

Alumni News



Tessa Stolz '22 (front left) married Adam Mitchell '23 (front right) on July 12, 2025, in a ceremony that was officiated by Cornell Director of Admission Drew Shradel, who recruited Stolz to attend Cornell and worked with both of them in the Admission Office during their four years on the Hilltop. Many Cornellians were in attendance, including: (from top left) Will Dragon '21, Drake Parks '23, Drew Shradel, John-Michael Osley '20, Jackson Manwaring-Perks '22, Mia McCoy '22, Eli Huckabee '22, Syd King '23, Caroline Justin King '24, Audrey Pagel '24. Second row from left: Maria Thiele '22, Diana Shea '23, Amanda Dragon '22, Michael McAndrew '20, Miranda Hall '22, Shae Hagler '22, Ana Schurr '23, Gabby Garcia '22, Tess Cooper '25.

1940s

Betty Olmsted Bayles '46, Harpursville, New York, turned 100 on Dec. 23, 2024.

1950s

Janice Linsey Rudzik '56, Glendora, California: "My husband and I are in the age and stage of reminiscing now. We are still in our home. The Cornellians I've recently kept in touch with are **Phyllis McCannon Townsend '55** and **Phyllis Hogle Newton '57**—one of my four roommates. **Barbara Klein Johnson '56** and **Nadine Fortna Tope '56**, both roommates, recently passed away."

Dan Kellams '58, Sun City, Arizona, has been elected to the board of directors of Friends of the Sun City Libraries, an organization of nearly 100 volunteers who support the retirement community's two libraries. Dan chairs the public relations committee.

Stan Stevens '58, Sun City, Arizona, reports that his wife, Penny, passed away in November 2024. She donated her body for research of dementia and Parkinson's disease.

1960s

Mary Rice Bandt '61, North Oaks, Minnesota: "I have been doing my best to learn French for the last six years, and ... in September of 2024, my husband, Carl, and I arrived in the beautiful city of Paris, my favorite city. We spent a week enjoying the special sights of this city right after the Olympics and stayed to see the Paralympic Games. Then we rented a car, drove across France, dropped the car off in Salzburg, took the train back to Paris, and flew home. It was a challenge and an adventure, one which our children had not encouraged us to undertake!"

Nancy Ness Broadway '61, Brooklyn, New York, is now a great-grandmother. She writes: "My grandson Shawn and his wife, Tatianna, had a baby last March. Amelia is a wonderful baby. My daughter Kathy and I are planning another short trip to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. Trying my best to clean up my desk, get things filed, and throw a lot of things away."

Carol Parish Compton '61, Madison, Wisconsin, and her husband, Lin, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with two small dinners with family and extended family. Carol and Lin met in 1963 while serving with the Peace Corps in Thailand. They have two sons and four grandchildren.

Ed Haushalter '61, resides with his wife, Susan, in Milford, Ohio, a suburb of Cincinnati, where he has lived for more than 30 years. After graduating from Cornell, he spent most of his working life in health care product sales. Ed was an area sales vice president for Zimmer Orthopedics when he retired, but he previously worked for Calbiochem Diagnostics in California and Georgia, and for Will Ross Hospital Supply in Denver. Since retiring he and his wife have traveled much of the U.S., enjoying many national parks. Ed plays golf two to three times a week and spends time with his 10 grandchildren. Over the past few years, he has had contact with his two former Cornell roommates, **Charles Jurasz '61** and **Don Utroska '60**.

Ort Kolewe '61, Inman, South Carolina: "**Patti Kjeldsen Kolewe '64** and I have moved to South Carolina and are trying to settle in. We are with family, but moving when you are in your 80s is not my recommendation, even if it is for our benefit. It is sunny here, but still cold. It should not bother us since we lived in Minnesota for nearly 50 years. Maybe our attitude will change when the daffodils start blooming."

Gene Brouillette '63 and **Linda Buresh Brouillette '66**, Rio Verde, Arizona, have been married 58 years. They golf a couple of times each week and spend winters in Arizona and summers in Pennsylvania. They enjoy getting together with **Scott McCulley '63**, **Bob Porter '63**, and Marilyn Dorr (wife of the late **Larry Dorr '63**).

Carole Baskerville Carson '63, Castelnau-le-Lez, France: "The fourth novel in the Blackbird quartet, 'The First and Last Lesson,' came out last August. I'm toying with the idea of a fifth book to make the series a quintet, but my writing time is reduced because of social activity now that I've put down roots in southern France. On June 15, 2025, CNN issued a news story about my move from California to France at age 80 to reinvent myself as a writer. They covered my difficulties of being an immigrant, but mainly focused on my productivity—I wrote four novels in three years. The article was about how it is never too late to become the person you always wanted to be."

Ernie Norris '63, Pittsboro, North Carolina: "Ann and I are pleased to say, despite the challenges of having 84+ years of wear and tear on our bodies, we are still managing to keep on keeping on. We moved to the Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill Triangle five years ago from Durango, Colorado, to trade a physically challenging environment for a 'softer' location with a variety of cultural offerings and better health care. It has worked. We are keeping ourselves busy." Ernie also reports that the couple went on a 17-day river cruise to five Eastern European countries.

Joe Gauss '64, Houston, Texas, spent last summer on his island in Canada—fishing, reading, doing maintenance, and upgrading the solar power system. He's also working on the construction of a second sleeping cabin. Back in Houston, he participates in two book clubs and does Zoom meetings

for the Canadian conservation board, which looks after the lake where he lives.

Joanie Kleppinger Jones '67, Santa Barbara, California, reports that she and her husband, Colin, are both doing fine and are trying to slow down from activities, clearing their house, and writing down family history. Joanie is active in the Santa Barbara, California, League of Women Voters, sings in their church choir, and takes singing classes at the community college.

Barbara Whipple '67, Houston, Texas: "In 2024, I had a lot going on with the house—foundation work, tree trimming, sprinkler check and repair, and new grass installed, as the drought really killed my front yard. My only travel was my yearly trip to Cancun. So the only boring, yet happy, news is that I'm staying healthy and active: 4–5 days a week at the YMCA gym and classes, and a new diet."

Paul Stark '68 and **Konnie Kiefer Stark '68**, Haverford, Pennsylvania, attended a memorial service for **Leslie Carlson Hanson '68**, their friend and classmate. The ceremony was held in Wazata, Minnesota. Konnie delivered a tribute. They also enjoyed visiting with **Cheryl Fritz Long '68** and Greg Long, who came from Des Moines.

Carla Orr '69, Saint Jo, Texas: "After graduating in 1969 with a B.A. in English, I later earned an MBA in accounting at North Texas State University. I worked as an accountant for the Dallas Community College District and Southern Methodist University for the past 20 years. My husband, Terry Fender, and I live on 60 acres south of Saint Jo, Texas, where my mother grew up. I have a daughter and four grandsons who live far away in Boise, Idaho."

1970s

Corrie Root Grummon '70, Broomfield, Colorado: "For **Steve Grummon '69** and me, family, friends, travel, and giving back increasingly is the answer to that question of how we spend the golden years of our lives. While time with our six grandchildren is at the center of our lives, this coming year we hope to combine those goals by volunteering locally and by connecting with family, many from the Peace Corps, high school, Cornell, and D.C. days. An exciting part of the goal will involve an extensive road trip."

John McClelland '73, Springfield, Virginia, retired on Jan. 3, 2025, after 38 years working in Washington, D.C.

William F. Rapier '73, Plano, Texas, spoke with 10 classes of 6th graders about geology and mining at his granddaughter's school in Trophy Club, Texas, in May 2025. "Trying to keep the attention of 11 to 12-year-old students was quite engaging and demanding, but I had several students who wrote they would think strongly about a career in geology and mining. Plus, according to my granddaughter, I did not embarrass her by my presentation and discussions. Win-win."

Mariclare Thomas '73, Lincoln, Nebraska, finished 42 years of practicing law in 2020. Mariclare attends Osher Lifelong Learning Institute classes through the University of Nebraska's education department via Zoom. She reports that she has home health aids to help with tasks and errands during the week.

Bettina Sawhill Espe '74, Deerfield, New York, retired on July 1, 2025. For the last four and a half years, she assisted the University of Maine System with the financial management of one of the campuses. "It's been wonderful, but I can honestly say that I am happily done."

Ted Browne '75, Kamas, Utah: "The first two of our 12 grandchildren are getting married in September on back-to-back weekends in Louisville and Greenville. Both of these young men grew up in Turkey, recently graduated from college in the U.S., and are marrying American girls. Tricia and I have traveled the world, but we love to spend our summers at our home in Park City. I am looking forward to attending my 50th class reunion in October."

Barb Mapes Arieti '76, Farmville, Virginia, is on the board of two nonprofits: the Heart of Virginia Free Clinic, doing clerical and eligibility work, and P.E. Kids, a charity Barb co-founded that helps students who don't have necessities, like basic hygiene and clothing, to attend school with dignity. She and her husband, Jim, have two children, Samuel, a tax attorney, and Ruthie, a scientist for the patent office. After earning her master's in counseling, she spent her career supporting at-risk students in the county schools and retired in 2019. Barb writes of her time right after Cornell: "My husband and I spent a year in Texas in 1977, where I became one of the first women professional firefighters in Texas and the nation. To qualify meant that I had to pass a rigorous physical exam. Fortunately, I'd been on Cornell's first women's basketball team, which enabled me to pass with flying colors, even outperforming many of the male recruits!"

Dennis Goettsch '76, Long Lake, Minnesota, writes that he reconnected with **Tom McInerney '76** two years ago; Tom organized mini-reunions at Twins games the past couple of Augusts. Attending, alongside Dennis and Tom, were **Dave Welter '76**, **Blake Barnes '76**, **Dave Gant '76**, **Tim Maaske '76**, and **Dave Hansen '73**.

David Korslund '76, Amsterdam, Netherlands, continues to enjoy retirement with active volunteer work as a board member of BRAC

International, and as a board member and treasurer for both the John Adams Institute and a local organic market in his neighborhood. "I guess old bankers don't really retire; they just become treasurers of various organizations."

Chris Latham '76, Marion, Massachusetts, is fully retired near the Cape, where he and his wife, Cindy, have lived for over 30 years. They enjoy time with their two grandchildren. Chris volunteers and enjoys golf, tennis, the arts, and sailing. "Since graduation my professional life started with a very brief stint as a medical illustrator. I then had an opportunity to spend a year traveling as a development associate for my prep school, Holderness School. That experience convinced me that I needed to acquire some practical knowledge of business and finance, thus enrolling in a banking management program. After three years, I was recruited as the director of development for Holderness. From there, I continued a 45-year career in nonprofit fundraising working for Holderness, Dartmouth College, Tabor Academy, and finally retiring from Taft School in 2019."

Tim Maaske '76, Coon Rapids, Minnesota, and his wife, Deb, their son, Mike, their daughter, Meredith, and son-in-law, Jason Phillips, traveled to Costa Rica to celebrate Tim and Deb's 45th wedding anniversary and both of their 70th birthdays.

Jim Swift '76, Edina, Minnesota, continues as professor in the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, where he's been since 1989. He's a fellow of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS). In 2024, the AAOMS dedicated its annual meeting in his name, the highest honor the association bestows. Jim's research interests have been in the study of inflammatory mediators of pain, and he has concentrated his research on pain and pain management.

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Rob Poggenklass '03, Dorothy Vawter '75, President Jonathan Brand, Sheila Kruse Boyce '85 (from left).

Cornell proudly honored these alumni during Homecoming 2025

Dorothy Vawter '75 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Shortly after graduating from Cornell, Vawter served as a research assistant on the Belmont Report, a landmark document in research ethics. She has held appointments in bioethics at five medical schools, published over 60 scholarly works, served on the staff of three federal advisory boards for developing policy recommendations for the protection of human subjects, and is the Minnesota Center for Health Care Ethics' senior ethics and health policy consultant. Her research interests range from cross-cultural health care ethics to research with human subjects.

Sheila Kruse Boyce '85 LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD

Boyce has been a class agent for over 25 years, helping to foster deep connections within the Class of 1985. Boyce and her husband founded DeepStream Designs, a company committed to sustainable design principles. The company has major contracts with Disney, several international airports, and luxury properties around the country. Their work contributes to the protection and preservation of both land and ocean ecosystems.

Rob Poggenklass '03 LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD

Since 2008 Poggenklass has worked with people directly impacted by the criminal legal system. He currently serves as the executive director of Justice Forward Virginia, a criminal

justice reform organization founded by public defenders. Throughout his career, Rob has found countless avenues to contribute to the legal justice field from direct representation of individuals unable to afford legal counsel to policy advocacy at the ACLU of Virginia, Iowa Legal Aid, the Legal Aid Justice Center, and as a public defender.

Kahn Branch '16 YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Since 2012 Branch has served as a national volunteer for the YMCA, demonstrating a commitment to youth development and youth advocacy. Following graduation, he moved to Washington, D.C. and has made his career in the legal field, currently working at the global law firm of McDermott Will & Emery.

Class of 1975 50th Reunion

FRONT ROW (from left): Marcia Small, Dan Heller, Nancy Rawson, Jan Hofford Birkhofer, Dorothy Vawter, Sue Schuler Glenn, Jane Southwood, Sarah Russell Oswald, Nancy Wickersham Haaheim.

ROW 2: Deb Miller Van Dyke, Yvonne Bauer Livingston, Tom Olson, Robin Vessels Olson, Janet Groves Luisi, Pete Oswald, Frank Howard, Sharon Goodwin Fogleman, Rick Cell.

ROW 3: R.J. Nellis, Alice Alexander, Jackie Wright Weissenburger, Jane Zanotti, Paula Rimmer, Sarah Dom Sobocinski, Becky Klem Mills, Mark Dostal, Chip Scholl.

ROW 4: Ted Browne, Craig Kouba, Bill Smale, Kathy Sidles, Randall Davidson, Jim McClellan, Bob Pierce, Fleming El-Amin.



Taylor Dicus Connor '15, Pete Stachow '86, Nick Nothern '10, Kylea Weber Brautigam '15 (from left).

4 Rams join the Athletics Hall of Fame

Pete Stachow '86

Stachow became the first athlete in Midwest Conference (MWC) history to earn all-conference honors in two sports in the same season. He is Cornell's first soccer player to earn four first team all-conference awards and led the Rams to their only MWC title in 1982. Cornell's 1986 Sportsman of the Year also established himself among football's all-time kicking greats, helping the Rams to a 16-3 record over two seasons.

Nick Nothern '10

Nothern was a centerpiece to Cornell's most successful four-year wrestling run at the Division III level. He was a four-time NCAA qualifier at 133 pounds and earned all-America accolades in his final three seasons, highlighted by a runner-up finish in 2009. Nothern was voted Cornell's 2007 First-Year Male Athlete of the Year and was ranked No. 1 nationally for a portion of his senior year.

Kylea Weber Brautigam '15

Brautigam was the back row fixture during Cornell's extraordinary volleyball run from 2011-14. The two-time all-American libero was named the 2014 MWC Player of the Year and First Team All-Midwest Region. Brautigam was a four-time all-conference performer and set the program record for digs. She also excelled on the softball diamond, claiming First Team All-MWC honors and guiding the 2015 squad to Cornell's first-ever 30-win season.

Taylor Dicus Connor '15

Connor is one of the most decorated student-athletes in Cornell history, leading the Rams to six MWC championships and five NCAA Tournaments. Her name is etched in the school-record books 51 times for volleyball and basketball. The 2014 all-American middle blocker achieved first team all-conference status in four consecutive volleyball seasons. In basketball, the three-time all-conference center was a key cog on the 2012-13 MWC championship team that qualified for nationals for the first time.

Mark Van Etten '76, Sarona, Wisconsin: “Bev and I did some traveling in 2024, including a visit with **Steve Palmquist '76** and **Nancy Niemann Palmquist '76** at their Brown County, Indiana, cabin that was located in the band of totality to view the total solar eclipse! We were also in New York to meet our second grandchild, born to our older daughter, Sarah, and in Vancouver, Washington, to spend a week with our younger daughter.”

David Welter '76, Cedar Falls, Iowa, has published the fourth book in his series “Reflections from the Home Team.” He writes: “I’m hopeful the book can help provide some positivity and encouragement for those who may be struggling with cancer or, for that matter, any other challenges life may have ‘pitched’ their way!”

Grant Price '77, Warren, New Jersey: “We retired about a year and a half ago. Me from a long career in interventional radiology, and Frances from a long career in the faculty of a family practice residency. We have since been traveling to quite a variety of destinations with an emphasis on going to remote places and a parallel emphasis on catching up with old friends. When at home, we occupy ourselves with just about everything. Most recently, we hosted our son’s wedding in our yard, our first experience as wedding planners.”

Randi Lewis '78, Denver, Colorado: “Last September in Grand Lake, Colorado, a fabulous time of fun, connecting, and enjoying nature in the Rocky Mountains was had by Arrows **Randi Lewis '78**, **Mary Lansing '78**, **Jane Gowing '79**, **Ruth Box Westfall '78**, **Susan Gross Olezene '78**, and **Claudia Wegrzyn Carle '78**. We saw spectacular fall colors riding the gondola at Winter Park Ski Resort, took a boat tour of the lake, hiked the Continental Divide, and explored a bit of Rocky Mountain National Park. We ate paella, salmon,

and snacks, drank wine, and laughed, reminisced, and shared nonstop for three days at Randi’s cabin in Grand Lake. We hope to have another adventure in 2026!”

Anne Markham Coffman '79, Chicago, Illinois, continues to enjoy retirement, by volunteering to support refugees and immigrants in Chicago and the suburbs, and by traveling internationally. In November, Anne spent two weeks in Cambodia. She traveled with an organization called Together Women Rise, a nonprofit that provides grants to improve the lives of women and girls in low-income countries. Anne also reports that her daughter and son-in-law recently welcomed their second child, Josephine Grace, and she is looking forward to spending time with the baby and her sister, Claire.

Mark Dunlap '79, Kansas City, Missouri, continues as a grant consultant, but plans to begin easing into retirement in September 2027. He just finished his 13th year in business. Mark says it’s nice to enjoy his work, but that he hopes to start writing for fun and enjoyment soon. Mark has lived in the Kansas City area since 1989 and spends time hanging out with his two dogs, Buddy and Guy.

Ken Golden '79, Gilbert, Arizona, and his wife, Lynne, took a five-week excursion through southern Spain, with stays in Granada, Málaga, and Sevilla. Highlights included the Alhambra palace, the Picasso museum, and a tour of the nearly 1,000-year-old Alcazaba fortress. The Golden says they enjoyed the fine food and wines, as well as tremendous lessons in history and culture.

Cindy Krupa Nacco '79, Danville, Illinois, and her husband of 37 years, spent 2024 crossing items off their bucket list. They visited Hawaii for Christmas and Alaska in June for the summer solstice. While there, they visited a niece stationed in the Coast Guard,

and they ran the Anchorage Half-Marathon while their niece ran the full one. They crossed off two more Major League Baseball stadiums and now have only five left to visit. Cindy’s husband first asked her out due to their shared dream of visiting all the major league stadiums. As they move into retirement, they look forward to spending more time traveling and visiting with family and friends. Cindy rode RAGBRAI (Register’s Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa) for the 8th time with the Cornell RamBRAI team. They love reconnecting with their Cornell family—especially **Greg Andrews '79** and **Tammy Malmberg Andrews '80**, whom they’ve met every summer since 2014. Cindy also reports she will be installed as president of her P.E.O. chapter and of a women’s group called Clover. She also just finished her first year teaching water fitness.

Louis Thompson '79, Flossmoor, Illinois, currently plays in two south suburban jazz ensembles—at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights and South Suburban College in South Holland. Louis stopped playing his trumpet in 1979, but picked it up again in 2010 and enjoys playing the jazz standards with these two groups. At the South Suburban Jazz Festival, with 10 schools participating, Louis won the outstanding soloist award.

1980s

Heather Heusinkueld Anderson '83, San Antonio, Texas: “**Andy Anderson '87** and I have returned from a total of 20 years as Christian missionaries in South Africa. We’ve been living in Texas for the past year and a half, trying to adjust to the culture change. It has allowed us to renew friendships, reconnect with family, and really get to know our three grandsons. Andy is evangelizing for our church, and I continue to teach online, teach aerobic classes, and volunteer to teach art classes at the local jail.”

Julie Dunnwald '84, Newcastle, Washington, reports that a group of Thetas and Arrows recently gathered in Park City to reconnect and reminisce. The beautiful mountain backdrop provided the perfect setting for a weekend of laughter and a celebration of bonds forged during their college years.

Sean Minear '84, Weld, Maine: “After 33 years of teaching a high school culinary arts program, I will retire in June. I will continue my work as president of the Weld Historical Society and will still be digging graves as the sexton of the Mountain View Cemetery here in western Maine. If anyone is visiting Maine, give a shout. I’d love to connect with Cornellians on road trips.”

Gina Barrett '85, Chicago, Illinois, is working to obtain her doctorate in nursing practice from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, which she expects to complete in 2026, before she retires from the University of Illinois Hospital. Her goal is to teach online courses as a professor while traveling and enjoying semi-retirement.

G. Paul Beaumaster '85 and **Susie Wedes Beaumaster '87**, Northfield, Minnesota, went to Spain to ring in the new year with their youngest son, Will. “The food was good, and the museums were even better. Susie had enough of the castles and cathedrals after the first week. Luckily, the markets were also a lot of fun.”

Jay Helgren '85, Plymouth, Minnesota: “I’m loving life in Minneapolis as a self-employed sales and management consultant, with no current plans for retirement. My wife, Kathi, and I just celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary and have three adorable granddaughters, three and under. Making the transition to the next chapter in life has been amazing and fun, and with both of our children nearby in the Twin Cities, we are definitely keeping in shape running after the girls. Go Rams!”

Andrea Herrera '85, Chicago, Illinois: “The past year has been a busy one for me. I worked hard to get my company back on track, and we are making progress. It was a year of local travel, Miami, Key West, Michigan, Wisconsin, Dallas, and Austin, and I finished the year with a quick trip to Bangalore. India was fascinating, beautiful, and chaotic, full of interesting people and places. I coauthored a book in the ‘Lead Like A Woman’ series, with a chapter on tenacity. The second, on gratitude, came out in February 2025. I look forward to catching up with everyone on campus this fall for our 40th!”

Amy Maher '85, Worden, Illinois, has served as a judge in her home county in Southern Illinois for the past four years—the first two in juvenile court and currently in the felony division. After her husband retired, with more than 30 years with the coroner’s office, the couple has enjoyed traveling, including cruises to Alaska and visits to Ireland and England.

Patty Helland '86, Nashville, Tennessee: “I was so excited to be back on campus for Block 6, teaching the Human Resources Management class. Even though it was exceptionally cold in February, it was fun to walk to class every day and be part of campus life again. It was especially great to be able to spend some quality time with my daughter, **Maggie Helland '26**. I plan to teach the same class again next year!”

Anne Simmons '86, Alexandria, Virginia, retired after 38 years on Capitol Hill. Anne started as an intern during her senior year at Cornell for northwest Iowa Congressman Berkley Bedell, joined the congressional staff of Congressman Tim Johnson of South Dakota, and started in the House Agriculture Committee in 1993, where she retired as the democratic staff director. She says she’s looking forward to consulting a little behind the scenes.

Julie Bryant '88, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and husband Brad Oppedahl, along with **Tom Hanschman '88** and wife, Kim, welcomed their first grandson, Henry Peter, on April 2, 2025. Henry’s parents are daughter, Kylie, and her husband, Kyle. “Will Henry be a future Cornell Ram or follow in his parents’ footsteps as a Luther College Norse? Only time will tell! Henry already has the onesies and stuffed animals for either option.”

Hayato Kino '88, Tokyo, Japan, worked at a Japanese investment bank for about 30 years, and then took an opportunity to become a government official. He now works for the Japan Casino Regulatory Commission, in charge of anti-money-laundering supervision for the casino industry in Japan. For fun, Hayato also recently joined a local Tamasudare club in Tokyo to practice Japanese traditional street performance.

Candace Taylor Woods '89, Moline, Illinois, celebrated 17 years of employment at Brooks Law Firm in July 2025. Candace reports: “We are officially empty nesters—well, not counting our four fur babies. Our youngest son enlisted in the Air Force last August. He is currently serving overseas for three years. My oldest son is currently living out East, working for the government. My husband is retired, but I am still working and probably will be for a while. However, I’m hoping to be able to move out of the city into the country soon. It would be nice to have a little more privacy and a slower pace. I would love to live in a town like Mount Vernon or Lisbon. Certainly miss those days at Cornell.”

1990s

Colett Spoor Pfortmiller '90, Somonauk, Illinois, has retired after 33 years of teaching.

Phillip Egelston '91, Rockville, Maryland: “My daughter, Morgan, will be attending Washington University in St. Louis this fall, which means we’ll officially be empty nesters! In the fall, we are looking forward to taking a trip to Italy and Spain. Professionally, I recently celebrated my 10th anniversary of working at Palo Alto Networks. As a senior director and associate general counsel, I currently lead the North American transactional team, which consists of 23 attorneys.”

Lisa Gehrke '91, Itasca, Illinois, celebrated 10 years of her podcast “Double Bubble with Gerk & Keek” about what two women would talk about while having drinks. She describes it as “bawdy, fun, and topical.” It has been a creative outlet as Lisa continues to navigate being a voice-over actor in the world of AI. Finally, Lisa says, “I am so grateful for all of you. Really. My life has been forever molded by the lifelong friendships and the wonderful people I met at Cornell.”

Mindy Kruckenberg '91, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, retired from an illustrious career of teaching high school Spanish at Center Point-Urbana. She has been dabbling in stand-up comedy and enjoying time with her family. Travel is also a passion for Mindy, and she recently enjoyed a road trip to Michigan.

Tricia Gantner Buntin '92 and **Richard Buntin '91**, Minnetonka, Minnesota, are spending most of their retirement on their sailboat. This year they are sailing in Norway, last year they did Sweden and the Baltic countries. They said they are having great adventures and love exploring.

G Zachariah White '96, Minneapolis, Minnesota, is in the middle of their term as 2025 president of the Minnesota Psychological Association.

Virginia Henley Gatz '97, Colorado Springs, Colorado: “I ran into **Mandy Leopoldt Blumreich '97** and **Andy Blumreich '97** at a ZZ Ward concert in Boulder a few months ago, which was a delightful coincidence. I’m still a professional, wet cat wrangler—I mean, family law mediator in Colorado Springs. I’m still trying to keep up with my daughters, Dresden, 12, and Eowyn, 9, while my husband travels the world for work. I still have occasional dreams about being in Professor **Stephen Lacey 65**’s class or about visiting Cornell to search for his notes on Shakespeare. I think of him often, along with the two Professors Hearne and Professor Hamlin.”

Sarah Hauser '97, Allen, Texas: “I am back in the classroom full time teaching art at a middle school in Allen, Texas, and loving it!”

Shane Valentine '97, Austin, Texas, was promoted to vice president at HDR in November 2024. Shane serves as HDR’s South-Central Region environmental services director, where he leads teams across Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and beyond. He also holds the role of office principal for HDR’s Round Rock, Texas, location, in which he helps guide office operations, staff development, and client engagement.

Lauren Buckner '99, Washington, D.C., opened Buckner Consulting PLLC for legal and business consulting, in which Lauren helps female business owners significantly increase their money. She also became an adjunct professor for American University, teaching negotiations for the School of Business.



Cornellians and friends of the college gathered for RAGBRAI during the summer of 2025. The team, RamBRAI, has been riding across Iowa together since 1987. Front Row from left: Honorary Alumna Lisa White, director of development; Janene Panfil '89; Kim Erlandson; Lisa Olson; Matthew Niemer; Liz Niemer; Cindy Krupa Nacco '79. Second row from left: Connie Sanders McFarland '89; Bridget Menke; Dale Menke; Mark Rudnicki; Mike Lawler '77; Mitch Corcoran '87; Charlene Vig; Honorary Alumnus Craig Allin, professor emeritus of politics. Back row from left: John Bennett; Andy McFarland; Stephen Nacco; Jay Schroeder; Rod Tokheim; Collin Tokheim; John Frederiksen; Brian Bourgeois; Adam Vig; Bob Pierce; Dave Bennett.

Max Ginsberg '22 graduated with a master's in positive development psychology from Claremont Graduate University.



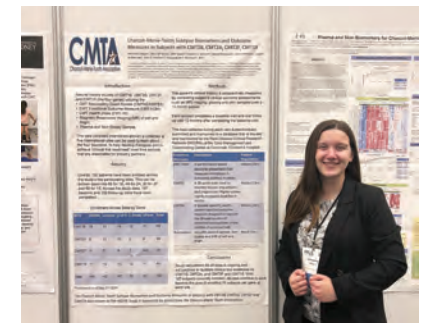
Lynn Ross Cope '87 (right) met up with a fellow Cornellian in the operating room. She had her hip replaced by Barron Bremner '96, a surgeon in central Iowa, saying, "He's amazing!"



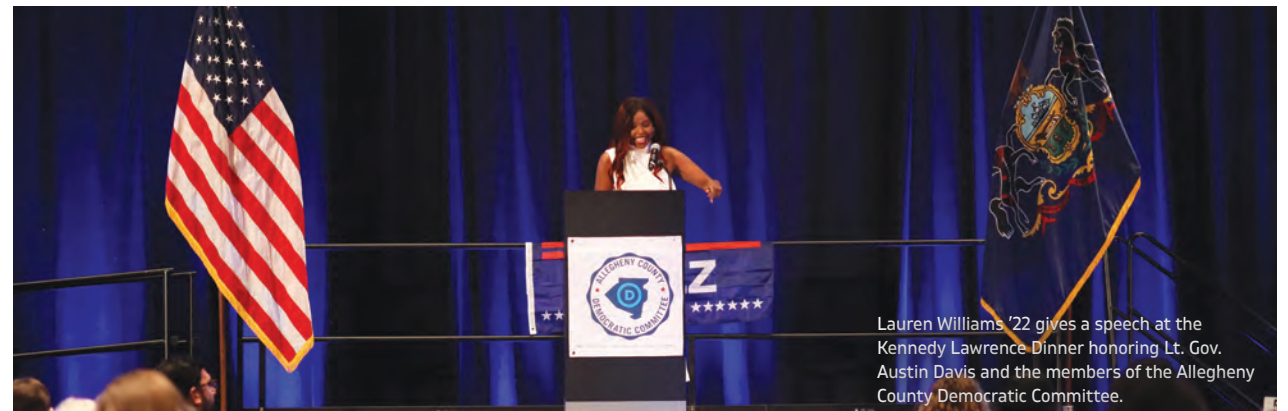
Devin Callahan '21 graduated from New England Law in Boston with a J.D. on May 16, 2025.



Angelica Hall '15 relocated to Baltimore, Maryland, from Las Vegas, Nevada, to pursue master's degrees in Business Administration and Public Health at Johns Hopkins University.



Amanda Dragon '22 at the Peripheral Nerve Society conference in Montreal, Canada, with her poster submission that showcases her work on a natural history study looking at four different types of CMT (Charcot-Marie-Tooth) and how the disease progresses over time.



Lauren Williams '22 gives a speech at the Kennedy Lawrence Dinner honoring Lt. Gov. Austin Davis and the members of the Allegheny County Democratic Committee.



A group of Thetas and Arrows reunited in Park City, Utah, to reconnect and reminisce. From left: Beth Denton Crittenden '83, Jan Ray Mitchell '83, Eileen Quigley '84, Julie Dunnwald '84, Karen Lofgren Brandt '84, Liz O'Loughlin '83.

Katie Sutton '99, Arlington, Virginia, was appointed as vice president of the federal civilian division of Empower AI. She has more than 20 years of experience delivering technology requirements to government clients. Katie's new role calls for providing and expanding the company's services supporting civilian agencies' mission objectives.

2000s

BIRTHS

Kenzo Jack Waters, April 28, 2025, to **Christine Hamon Waters '03** and Hillary Waters

Elizabeth Marared Fossland, June 22, 2025, to **Nia Doherty '05** and Nicholas Fossland

Jasper John Schlueter and Emmett Richard Schlueter, Dec. 27, 2024, to **Nola Haugberg Schlueter '07** and Sid Schlueter

James Allen Fick, July 4, 2024, to **Tyler Fick '08** and Lindsay Fick

Gwynevere Ellen Mills, May 30, 2025, to **Elizabeth Wessling Mills '09** and Cameron Mills

Justena Cox Berry '00, Nixa, Missouri: "I started teaching a fitness class and have considered leaving the corporate world for good. It's not easy getting up at 4:45 a.m. to teach a class, but I am happier and healthier. The change will mean that I'll retire 10 years later than planned, but the ability to spend time with my kids while they're still home is worth it! My mother reminds me that she didn't send me to college to be a fitness instructor, so I'm working through the consequences and guilt of making this major career change."

Andy Clements '01: "I'm still living in Cary, North Carolina, where I work for the Environmental Protection Agency Office of Research and Development. I work on identifying and

evaluating new technologies for measuring air quality. They allow us to make measurements in more locations and more frequently, supporting efforts like informing public health messaging during wildfire smoke episodes. The work is important, and we can only hope it continues despite efforts to cut budgets and staff. I was reminded about how important this work is after receiving the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers in January."

Anna Norstedt '02, Saint Paul, Minnesota, reports that the school year has concluded, and she spent the summer working as a PCA for a friend. Anna also took a short trip to New England.

Claire O'Dea '02, Surprise, Arizona: "My kids and I live in Arizona with our host of animals. I work as a mental health professional for a Latina and woman-owned practice that has always been supportive of the LGBTQIA+, POC, and veteran communities. During the current political era, I'm especially cognizant of providing support and advocacy for my transgender clients, and for using whatever privilege I have to be a voice for marginalized communities. I am grateful to Cornell, and to my mother before that, for solidifying my strong ethical stance of diversity, equity, compassion, and inclusion. Keep up the good fight, fellow Rams!"

Cammy Watkins '02, Omaha, Nebraska: "I have been serving as Executive Director of Inclusive Communities, a nonprofit whose mission is to confront prejudice, bigotry, and discrimination, since 2021, following my run for Omaha City Council. While I didn't win that race—I lost by 500 votes—it was a springboard into additional leadership opportunities. I went on to serve on the Omaha Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and as the secretary of the National Federation of Just Communities. Since the inauguration of the 47th president, my

organization, being a large diversity, equity, and inclusion organization, unfortunately, had to downsize, and I went from having 12 staff to two, including myself. Despite the trials we are currently facing and the large increase in my personal workload, I remain optimistic that this is a moment in our history, and my small, but mighty, 87-year-old organization will persevere."

Lindsey Mesner Weatherford '02, Sioux City, Iowa, graduated with a doctorate of education in educational leadership from Arkansas State University in December 2024. Following graduation Lindsey resigned from a position at Briar Cliff University and is actively seeking a position in athletic administration, student success, or academic affairs. Lindsey is excited about this new chapter.

Leah Hagedorn Arp '03, Davenport, Iowa, teaches students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Leah reports: "I am busy with all of my kids' activities: soccer, baseball, basketball, volleyball, and track/cross country. We also try to squeeze in some time for traveling. This past year, we went on our first Disney cruise and experienced Yellowstone, Grand Teton, and nearby sites."

Derek Brooks '03, Des Moines, Iowa: "A couple of years ago, I quit my job at Venmo to take a break, reset, and enjoy a summer off with my educator wife, **Kari Reynolds Brooks '04**. I wound up spending half a year in pretirement, tinkering on projects, rediscovering golf (and got my first hole-in-one!), and doing quite a bit of traveling and camping. Toward the end of my break, I started contracting for some crypto and computer vision companies and then wound up taking a full-time job with a cybersecurity startup called Panther Labs, where I've been ever since. ... Kari and I are still in Des Moines, Iowa, with a new pup named Durby, and we spend a lot of time trying to get our Bronco and tiny camper

off the pavement. And as always, I'm still tinkering on and documenting everything about my life at: derek.broox.com."

Justine Stewart Burke '03, Northglenn, Colorado: "Things with the Burke crew are continuing to be busy and fun! **Mike Burke '01** is loving his new role with the school district, where he helps students gain real-world experience through internships before they graduate. He's also responsible for overseeing the district's career and technical programs, ensuring students can leave high school with industry-level certifications. Our boys, ages 14, 12, and 8, are all active in sports and other activities. ... As for me, I contracted with a psychiatric medical practice in the fall and have established my own practice. I'm learning firsthand why I never wanted to major in business or economics! But I'm also getting the chance to truly practice what I preach as a psychotherapist—we grow through challenges."

Paige Sindt Butler '03, Phoenix, Arizona: "On the work front, I am still working at Verto Education as vice president of academic affairs. For fun, I enjoy hiking—when it's not 100 degrees out—with my kiddo, playing with our pet desert tortoise, and learning more about AI use in education in my spare moments. An unexpected cancer diagnosis and emergency surgery kicked off last summer. Thankfully, we caught it early, surgery was a success, and I am doing just fine now. I am grateful for an excellent surgical team and the Phoenix Mayo Clinic. It definitely makes me deeply appreciate all the Cornellians who have pursued health care, medicine, medical research, and related careers over the last two decades. It was a memorable year, with some great moments and memories, and some not-so-great, which made me appreciate the good stuff even more. Our family relocated from California back to Phoenix in 2021. If you are ever in the area, reach out!"



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Janis Dickman '03, Denver, Colorado: "I've been in Colorado for almost 19 years and am finishing my 22nd year in education. Currently, I'm a student support services coordinator for Adams 12 Five Star Schools, just north of Denver. I work with another Cornellian now who is just a smidge younger than we are."

Maggie Elliott '03, Evergreen, Colorado: "I'm still living in Colorado, with my husband, Ian, and our two pups and one kitty. Professionally, I work as a therapist with my private practice, focusing on intimate relationships and helping women find balance in their lives. I took some new steps in the past year to learn more about entrepreneurship and marketing to boost my business, and I built a whole new website. In the next year, I'm hoping to co-lead a women's processing group and start offering weekend intensives for

couples. Personally, I managed to get in a lot of fun travel with my husband and my family. I'm now in the process of planning my first international solo trip to walk the Camino de Santiago from Porto to Santiago, and I'm very excited! Lastly, I was voted to join the Cornell Alumni Board and have really been enjoying my time on the Hilltop for the board meetings! I'm now chair of the Programming Committee, and we are working on some very exciting and fun ways to keep our alumni happy and engaged."

Dallas Klever-Crowley Funk '03 and **Jared Funk '04**, Lisbon, Iowa, have three kids (18, 16, and 6) and, after 22 years of marriage and moving many times to many states, have found themselves back at the Hilltop. Jared currently works full-time remotely as an account executive at Trinity Logistics. Dallas got her M.F.A. in Creative Writing, with a

pop fiction specialty, from the University of Southern Maine's Stonecoast program. After fifteen years as a stay-at-home mom and two years part-time at Simpson College, in February 2025, Dallas started working for Cornell as a marketing media specialist. She's loving her work as a writer, creating news stories on the website and as assistant editor for the Cornell Report.

Jessica Harger '03, Brattleboro, Vermont: "Last spring, I piloted a semester program—that will run again in 2026—with 10 students at Leland & Gray Union High School exploring the land, food, and culture in Vermont, the U.S. South, Vietnam, and France. This past fall, I began designing more place-based learning programs for the school's 6–8th grade students. My goal of getting classes taught outside and connected to communities is working. It's been a real honor to show rural Vermonters how

much the world has to offer and how special a place they have to call home."

Red Kempf '03, Saint Paul, Minnesota: "I am living in a retirement community and adore it. It is very similar to living in the dorms at Cornell, except we have apartments instead of rooms. I'm looking forward to my building's Winter Carnival Week and the annual medalist hunt with my adopt-a-grands. I'm spending time with friends at concerts, field trips with my nieces, and continuing my health journey at the Mayo Clinic."

Maggie Karr Mangold '03, Timnath, Colorado: "This past May, our family relocated from Iowa to Colorado, and we've been enjoying settling into our new community. I transitioned from clinical family medicine to nonclinical research work in 2020, which has allowed me to work from home and achieve a better work-life balance.

Alongside my research work, I’ve also embraced a fun side gig as a Caribbean travel agent. On the home front, our oldest son, Hugh, is a freshman at the University of Denver, where he’s studying international studies. Reid (9th grade) and Theo (6th grade) have both transitioned to new schools this year and are thriving.”

Amber Gallegos Moore ’03: “This is our fourth year in Charlotte, Michigan, since relocating from Colorado during the summer of 2020. We enjoy being Midwesterners and like having all four seasons—even during a polar vortex! This is my 12th year working in early childhood special education. Our kids keep us busy with soccer, plays, band performances, ballet, and competitive dance.”

Stephanie Savage Nielsen ’03, Barrington, Illinois, is the head of the collection development department at the library she’s worked at for nearly eight years. The department is responsible for selecting & maintaining the physical and digital items for a district of nearly 150,000 people. Stephanie says, “It’s loads of fun from the ‘ooh new books’ perspective as well as the ‘ooh what’s the circulation data telling me’ side of the job. I’m still nerdy. Away from work, I’m kept busy by my family: my husband of 14 years and two sons who play in the middle school orchestra as their dad once did. The oldest is also involved with the tech crew for theater, and the younger son joined the school’s Dungeons & Dragons club. My nerd genes run strong. Our daughter will begin kindergarten in the fall of 2025.”

Bekka Youngquist Simmering ’03, Tiskilwa, Illinois: “In 2022, our family moved from Colorado to Illinois. We live and work at a camp called Menno Haven Camp & Retreat Center. It’s amazing to get to do so many fun things. If you’re ever in the area, or looking for a fun family, youth, or church camp—reach out!”

Christine Hamon Waters ’03, Minneapolis, Minnesota: “Our son, Kenzo Jack Waters, was born on April 28. My wife, Hillary, and I celebrated seven years of marriage in June, as well as seven years of renovating our old brick Victorian house, which we bought the day before our wedding and which we naively assumed would be a two-year project. Hillary had a successful first year after launching her own consulting business, Waters & Co., and I am in my fifth year working for Mayo Clinic, managing a team building technologies for remote patient care. For fun, we travel, garden, rock climb, hike, and recently started mountain biking. In the winters we enjoy escaping a month of the Minnesota cold and staying in Sedona with **Bonnie Sedan ’04** and her wife, Pam.”

Andy Fox ’04, Fairfax, Virginia, joined the George Mason University basketball staff as assistant coach. He brings nearly 20 years of Division I coaching experience to the job. Fox has mentored seven NBA players and 34 all-conference student-athletes during his coaching tenure.

Alice Juarez ’04, Dallas, Texas, lives with her husband, Luis, and their three kids, Monica, Frida, and Danny. She is teaching kindergarten and first grade, but also practices medicine as her side gig.

Krystal McKinney Manka ’04, Ballwin, Missouri, will complete an education specialist degree in administration, with a dual focus in special education administration and principalship, in December 2026. Krystal is about to start her fourth year teaching special education and math in St. Louis Public Schools. It will be her 20th year teaching.

Andy Martin ’04, Fort Collins, Colorado, runs a business called The Bucket List Concierge. Andy is still good friends with **Lisa Carey Runia ’03.**

Allie Peters ’04, Phoenix, Arizona, started a new job as a business development manager for AllSteel. She is excited to travel back to Iowa while visiting AllSteel’s home office in Muscatine, Iowa.

Jaclyn Johnson ’06, Lanesboro, Minnesota, is the new managing director of the Rochester Civic Theater.

Sarah Brungard Clough ’07, Lisbon, Iowa, received a promotion to chief strategy officer and vice president, philanthropy insights and analytics at Marts & Lundy.

Matt Heindel ’07, Madison, Wisconsin: “I have been working as technical services coordinator at Monona Public Library in Monona, Wisconsin, for almost 10 years. Some may remember me from my tenure as the music director at KRNL. By the time this is printed, I will have had a fourth program aired as part of the Supporter Radio series on NTS, an internet radio station based in London and Los Angeles. The shows can be found by searching for ‘No Pressure Selections’ on the NTS website.”

Alena Vazquez ’07, Portland, Oregon, along with **Brian Braun ’07, Megan Duffy-Sherlin ’08, Lillian Pope ’07,** and **Holli Gipson Sinn ’07,** made a pilgrimage to Colorado for their annual Cornell family reunion. They say it’s the highlight of the whole year. Previous years have taken them to Austin, the Oregon Coast, Asheville, Starved Rock, and a farm in Iowa. “Location matters less than spending time with the people you love,” Alena said.

2010s

WEDDINGS

Megan Dibbern ’12 to Cong, March 23, 2024

Carly Pierson ’17 to Brandon Gustafson, June 21, 2024

Amy Harrison ’18 to Abhishek Ghosh, Feb. 13, 2025

BIRTHS

Wyatt James Yoder, Aug. 15, 2024, to **Jacquelyn Sernek Yoder ’14** and Ethan Yoder

Frederick “Freddie” Michael, April 5, 2024, to **Mary Willis ’15** and Mik Lillie

Thelma Penelope Klug, Oct. 29, 2024, to **Isabella Blackburn Klug ’19** and **Matthew Klug ’19**

Sarah Gilliland Korth ’11, Granville, Ohio, and **Jaimee Gilliland ’24** are traveling to France in June 2025 with the New Albany Symphony Orchestra and Chorus as part of the chorus. They will perform at five different cathedrals in Nice, Marseille, Toulouse, Aix-en-Provence, and Avignon. Their repertoire consists of classical pieces from Handel, Duruflé, and Poulenc, plus several traditional pieces and spirituals from America and Scotland.

Brittney Bishop-Chrzanowski ’12, Boonville, Missouri, completed a Ph.D. in cognitive neuroscience and will start a new job at Coastal Carolina University.

Megan Dibbern ’12, Atlanta, Georgia, reports that 2024 was a whirlwind year. “Finished six years of residency-fellowship training in pathology—gynecologic pathology and cytopathology subspecialty—at University of Virginia; finally tied the knot, March 23, 2024, with my long-time partner Cong; we sold our house in Virginia; moved to Atlanta; and started an assistant professor

faculty position in the Department of Pathology at Emory University—coming up on one year in practice this fall.”

Kalissa Holdcraft Kleine ’13, Elkhorn, Nebraska, made the move to KCD Legal Partners, LLC earlier this year, where she has continued her work as an attorney focusing on the legal and financial structuring of community development projects that involve incentives such as renewable energy credits, historic tax credits, and new market tax credits.

Angelica Hall ’15, Baltimore, Maryland: “Since June 2024, life has moved fast. I relocated to Baltimore from Las Vegas to pursue master’s degrees in business administration and public health at Johns Hopkins University, where I have been deeply immersed in healthcare strategy and financial services. After a decade dedicated to underserved communities in health care, I made a pivot into financial services, motivated by a desire to drive impact at scale. This summer, I am interning as an associate at Citibank on the ThankYou Rewards and Travel team within their U.S. Personal Banking Division, and I’m actively planning for my future career. On a more personal level, I have rekindled my love for the outdoors through regular hiking and enjoying any live music events that I can find.”

Brenda Mejia ’15, Santa Clara, California, who is head of operations at Gatik, was named one of the 100 Leading Women in the North American Auto Industry by Automotive News—a prestigious list compiled only once every five years. Brenda earned this recognition for her pioneering work in autonomous logistics and her leadership at Gatik, where she has played a critical role in scaling driverless delivery operations. In addition, Brenda was recently recognized with a Top Women to Watch award by Women in Trucking for her contributions to advancing gender diversity and innovation

in transportation, and named to the Silicon Valley Business Journal’s 40 Under 40, highlighting her as one of the region’s most influential young leaders in technology and operations.

Jourdan Glenn Ofori-Anim ’15, is a managing attorney at Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee and president of the Wisconsin Association of African-American Lawyers.

Fiona Flynn ’16, Charlottesville, Virginia, will be married to Julia Moore in the fall, and her Alpha Sigma Pi sister **Raisa Ebner ’17** will be in attendance. Fiona continues her lifelong love affair with food and cooking, teaching undergraduates at the University of Virginia how to transform the food system toward sustainability, local economic resiliency, and healthy eating as the Morven Kitchen Garden Manager. Julia and Fiona adopted a second dog.

Kieran Raney ’16, Albuquerque, New Mexico, reports that they are excited to enter their third year of law school at the University of New Mexico School of Law this fall, where they will also serve as the Student Bar Association president and editor-in-chief of Volume 56 for the New Mexico Law Review. Kieran and their partner, Braden, are looking forward to graduation and say they are hoping to spend more time enjoying the outdoors, with their family and friends, and with their many critters at home.

Carly Pierson ’17, Tucson, Arizona, married Brandon Gustafson on June 21, 2024, in Alaska. They met as fellow Peace Corps volunteers in Paraguay and share a curiosity of different cultures and a love of the natural world.

Alex Place Thomas ’17, Cedar Falls, Iowa, was named the interim head coach of the University of Northern Iowa’s women’s soccer program in June 2025.

Steven Coburn ’18, Tampa, Florida, earned his J.D. degree from Stetson University College of Law in St. Petersburg, Florida, in May 2024 and was admitted to the Florida Bar in September 2024.

Sandra N. Gomez ’18, Rock Falls, Illinois, graduated with a Ph.D. from Columbia University in counseling psychology and accepted a postdoctoral fellowship position at Stanford University’s Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine of Stanford Medicine. Sandra will be doing rotations in clinical work with athletes, Latine populations, families, and in research.

Isabella Blackburn Klug ’19, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, started a new position as an academic resource coordinator at Juniata College.

2020s

WEDDINGS

Robert Grisamore ’22 to **Justyna Kruczalak ’22,** August 2025.

Tessa Stolz ’22, to **Adam Mitchell ’23,** July 12, 2025.

Emma Burnett ’23 to Luke Agey, June 1, 2025

Olivia Knowles ’20, San Diego, California, graduated from National College of Midwifery and became a certified professional midwife and a California-licensed midwife. She explained, “I am a part of a small group midwifery practice in San Diego County, California, attending births at home, birth centers, and the hospital.”

Angelica Fabila ’21, Columbus, Georgia, graduated with a Master of Science in information design and strategy.

Ryan O’Hara ’21, West Des Moines, Iowa: “I’m continuing my education and pursuing a master’s degree in game

design. I’ve already been given many opportunities to enter and expand my knowledge of this passionate industry.”

William Alvey ’22, Delavan, Wisconsin: “I have been accepted to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and will participate in their Master of Language, Literature, and Translation/Master of Library Science coordinated program starting this fall 2025. I will also be working as a TA in the Spanish Department. I have lived in Delavan for the past several years, and I look forward to moving to the city!”

Nina Deer ’22, Highland Park, Illinois, earned her master’s degree in kinesiology with a concentration in psychology of sport and physical activity from Illinois State University in May 2024 while working as the assistant lacrosse coach at Illinois Wesleyan. She is currently pursuing another master’s degree in social work from UIC Jane Addams College of Social Work.

Amanda Dragon ’22, Coralville, Iowa: “After graduating from Cornell, I accepted a position as a research assistant at the University of Iowa in the Department of Neurology. I specifically work with a neuromuscular disease called CMT (Charcot–Marie–Tooth). I work on natural history studies, clinical trials, and in a multidisciplinary clinic.”

Brock Flack ’22, Atkins, Iowa: “I am currently teaching and coaching in the town of Belle Plaine. I am an elementary P.E. Teacher, where I teach grades pre-K through 6th grade. I am also an assistant coach for four different sports at the varsity level. I am living a busy life and loving every minute of it!”

Hart Gallentine ’22, Peyton, Colorado: “I just got back to the U.S. after playing basketball in Taiwan for two and a half years with **Marcus Quirk ’22.** Now that I’m home, I am starting work in my degree field so that I can continue to work toward a good, full-time position for my future.”



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ALUMNI NEWS

Max Ginsberg '22, Claremont, California: “Since graduation, I moved to southern California, I completed my master’s in positive developmental psychology, learned 3D modeling/printing, and I am now working as a developmental paraprofessional with adolescents on the autism spectrum. I’m in the process of applying to a developmental psychology Ph.D. program.”

Lily Heinzel '22, Houghton, Michigan: “I’m earning my Master of Science at Michigan Technological University in Dr. Kristin Brzeski’s lab, where I study the diet and ecology of Gulf Coast canids with genetic tools. Gulf Coast canids are wild canids that have ancestry from both coyotes and extinct red wolves. My M.S. includes diet metabarcoding, stable isotope analysis, and developing a non-invasive genotyping panel that can describe ancestry membership. My research has sent me to Texas and Louisiana three times for sample collection—scat. I’m also involved in a genetic study on Michigan grey wolves. I’ve taken up cross-country skiing and dog sled racing in the Upper Peninsula, and I’m very grateful for my community there.”

Tessa Mitchell-Stolz '22, Chicago, Illinois: “I started a new position at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. I work with executives in Executive Education around the world. My new position has already taken me to London and Hong Kong, and I look forward to seeing where else it takes me this year.”

Joey Pasquesi '22, Lake Forest, Illinois: “After Cornell, I moved back to Lake Forest, where I began working for Wintrust Bank’s commercial real estate lending team (Libertyville Bank & Trust) as an analyst. At this time, I work on various analyses and projects

that provide debt financing for commercial real estate transactions primarily within the Chicago or Chicagoland area, spanning from end loan to construction financing. I have moved around the Chicagoland area a couple of times since then, but have been spending much free time attempting to explore the many neighborhoods in Chicago, spending time with friends and family, and hiking in the surrounding forest preserves and state parks.”

Demarius Pittman '22, Denver, Colorado: “I have been with my company, Enterprise Mobility, for two and a half years and have been promoted twice. I am enjoying the experience of the workforce and building strong business relationships thus far in my career.”

Lauren Williams '22, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: “I have been working to elect candidates in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was recently elected as the president of the Young Democrats of Allegheny County. In this position, I work to provide a voice to young voters across the county. I have also recently adopted a mini Bernedoodle named Atlas.”

Calista Bergstrom '23, Marion, Iowa: “I’ve launched my career as a fully licensed financial professional, helping individuals and families plan for life insurance and retirement with confidence. It’s been a journey of growth, exams, and persistence—and I’m proud to finally be doing the work I set out to do. At Cornell, I studied both business and vocal performance—two seemingly different paths that taught me how to communicate clearly, lead with empathy, and approach complex challenges with creativity. Those experiences shaped how I now serve clients: with personalized guidance, ongoing support, and a focus on education over pressure. I’m currently based in Iowa and licensed to work in Iowa, Colorado, and Minnesota.”

Emma Burnett '23, Norwalk, Iowa, married Luke Agey in June 2025. They followed the wedding with a honeymoon in Iceland, seeing waterfalls, glaciers, and rams.

Cam’Ron Ginn-McKinney '23, Colorado Springs, Colorado, was hired as the assistant coach for Colorado College’s basketball team.

Colin Konicek '23, Mount Vernon, Iowa, has been hired as assistant baseball coach for Cornell College. Konicek came to Cornell from the Corn Belt League, where he was a head baseball coach.

Benjamin Parkins '24, Indianola, Iowa, is working at the Des Moines International Airport as a transport security officer for the federal government.

Sophia Boelter '25, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, works at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics while attending school to become a physician’s assistant.

Thomas Cook '25, Mount Olive, Mississippi, started at High Point University’s pharmacy school this fall.

Tess Cooper '25, Morton, Illinois, is attending the University of Illinois for a Master of Architecture.

Lauren Culp '25, Glenwood, Iowa, is taking over as director of the Mills County Historical Museum. Lauren says she hopes to draw visitors to the community through expanding the museum’s research capacity, innovating displays with new technology, and harnessing local talent through volunteers.

Lilly Dierkes '25, Davenport, Iowa, started at Palmer College of Chiropractic this fall.

Simon Downs '25, Marion, Iowa, is working in the Public Works Division at MSA Professional Services in Cedar Rapids.

Gracie Erickson '25, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, accepted a position to teach English at Prairie High School in Cedar Rapids.

Razan Hamza '25, Iowa City, Iowa, moved to the U.K. to study international disaster management and humanitarian response at the University of Manchester.

Edwin Holyoake '25, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, started his Master of Business Analytics degree at the University of Iowa.

Nellie Morf '25, Ely, Iowa, is at the University of Iowa to get a master’s in library and information sciences.

Joana Persiani '25, Frankfort, Illinois, is attending North Central College to earn a Master of Athletic Training.

Hannah Rhoades '25, Carrollton, Illinois, has accepted a position as the 7th and 8th grade science teacher at Greenfield Elementary School in Greenfield, Illinois.

Emma Rowe '25, Ann Arbor, Michigan, started at the University of Michigan’s College of Pharmacy this fall.

Caleb Schopen '25, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, is studying to be a doctor of physical therapy at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Sam See '25, Decorah, Iowa, will complete an accelerated B.S. in nursing program at Drake University before graduating as a registered nurse in 2026.

Andrew Stewart '25, Williamsburg, Virginia, joined the Air Force.

Losses



Lois Stein

Lois Stein, who taught Spanish at Cornell from 1973 to 1984, died on Dec. 5, 2024, in Phoenix, Arizona. She was 85.

Stein earned her bachelor’s degree in Spanish and French from Purdue University and earned a Fulbright to study at the University of Madrid in 1961-62. Knowing then that she was destined for a life in higher education, she entered graduate study in Spanish at Brown University, where she earned an M.A. in 1965, and passed her doctoral examination a year later. She held a 40-year career in higher education.

According to her obituary, Stein and her friend and colleague, Professor Emerita of Spanish Sally Farrington-Clute, built a Spanish program at Cornell with course offerings “stronger in scope and quality than those offered by many universities.” They took student groups to Mexico and launched campus activities such as Spanish Club and weekly Spanish-language social hours. Following Stein’s career at Cornell, she spent 19 years at the University of Chicago as dean of students in the graduate division of the social sciences.

Stein’s family remembers her as a loving wife and mother and an excellent cook who enjoyed consuming news, literature, and cultural and culinary experiences. Stein is survived by her husband of 60 years, Harvey, who taught French at Cornell College from 1969 to 1977; two sons; a granddaughter; a brother; and a sister.

Due to press timing, a full obituary for **Ralph “Chris” Christoffersen '59** and **Terry Gibson '59** will appear in the online issue of the Cornell Report.

Losses



Ann MacGregor Honorary Trustee

A leader in public health and hospice care, Ann MacGregor died Oct. 2, 2024, in Ashland, Wisconsin, at age 90.

Born in Indiana, she graduated with honors in 1956 with a B.S.N. from the University of Michigan School of Nursing. She held roles in nursing administration and clinical teaching before traveling the world with Project HOPE. MacGregor went on to serve as a public health nurse with the Migrant Action Program, to develop a care program for individuals living with terminal illness, and to lead several hospice organizations. She spent 20 years as executive director of Hospice of North Iowa and was the president of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization Board. After retiring, MacGregor helped restore the last remaining Frank Lloyd Wright hotel, was a dedicated community volunteer, and was an avid cyclist.

MacGregor was elected an Honorary Trustee at Cornell for her service to the college and support of her husband, and Life Trustee, **John K. MacGregor '41**, who served on the Board for 26 years. Ann is survived by many family members who are also Cornellians, including five children/stepchildren and their spouses: **John M. MacGregor '67**; **Paul S. MacGregor '71** and his wife, **Barbara Martin MacGregor '70**; **Laurie MacGregor '74** and her husband **Guillermo Cuellar '76**; and **Andrew J. MacGregor '91**; and several grandchildren, including **Sarah MacGregor Hays '99**, and great-grandchildren.



Darrel Morf Trustee

After a career spanning law, education, and civic service—including a term as Cornell College Trustee from 1986 to 1993—Darrel Morf died July 10, 2025, in Mount Vernon, Iowa. He was 81.

Born in small-town Iowa, Morf graduated with highest distinction with a political science degree from the University of Iowa in 1966 and a law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1969. Morf clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals in Omaha and then took a position with a law firm, where he continued to practice law for 55 years. He also taught at the U of I Law School for nearly 20 years as an adjunct professor.

Morf served as a board member of the Hall-Perrine Foundation, Mercy Hospital, Mercy Hospital Foundation, the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Foundation, and the University of Iowa Law School Foundation, as well as the American Baptist Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board, the General Board, and the Home Missions Board of American Baptist Churches U.S.A. He was a long-time member of the Mount Vernon Lions Club and known for calling bingo for Mount Vernon's Heritage Days.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Midge, his three sons and their wives, his 9 grandchildren, including **Nellie Morf '25**, his brother, a nephew, and a niece.



John Mark Dean '58

A visionary marine scientist and dedicated conservationist, **John Mark Dean '58**, died at the age of 88 on March 27, 2025, in West Columbia, South Carolina.

Dean was a passionate advocate for Cornell's environmental studies programs. He established the Rogers Fellowship in Environmental Studies, named for his mentor, biology professor **T. Edwin "Ed" Rogers '39**. Dozens of Cornell students have received this fellowship, offered at the Baruch Marine Field Laboratory in South Carolina. An annual award in his name honors the top environmental justice and sustainability major.

In recognition of his dedication to applying a liberal arts perspective to the study and teaching of aquatic ecology, Dean was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree by Cornell in 2003. As a student, he was involved in Biology Club, Chemistry Club, and Alpha Chi Epsilon.

Dean earned his Ph.D. from Purdue University in 1962. He held research positions at Duke University Marine Laboratory and the Hanford Atomic Energy Research Station before joining the University of South Carolina in 1970. He remained there until retiring in 2002. As professor emeritus, he inspired generations of students, published more than 83 papers, advanced marine science, and helped shape policies that protect ecosystems worldwide.

Dean brought energy and joy to the Cornell alumni community through annual giving, alumni events, and mentoring. He is survived by his wife, Robin Dean, and his son Philip Scott Dean.



Bok-Lim Choi Kim '54

Bok-Lim Choi Kim '54, a pioneering advocate for Asian women, died on Jan. 16, 2025, in Los Angeles, California.

A native of Korea, Kim and her mother were taken prisoner during the Korean War. Kim was released after a few days, but her mother disappeared and was never seen again. Kim later became an interpreter for the U.S. Air Force, and an American chaplain arranged for her to attend Cornell College. While at Cornell, she was active in student organizations—the Tri Phis, the Sociology Club, and the International Relations Club—and earned a sociology degree.

She received her master's in social work in 1956 and returned to Korea, where she taught in a university's social work department and founded a child guidance clinic there. She later continued her education and emigrated to the U.S. in 1965, where she worked in higher education for much of her career.

Kim was a dedicated advocate and researcher focused on improving the lives of Asian women in the U.S. and abroad. She published and led workshops on working with Asian immigrants and spoke out internationally against the exploitation of women and children in Asia. Her study, "Women in the Shadows," examined the lives of Asian women married to American servicemen. Her work has been widely published in both Korean and English and presented to diverse audiences. Kim is survived by her son, Stan Kim.

Merlyn Kauble '46, Iowa City, Iowa, April 25, 2025

Barbara Marshall Schreiber '46, Malibu, California, Dec. 16, 2023

Evelyn Thor Bolt '47, Lake Villa, Illinois, Jan. 25, 2025

Lois Bigger Gehring '47, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Dec. 30, 2023

Patricia Runyan Dewey '48, Saugatuck, Michigan, Jan. 29, 2025

Cathryn Millar Karlin '50, Los Alamitos, California, April 3, 2025

Patricia Pratt Lusted '50, Rome, Georgia, March 27, 2025

Marjorie "Mardi" Stearns Wood '50, Exeter, New Hampshire, March 12, 2025

Sara "Sally" Baird Conde '52, Columbia, South Carolina, March 13, 2025

Gwendolyn Turnroth Bradshaw '53, North Carolina, 2024

Dorothea Koerner Buck '53, Davenport, Iowa, July 22, 2025

Marilyn Carstens LeClere '53, Des Moines, Iowa, March 5, 2025

Marlene Brown Nauman '53, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 17, 2025

Mona Fry Barsotti '54, Englewood, California, July 7, 2025

Marian Welterlen McClellan '54, Delavan, Wisconsin, July 19, 2025

Donald Stamy '54, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 8, 2025

Jane Greer Vaughan '55, Longwood, Florida, June 14, 2023

Carol Campbell Damon '56, Oelwein, Iowa, April 19, 2025

Audrey Smith Eklund '56, Urbandale, Iowa, March 29, 2025

Patti Sauer Townsend Jeffery '56, Marion, Iowa, Aug. 10, 2025

Robert Larson '56, Quogue, New York, July 6, 2025

Fritz Rosendahl '56, Mount Dora, Florida, March 17, 2025

Nadine Fortna Tope '56, Raleigh, North Carolina, May 22, 2025

Ronald Ball '57, Winslow, Maine, Jan. 11, 2025

D. Bernard Carpenter '57, Davenport, Iowa, May 30, 2025

Charles Green '57, McCook, Nebraska, July 16, 2024

Maurine Stephens Roberts '57, Washington, Iowa, April 12, 2025

Kayleen Thompson Basler '58, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 1, 2025

Richard Bohn '58, Plano, Texas, March 21, 2025

Gordon Giarrante '58, Joliet, Illinois, July 2, 2025

John L. Hedrick '58, Portland, Oregon, June 15, 2025

Carol Kreuzer Koerner '58, Boise, Idaho, Sept. 16, 2024

Charles Pletke '58, Waukegan, Iowa, April 14, 2025

Virginia Willis Vinyard '58, Denver, Colorado, Jan. 29, 2025

Norris Breitbach '59, Oregon, Wisconsin, April 18, 2025

Cleo Murphy '59, Johnston, Iowa, April 20, 2025

Cleone Crawford Nelson '59, Grand Junction, Colorado, Aug. 15, 2025

Lloyd Taylor '59, Phoenix, Arizona, June 21, 2025

David Toepke '59, Carmel, Indiana, Feb. 23, 2025

David Bellew '60, Shreveport, Louisiana, July 7, 2024

Judith Warren Caves '60, Garner, North Carolina, June 30, 2025

Robert Hildreth '60, Cary, North Carolina, May 7, 2024

D. Allan Nicholson '60, Loveland, Ohio, March 13, 2025

Ann Lewis Pontius '61, Normal, Illinois, March 18, 2025

Larry Dorsey '62, Pala, California, May 18, 2025

Barbara Friedman '63, Easton, Maryland, March 29, 2024

John Shillinglaw '64, Valparaiso, Indiana, May 10, 2025

Gerald "Jerry" Smith '65, Mesa, Arizona, Feb. 27, 2025

Christine Davy Engstrom '67, Ashland, Wisconsin, May 4, 2025

David Williams '67, San Francisco, California, March 18, 2025

Frank Leupold '68, Cottonwood, Arizona, April 25, 2025

Joanne "Jody" Soper '69, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Nov. 29, 2023

Daniel Culver '71, Rock Island, Illinois, April 7, 2025

Scott Munstock '71, Centennial, Colorado, May 16, 2025

Roger D. Bartley '73, Chicago, Illinois, May 27, 2025

J. Robert Jensen '73, Columbia, Maryland, April 29, 2025

Douglas Lia '73, Huntley, Illinois, Feb. 24, 2025

Judith Logan Bowman '74, Le Mars, Iowa, May 23, 2025

Rebecca Brown '75, Seattle, Washington, March 17, 2025

Lindley Stacey '75, St. Charles, Illinois, April 29, 2025

Laura Miller Morris '76, Center Point, Iowa, March 13, 2025

Timothy Tuberty '78, Ames, Iowa, March 6, 2025

Robert Deaver '81, Colorado Springs, Colorado, May 6, 2025

Randy Steward '82, LaFayette, Georgia, March 3, 2025

Timothy Leahy '87, Lewiston, Maine, Feb. 18, 2025

Gerald Skyrme '89, Kansas City, Missouri, July 29, 2025

Meghan Cashman '97, Chicago, Illinois, Feb. 20, 2025

Abigail "Abie" Phillips '12, Chicago, Illinois, March 3, 2025

Joy Gaarde-Morton, Honorary Alumna, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 29, 2025

J. Edward "Ed" Sauter, Honorary Alumnus, Mount Vernon, Iowa, Feb. 21, 2025