualified and committed public service advocates are now more critical than ever. Help us establish the Award as our legacy to Cornell and to our country. Help us in our goal to substantially raise the amount of the JFK award and ensure its perpetuity. When you are asked to donate to Cornell, go to the Class of 1964 link (cornell1964.org) and make your generous contribution. With great appreciation and anticipation!

Michael Troner MD and Phyllis Rivkin Goldman