



Alumni News

The four Iqbal sisters were among the many alumni who came to campus for Professor Emeritus of Chemistry Addison Ault's memorial in November 2023. Ault and his wife, Janet Ault '78, embraced and generously supported the Pakistani sisters. CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Rukhsana Iqbal, Roshan Iqbal '00, Sonia Mei Hussian (daughter of Roohi Iqbal), Roohi Iqbal '00, Ronak Iqbal, and Janet Ault. Rukhsana and Ronak attended Cornell briefly.

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1940s

Harriet Frye Heath '49, Winter Harbor, Maine: "I am developing a consulting practice through BetterHelp [an online mental health platform] working with clients from around the world. I feel very fortunate to be able to branch out professionally at this stage of life."

1960s

Allan Nicholson '60 and **Marilyn Driml Nicholson '61**, Loveland, Ohio, enjoy watching their grandson, Graham Nicholson, play football. He's a placekicker for Miami University (Ohio) and is one of three nominees for the Lou Groza Award.

Tom Adams '63 and **Nancy Kleihauer Adams '64**, Pequot Lakes, Minnesota, continue to be in good health. They write: "This year we built a home across the road from our lake place. Scott and Laura (son and spouse) bought the lake properties, so we still enjoy East Twin. In addition, we also now have a 'city fix.' We bought a condo in downtown Minneapolis overlooking the Mississippi and the Stone Arch Bridge. So we are within easy walking distance of the Guthrie Theater, many restaurants, and great trails along the river. It has been great to again feel the energy of a large city. Finally, starting in January, we will again enjoy the Kona coast in Hawaii for most of the winter."

Tim Frazer '63, Concord, New Hampshire: "I'm still on earth. Learning New Testament Greek and hope to get back to Hebrew. I can still drive a nine-hour day, ride a bike, and swim twice a week. I worry about the planet that we are leaving for our grandkids. I still do Alcoholics Anonymous email outreach to prisoners. I can learn a lot from guys doing life sentences."

John Bickel '66, Cedar Rapids, Iowa: "Blessed to celebrate 57 married years in October. Spent most of the warm weather months at our historic building in McGregor, Iowa, on the upper Mississippi River. Enjoy third-generation Cornellians, grandsons **Jack Bickel '24** and **Will Bickel '25**. Back in Summit County, Colorado, for the ski season where I teach skiing for Vail Resorts at Keystone.

Jack Carbee '68 returned to his home in Marseillan, France, after several months in the U.S. During that time he joined other members of the "Seven Dwarfs" basketball team of 1968 for golf and lunch. Included were **Chuck Nelson '67**, **Dick Hodges '68**, **Jim Brousard '69**, **Joe Campanelli '69**, and **Tim DeLong '69**. Jack's fourth novel, "The Dark Side of the Dune," will be available at outlets and on Amazon.

Eastern Kentucky University's College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics recognized Professor Emeritus **Barbara Ramey '68**, Richmond, Kentucky, as part of the college's Iconic Professor initiative. A prominent space in its science building is named for each Iconic Professor, ensuring that professor's impact in the field of science and the teaching profession continues for generations to come.

Aleta Grillos Trauger '68, Nashville, Tennessee, continues to work full-time as a U.S. District Court judge in Nashville and periodically speaks remotely to President Brand's pre-law class. She is still a member of a book group and a gourmet cooking group, both of which started in the early 1980s. She and her husband, Byron (still a full-time lawyer), enjoy having their five grandchildren, all under age 12, nearby.

Darryl Varda '68 and **Jane Bishop Varda '69**, Ada, Michigan: "Jane and I are spending the fall and winter on Anna Maria Island [in Florida] enjoying the beach, saltwater fishing, and golf."

Tim DeLong '69, Des Moines, Iowa: "I met **Jack Carbee '68** in Marseillan, France, in April. Jack is retired and living in Marseillan, where he is writing and publishing a variety of books from novels to children's books. My wife and I spent five days with Jack as our guide. It was wonderful to see Jack and his beautiful small town located on the Mediterranean. Great seafood."

Jeffrey Hicken '69, Naples, Florida, practiced law in Minneapolis-St. Paul for 42 years. In Florida he took a creative writing course and mined his rich trove of memories for subject matter. "See You In Court" is the result, an unvarnished look at the unforgettable situations and people he encountered.

Kevin McPherrin '69, Boca Raton, Florida, took second place in the 200-meter individual medley (75-79 age group) at the U.S. Masters Swimming Summer National Championships in July. He is also a member of the 75-79 200 freestyle relay that held the second-fastest time in the nation for 2022-2023.

John Scott Wren '69, Denver, Colorado, got married in 1967 and transferred to the University of Denver, "where I graduated, B.A. '69; MBA '80; was elected president of the Graduate Student Association; and the Friday after Sept. 11, 2001, I started facilitating small dialogue groups, meeting weekly ever since, now online." See his blog at JohnWren.com

1970s

WEDDING

Douglas Smith '73 to Michelle Jenkins, Nov. 17, 2023

Fred Burke '70, Mount Vernon, Iowa, received a 2023 Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Development Group Uptown Theater Honors award for his impact on local arts and culture. During a November gala it was noted that he provides philanthropy and behind-the-scenes support for numerous community projects, including the new performing arts complex and the new activities complex at Mount Vernon High School. He also had recently supported a high school drama trip.

Susan Morrow Petrosky '70, Edina, Minnesota: "What do you think when you hear the word Spam? **Barb Martin MacGregor '70**, **Mary Ann Mead '70**, and I decided to find out by meeting in Austin, Minnesota, at the Spam Museum. Spam was the first canned meat and saved thousands of people in the world from starvation. There are many interesting facts about Spam including why unknown calls and emails are called spam. It was a fun, one-day outing in November, and we hope to go on another adventure in the spring."

Douglas Smith '73, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Tucson, Arizona: "I am happy to announce that Michelle Jenkins and I were married on the beach in Kauai, Hawaii, on Nov. 17, 2023. The tropical setting was beautiful, as was the bride. We will continue our pattern of spending summers in Salt Lake City and winters in Tucson, and we will continue to travel to exotic destinations as much as possible.

Lawrence Kuo '74, Breckenridge, Colorado, continues his pursuit of novel mechanisms for the treatment of pain

and prevention of opioid use disorder. In 2023 he and his partners launched an investigational new drug candidate into phase one human clinical studies.

Gordon Lind '74, Appleton, Wisconsin: "'Cornell, Greater Be Thy Name' may not be the title of my memoir, published in 2023, but I include Cornell stories that sing clearly of life-changing experiences on and off campus. From my role in Professor William Carroll's Civilization Committee/panel discussions in the spring semester of 1972 to his questions in a medieval history class about life and death/mythology, I launched a lifelong quest for the truth of the life we all share. 'Falling Into Light—A Lifetime of Waking Up' is available at HenschelHAUSbooks.com and on Amazon."

Dave Brezina '75, Chicago, Illinois, got a new gig job in the summer of 2023 teaching safe boating operations to members of Freedom Boat Club. He uses his experience and Merchant Mariner credentials to give members on-the-water knowledge and practice operating motorboats. Dave still practices intellectual property law and recently had an article published in the September 2023 newsletter of the Illinois State Bar Association Section on Intellectual Property Law, titled "Jack Daniels v. Bad Spaniels: Trademarks Are Not Abstract and Free Speech Doesn't Mean You Can Say Anything You Want."

Sharon Goodwin Fogleman '75, Coralville, Iowa: "My husband, Lynn, and I are thankful for good health and special times with seven healthy grandchildren, in person and virtually (one in Coralville, three in Colorado, and three in Albania). We are still able to travel internationally to train others in facilitating healing groups among traumatized people. In June 2023 we led a group of three university health students to Maua Methodist Hospital in Kenya, introducing them to medical

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missions. Life is good! Looking ahead to our 50th Cornell reunion in 2025!"

Bob Nellis '75, Lake City, Minnesota: "I traveled to Belgium in October to do research for a history on immigration. More than 15,000 Belgians sailed between 1853 and 1860 and settled in one area in Wisconsin. Why they left and what they overcame is a heck of a story. I'm finally putting to use what I learned from Drs. Kollman, Heywood, and Brooks at Cornell."

Bill Ebinger '76, Mequon, Wisconsin: "One of the several activities that fill my time in retirement is bicycling. This past summer I spent my 69th birthday riding RAGBRAI, the world-renowned cycling trek across Iowa, with Cornell's Team RambRAI, along with fellow Cornell alums **Mike Lawler '77**, **Tom Durham '77**, **Cindy Krupa Nacco '79**, **Todd White '91**, his wife, honorary alumna **Lisa White**, Cornell Associate Director of Development, and Professor Emeritus Craig Allin. We all earned our 4-H badges (battled through the heat, humidity, hills, and headwinds) on the extended 50th-anniversary edition (500 miles) of this annual event."

David Korslund '76, Amsterdam, Netherlands: "As I approach one year from when Rob passed away in September 2022, my life is slowly getting back to a new normal. I have enjoyed time at my home in France including a lunch with **Craig Kuehl '66** when he was in France in the spring.

I had two weeks there in the summer followed by a nice long road trip home via Barcelona, Bilbao, Bordeaux, Brittany, and Bruges. It was more than 3,000 miles driving on my own, but very enjoyable. I continue to be the treasurer for the Dutch Fulbright Commission board, as well as for the ZuiderMrkt where I am also a board member. I was asked to join the board of BRAC International BV, which is a holding company for microfinance activities in a variety of locations. I was also asked to be the chair of the advisory council for establishing equitable banking standards, a project of the Beneficial State Foundation based in Oakland, California."

Tom Durham '77, Scottsdale, Arizona, served as vice mayor of Scottsdale for eight months in 2022-2023. He is running for reelection to the city council in 2024 and continues to serve on Cornell's Board of Trustees. He also teaches mock trial at Sandra Day O'Connor High School. To make up for time lost during COVID, Tom went on bicycle tours of Ireland and Portugal, and, of course, RAGBRAI. He also made trips to New York and Iceland with **Martha Hemenway Durham '78**.

Grant Price '77, Warren, New Jersey: "I am retiring at the end of the year, after 33 years as an interventional radiologist in a large New Jersey practice. My wife is also retiring from her equally long medical career as a faculty member in a primary care residency. We are constantly being asked what

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we will do without work. The answer is best represented by my brother's answer to the same question: We will do the things we want to do and will not do the things we don't want to do. But honestly, it is a big wide world out there. We have seen much of it, but there is always a lot more to see."

Since retiring from serving as a deacon in the Episcopal Church, **Martha Hemenway Durham '78**, Scottsdale, Arizona, has kept busy quilting and taking care of a new dog, Ozzie, in addition to Bentley. She made trips to New York with **Tom Durham '77** and their son, Matt, to see the 4th of July fireworks from a cruise on the East River. In November she made a trip to Iceland with Tom. Shortly after they returned, the threat of volcanoes and earthquakes shut down many places they had visited.

Rupert Kinnard '79, Portland, Oregon: "I have been invited to be included in the very first Black Artists of Oregon exhibit at the Portland Art Museum! The show opened in September and will be running until March. I have six pieces on display. I also designed the children's activity guide for the exhibit and created a presentation for 2nd-12th graders called 'Creating the Superhero Within.'" Rupert also shared that the Kinnard Awards were established in 2022 within the indie comics community in his honor.

1980s

Bart Seebach '81 and **Pam Nelson Seebach '81**, Canton, Minnesota: "We spent two weeks in England and Scotland seeing as many of John Wesley's preaching sites as possible. Our son, Peter, and I [Pam] are United Methodist pastors, so this was a pilgrimage of sorts, as well as the fulfillment of a dream. To prepare, I read John Wesley's Journal, marking every place he preached or founded a church, then enlisted a travel agent's help to plan the trip. It was fantastic and overwhelming in equal measure. We're just glad we had a rental car instead of a horse!"

Heather Heusinkveld Anderson '83 and **Andrew Lee Anderson '87**, San Antonio, Texas, returned from their 11-year missionary tour in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. After a total of 20+ years serving in The Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church, they have returned to San Antonio, where Andy will take an evangelist position and Heather will return to teaching. They are empty nesters.

Shellie Knipfer-McClellan '84, Waukegan, Iowa, was awarded the John Adams Award by the Iowa Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys for her commitment to excellence in the representation of criminal defendants.

Michelle Krezek '85, Boulder, Colorado: "Retirement is amazing! Tommy and I have time for lots of travel adventures, including spending five months traveling to, from, and around Alaska in our campervan. This included a visit with **Steve Anderson '85** at his house in Ninilchik. It was great to catch up with Steve, do a little fishing, and take in the view of the three volcanoes across Cook Inlet from Steve's house. We were also able to connect with **Diana Daskalos Corcoran '87** and **Mitch Corcoran '87** in Canada for some hiking and brewery touring. As we headed from Boulder to South Carolina for the winter, we stopped in Iowa City and met with **Carol Bear Warren '85**, **Scott Warren '83**, and **Lisa Schwiens '85**. Then onto Douglas, Michigan, for a Friendsgiving hosted by **Liana Overley Allison '89** and her husband Tom. It was a great get-together with the Corcorans, **Elizabeth Heffernan '88**, and **Mo Johnson '87**, including yummy food, amazing bluegrass music, cribbage lessons, and a rousing game of Around the World ping pong!"

David Syring '89, Duluth, Minnesota: "I co-edited (with Lauren Miller) 'The Routledge Companion to the Anthropology of Performance.' The book was published in November of 2023. The publisher's description: 'The book provides a cutting-edge, comprehensive overview of the foundations, epistemologies, methodologies, key topics and current debates, and future directions in the field. It brings together work from the disciplines of anthropology and performance studies, as well as adjacent fields.'"

1990s

WEDDING

Danielle Nelson '96 to Kennedy Omonuwa, Aug. 5, 2023

Annie Gregory Reneau '97, Pullman, Washington: "I work as associate editor at Upworthy. This summer I launched the Upworthy Book Club to explore books that bring out the best in humanity. On the same day I interviewed actor and author Rainn Wilson for the book club, I joined Vice President Kamala Harris and Joy Reid in a roundtable discussion about the Dobbs decision and reproductive rights on MSNBC's 'The ReidOut' show—a wild but exciting day! My husband and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary in August, and this fall, we enjoyed traveling to London, Athens, and Vienna with our three kids, one of whom graduated from college this past spring and another who graduated from high school and community college."

Jen Klein O'Keefe '98, Morehead, Kentucky, was named Distinguished Researcher for 2023 at Morehead State University. The award recognizes faculty and staff for their service to the campus community and their fields of study. She is also the 2023 Distinguished Service Award recipient from AASP-The Palynological Society and among the geoscientists elected Fellows of the Geological Society of America in 2023.

2000s

BIRTHS

Frederick "Freddy" Charles Wagoner, July 9, 2023, to **John Wagoner '05** and Lydia Wagoner

Brooks Franklin Hess-Roberts, Jan. 6, 2024, to **Gabrielle Reed-Hess '07** and **Matt Roberts '09**

Ada Vivian Thompson, Sept. 20, 2023, to **Amber Gerth Thompson '07** and Andrew Thompson

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Lori Parks '00, Cedar Rapids, Iowa: "Well, it's happened. After 20+ years of loving and trusting a Chevy Blazer, I have had to trade it in for a minivan lifestyle. No, not due to hauling around a bunch of athletic or social kids—but due to my priorities of loving and helping rescue dogs that need large crates and lower points of entry! My '08 Blazer told me it did not want to live through another Iowa winter, and the new models are too small to hold the large crates I already have. That, along with the greatness that is a sliding side door for those with low mobility, made me bite the bullet. It's been about a month now, and it still feels like a rental car to me, but it has served its purpose more times than I thought it would in this short span, taking my own 13-year-old lab to the ER vet, and my foster dog to a meet-and-greet and vet 40+ miles away. The things we do for those we love, huh?!"

Heather Carmichael Scoville '00, Ladora, Iowa: "I met **Delia Lamore '00** and **Bronwyn Raben '00** (went to Cornell our freshman and sophomore years) to travel around Ireland and the U.K. We spent two weeks traveling and taking tours of Ireland, England, Wales, and Scotland. When we got back, I found out I was elected to the Cornell Alumni Association Board of Directors starting in the spring of 2024. I am looking forward to representing the class of 2000 on the board as we plan alumni events.

Chris Meuleners '02, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota: "I started running again after 25 years when my wife was diagnosed with leukemia in 2017. This last year or two, I have made huge progress in both races and fundraising for cancer research and caregiver support. With the Twin Cities Marathon canceled, I headed up to Ashland, Wisconsin, for

the Whistlestop Marathon. Not a PR, but a solid Boston qualifying time and third-place Masters! COVID regrettably prevented me from joining in the Jack's Caregiver Coalition Big Give event, but our story was still told. My wife gave a heartfelt speech and my in-laws were there to receive the Jean Accius II Caregiver Award on my behalf. In all, the event raised over \$125,000, and I have joined the committee to lead the new Storm Chasers program for caregivers in crisis. We ended the summer with a trip to San Diego. In a last-minute decision, I joined the Temecula Half Marathon and was able to pick up my first overall race win!"

Anna Norstedt '02, St. Paul, Minnesota: "I am worried about the current state of the world but personally things are getting better. I started therapy and resumed going to the gym. I found that community ed ballet helps with lumbar pain. I will celebrate

my nephew's birthday at a cabin where I will meet their family's new puppy. We would typically celebrate the holidays in January, but we will be in Bermuda at that time."

Jacob Smith '03, Monrovia, California: "An action movie I wrote called 'Prepare To Die' is in post-production and will be on Tubi at the beginning of the new year. Also just finished up two commissioned scripts to be released by The Asylum in 2024. One is currently filming, and the other will be filmed in February."

Andrea Bachelier '05, Waterloo, Illinois: "I graduated with a master of arts degree in human resources in May 2023, and received my SHRM-CP certification in July 2023. Currently I am working as an HR business partner for Allsup Employment Services, Allsup Veterans Disability Services, and all shared services (marketing, IT, sales, account management)."



COURTESY OF NANCY REDENBAUGH MAPLES '65

These Alpha Sigma Pi Arrow sisters recently celebrated their 80th birthdays and 62 years of friendship. Since 1985 they've gathered in each others' homes about every other year. From left: Marilyn Slater Hrouda '65, Hilary Goslin Blake '65, Judy Orr Flanagan '65, Nancy Redenbaugh Maples '65, Mary Geisinger Nakayama '65, and Chris Vestermark Bruun '65.



COURTESY OF HEATHER CARMICHAEL SCOVILLE '00

Delia Lamore '00, Bronwyn Raben '00, and Heather Carmichael Scoville '00 (from left) traveled for two weeks in Ireland, England, Wales, and Scotland.



COURTESY OF MARCUS POHLMANN '72

Cornellian friends for more than 50 years met in September. FROM LEFT: Marcus Pohlmann '72, Dave Balster '69, Barb May Balster '72, and Barb Heimann Pohlmann '72.



COURTESY OF SUSAN MORROW PETROSKY '70

FROM LEFT: Susan Morrow Petrosky '70, Barb Martin MacGregor '70, and Mary Ann Mead '70 toured the Spam Museum in Austin, Minnesota. Among the many things they learned: Spam was the first canned meat and saved thousands of people worldwide from starvation.



COURTESY OF DEE ANN REXROAT '82

Dee Ann Rexroat '82, Bambi Hull Riesen '82, Rae Lynn Jenkins Jirsa '82 (from left), and Britt LaBissoniere '82 (front) converged on Times Square—and later, upstate New York—for fun that included seeing "Hamilton" on Broadway. At the National September 11 Memorial & Museum they were greeted by collections cataloguer Stephanie Schmeling Johnson '09. Missing at the last minute from the trip was Karin Kadlec Barthel '82.



BART SEEBACH '81

Pam Nelson Seebach '81, Bart Seebach '81 (not pictured), and their son Peter spent two weeks in England and Scotland seeing as many of John Wesley's preaching sites as possible. Pam and Peter are United Methodist pastors, and Pam created this pilgrimage marking every place he preached or founded a church. Here Pam and Peter are with the statue of John Wesley at Wesley's chapel and home in London.



COURTESY OF DAVID KORSLUND '76

LEFT: In May Craig Kuehl '66 (left) visited David Korslund '76 in France during a trip to the south of France, where they flew the Cornell colors. RIGHT: While touring France in a camper last November, Barbara Phifer '77 (left) and her husband (not pictured) stopped by and stayed with David Korslund '76 for a few days for a wonderful time catching up.



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Alexandra Myers '05, San Diego, California: "We bought a new house and moved to the suburbs! We live within 10 minutes of the cousins and grandparents and are loving it! We see **Marc Myers '05** almost every week."

Marc Myers '05, Los Alamitos, California: "I am happy to report that being an uncle to **Alexandra Myers '05's** new baby son, Reed, has been the highlight of my year. My wife Kristin and I have been fortunate enough to travel to several countries this year, including Denmark in the fall and Mexico in the spring. I truly love my work as a senior VP financial consultant at Charles Schwab and love spending time with my dog Bode. Life has treated me well."

John Wagoner '05, Williamsburg, Virginia: "Our second son, Frederick Charles Wagoner, was born July 9, 2023. I started a new job as the museum mount maker for the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg Foundation."

Dustin Waite '06, Sacramento, California: "In 2002 I lived three doors down from **Marja Sainio '06** in garden level Pfeiffer. She went on to get her master's degree in international policy and live in Venezuela. I've bounced back and forth from the environmental and education fields while living in multiple places. When the pandemic hit we both found ourselves in California and decided to meet for coffee in Pismo Beach. Welp, now we live together in Sacramento. Marja works for the California Department of Social Services as a contracts supervisor, and I'm back in the environmental field with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control. We both enjoy getting up to Tahoe for the winter season. Marja recently started volunteering for an organization called Lasagna Love where she makes lasagna for people in need and absolutely loves perfecting her recipe while also giving back. I just published my second travel memoir, 'Falling in

Love with The Process.' We have a white boxer named Tuula."

Gabrielle Reed-Hess '07, Cedar Rapids, Iowa: "2023 was a year of big changes for **Matt Roberts '09** and me! We welcomed our first child, Brooks Franklin Hess-Roberts, on Jan. 6, 2024. And in August, I said a very bittersweet goodbye to the Hilltop for the second time, leaving my position of nearly 10 years in Alumni and College Advancement for a similar role at Coe (hold the boos, please!) as advancement data systems manager. While I miss many things at Cornell, Coe has welcomed me with open arms and I'm settling in very well and looking forward to continued change in 2024!"

Amber Gerth Thompson '07, Overland Park, Kansas, gave birth to Ada Vivian on Sept. 20, 2023. She writes: "Ada joins her big brothers, Emmett (6) and Avery (1), and big sister, Evelyn (4). She is never without a willing participant to hold her."

Halley Yates Repasch '09, Goose Creek, South Carolina, graduated with a master's degree in library and information science from the University of South Carolina in August. She is now working as a children's librarian for Charleston County Library's newly opened Keith Summey North Charleston Library.

2010s

WEDDINGS

Andrew Decker '10 to Grace Feinberg, July 23, 2023

Shire Feingold '11 to Justin Ferrari, July 2, 2023

Carlie Ruffalo '14 to Ian Paja, Oct. 7, 2023

Jackie Sernek '14 to Ethan Yoder, Aug. 19, 2023

Sylvia Donahoo '16 to Kenneth Horowitz, Oct. 1, 2022

BIRTHS

Sage Nowak, March 18, 2023, to **Allie Jagielo Nowak '11** and **Chase Nowak '12**

Kodi Gratz, July 7, 2023, to **Dan Gratz '12** and **Kerbee Koehler Gratz '13**

Theodore Peter Stumo-Langer, May 26, 2023, to **Katlyn Arndt '15** and Nick Stumo-Langer

Elizabeth Erickson '11, Colorado Springs, Colorado: "Started a new job at Colorado College. Finished my Ph.D. in earth science at the University of California-Santa Barbara. Adopted a Maine Coon mix kitten who is a joy. Otherwise just enjoying being back in Colorado, ski season, and being closer to family."

Allie Jagielo Nowak '11 and **Chase Nowak '12**, Plover, Wisconsin, welcomed the birth of their daughter Sage on March 18, 2023, and also moved to Plover from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to be closer to Allie's family.

Diego Verdugo '12, Phoenix, Arizona, received national recognition from Investment-News, a national industry magazine. In 2023 he was named to their inaugural Hot List of wealth professionals who support underserved groups and the next generation of wealth professionals and who make a tangible difference within their communities and farther afield.

Charlie Egan '13, Hinesville, Georgia, and his wife, Holly, finalized the adoption of their four children on June 8, 2023.

Kerbee Koehler Gratz '13 and **Dan Gratz '12**, Austin, Texas, welcomed their second daughter, Kodi, to the family on July 7, 2023.

Jackie Havens '14: "Started a new job as a content strategist at Propeller Aero, a drone software company located in Denver, Colorado, and will be moving to the Denver area in early 2024."

Lucee Rakowitz-Leyja '14, San Antonio, Texas, accepted a position as a licensed clinician with San Antonio's local mental health authority, The Center for Healthcare Services. In January of 2024 Lucee will be starting her journey to becoming a certified sex therapist. On a personal note, Lucee and her husband, Arthur, joyfully celebrated the seventh anniversary of their first date and the second anniversary of their wedding on Oct. 14, 2023. In celebration, the couple hosted a small party with their polycule, closest friends, and family members.

Carlie Ruffalo '14, Portland, Oregon: "I got married to Ian Paja on Oct. 7, 2023, in Portland, Oregon. Many Cornellians were in attendance."

Justin Futrell '16, Denver, Colorado: "Hey gang, I'm doing my 6th annual fundraiser for clean water! If you want to donate, Venmo TanzaniaWaterFund. Every \$6 brings water to one more person. Over the last five years, Pull-ups for Tanzania has brought clean water to 50,000 people! And so many Cornellians have been a part of it! Join me! Text 740-525-5259 with questions."

Carly Pierson '17, Tucson, Arizona, began her master's degree in environmental science and policy at Northern Arizona University in fall 2023.

Marshall Hobson-Ritz '18, Bellevue, Washington, successfully completed a post-baccalaureate bachelor of science program in astronomy at the University of Washington in 2023.

Alina Moore '22 works at the Albuquerque BioPark Zoo and Aquarium as a life support specialist dealing with the water quality around the park to keep the animals alive. "I am learning about the importance of life support at a zoo and who truly makes a difference behind the scenes."

Hannah Robertson '18, Cardiff, Wales: "I finished my master's degree in international journalism from Cardiff University in 2019 and have recently returned to Cardiff, Wales, to live with my fiancé. I currently work remotely for a news organization in Colorado called the Local NEWS Network."

First Lieutenant **Matt Stone '19**, USAF Pilot (MQ-9 Reaper), is stationed at Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico.

Jocelyn Torres '19, Chula Vista, California, graduated with a master's degree in neuroscience and developmental disabilities.

2020s

Lukas Meyer '21, St. Paul, Minnesota, started a new job at Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties in September.

Robert Petrie '21, Minneapolis, Minnesota: "I am pursuing a master of science in oncology from the University of Florida College of St. Simeon Salos. I will graduate in December of 2025."

Amelia Ayers '22, Sacramento, California: "I started a new job as a physical scientist with the U.S. Geological Survey and moved to Sacramento, California. I also have two new pet rats."

Alina Moore '22, Taos, New Mexico: "I started a job at the Albuquerque BioPark Zoo and Aquarium as a life support specialist dealing with the water quality around the park to keep the animals alive. The animals I mainly work around include polar bears, penguins, elephants, tigers, and Steller's sea eagles. I am enjoying learning more about the importance of life support at a zoo and who truly makes a difference behind the scenes at zoos and aquariums. A lot of people (including the keepers) don't realize the impact our job has on keeping these animals alive. I can't wait to find out where it takes me in life."

Greta Henderson '23: "I'm currently living in Germany as a Fulbright recipient teaching English at a Grundschule (elementary school). On my days off I take advantage of the 49 euro per month train ticket that lets me travel anywhere in Germany, traveling both alone and with new friends!"

Avelene Schesser '23, Littleton, Colorado: "Headed to James Cook University in Australia this spring to get a master's degree in marine biology."

Losses



Nancy Jane Price '46

Poet and novelist **Nancy Jane Price '46**, author of the 1987 suspense novel "Sleeping With the Enemy," died Nov. 20, 2023, at age 98.

When she was a teenager her family settled in Cedar Falls, Iowa, where her father, Malcolm Price, became president of Iowa State Teachers College, later known as the University of Northern Iowa (UNI). Following Cornell she married and began teaching at UNI. She studied with poets John Holmes and Philip Booth, attended the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop, and received a master's degree from UNI.

The Poetry Society of America gave her their annual award in 1967. In 1968 she took a leave from teaching to pursue fiction, writing in a small upstairs room before her three children woke each morning.

Price published more than a dozen novels, with translations in 18 languages. She also published more than 100 poems and stories and received a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship and residencies in Italy, France, and Ireland. Her third novel, "Sleeping with the Enemy," was made into a 1991 movie starring Julia Roberts.

John, her eldest son, died in 2005. She remained in Cedar Falls, close to her two remaining children, and continued writing. She finished her final novel, set in Cedar Falls, in the last year of her life.

Price is survived by her two children, **Catherine Thompson '74** and David.



Marion Lorraine Hill Collins '53

Marion Lorraine Hill Collins '53, whose Time Magazine job out of college launched a lifelong writing career, died at age 91 on Sept. 15, 2023, in Billings, Montana. She was still writing timely commentaries for the Daily Montanan at age 90.

Collins majored in English and French and wrote for The Cornelian. She moved to New York City after graduation, where she became an editorial researcher for Time Magazine, later recalling, "I had a glamorous job, but I didn't like it. Women weren't allowed to write for the magazine so I left." She returned to her home state of South Dakota to teach high school English and journalism and served as her Cornell Class Agent for the next 20 years.

Collins became a humor columnist for Marriage and Family Living, authored the book "What's A Place Like This Doing to a Nice Girl Like Me?", and chaired the South Dakota Commission on the Status of Women in the 1970s. When her family moved abroad due to her husband's work, she became assistant editor of the Singapore American Newspaper and, from London, published in British newspapers and magazines. Back in the U.S. she published mystery short stories in magazines, became a South Dakota Public Radio commentator, and in 2018 published a mystery novel, "Safe House."

She is survived by her two daughters, a son, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



Robert Majors '57

Robert "Bob" "Maj" Majors '57, longtime Cornell fundraiser and alumni director, died at age 88 on Oct. 25, 2023, in Mount Vernon, Iowa.

At Cornell he was a Delt, president of the Letterman's Club, and a championship wrestler—winning three Midwest Conference Championships and the 1954 Nebraska AAU Championship.

He began his career as a teacher and coach in Sweet Home, Oregon, serving as head wrestling coach and assistant football and baseball coach. His wrestling team won the state championship in 1958, and he developed a wrestling program at the elementary school level that rapidly spread throughout the state. He and his team earned another state title after he moved to Portland, Oregon, as head wrestling coach.

Majors left his coaching career and returned to Iowa in 1962. His love of wrestling never wavered, though, and he started the youth wrestling program in Mount Vernon, serving more than 30 consecutive years as a volunteer coach.

He was a Cornell staff member for 32 years, from 1966 to 1998, serving as director of the Annual Fund, director of development, director of alumni affairs, and director of planned giving and major gift solicitations. He was elected to the Cornell Athletics Hall of Fame and honored in 2002 with a Leadership & Service Award.

He and his wife, Jan, were both widowed when they married in 1978. He is survived by his wife, two sons and two stepsons, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.



John Beamer '61

Marathon runner and former Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of Iowa **John Evans Beamer '61** died Nov. 19, 2023, in Des Moines. He was 84.

Beamer studied sociology and economics at Cornell and was captain of the swim team. He earned a degree from the University of Iowa College of Law, then was sworn in as a special agent with the FBI, assigned first in Seattle, Washington, then Los Angeles and Santa Monica, California, where he conducted investigations for White House appointments and the National Security Council.

In 1970 he became the Assistant Attorney General for Iowa, heading the civil division for seven years. In 1972, he was appointed Special Iowa Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Iowa Tort Claims Division, defending the state in civil litigation. Subsequently, he was appointed Chairman of the Public Employment Relations Board, serving as chief labor law judge for the state. In 1986 Beamer became an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of Iowa assigned to the civil division and later, the general criminal division. He retired in 2018 after 32 years.

Beamer ran 22 marathons, three of them the Boston Marathon, with an achievement of running a 2:54 hour marathon at the age of 45.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; a son and daughter; three step-children; five grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren.

Bettyglenn Jensen Osincup '41, Washington, Iowa, Nov. 27, 2023

Jeane Shotwell Cheverton '44, Lake Oswego, Oregon, Oct. 28, 2022

Marcia Bacon Conner '47, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, Dec. 12, 2023

Lois "Loie" Stewart Renner '47, Geneva, Illinois, Dec. 28, 2023

Judith Russell Salisbury '47, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Dec. 2, 2023

Mary Carol Plattenberger Lambertsen '48, Martelle, Iowa, Nov. 16, 2023

Margaret Barnes Brinkmeyer '49, St. Louis, Missouri, Dec. 17, 2023

Dorothy Slater Grafft '49, Princeton, Illinois, Dec. 30, 2023

Mary Schneider Wine '49, Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 29, 2024

Gretchen Zieman Stuhr '50, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Jan. 7, 2024

Richard Wardell '50, Scottsdale, Arizona, Nov. 10, 2023

Darleen Langhoff Weber '51, Franklin, Tennessee, Aug. 4, 2023

William Montgomery '53, Annapolis, Maryland, Dec. 31, 2023

Barbara Baumhoefener Pesch '53, Chilmark, Massachusetts, May 21, 2023

Mary Jo Mitchell Voss '53, Grundy Center, Iowa, Nov. 24, 2023

Louise Cobb Kant '54, Carmel, Indiana, Sept. 30, 2023

Barbara Klein Johnson '56, Surprise, Arizona, Nov. 29, 2023

Karen Brand McNeil '56, Hampton, Virginia, Jan. 10, 2024

Craig Sidles '56, Flagstaff, Arizona, Nov. 27, 2023

Larry Hawes '58, Dixon, Illinois, Jan. 28, 2024

Elwood Hart '59, Ames, Iowa, Feb. 2, 2024

Gary Thompson '60, Lakewood, Colorado, Dec. 12, 2023

Cigdem Turkes Akkurt '61, Romeoville, Illinois, June 21, 2023

William Hackett '61, Wheaton, Illinois, Jan. 22, 2024

Almeda Garn Maynard '61, Chicago, Illinois, Jan. 3, 2024

James Page '61, Spring, Texas, Oct. 12, 2023

Robert Challis '62, Corvallis, Oregon, Jan. 18, 2024

Carol Smith '62, Ankeny, Iowa, Dec. 4, 2023

Eric Sund '63, Frankfort, Indiana, Jan. 12, 2024

Ann Hatch Raymond '64, Brunswick, Maine, Nov. 14, 2023

Lois Renter '65, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Dec. 9, 2023

Carol Erlandson Hock '66, Phoenix, Arizona, Aug. 10, 2023

Eugene "Rick" Schmidt '66, Algonquin, Illinois, July 22, 2023

Mary Paulson Beimborn '69, Minnetonka, Minnesota, Nov. 18, 2023

Stephen Koser '69, North Liberty, Iowa, Nov. 20, 2023

Elizabeth Kelly Winger '69, Edina, Minnesota, Dec. 4, 2023

Deanne Bishop '71, Newport, Oregon, Jan. 8, 2024

Victoria Brownlee Wittgraf '71, Cherokee, Iowa, Jan. 26, 2024

John Mewaldt '72, Racine, Wisconsin, Oct. 8, 2023

Jeffrey Torricelli '77, Port Huron, Michigan, Jan. 23, 2024

Glenda Wooten Evans '78, West Point, Mississippi, Sept. 12, 2023

David Corsini '81, Alexandria, Virginia, Sept. 6, 2023

Joyce Strand '84, Waukegan, Iowa, Feb. 2, 2024

Katherine "Katie" Buswell '03, Coralville, Iowa, Dec. 27, 2023

David Barsotti, Honorary Alumnus, Englewood, Colorado, March 9, 2023

Carey Downs Gibson, Honorary Alumna, Denver, Colorado, Jan. 28, 2024

Richard J. Watkins, assistant professor of chemistry, 1970–1977, Waukesha, Wisconsin, Jan. 22, 2024

Addendum

Former Associate Dean of Students Robin Reid, whose obituary appeared in the fall 2023 issue, was an honorary alumnus of Cornell.