



Five 1980s Phi-Os were seen zipping around in an antique car—red, of course—near Austin, Texas, last spring. They met for sightseeing in the city and downtime at the suburban Georgetown, Texas, home of Lori Zippe-Ford '81. Back seat, from left: Louesa Runge Fine '80, Karen Smith Sumner '81, and Darlene Harbuziuk Melton '80. Front seat, from left: Chris Stahl Reborá '81 and Zippe-Ford '81.

1940s

A year after national media coverage of his “graduation” from Cornell 80 years after he left to serve in WWII, the media covered **Fred Taylor '43** again during his honors flight trip to Normandy for the 80th anniversary of D-Day. He and other veterans were greeted at the Paris airport by French citizens carrying photos of each veteran; the photo Fred submitted was his wedding picture with his late wife **Peggy E. Newberg Taylor '46**. He said the people greeted them as if it were the liberation all over again. One of his escorts along the way was a young soldier also from Linn County (Fred grew up in Springville)—see the media coverage at crnl.co/dday or use the QR code.

He returned home to La Mesa, California, happy, yet emotionally and physically taxed. During the trip he often thought about his classmates, like **Robert Hill '43**, who also enlisted, but are no longer with us to commemorate their effort. Back home, Fred represented WWII veterans in a Fourth of July parade in Coronado, California.

1950s

The Rev. **Fred Morris '55** has published his memoir, “Raising Hell for Jesus: Seven Decades of Faith, Courage, and Chasing the Impossible Dream.” His career as a Methodist minister ranges from starting the fastest-growing church in northern Illinois, to befriending Brazil’s Catholic archbishop and subsequently being kidnapped and tortured by the Brazilian military, to establishing a refugee children’s center at a United Methodist Church in southern California. After decades at the fiery intersection of faith and activism, he is now retired with his wife, Argentina, in Nicaragua. The memoir is available on Amazon.

Donita Brown Hulse Wise '55, Aurora, Colorado, shared that her husband of 29 years, Arthur Wise, died Oct. 6, 2023. “Now my daughter, Amy, has moved in with me, and I love having the company and the help she provides,” she writes. “I’d love to visit Cornell again but at age 90 traveling is difficult. I enjoy getting the Cornell Report. When I was a senior I lived with **Georgia Brown Mourning '55, Ann Holcomb Carlson '55, Nancy Antes Flaten '55, and Mary Pat Miller Fisher '55** on the top floor of Rood House. I have lots of fond memories of that time.”

Tom Sears '56, Cedar Rapids, Iowa: “I served on various boards and committees at Boston University for 12 years. I then was my wife’s caregiver until her death on Dec. 10, 2022. I have been reelected to the Boston University School of Theology Dean’s Board. To keep busy, I am a trustee, chairman of a capital campaign, take my turn teaching a church school class, and preached in June at my church. I presented a new paper at the Cedar Rapids Literary Club in January, and a paper I presented 26 years ago was chosen for the paper from the past for May. My New Year’s resolution for next year will be to try to say No!”

1960s

Ron Stavoe '60, Arlington Heights, Illinois, and the late **Jane Bedingfield Stavoe '61** met at Cornell and married in 1962, and have three daughters, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandkids. “In 1976 we purchased our winter home on the island of Maui near Lahaina. Maui and Lahaina have been part of our community for the last 48 years,” Ron writes. “Jane taught at King Kamehameha School in Lahaina and the kids and parents became part of our community. There were bridge games, potlucks, tennis games, whale watches, and walks on the beach. Our kids and grandkids would come and

visit us while we are wintering in Maui. The 2023 fire in Lahaina has destroyed the entire town. Yet when I meet up with people from Lahaina who have lost everything, they have this spirit that Lahaina is going to rise up from the ashes and their community will stay together and make it happen. I feel we have been so honored to have known these people and been part of their community.”

Carole Baskerville Carson '63, Castelnau-le-Lez, France: “After moving three years ago, I finally feel at home in the south of France on the Mediterranean. One regret—I wish I’d visited Cornell’s French language lab more regularly. Writing memoir-based novels has occupied my time since arriving. The first four are available on Amazon (‘Blackbird,’ ‘My Mother’s Daughter,’ ‘The Perfect Mother,’ and ‘The First and Last Lesson’). I’ve started writing the fifth book, and then the series will be complete. I quit writing a monthly newspaper column after 25+ years. I’ve also given up tennis and instead walk with my new French friends. As much as I’ve seen, I haven’t made a dent in the historic sites and cities, especially in the south of France. I also spent three weeks in Scotland because it was cooler, and I was ready to hear people speak a language I could understand. Like most of you, I have much to do and see—and still keep up with my writing.”

William Dressel '63, Fruita, Colorado: “Since leaving Cornell, I have led a fortunate life: law school at Denver University; practice in a Denver firm; partner in a firm in Fort Collins; District Judge, 8th Judicial District Colorado for 22 years; adjunct professor of law at Denver University Law School; president of the National Judicial College for 13 years; and retirement first on the Hawaiian island of Kauai and then in Fruita in the Grand Valley on the western slope of Colorado. My wife Angela and I have a blended family of five children, eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.”

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ENVISAGE STUDIOS

Diego Verdugo '12, Madgetta Thornton Dungy '64, President Jonathan Brand, and Douglas Ramos '77 (from left).

Cornell proudly honored these alumni during Homecoming 2024

Diego Verdugo '12 YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Diego Verdugo is a first-generation, bicultural, and bilingual immigrant from Sonora, Mexico. Following graduation from Cornell, he joined Principal Financial Group where he climbed the ranks to managing director, co-leading a team of financial professionals and building a practice of his own. Verdugo provides holistic guidance to families, professionals, nonprofits, and businesses looking to grow and operate more efficiently. He is an advocate for financial literacy, focusing on closing the wealth gaps in underrepresented and low-income communities.

Madgetta Thornton Dungy '64 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Dr. Madgetta Thornton Dungy's resilience through the challenges of becoming Cornell's first African American woman graduate inspired her leadership career devoted to the encouragement, support, and motivation of college student success. From Cornell she went on to earn a doctorate, receive national recognition, and retire as an assistant dean. With over 50 years of experience in the field, she has made an immeasurable impact on the field of higher education in her tireless pursuit of supporting students.

Douglas Ramos '77 LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD

Following graduation Dr. Douglas Ramos earned his medical degree from Creighton University, completed his post-doctoral research fellowship at MIT, and finished his plastic surgery residency at Harvard Medical School. Currently a plastic surgeon and a team physician for Creighton University Athletics, he has been a national figure in college athletics and continues to provide leadership and guidance to college athletes and the NCAA.

Class of 1974 50th Reunion

FRONT ROW: Sharon Snyder Gasser, Cindy Terzian Sheely, Judy Logan Bowman, Joyce Prudden, Marla Johnson, Patsy Graham Ophaug, Lisa Gillis-Keating, Ann Edmonds, Mickey Cavander, Tia Stackland McGinnis, Cheri Johnson Mahin

ROW 2: Laurie MacGregor, John Sheely, Gail Parker Mehlan, Barb Bartlett Spalten, Jill Olson, Wendy Buresh, Sharon Buckley, Tom Hoeksema, Betsy Sawhill Espe, Patricia Halls, Marta Wherry Mathatas, Richard Bentley

ROW 3: Mark Hanawalt, Barbara Norton Hanawalt, Gloria Folkers Heber, Don Wallace, Jan Krebs-Carro, Nan Johnson St. Clair, Trish Davis Berglund, Bill Maxson, Cindy Keune, Claire Dickey Licht

ROW 4: Odell McGhee, John Yeager, Harvey Gasser, Tom Monson, Alinda Campbell Wengenroth, Jerry Gale, Liz Marbach Thompson, Susan Even, Ed Roorda, Liz Redeker Paige, Henry Winokur



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Bradley Wright '76, Rachelle Hawkins Crawford '09, Camille Marie '13, and Griffin LaDew '09 (from left).

4 Rams join the Athletics Hall of Fame

Bradley Wright '76

A four-year football letterman and a record holder on the swim team, Wright excelled as an NCAA Division III All-American in doubles tennis. He and tennis partner **Scott Haymond '76** advanced to the quarterfinals at the 1976 NCAA Championships, leading the Rams to a program-best sixth-place team finish.

Rachelle Hawkins Crawford '09

At one point Crawford held seven school records in cross country and track & field. She collected four All-Iowa Conference track medals and placed eighth in the mile at the 2009 NCAA Indoor Championships to earn All-America honors. Crawford was a three-time All-Iowa Conference performer and two-time all-region honoree in cross country.

Camille Marie '13

Marie elevated the women's basketball program to record levels during a career in which she scored 1,441 points, second-most by a Ram. The 2013 All-American center and MWC Player of the Year remains Cornell's career leader in made free throws and field goals. A CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) Academic All-American, Marie steered the 2012-13 MWC championship team to the program's first appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

Griffin LaDew '09

LaDew graduated as Cornell's all-time scoring leader (1,561 points) in basketball and still owns records for 3-pointers made and free throw percentage in a career and season. The three-time all-conference shooting guard guided the team to the 2009 Iowa Conference Tournament title and NCAA Tournament berth. A National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Scholar All-American, LaDew started 99 consecutive games.

Bill Hovenden '63, Gallatin, Tennessee: “At this time in my life, I am filled with the blessings that have enabled me to live a healthy and adventurous life. To have played college sports and served in Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer has provided me with many fond memories. My dear wife passed out of this world two years ago. She was just 65. I spend my time now writing books about the dogs that have shared their lives with me. The book ‘J.D. and Me’ has been published. The other two are still in draft form.”

Scott McCulley '63, Atlanta, Georgia: “Eileen and I celebrated our 56th wedding anniversary and are excited about the arrival of our first great-granddaughter. Wahoo! Another Georgia football ‘Bulldawgs’ fan to cheer and have fun with at the games in Athens, Georgia. We love living in the South and have been for 56 years. We made our move south out of Minnesota early for business. I miss the lakes and summers there, but living in Georgia has kept us close to the mountains, lakes, gulf, and ocean. We can drive and meet our family at destinations favored by all. I am so glad Eileen and I did our international travel when we were younger, with fewer concerns about security and illness.”

Ernie Norris '63, Pittsboro, North Carolina: “Ann and I are doing our best to stay as active as possible and pursue our love of good times with friends, travel, and cultural activities. Although our medical appointments seem to dominate our calendars, we are fighting back with exercise and a reasonable diet. A country song, ‘Don’t Let the Old Man In,’ is about fighting off the grim reaper. We are doing our best!”

Dennis Zuber '63, Homestead, Iowa: “My wife Elaine and I are still living at our ancestral home in the Amana Colonies. Following 34 years with Rockwell International, I retired in 1997. After consulting contracts in Dallas and Shanghai, I returned to a simpler life of

restoring antique cars and tractors, hobby farming, volunteering, and traveling. Farming efforts have focused on creating a wildlife preserve, establishing native prairie (inspired by **Lee Swanson '60** in Cross Plains, Wisconsin), and experimenting with natural forest regeneration. Still traveling, we visited the Netherlands, Ireland, and the Canadian Rockies in 2023 and toured the Midwest with our 1931 Model A Ford. My lifelong effort of staying connected with Cornell classmates was highlighted with an impromptu reunion in the Amanas for our 60th class anniversary. We have also enjoyed several bicycling trips in France with **Bob McDermand '63** and **Nancy Connolly McDermand '64**, and excursions to Italy, Turkey, Peru, South Africa, Costa Rica, and New Zealand with the McDermands, **Ron Schnack '63**, the late **Pat Errington Schnack '64**, **Ed Truelson '63**, and the late **Jim Hughes '63**.”

Sharon Plagmann Harrington '64, Fort Myers, Florida, and her husband, Tom, still travel back to Minnesota for family time. She reports that they have almost completed repairing their Florida home that was damaged during Hurricane Ivan. Her quilting group reached a milestone of contributing 1,000 quilts to Project Linus, and she plays golf five to six times per month.

Nancy Connolly McDermand '64 and **Bob McDermand '63**, San Jose, California, celebrated their 59th anniversary. Nancy loves her hiking trips with her group (highlights include San Francisco and Point Reyes National Seashore), book group, and she especially loves her watercolor classes.

Between homes in Naples, Florida, and Snowmass, Colorado, and visiting the families of their two sons in Colorado, **Becky Martin McLennan '64** and **Bob McLennan '65** managed to travel even more this year, including numerous trips throughout the world.

Donna Nielsen Pfeil '64, Granger, Indiana, and husband, Dick, spent three winter months in Naples, Florida, but visit children scattered from Ventura, California, to Orlando, Florida. They are still involved with various community and business projects, and they often attend various dinners and meetings for boards they sit on. Notre Dame and Michigan State University football games are high on their list of viewing options.

Liz Ward Waggener '64, Williamsburg, Virginia, visits their daughter’s family (with three grandsons) in Durango, Colorado, in the summer, but both daughter and their son (who lives in Roanoke, Virginia, with his 10-year-old son) all gather in Williamsburg for the holidays. Liz suspects that Busch Gardens, with its Clydesdales, roller coasters, and more, is the bigger draw. In December Liz walked the Battle of Yorktown field with author Diana Gabaldon (“Outlander” series) in preparation for the author’s 10th book.

Kent Willis '64 and **Karen Pennell Willis '67**, Lake City, Iowa, have lived in their home for a long time. Both are doing well and trying to get in their daily step count.

Jim Dvorak '65, Wilmington, North Carolina: “My wife, Kiki, and I, along with our daughter and her family, took a three-week trip to South Africa and Botswana. We completed more than 20 safari game drives in both South Africa and on the Okavango Delta. It was particularly exciting for our 11-year-old grandson. We also visited Victoria Falls, Capetown, and Johannesburg, where we toured Soweto and Nelson Mandela’s home. The Soweto tour was really an emotional experience.”

Former longtime Carl Sandburg College trustee **Bruce Lauerman '66**, Galesburg, Illinois, was honored with the Illinois Community College Trustees Association’s Certificate of Merit. Bruce

was elected to the Sandburg Board of Trustees in 1990 and recently retired from his role. “For nearly four decades, Bruce made it his mission to support students and strengthen our community through his service as a Sandburg trustee. He continues to value and cherish the role higher education can play in a person’s life,” said Sandburg President Seamus Reilly.

Three classmates who were first-years in the fall of 1962—roommates **Pam Saunders Schofield '66**, **Linda Buresh Brouillette '66** (who went on to graduate from the University of Iowa), and **Cathy Hansen Blando '66** (who graduated from Augustana)—reunited in Arizona. The three enjoyed a fun lunch with many laughs and memories. Linda’s husband, **Gene Brouillette '63**, joined them for some of the visit. Linda and Gene live in Arizona. Cathy travels between Iowa and Phoenix. Pam lives in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Reta Mitchell Dahlen '67, Long Prairie, Minnesota, is deeply involved in restoring Riverside Park, a Works Progress Administration project completed in 1936. After a flood the park was sold, and sold again, when it became a dumping ground for demolition debris until Minnesota passed the Wetlands Protection Act in 1991. “In 2017 when the property was given back to the city of Long Prairie, I became a park board member and a volunteer,” Reta writes. “Last year I spent 572 hours mowing the trails, burning fallen branches, writing grants, and posting updates on a Facebook page, Friends of Riverside.”

Beverly Van Winkle Jacobsen '67 writes: “My health and relationships and purpose have been just enough to enjoy life in Yorba Linda, California, for 33 years. I have two daughters and six grandchildren who provide me with endless fun. Retired 12 years from insurance underwriting and secondary teaching, I’ve volunteered as a therapy dog

handler for 12 years. Traveling to Israel, African countries, and over the West have been great experiences; training participants at Celebrate Recovery in Anaheim for 15 years has also been very fulfilling. I look forward to going back—finally!—for Cornell’s next reunion milestone in three years.”

Paul Lubenkov III '67, La Grange, Illinois: “A generous selection of my recent poems and a brief biography have been published in the creative anthology ‘Mud Flat Verse.’”

Ted Meads '67, Hudson, Wisconsin: “My wife, Susie, and I continue to spend lots of family time with adult children and grandchildren, though, increasingly, the latter are not children. Our oldest grandson, **Indigo Meads '24**, graduated from Cornell in May. Another Cornell touchpoint: granddaughter Hayden attended Cornell’s summer session in 2023, and the painting she did while there was accepted into a show at the Denver Museum of Art. Other grands are close to finishing high school, participating in a variety of activities—and keeping us on our toes. I am still working for Welvie, though we were acquired by a much larger firm and I expect to retire in February of 2025. Like all of you in the same age group, I try to stay active and healthy, do all the things the experts tell us we should be doing, and continue to learn (I recently joined a book club primarily made up of Cornell grads). Susie and I continue to travel a great deal. Recently, we were in Morocco, and this fall we saw the animal migrations in Botswana. Trips are not only exciting but continue to expand our knowledge, keep our brains working, and provide a wonderful perspective on our world. And finally, another family event, our daughter, **Annie Hettinger '11**, was married in September.”

Helen Smith '67, Brookhaven, Georgia: “I’m still working part-time and enjoying being with my amazing colleagues. I spent Christmas in Houston with my nephew and his family and with my brother from Iowa the past two years. I think we are lucky to have grown up when we did. My nephew and his wife are geologists. I’m happy that at least one more member of our family finished the dissertation such that we are now the Drs. Smith. We are planning a trip to Iceland because I think I have to travel as long as I can enjoy it.”

Judith McConnell Steele '67, Boise, Idaho: “I helped start a literary center in Boise. It’s called The Cabin, and it’s right next to the main library. They’re taking banned books and giving them to Rediscovered Bookshop. I have a novel there that I wrote about my Peace Corps days called ‘The Angel of Esperança.’ It was published by Elaine Ambrose, a lovely woman who publishes only women’s books. My wonderful husband, Richard Steele, was so proud of my work. We met in Chicago on a blind date. We then moved to Switzerland, were married there, and lived there for two years. He died, very suddenly, on Dec. 17, 2017, in Boise, and I miss him every day. But I have wonderful friends here who helped me get through those dark days, as did you, **Ted Meads '67** and **Liz Moore Schutter '67**.”

Barbara Whipple '67, Houston, Texas, took her annual Cancun trip, this time with **Helen Smith '67** visiting for a week. She also went to California to visit **Jo Eckerley '69**. Barbara got to see one of her favorite authors at Murder By The Book (a bookstore and event space for mystery and thriller fans in Houston): Martin Walker, who writes the Bruno detective series.

John Carbee '68, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, had his first novel, “Le Memorial,” translated to French.

Jerry Sale '68, Seattle, Washington: “After a nearly long-enough career as a lawyer in Seattle, I began in 2008 to work incrementally toward retirement, first jettisoning my trial practice and limiting myself to appellate advocacy, then leaving the firm in 2015 and undertaking pro bono work on behalf of the indigent. In 2022 I accomplished full retirement, which is a grand thing indeed if one can afford it. Meantime, my lovely and talented wife of almost 45 years, a professor of biochemistry at the University of Washington, continues to provide my health insurance (which, thankfully, I barely need) and all the emotional support I crave. Life includes travel, lots of bicycling, reading, and lunch with friends.”

Konnie Kiefer Stark '68 and **Paul Stark '68**, Upper Gwynedd, Pennsylvania, spent a couple of weeks seeing family and friends in Florida, then took their children and grandchildren to Costa Rica. “We heard from one of the independent living communities we had been on the waitlist for and are now in the process of putting our home up for sale. Downsizing is not for the weak of heart. There may be a sizable storage locker in our future. In the meantime we have booked two weeks at Chautauqua and will celebrate our 56th wedding anniversary there. Paul continues to play tennis a couple of times a week and Konnie is at the piano on most days.”

Stephen LaFollette '69, Edmond, Oklahoma: “Julie and I visited the Midwest with a travel group on a Made in America tour. We visited the Anheuser-Busch brewery in St. Louis, a Subaru plant and winery in Indiana, the Motown and Henry Ford museums in Detroit, a dairy in Illinois, and Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, among others.”


Sterling Pratt '69, Richwood, Kentucky, has been enjoying retirement for over a decade and has been pursuing his love of art. Inspired by Professor Hank Lifson, painting is once

again a part of his life. Several of his nature pieces have been printed as greeting cards and have found a home in independent bookstores.

Jane Welgos Sidwell '69: “I continue to enjoy life in the Lowcountry of Beaufort, South Carolina. It has been a pleasure to serve on the Cornell Alumni Board these past several years as we come together in the spring and at Homecoming for meetings, greeting alums, and supporting our beloved Cornell. Within my home community, I appreciate being involved with the Families Against Book Bans group, support our local chamber music series, and participate in the ‘Sacred Ground’ series offered within my Episcopal Church community. Also: seasonal travel to the Midwest for Cornell and family time; beach time in Naples, Florida; and some lake time in Minnesota, on Lake Pepin.”

1970s

Gary Livacari '71 and his wife, Nancy, live in Park Ridge, Illinois. He is a retired dentist and a baseball historian who recently published “White Washing the Black Sox,” his fifth baseball history book and first novel. He was a featured speaker at the national convention of the Society for American Baseball Research held in August in Minneapolis.

David Hilmers '72, Houston, Texas, was inducted into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame in June. In a story on the Cornell website linking to his induction ceremony (crnl.co/astronaut),  or use the QR code), he said his Cornell education taught him a very logical way of looking at things, which was helpful in space. “I think the thing I remember most about Cornell, and the thing that really helped me on my career trajectory, was the fact that I was able to try so many different things at Cornell,” he said. “I made a lot of friends while I was at Cornell and had a lot of great experiences. It was life-forming, I would say.”



Rams Football Legends Reunion

A gathering to honor coaches, players, and friends of the Midwest Conference championship teams of 1992 and 1995.

FRONT ROW: Kurt Ronnfeldt '98, Brent Sands '93, Jeff Menster '93, Mike Tressel '96, Jason Edwards '95, Donnie Kremer '95, Shane Ehresman '93, Greg Kubler '96, Barron Bremner '96, Kimball Lewis '93

MIDDLE ROW: Ryan Reasland '97, Coach Ray Reasland, Brent Belding '92, Jesse Danneman '94, Randy Wies '93, John Hartman '93, Dan Felton '96, Joey Larkin '96, Jim McClowry '93, Coach Rick Coles, Marty Morris '93, Steve Salazar '94, Chad Szabo '93, Andy Ehresman '96

BACK ROW: Pete Cavanagh '95, Matt Miller '94, Head Coach Steve Miller '65, Matt Mitchell '96, Steve Huegel '96

Bruce Hillner '75, Edgewater, Maryland, moved to a restored 1930s cottage with a water view in Edgewater, Maryland, bordering Annapolis. He reports that 2023 was a year of travels with partner Tricia and family members. He continues to enjoy 5K and 10K runs and sharing time with his grandsons.

Jessica Brugger Meserve '75, Kennebunk, Maine: "My seven grandchildren are bundles of energy and joy. I'm cheering in gyms for basketball games or on the sidelines of soccer matches and baseball games only slightly less than when my children were growing up. This September, I treated myself to a walking tour of Cornwall, United Kingdom. Invigorating & peaceful. I returned to Kennebunk, Maine, in the fall of 2020 after living in Hallowell, Maine, for a few years. Looking forward to our 50th class reunion!"

Bob Pierce '75, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida: "It's been cold enough in South Florida this year that a 'falling iguana alert' has been issued at least once. I'm not kidding. Being cold-blooded, if the temperature

gets low enough, the sleeping (non-indigenous) animals can fall out of the trees and possibly injure passersby. If they don't fall too far, once the temperature warms up, they wake up and go about their business." Bob and Sue are planning their first trip to Hawaii. They plan to be at the Class of 1975 50th reunion.

Bill Smale '75, Thailand: "I've spent the last four years in Thailand (initially COVID lockdown) and have traveled to most Southeast Asian countries except for the Philippines this last year. In May I went with a friend to Europe. Our Eurail passes took us to 11 countries in three months, a trip that is better suited for someone in their 20s. I met **David Korslund '76** in Amsterdam, close friends in Norway, and new friends in Sweden, Germany, and Italy. In December I made a short trip back to Japan to pick up some things left there from the sale of my condo. The other purpose was to visit **Akira Kasano '73**, the star goalie of Cornell in the early '70s, to plan our March trip to Paris. I also met with **John Hamada '65**. My plans extend for very short future

itineraries since I'm completely retired and everything I own fits in a large duffel bag, ready to leave for another destination at a whim. You can see my most recent photos and comments at folksytravel.com."

Jackie Wright Weissenburger '75, Weyerhaeuser, Wisconsin: "After retiring as interim provost/vice chancellor in 2019, my husband and I had a new home built on a lake in northern Wisconsin. While remote, we love lakeside living most months of the year. The winter months can be challenging, so we have been able to spend some weeks visiting family in Australia and Florida from January through March. Although retired, I have devoted some time toward helping Wisconsin's educators and legislators become aware of science-based instructional practices to more effectively teach children to read, through speaking engagements and my involvement in WI Reads, a non-profit advocacy organization. My husband and I also enjoy going to home football games, fishing, and spending time with our grandchildren and children in the Twin Cities."

Wendy Gartner Bloom '76 moved to Bellingham, Washington, to be near her two daughters after the death of her husband in 2016. Since arriving she has become the director of a women's choir, Vox Pacifica, which was selected to perform in a regional American Choral Directors Association convention in January 2024. In October, she was chosen to be the choir mistress for the Bellingham Festival of Music. That organization presents concerts every summer that culminate with an epic choral or orchestral work. This year it will be the Mozart C Minor Mass. In the fall of 2024 she will step in for one concert with Cantabile, an SATB choir in Mount Vernon, Washington.

Richard Boylan '76, Holliston, Massachusetts, rode 85 miles in the Pan-Mass Challenge fundraiser bike ride, writing that: "It was not only a personal challenge but also a fundraising challenge on behalf of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, an organization that I probably owe my life to. I am a double cancer survivor. My prostate cancer was fairly routine—caught early, no follow-up

therapy needed—but my kidney cancer was far less so. Kidney cancer is a killer cancer—without follow-up treatment, it has a 40% recurrence rate. But I was part of a clinical trial for targeted immunotherapy that has meant that I've been cancer-free for over three years now."

Pete Guither '76, Bloomington, Illinois: "This year I took a solo road trip from Illinois to Alaska and Canada, including the entire Alaska-Canada Highway and most of the Kenai Peninsula. It took seven weeks, and I drove 9,260 miles (in addition to some boat and train travel). It was glorious! Though retired from Illinois State University, I still host annual New York theatre trips for students and community members. I recently wrote a book of stories: 'Improbable Anecdotes: Surprisingly True Stories from the Adventures and Life of Pete Guither,' which includes a chapter about my years at Cornell. Links to the book and pictures from the trip are available at PeteGuither.com."

John Guthmann '76, St. Paul, Minnesota: "I'll be looking at mandatory retirement from my position as a Ramsey County District Court Judge when I turn 70 in October 2024. I was surprised to receive the President's Award from the Minnesota District Judges Foundation. The award was given for my service as a long-time board member of the Minnesota District Judge Foundation and the Minnesota District Judges Association, along with my service as chair of the MDJF Finance Committee, Chief Judge of Ramsey County, and as a member of the Minnesota Judicial Council (the governing body of Minnesota's court system)."

Michael James '76, Roseville, Minnesota: "I had married **Linda Petrzalek '75** just before our senior year. Upon graduation I went to work at Klinger Paint in Cedar Rapids as a coatings chemist. In '81

I decided to make a drastic career change and went to grad school at the University of Utah and received my M.F.A. in theatre (directing) in 1984. Linda and I divorced at that time and I relocated to the Twin Cities. Soon thereafter I met my current wife, Kathleen, and I then returned to school in '87 and made a change to the technical side by going to the Yale School of Drama. Upon my return to the Twin Cities, I secured a position at the Guthrie Theatre and worked there for 11 years, ending my tenure as the technical director. I then worked at various companies that supported technical theater for the next 21 years, retiring in 2021. During my career I had the great fortune to work on numerous national projects that ranged from U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis to the Wylie Theatre in Dallas. Kathleen and I have two children, both in the Twin Cities area, and one grandchild. My other passion is competing in the Senior Games. I have competed at the state and national games in 3-on-3 basketball for the past three years and hope to continue competing until my knees give out."

Tim Maaske '76, Coon Rapids, Minnesota: "The Maaske family was able to have some fun-filled family gatherings highlighted by our daughter Meredith and son-in-law Jason Phillips hosting 18 family members for Thanksgiving at their beautiful new home in Castle Rock, Colorado. With Meredith and Jason, Deb and I are celebrating our 45th wedding anniversary and 70th birthdays with a trip to Costa Rica. I finished the 2023 golf season with an 8th place finish in Golfweek's National Tournament of Champions Super Seniors Tournament at the Forest Country Club in Fort Myers, Florida. I'm looking forward to our 50th Reunion in the fall of 2026."

In 2021 **Sheila Weisberg Schwartz '76** and her husband, Peter, moved from Calabasas, California, where she lived for over 65 years, to Atlanta, Georgia. "We were just getting tired of flying multiple times a year to visit our kids, Lindsay and Aaron, so we moved where Aaron lived. We moved in September and the following February our daughter moved here. Uprooting your life in your mid-60s is no easy feat, but we love finally being in the same city as our children. I stopped practicing law after 12 years when my daughter was born in 1991, but my husband is still practicing. I loved being a stay-at-home mom since I had my kids later in life. We love to travel, decorate and renovate our 'Buckhead' oasis, spend time with good friends, and have dinner every Sunday night with our kids."

Nancy Parmeter Stewart '76, Brookings, South Dakota: "After 12 years in banking as the head of the IT Dept, I met Jesus and He changed my life. I spent the next 30 years in church ministry, working as our church bookkeeper and being involved in church activities, including mission trips to Alaska and Russia. Two years ago I retired and now live with my sweet watchdog since my husband passed away. My life is full with my family, my church, and my friends. Fifteen years ago I joined the Daughters of the American Revolution to continue the legacy of my mother and grandmother and participate in many worthwhile projects. I also am on the core team of an organization called Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We make beds in our shop and deliver them to kids who don't have one. Our chapter has made over 2,000 beds since we began in 2018."

James Q. Swift '76, Edina, Minnesota: "The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons dedicated their 2024 annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, in my name. This is the highest honor that they bestow on a fellow of their association."

Dave Welter '76, Cedar Falls, Iowa: "I have remained busy in retirement, still scouting with the Atlanta Braves, driving medical transports for Western Home Communities, and keeping active with the Cedar Falls Historical Society as past president and chair of the Ice House Museum. Two things that consume much of my time are spending precious time with my four grandchildren and advocating for the American Cancer Society as a cancer survivor. I continue to do quite a bit of public speaking, focusing on fundraising for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and Hope Lodge in Iowa City. I've also spent time speaking about my Reflections from the Home Team book series and writing a biweekly blog (reflectionsfromthometeam.com) to help support and encourage those who may be on a cancer journey, either themselves or with a loved one or friend."

Daniel Morse '77, Madison, Wisconsin: "As the summer rolls on, I am getting ready for our annual weekend retreat at **Karl Kost '77**'s house in Iowa. It is a time when 15 to 17 of our fellow Milts and Tarr Hall buddies meet for some extracurricular activities. I am sworn to secrecy, so I cannot divulge any more information. The rest of the summer and fall is filled with some travel and family activities."

Nancy Horney Davis '78, Elmwood, Illinois: "My big update is the birth of our fourth grandson on New Year's Eve, which is also my birthday. Jake was welcomed home by two big brothers. I am fully retired, although I pick up some consulting work, and I enjoy spending time with my grandsons.

The Rev. **Susan R. Emmons '78**, York, Pennsylvania, received the Jane M. Alexander Award from the Women in the Law Committee of the York, Pennsylvania, Bar Association. Susan, who has represented domestic violence survivors for over 30 years, both civil and criminal, was honored for her advocacy for women's rights.



These Cornellians gather annually and often joke about capturing a photo for the Cornell Report. They finally did it this year in Shakopee, Minnesota—with kids. From left: Patrick Smith, Katie Frank Smith '08, Brittany King, Cory King '07, Kim Sutzenfeld, Ryan Sutzenfeld '07, Dan Cleary '07, Kate Hoppock, Kyle Noesen '07, Martin Ellinger '07, and Erin Collins Ellinger '07.



Justena Cox Berry '00 (left) was at a volleyball tournament in Lawrence, Kansas, when she saw the familiar face of Brock Stubbs '00 (right). "What are the chances of crossing paths with a classmate 5.5 hours away from where we graduated, and both our daughters play in the same volleyball tournament?" she writes.



John McConnell '48 celebrated his 100th birthday with over 150 people, including his granddaughter Rebecca Swartz '10 (left) and great niece Holly Davis '06 (right) in Minneapolis. He's wearing his Cornell letter sweater.

BELOW: After 20-some years, friends gathered in Minneapolis for a reunion. From left: Emily Fitzgerald '05, Sarah Seifert '04, Akiko Miyake-Stoner '05, Lori Castor Larrabee '04, Lovesta Banks '04, Caryn Rouse '04, and Becky Lyter McCleery '04, plus Naomi Sea Young Wittstruck '03 (on the laptop).



ABOVE: Three classmates who were first-years in the fall of 1962—Cathy Hansen Blando '66, Linda Buresh Brouillette '66, and Pam Saunders Schofield '66 (from left)—reunited in Arizona. Linda's husband, Gene Brouillette '63, joined for some of the festivities.

BELOW: Sophomore roommates Paul Barrows '78 (left) and Jerry Worsham II '78 connected when Paul came to Phoenix for business this past June.



ABOVE LEFT: Scott Marquez '00, Erin Coyne Head '00, Joe Conover '00, Trinity Tisue McWilliams '00, and Amy Petersen '00 (from left) met in San Diego, California, in July. "We are the best of friends," Trinity says. "A modern day Breakfast Club!"



LEFT: Jessica Allison McCullen '08 (left) with Cornell roommate Becky Birkhofer Dieser '08 pose at the Cornell sign with each of their two sons.



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ABOVE: Ten alumni parents sent seven new students to the Hilltop this fall. FRONT ROW: Bryan Knight '00, Mason Knight '28, and Rebecca Dugan Knight '00; Meaghan Ring Alexander '00, Charlotte Alexander '28, and Nick Alexander '02

ROW 2: Zoe Scott '28 and Sarah Hardy Scott '00; Heather Allyn Huegel '96, Maya Huegel '28, and Steve Huegel '96

ROW 3: Thomas Cope, Lynn Ross Cope '87, Harper Cope, and Davis Cope '28

NOT PICTURED: Anderson Smith '28 and Deborah Lennahan Smith '96; Jasper Hancox '28 and Jennifer Weaver Hancox '98.



An impromptu Cornell mini-reunion occurred aboard a Viking River Cruise ship on the Rhine River, when Becky Reed Wynes '82 (center) started chatting with Anne Bradley Slack '82 (right), not realizing they both attended Cornell. Becky's husband, Tim Wynes '83 (left), and Anne knew each other when they both had work-study assignments for Professor Walt Stromer.

RIGHT: Kenny Capesius '16 and Laurel Fraser Capesius '16 after Laurel's ordination as an elder in the United Methodist Church in June.



Nancy Ortmeyer Kuhn '78, Bethesda, Maryland: "I continue to practice tax law in the Washington, D.C. area. One obstacle was overcome this year—I moved from a firm in D.C. to a firm in Maryland, and that meant that I had to join the Maryland bar. I assumed (naively) that I could waive in without taking any part of the bar exam. After all, I have been practicing law since 1988. I eventually learned that I would have to take the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam, a typical bar exam. After going through the stages of grief—denial, anger, and then acceptance, I buckled down and studied. Despite my trepidations, I learned, to the greatest relief you can imagine, that I passed. It was worth it—I have lots of interesting clients and I enjoy helping them with their tax controversies. I am also an incredibly proud mom of two young adults—Emily is a vice president of communications at CNN in New York City, and Billy is a financial director at a renewable energy investment firm in Denver."

Harley Newell '78, Minneapolis, Minnesota, reports he had a great time at the 45th reunion. He writes: "The campus looks great and the students appear to be engaged with the community. I had some interesting conversations with some of the students. One question they all asked was, 'What did you do for fun' back in the day. With a wry smile I replied, 'We had unique ways to entertain ourselves.' I enjoyed a wonderful holiday with the whole family in town and at my house. Can you say, 'Welcome to the mayhem dysfunctional family holiday throw down?' Kids, pets, and a house full of adults, wouldn't have it any other way. Meanwhile, I'm looking forward to this spring when I move into my new summer home up north. As if I don't have enough house projects to do, but I figure I'll make fewer mistakes the second time around. My kids and grandkids are all doing well. New jobs, new schools, and new experiences."

Amy Brophy Steinkraus '78 and **Larry Steinkraus '78**, Rochester, Minnesota: "After 3.5 years of pandemic isolation and full retirement for Larry, he has returned to work at Mayo Clinic part-time at their request to help out in Aerospace-Occupational medicine. Amy is proud of him but has mixed feelings; part-time at Mayo often means much more than that! They are excited about traveling again with Road Scholar tours to Quebec and Scotland. Amy is happy to return to her pre-pandemic life of giving art tours, working part-time as a standardized patient at Mayo, and tango dancing. They both enjoy spending time with daughter Laura and her family, especially their two grandsons, who moved to Rochester a year ago when Laura began her fellowship in preventive medicine at Mayo.

Jerry Worsham II '78, Cave Creek, Arizona: "Not a lot to report other than still 'working like a dog' at the big law firm and spending time with the grandchildren. I turned 68, so that seems like an old man on paper, but I don't quite feel my age. I wonder if we all feel the same? It seems that many of us have already retired or certainly are considering that possibility. I have two kids, Shannon Smith and Jerry Worsham III, who still are lots of fun to hang around with, and I guess as long as the 'Bank of Dad' is still open, they will continue to hang around with me. Still married after all these years. **Paul Barrows '78** (my sophomore roommate) and I stay in close contact, and every once in a while I hear from **Dave Welter '76**, **Scott Ririe '79**, **Paul Blum '77**, **Dave Fall '79**, or **John Bryant '81**." Jerry and Paul connected recently (see photo) and Jerry reports Paul is doing well as a pilot for a private airplane service.

Sandra Schmidt Edwards '79, Rio Rancho, New Mexico, retired in 2016 after 13 years with the Maricopa County Library District in Phoenix. In 2021 she and her husband moved to Rio Rancho, New Mexico, after 18 years in

Phoenix, to escape the heat. In 2022 their first granddaughter was born in Arizona, and their daughter got married in November 2023. With all the traveling back and forth, they bought a condo only two miles away, and now have a place to stay for their frequent visits. Sandy loves to travel, especially to the Caribbean. They have also been doing baseball stadium tours over the past few years, and will finish with their 30th stadium in Houston. Sandy is active in her local church, serving as the president of a women's group, on the church council, and as part of the media team.

Annie Read Pusey '79, Yachats, Oregon: "I had a blast performing in 'The Music Man' as Widow Paroo at the Newport, Oregon, Performing Arts Center. There's a lot of Iowa in that show so I thought about Cornell a lot."

1980s

Al Burgener '80, Iowa City, Iowa: "I would say that my personality, attitude, behaviors, and lifestyle are remarkably similar to when I was a college student. I'm not sure that's a very noble or uplifting realization. On the other hand, having observed many friends and colleagues who have 'checked all the boxes,' it's hard not to conclude (to paraphrase Churchill's comment on democracy) that my lifestyle is the worst way to exist—except for all the others. I've gotten back into the swing of overseas travel. In August I rendezvoused with Belgian friends for a week along a scenic stretch of the Rhine River in Germany. My other adventure was a four-day weekend in Africa with friends in late October, spent on safaris in two different Kenyan national parks. There are people out there who can't get enough of safaris (we met such people in Kenya). I am not one of those people. By the third day of seeing more zebras than one could count, seeing yet another one was about as exciting as seeing another cow while

driving through Wisconsin. But as a once-in-a-lifetime experience, this trip was pretty hard to beat."

Lori Barnes Sulik '80, Portage, Wisconsin: "After graduating from Cornell I attended the University of Iowa for a year, receiving my M.A. in elementary special education. I spent the next 35 years as an elementary special education teacher. The first three were in Bellevue, Iowa, and the rest were in Portage, Wisconsin. My time here has also included becoming a wife, mother to two great sons, and, as of two years ago, a grandma to a cute grandson who keeps me running. After retiring in 2016, I have been fortunate to spend some of my time traveling, since it is something both my husband and I enjoy. We escape the cold and gray of Wisconsin for two months each winter. Thanks to having a son in Billings, Montana, we also make it out west somewhat regularly too. However, the highlight of our travels came this past fall when we were able to take a trip that included Switzerland, Italy, Austria, and Germany."

Tom Yates '80, Oak Park, Illinois: "After 40 years of public interest law work, including the final 10 years as the executive director of a legal aid agency in Chicago, I retired in October 2023. It's been an interesting transition to go from having far too many things to do each day with work to having relatively unstructured time. Looking forward to doing some travel and connecting with family and friends!"

Laurence Kinsella '81, St. Louis, Missouri: "Pam and I welcomed our first two grandchildren this past spring. I continue to enjoy the clinical practice of neurology in St. Louis. Since getting knee replacements this year, I'm looking forward to more mountain hikes and cycling."

Dana Dahl Touzelet '81, Les Paccots, Switzerland: "I was lured out of retirement after 18 months of relative peace

and quiet by former Edwards Lifesciences colleagues (now Glaukos employees) to do for Glaukos (a leader in glaucoma and other eye disease therapies) what I'd done for Edwards from its European headquarters in Switzerland. So, since the first of the year and for a couple of years, I'm back in the compliance world, serving as a regional compliance officer—still from Switzerland—enjoying the challenge and grateful to work with cherished friends again!”

Matt Schousen '83 and **Missy Gehler '85**, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, were on campus in April so Missy could attend the spring Alumni Board meeting. Missy writes: “I loved being back on campus and having the opportunity to catch up with **Peter Nielsen '83** and **Leslie Grau Frady '86** while we were there. I continue to be impressed with President Brand and his leadership team. Our school is doing great things! Although I wasn't really sure what to expect when I joined the Alumni Board, I'm finding that I really appreciate the opportunity to connect and reconnect with Cornellians of all ages, share stories about common experiences, hear about newer traditions on campus, and learn about the initiatives that are carrying Cornell into the future.” Matt is a longtime professor at Franklin & Marshall College.

G. Paul Beaumaster '85 and **Susie Wedes Beaumaster '87**, Northfield, Minnesota, celebrated Paul's 60th birthday by traveling west for a beer tour and made many brewery stops between Denver and Laramie, Wyoming, where they visited their son, **Jack Beaumaster '20**, in law school at the University of Wyoming. Paul is still working and will retire after their youngest son graduates in a few years. Last year Paul and Susie visited Curaçao and had a great time diving and snorkeling. They also visited their daughter and granddaughter in Los Angeles. Paul gives a shout-out to

Robyn Dochterman '85 for her world-champion chocolate creations (stcroixchocolateco.com).

Dianne Hugh Freeze '85, Freeport, Illinois: “I retired from food styling in 2016, and two months later my husband, Tim, woke me up in the middle of the night while having a seizure. He was subsequently diagnosed with a glioblastoma, stage 4 brain cancer. We had a full 19 months together, and I was happy that I was able to be there 24/7. We felt very lucky that we had found each other and had the time we did. He died on Sept. 18, 2018, our mutual birthday. Since then, I have continued to do all the things we had planned to do together. This past winter I went to Antarctica, the Falklands, and the South Georgia Islands, and then spent some time hiking in Chilean and Argentinian Patagonia. My other passions include gardening, reading, ukulele, biking, strength training, pickleball, and organizing everything in my house. I have also been involved in raising money for a new art museum in Freeport, Illinois, a place that I never would have imagined myself in, but the longer I live here the more I appreciate it, and the more I realize that you can find adventure and inspiration wherever you are. I had lunch in Chicago with **Andrea Herrera '85** this past spring, and it was a delight to catch up.”

Ben Miller '86, Brooklyn, New York, just released his next book, “Pandemonium Logs: Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 2020–2022” (Rutgers University Press). In 2015 Ben and the poet Anne Pierson Wiese moved from New York City to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to explore their Midwestern roots and to focus on their writing careers. Working a day job in a hospital, he had a front-row seat to the COVID-19 pandemic. “Pandemonium Logs” casts an unflinching eye on the state of the worker in the U.S. healthcare system during a pandemic, giving voice to the doctors, nurses, support staff, patients, and families

caught in the complex swirl of daily dilemmas and crucial choices.

Mike Mrozek '88, Southlake, Texas, joined Lincoln Property Company, a global, full-service real estate firm, to lead its property management business nationally. Mike has more than 15 years of property management leadership experience and was named Market Leader of the Year in 2018 at his former firm.

Leah Gauler Hamilton '89, Chicago, Illinois, kicked off the new year by getting engaged, and in September 2024 she and beau David—who have been together for a decade—were married.

After over 20 years of successful teaching and research at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, **David Syring '89** has accepted a new position and this fall began as professor and department head for the Department of Anthropology at the University of San Diego. He will be expanding his research into transdisciplinary knowledge at the intersections of arts-science-humanities-social sciences, with continued emphasis on meaningful and respectful engagement with Indigenous knowledge. He will be teaching environmental anthropology, anthropology of food, participatory research methods, ethnobotany, and other courses, as well as facilitating a revision of the cultural anthropology offerings at USD.

1990s

BIRTHS

Emmett Cecil Dotson, Nov. 14, 2023, to **Tori Thomas '98** and Tim Dotson

Kylen Gastineau Klein, Dec. 8, 2023, to **Amy Anneberg Klein '99** and David Klein

David Dostal '90, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was appointed Cedar Rapids Police Chief in February 2024.

In late 2022 **John Heaton '91**, Fitchburg, Wisconsin, was admitted to the hospital with a bad infection in his leg. Ultimately, John's leg had to be amputated. The good news is that the infection did not spread. John stayed at a rehab hospital, undergoing intense physical and occupational therapy, and his attitude has been amazing, which he notes is because friends from all over have showered him with so much love and support. He writes: “Expect to see me and my fake leg at the 35th reunion in 2026!”

Brett Herbert '91 moved to Denver, Colorado, 25 years ago and, while he wouldn't have guessed it in his earlier days, he has been a teacher for over seven years now, with five years teaching eighth-grade math. He loves watching the kids grow behaviorally and academically. It also makes him chuckle when the kids talk about “the 1900s.”

Lance VanGundy '91, Unionville, Missouri, continues his work as an emergency room doctor in Marshalltown, Iowa, and notes that this can entail delivering babies, running ventilators, and treating heart attack patients. He notes that it is not the same job it was 25 years ago, but he is so grateful to have amazing partners, staff, and a collaborative hospital. Lance has been authoring a series of epic fantasy novels. His third fantasy novel, “The Rune Fire Cycle,” is out. Lance writes, “If any Cornellians are connected to book marketing and promotion, tell them to contact me!” He and his wife, Kristin, celebrated 35 years of marriage in August. They still get together with **Todd White '91** and his wife Lisa—a friendship that has endured since 1987.

Tricia Gantner Bunten '92 and **Richard Bunten '91**, Minnetonka, Minnesota, both retired and have started



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a sailing adventure on their 45-foot sailboat Liajnad (Life Is A Journey Not A Destination). They plan to spend 9–10 months a year slowly sailing around the world.

Carrie Hill Steckl '92 writes: “After seven years in Austin, Texas, my family and I moved to my hometown of Woodstock, Illinois, in June of 2024. It's so good to be near family and friends again—and only a few hours from the Hilltop! I also have a new job as an instructional writer for Nevvon, a healthcare technology company providing e-training to healthcare professionals. My husband, 9-year-old daughter, rescue dog, and I are embracing all of the changes and look forward to connecting with some Chicagoland Cornellians.”

Rosalyn Bunda Popham '93, Wheaton, Illinois: “I just sent my oldest son off to college, and am about to go down the

road again of exploring colleges with my youngest son. I'll still play my wishful Cornell College card for him attending, looking forward to seeing where the road takes him. After 21 years married, I find myself recently divorced—funny the way life works.”

Josh Urban '93, **Scott Kirkpatrick '93**, **Todd Watson '93**, and **Brian Hasley '94** also have a new job as an instructional writer for Nevvon, a healthcare technology company providing e-training to healthcare professionals. My husband, 9-year-old daughter, rescue dog, and I are embracing all of the changes and look forward to connecting with some Chicagoland Cornellians.”

Paula Martinez '95, Clovis, California, has been adding certificates in library technology, art, and family child-care by studying at a community college in Fresno. She also served as an election worker.

Keighly Ballje Appel '97, Arvada, Colorado, started a job as a category manager

for a clean label ingredients manufacturer (Florida Food Products) in January, working remotely. The company supplies all-natural coffee, tea, and botanical ingredients as well as natural flavors and functional ingredients for beverage brands and food service customers. She also still has her health and wellness business, but with her son now in college and daughter 16 and driving, she decided to make it a trifecta of transformations in 2024 and return to a full-time marketing role.

Jennifer Nielsen Elwood '98, Iowa City, Iowa, became the clinical coordinator for the medical laboratory technology program at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids in January 2024.

On Nov. 14, 2023, **Victoria “Tori” Thomas '98**, Bozeman, Montana, and her husband, Tim Dotson (married Dec. 26, 2022), and their

two pups, Gary and Kenny, welcomed baby Emmett Cecil to their family. Emmett has a very special connection to Cornell. Cecil, his middle name, is for his great-grandpa Cecil Thomas. Thomas Commons is named for Cecil and June Thomas, Tori's grandparents. Cecil was Cornell's buildings and grounds superintendent from 1956–1973, and a consultant from 1979–1991.

Ryan Johnson '99, Carlsbad, California: “I'm celebrating 25 years of employment with Collins Aerospace. As an associate director of engineering, I lead a hardware engineering department with teams in Carlsbad, California; Salt Lake City, Utah; Sterling, Virginia; Binghamton, New York; and Burgess Hill, West Sussex, England. My initial contact with Rockwell Collins stemmed from a Mount Vernon business owner whose husband was a Rockwell Collins employee. He provided

my name and resume to a hiring software manager and the rest is history! My wife and I celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary in October and we enjoy raising our son (age 9) and daughter (age 7) in beautiful Southern California."

Amy Anneberg Klein '99, Westminster, Colorado, and David Klein welcomed daughter Kylene Gastineau Klein, on Dec. 8, 2023. Kylene was carried by a gestational surrogate, the incredible finale in a 10-year fertility journey. She joins big siblings Collins and Kinsey, and is the niece of **Roy Anneberg '97**, and the granddaughter of Dr. **Spencer Anneberg '68** and **Merrilee Gay Anneberg '68**.

Kelley Douda Yock '99, Mount Vernon, Iowa: "Living the best life 25 years later in Mount Vernon, married to Duane (townie) and raising two boys—Jakob and Maximus—and owning and operating Yock's Landing, aka Joe's! Life is busy and good!"

2000s

Angela Bird '00: "With the graduation of both of our children, **Toby Brown '01** and I embarked on a new adventure. We have moved from Colorado to New Hampshire. We are excited to own a forest (only three acres, so not huge). We are also a bit overwhelmed with the purchase of our home. Original parts were built sometime in the late 1790s and looks like the last update was sometime in 1950. We are learning a lot. I am exclusively teaching high school science and Toby is a para as he finishes his master of divinity. Our son Kavan moved with us and helps out so much. Our daughter chose to stay in Colorado at CU-Boulder. I didn't realize how much of a culture change it would be, but they really do live by the motto, Live Free or Die."

Heather Carmichael Scoville '00, Ladora, Iowa: "I was back on the Hilltop in April for my first meeting

as a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. I'm excited to represent the class of 2000 on the board and Communications Committee and would love to hear your ideas for what you want to see as alumni for events, stories, and communications. I also urge everyone to send in an update about your life even if it's just to say how you're doing."

Tony Thompson '00, Elkhart, Iowa: "Earlier this year I decided to run for State House in Iowa House District 45, which is the outer parts of Polk County."

Emily Daws Wright '01: "My husband and I moved to Wilmington, North Carolina, in March 2024! Our three cats moved with us and are doing great. We look forward to spending more time outdoors all year long. I may be retired from the stressful veterinary life, but that is TBD. We'll see what North Carolina brings, and whether I return to animal care or not."

Leah Hagedorn Arp '03, Davenport, Iowa: "I am teaching students with developmental and intellectual disabilities at the high school level. I am happily married with three children, ages 11, 9, and 5. I recently attended the 20th class reunion in Mount Vernon and was so amazed at how much the town and surrounding area has changed."

Lisa Loftin-Bugenhagen '03, Cedar Rapids, Iowa: "I am still living in Cedar Rapids with husband **Mark Bugenhagen '01**; our 12-year-old son, who keeps us busy with his piano, cello, cornet, wrestling, baseball, and his YouTube channel; chocolate lab, Blue (named after the velociraptor); and German short-hair, Ruby. I am continuing to teach Spanish at Linn-Mar High School, but after losing over 60 pounds, I am working on a career shift into wellness. I am also still writing under the pen name Kristine Plum and traveling to author events in the summer."

Derek Johnson '04, Kensington, Maryland: "After more than a decade at the helm of Global Zero, a Nobel-nominated initiative for nuclear disarmament, I'm starting an exciting new chapter as managing director of the Research Collaborative—a powerhouse narrative strategy hub for local, state, and national organizations working to realize the promise of a truly equitable, multi-racial American democracy. In this role, I'll be leading a high-impact cohort of researchers and communicators, providing actionable insights, data-backed messaging guidance, and strategic approaches to the progressive, pro-democracy ecosystem."

Chadd Kreofsky '04, Spring Valley, Illinois: "I was promoted to plant manager of the Maze Nails Company on April 1, 2024. We are in our 176th year of business providing the highest quality nails for construction and original equipment manufacturer customers."

Sarah Matchen '04, Woodstock, Illinois, reports that she bought her first home in April 2022 and is honored to have been working with some amazing kids and teenagers at a therapeutic day school in suburban Chicago for over 10 years. She is still in contact with her Lunch Buddy (who is now 33!), whom she met through Cornell's Lunch Buddies mentoring program, and also is still great friends with **Elizabeth Ashe '04** and **Nathaniel Fuller '04**.

Akiko Miyake-Stoner '05, Fresno, California, who shares a birthday with Bob Dylan, celebrated their mutual anniversary this year by visiting a mural inspired by him in Minneapolis.

Alexandra Myers '05, San Diego, California: "I had the distinct opportunity to take care of USA Rugby at the Paris Olympics for the second time! Go Team USA!"

Stephanie Hawkins '07, Las Cruces, New Mexico, founded Mesilla Valley Wine & Brew Tours in 2023. The tour company provides wine-tasting excursions to vineyards and wineries in southern New Mexico, the U.S.'s oldest wine-producing region.

Dustin Hinton '07, San Marcos, Texas: "I took a position as director of agile execution in product development at Employbridge. It's been a great transition into a higher level of leadership, but challenging due to the economy and mass layoffs in the tech sector. My wife, **Nikki Hinton '06**, transitioned back into work and is still working for Smartsheet. We stay pretty busy with our four kids—involved in band, choir, theater, and art. Nikki and I have been gigging regularly in the Austin area with our band Slashes & Strings. Whenever there is a free moment, I'm usually spending it working on my project car, a supercharged 2017 Chevy Camaro 2SS 1LE."

Darrielle O'Neal '07, Jacksonville, Florida, graduated with a master's degree in psychology with specialization in general psychology from National University in May 2024.

Cindy Rodriguez '07: "I am delighted to share that I have started a new role as senior vice president of people and culture at Vermont Public! I leave WBUR, Boston's NPR station, for beautiful Burlington, Vermont. As an NPR and PBS fan, I look forward to this wonderful new chapter!"

Anna Skaggs '07, Salida, Colorado: "I have started my own rehab and athletic coaching business, Mountains & Motion. I help active adults and athletes eliminate pain and recover from injury 100% so they can return to their athletic lifestyle and crush fitness goals without pain meds or long waits for doctors' appointments. It's my way to help others thrive in life and serve in the way I know best as a doctor of physical therapy. I offer 100% online coaching. It's a very exciting new chapter in life!"

Rene Barger '08, Greenbelt, Maryland, has been an insurance claims adjuster since 2013. Rene works on the catastrophe response team for Travelers Insurance.

After graduation **Jim Bose '08**, Chicago, Illinois, worked for Loyola University in Chicago training athletes at the college level. He then landed a position with MLB working with the Seattle Mariners and the San Francisco Giants, winning a World Series in 2012. In 2013, Jim moved back to Chicago and created Bose Fitness, which centers on the development and recovery of athletes and individuals. He is able to train both in-person and remotely. Fun fact: Jim also completed massage therapy school and his program centers on the whole person through training, nutrition, recovery, and education.

Anthony Cozzi '08 lives in Chicago's Uptown-Ravenswood neighborhood. He teaches history and geography for grades 7–12 at Lycée Français de Chicago, a French international school.

Shannon Eres '08, Chicago, Illinois, earned a master of arts in applied diplomacy from DePaul University and works at DePaul as business manager in the division of Student Affairs.

Morgan Fykes '08, Washington, D.C., holds a master's degree in counseling and works as a coach, storyteller, experience creator, and yoga teacher. She is a research fellow at USC for the Charlotta Bass Journalism & Justice Lab. Morgan is also the chief relationship officer for Avi8ted Thoughts and works to develop a new way for people to access home ownership. In addition, she is producing a blueprinting global tour and events for COCO B. Productions in D.C. In her spare time, Morgan is building a wine brand with some girlfriends.

Jessica Allison McCullen '08, Ottumwa, Iowa: "I was back on Cornell's campus twice this past year. Once in the fall for Homecoming and then again in April for my first Alumni Board meeting."

Maggie Obermann '08, Fort Collins, Colorado, joined the nonprofit Elshadai Child Development as development director. Though the organization operates in Ethiopia, she works remotely. Additionally, Maggie is excited to have launched an enneagram and spiritual companionship coaching business, supporting folks in-person and virtually.

Cassie Skenandore Kilcoyne '08, Longview, Texas, is a financial crimes investigations manager at Robinhood. She manages a team of investigators that review transactional activity to identify and report on fraudulent and money laundering transactions.

Maggie Rudick Taphouse '08, Chalfont, Pennsylvania: "My husband, Jeff, and I met in Washington, D.C., in 2013 and moved to Greenville, South Carolina, between 2019–2022. We decided to move closer to my family in the Philadelphia area after the birth of our kids Eleanor (3) and Bobby (1.5). After 10 years working at the Environmental Protection Agency and a short stint in the private sector, I started working remotely for the World Health Organization supporting their vector control program. I collaborate with scientists around the world to evaluate the safety, efficacy, and quality of products used to combat mosquito-borne illnesses. The past year has brought me to Singapore, Australia, and Tanzania, where I got to reconnect with friends from my Cornell study abroad semester in Dar es Salaam."

2010s

WEDDINGS

Cassie Barrett '13 to Sam McDaid, Oct. 7, 2023

Jourdan Glenn '15 to David Ofori-Anim, April 8, 2023

Alex Hubers '15 to **Miranda Donnellan '17**, July 30, 2024

Jessie Lindberg '15 to Justin Meilahn, July 22, 2023

Liz O'Brien '15 to Evan Swanson, March 30, 2024

BIRTHS

Mark (Markie) Candler Mathis V, Feb. 25, 2023, to **Madison Satterfield Mathis '10** and Mark Mathis

Griffyn James Robison, Oct. 26, 2023, to **Kait Wiszt Robison '10** and Dustin Robison

Maverick Mark Disbrow, Jan. 25, 2024, to **Micah Sarver Disbrow '11** and Mark Disbrow

Cameron Elizabeth Kleine, March 21, 2024, to **Kalissa Holdcraft Kleine '13** and Phil Kleine

Sutton Maeve Srodulski, Sept. 9, 2023, to **John Srodulski '14** and **Katy Banks Srodulski '15**

Kaia Wynn Allen, Aug. 30, 2023, to **Lorri Leong Allen '15** and **Clinton Allen '17**

Harvey Jace Connor, Jan. 2, 2024, to **Brit Connor '15** and **Taylor Dicus Connor '15**

Chinara Onugwu, June 26, 2023, to **Vashti Blackmon Onugwu '15** and Kenneth Onugwu

James Scott White, March 11, 2023, to **Cloey Goedken White '15** and Derrick White

Quinn Kate Thompson, June 7, 2024, to **Ethan Thompson '16** and **Kaitlyn Gurule Thompson '17**

Linnlee Joy Thomas, Aug. 15, 2023, to **Alex Place Thomas '17** and John Thomas

Madison Satterfield Mathis '10, Fountain Hills, Arizona: "My husband, Mark Mathis, and I welcomed our first child on Feb. 25, 2023. I was also promoted to chief program officer for the nonprofit Natives Rising in 2024."

Micah Sarver Disbrow '11, Cedar Rapids, had a son, Maverick Mark Disbrow, on Jan. 25, 2024. She also has a new job as associate director with the embedded therapy program at the University of Iowa.

Abbey Bavley Kobylinski '11, Kansas City, Missouri: "I have continued to grow my small business, Bleach Bae, a hand-dyed loungewear company in Kansas City. Recently we've expanded to planning Taylor Swift-themed pop-up parties with other small businesses in Kansas City."

Cassie Barrett '13, Algonquin, Illinois, and Sam McDaid (Study USA scholar at Cornell in 2013) were married outside Barcelona, Spain, on Oct. 7, 2023.

George "Max" Callaway IV '14, Portland, Oregon, is a medical student at Des Moines University.

Dan Carney '14, Chicago, Illinois, recently accepted a job as a senior campus recruiter with AbbVie. This will allow him to continue his passion helping students while also helping to hire the future scientists of the world.

Charlie Mesimore '15, Chicago, Illinois, obtained his journeyman plumbing license from the City of Chicago as a proud member of UA Local 130.

Jourdan Glenn Ofori-Anim '15, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, married David Ofori-Anim on April 8, 2023. She is a managing attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee.

Vashti Blackmon Onugwu '15, Cincinnati, Ohio, married Kenneth Onugwu on May 8, 2021, and they welcomed their first daughter on June 21, 2021. They celebrated the birth of their second baby girl on June 26, 2023. Vashti works as an IT project manager and is serving on the board of trustees as the chair of the law & safety committee for her neighborhood's community council.

Lorraine Roge-Jones '15, Des Moines, Iowa, is working in addiction medicine. She splits her time between the clinic and the mobile unit that she runs. In her free time, she has been working on soil restoration/permaculture, DIY projects, and hanging out with her dog, Atticus.

Nolan Schillerstrom '15, Charleston, South Carolina, celebrated the 5th birthday of his dog Piper.

Janessa Weightman '15 received her master's degree in philanthropy and nonprofit development from the University of Northern Iowa and is executive director of volunteer services at Unity Point Health in Des Moines, Iowa.

The Rev. **Laurel Fraser Capesius '16**, Rock Hill, South Carolina, was ordained as an elder in the United Methodist Church on June 9, 2024. She and **Kenny Capesius '16** moved to South Carolina, where Laurel is director and campus minister of the Winthrop Wesley Foundation at Winthrop University. Kenny will continue his work as an attorney in Baron & Budd's qui tam practice group, led by Cornell College Trustee **Scott Simmer '73**. Their dog, Alfie, stays busy sniffing around the yard and napping in the sun.

Fiona Flynn '16, Charlottesville, Virginia: "I got engaged to the love of my life, Julia Moore, in June. We had the pleasure of announcing our engagement to family and close friends (including **Raisa Ebner '17**) while kayaking in the beautiful Russian River Valley of California. We've also moved to

a beautiful home on grounds at the newly established Morven Sustainability Lab of the University of Virginia, where I work as the kitchen garden manager."

Miranda Donnellan '17, Mount Vernon, Iowa, received her master's degree in library and information science from the University of Iowa in May. She and **Alex Hubers '15** were married on July 30, 2024, in Kilfenora, Ireland.

Alex Place Thomas '17, Denver, Iowa: "My husband, John, and I welcomed our daughter Linnlee Thomas on Aug. 15, 2023. I also started a new job as the assistant women's soccer coach at Wartburg College."

Jackson Smith '17, Green Bay, Wisconsin, was selected as the new director of bands at Neenah High School in Fox Crossing, Wisconsin.

Katie Stieber Ellis '18, South Portland, Maine, graduated with a Ph.D. in biomedical science from the University of Maine in May 2024. She then moved back to Michigan and started a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Michigan studying Type 2 diabetes in adolescents.

Sabine Hahn '18, Worcester, Massachusetts, successfully defended a Ph.D. in biology and biotechnology from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in December 2023 and began a postdoc at UMass Chan Medical School in Dr. Ramirez-Ortiz's lab.

Adam Bond '19, Austin, Texas, is employed by the U.S. Army as secretary of the general staff, knowledge management officer. He writes: "The position is for the Korea Overseas Deployment Team. Additionally, we work directly with our Korean allies USFK (United States Forces Korea) and 8A (8th Army at USAG Humphreys). It is the only four-star level joint operation of this capacity."

Finley Cowlshaw '19 graduated with a master of arts degree in art history at Northern Illinois University and is now pursuing a Ph.D. in art history at the Tyler School of Art and Architecture at Temple University in Philadelphia. Their two cats, Tuna and Shoshanna, are not pleased about the move to the East Coast. Turn to page 35 to read a story on Finley.

2020s

WEDDING

Madeleine Koenigsberg '21 to Eli Mizelman, May 26, 2024

Nell Rosenthal '20, Denver, Colorado, started her anthropology M.A. program at University of Colorado-Denver this fall. Her focus is biological anthropology.

Paul Zemba '20, Taylorsville, Kentucky: "I graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic with my doctorate degree in chiropractic, and **Shay Rule '18** and I moved to Kentucky, where we purchased our first house together and are planning our wedding for September 2025!"

Madeleine Althoff '22, Stillwater, Minnesota, works at Eden Prairie Art Center as a ceramic instructor and coaches lacrosse at Woodbury High School.

Gabriella Garcia '22, San Diego, California, works as a case manager for people convicted of a felony who have mental illnesses. She runs three groups a week including sexual trauma healing, inner child healing, and yoga and meditation. Gabriella also visits jails and prisons throughout California to provide yoga practices to inmates for rehabilitation.

Raquel Gassmann '22, Davenport, Iowa, is attending Palmer College of Chiropractic.

Robert Grisamore '22, Calgary, Alberta, Canada: "**Justyna Kruczalak '22** and I have been engaged for over a year and are currently planning our wedding for 2025."

Miranda Hall '22 and **Mia McCoy '22** live in Spokane, Washington, with their cat, Harvey. Miranda studies at the Gonzaga University School of Law, and Mia has a job as an employee benefits analyst at IMA Financial.

Georgia James '22 is studying physical therapy at the University of Iowa.

Jackson Manwaring-Perks '22, Salem, Oregon, is a student at Willamette College of Law. He also helps undergraduate pre-law students in Oregon.

Kyle Munholland '22, Dubuque, Iowa, is an admission counselor at UW-Platteville and lives with **Victoria Spiziri '23**.

Ellie Nestingen '22, St. Paul, Minnesota, is in physical therapy school at the University of Minnesota.

Lk Niver '22, St. Paul, Minnesota: "I'm now teaching second grade in St. Paul, and I absolutely love it and my kiddos. I'm hoping to work toward my tenure!"

Samantha O'Brien '22, Ames, Iowa, is pursuing her doctor of veterinary medicine degree at Iowa State College of Veterinary Medicine, where she also volunteers in the small animal hospital with dystocia cases.

Yajaira Ortega '22, Elgin, Illinois: "I hit a year working at the Ecker Center for Behavioral Health as a bilingual behavioral health specialist on February 20, 2024. I complete mental health assessments and connect our clients to resources in the community! I love my job so much and hope I am able to create a safe space for our Spanish-speaking clients."

Ravi Parekh '22, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, studies at UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy and works at both the FDA and Merck on their oncology teams.

Tessa Stolz '22: "I finished my Fulbright grant in Bulgaria and then moved to Chicago, Illinois. Also, **Adam Mitchell '23** and I are now engaged. We still have our cat, Echo, and have recently adopted a dog named Chewy."

Maria Thiele '22, Roselle, Illinois, teaches first grade. She also serves on the Social Emotional Learning Committee to help better the lives of her fellow teachers and her students.

Laila Williams '22, Des Moines, Iowa, works for a nonprofit called By Degrees Foundation.

Anna Greve '24 is enrolled in Western Illinois University's Museum Studies graduate program.

Shayan Khan '24 works as a financial advisor at Equitable, a Fortune 500 company in New York City.

Payton Douglass '24 is applying for medical school, taking a gap year, and working as a CNA in a hospital.

Amelia Brown '24 is attending Augsburg University in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to obtain a doctoral degree in clinical psychology.

Anna Newby '24 attends the University of Illinois Springfield to earn a master's degree in history, with a public history emphasis. She also accepted a position to be the research assistant at the Center for Lincoln Studies.

Pike Henson '24 is taking courses through Harvard Extension School for a graduate certificate in bioinformatics and then applying to the University of Wisconsin for a master's degree in biotechnology.

Luke Baldwin '24 attends Michigan State University College of Law in East Lansing, Michigan.

Losses



Gordon Urquhart PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Professor emeritus **Gordon Urquhart**, who brought an international perspective and lilting Scottish accent to Cornell during his 20 years on the faculty, died July 11, 2024, at age 86 in Jasper, Georgia.

Urquhart was a faculty member in the economics and business department from 1984 to 2004, teaching many courses for the international business major. His marketing students assisted Cornell's admission office and also worked with numerous local businesses in developing marketing and business plans. In 1996 research by five of his students found that Cornell students made a \$1 million annual economic impact in Mount Vernon. That study and similar ones with the towns of Lisbon, Springville, and West Branch, were part of Urquhart's work with the state-funded Iowa Leadership Institute.

Urquhart taught adult Chautauqua courses at Cornell and gave lectures on a wide range of economics topics. At the time of his retirement Dennis Damon Moore, Dean of the College at the time, called Urquhart a "consummate humanist" who "considers the world from a multicultural perspective."

He held two master's degrees from the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. Prior to Cornell he taught at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and in England. He also worked for United Brands in the Netherlands and for Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids.

Surviving him are his wife, **Sheila Urquhart '02**, two sons and their wives, five grandchildren, and his mother-in-law.



Richard Alfred McCoy '60

A widely traveled foreign service officer, **Richard Alfred McCoy '60** died June 11, 2024, in Laredo, Texas. He was 89.

McCoy served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1952-1956. He then earned a bachelor's degree in political science and history at Cornell College. During his active and reserve military career, McCoy received the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Air Force and Defense Department Meritorious Service Medals. He retired with the rank of colonel.

McCoy's first career with the Department of State lasted from 1966-1986, and he received the department's Superior Honor Award in 1979. He served as a consular officer in various capacities in San Jose, Costa Rica; Tel Aviv, Israel; Adana, Turkey; Zagreb, Yugoslavia; Georgetown, Guyana; and as country officer in the Office of Caribbean Affairs. He then joined the Bureau of Consular Affairs as special assistant to the assistant secretary. In 1984 McCoy became chief, Career Development Division, Consular Service, in the Bureau of Personnel, retiring in 1986.

He was recalled to duty from 1990-1994 as senior policy advisor to the assistant secretary of state for consular affairs, and again from 1998-2003 to establish a laser visa program and consular outreach sites along the Texas-Mexican border.

McCoy later worked as an immigration specialist in a law office from 2006-2014. He is survived by his wife of 26 years.

Losses



Kenneth Charles Kulander '65

After spending a lifetime contributing to the fields of physics and chemistry, **Kenneth Charles Kulander '65** died June 15, 2024, at the age of 80.

His most significant scientific achievements occurred in the late 1980s and early 1990s, which led to his development of the re-scattering model, a groundbreaking achievement that the Swedish Nobel Academy acknowledged as foundational for the 2023 Nobel Prize in Physics.

He began his academic journey at Cornell College and then pursued a Ph.D. in theoretical chemistry at the University of Minnesota, where he met his wife, Monica.

Kulander's career took him to various parts of the world, starting with a three-year stint at the Daresbury Laboratory in Warrington, England. In 1976 Kulander accepted a position as a staff scientist at the Theoretical Atomic and Molecular Physics Group at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California. He took sabbaticals at the Max Planck Institute in Munich, Germany, and the University of Colorado in Boulder. Despite retiring from his official position in 1999, Kenneth remained actively engaged in his work for another two decades.

Beyond his career, Kulander pursued various hobbies. He excelled in skiing, swimming, sailing, and running, and was fond of reading and the opera. Kulander is survived by his wife, Monica, his twin brother, John, and two nephews.



Stuart Good HONORARY ALUMNUS

Stuart Good, Cornell College's dean of students from 1957–1969, died Aug. 20, 2024, in Anacortes, Washington. He was 99.

Good led the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) as students began demanding more autonomy. Under his leadership evening dress meals were abolished and coed visiting hours began to expand. Good proposed an advisory board with OSA staff, students, and faculty, which became the Student Affairs Governing Board. The board ultimately passed policy changes such as removing women's hours and allowing students of legal age to drink alcohol in their rooms.

Good served in the U.S. Army from 1943–1946, including in the Southwest Pacific Theater. He then earned bachelor's and master's degrees in English from Boston University, where he worked the first six of his 38 years in higher education. In addition to 12 years at Cornell, he was vice president and dean of students at Westminster College and concluded his career as dean of student affairs at Millsaps College, retiring in 1989.

In retirement Good and his wife, Dorothy, moved to Seattle, Washington, across the street from their daughter and family, and three years later, moved to adjacent lake homes. He is survived by his wife of 74 years, whom he cared for the past two years in home hospice. He is also survived by three children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



Wayne P. Engle TRUSTEE

Wayne P. Engle, a Marion, Iowa, business leader and Cornell College Trustee from 1981–1991, died July 22, 2024, at age 91.

Engle joined the Air Force after high school and upon discharge began training as an electrician. In 1964 he and a business partner formed E&S Electric (now The ESCO Group) in Engle's Marion basement. He became active in the electrical contracting industry and served on municipal boards and national associations. Locally he served in numerous capacities for civic and community organizations, including as the originator of the Marion Central Business District Revitalization Project, and as an originator of Marion Square Associates, which acquired seven buildings involved in the revitalization. In addition, he purchased and renovated the Marion Theatre.

He retired in 2006 as chairman of The ESCO Group but became active again after the Iowa flood of 2008 that devastated Cedar Rapids. He formed a group of retired electricians and engineers to provide free wiring and repair to homes damaged in the flood. The group was referred to as Old Farts Electric and served over 300 families. With two other local businessmen, he also co-founded the Marion Cares ministry.

Engle was married to his Ottumwa (Iowa) High School sweetheart, Shirley Ann Johnson, for 68 years. He is survived by a son, daughter, two daughters-in-law, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jane Albright Ortmeier '43, Bethesda, Maryland, Sept. 14, 2024

Shirley Westphal MacMurray '46, Anderson, Indiana, Aug. 30, 2024

Jean Newton Box '47, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, April 26, 2024

Norma Jean Voss Davis '47, Freeport, Illinois, April 29, 2024

Donna Kettleson Braband '48, Glencoe, Minnesota, Feb. 26, 2024

Lois Lindsey Calhoun '48, Rockford, Illinois, Oct. 25, 2023

Janet Crissey Roberts '48, Anaheim, California, March 27, 2024

Joan Froberg Tucker '48, Iowa City, Iowa, Sept. 7, 2024

Howard Ginter '49, Kalamazoo, Michigan, April 7, 2024

Helen Altman Borows '50, Park Ridge, Illinois, June 25, 2023

Mildred Janssen Clarkson-Freyer '50, Buchanan, Michigan, Feb. 14, 2024

Jessie Woodin Kent '50, Mequon, Wisconsin, Sept. 5, 2024

Frederick Nauert '50, Wheaton, Illinois, Sept. 7, 2024

John Sieff '50, Naples, Florida, Aug. 11, 2024

Willis Dankle '51, Clear Lake, Iowa, Aug. 23, 2024

Jean Smith Galvin '51, Des Moines, Iowa, April 20, 2024

Thomas Joslyn '51, Clear Lake, Iowa, April 9, 2024

Catherine Phelps Warmbrod '51, Dublin, Ohio, March 18, 2024

Doreen Clingman Beenck '52, Littleton, Colorado, May 30, 2024

Maureen McDermott Cox '52, Lake Forest, Illinois, June 23, 2024

Elizabeth Tripp Howick '52, Rogers, Arkansas, Oct. 3, 2023

Myrra Stevenson Johnson '52, Windermere, Florida, Dec. 14, 2022

Carolyn Russell Koppes '52, Leawood, Kansas, Dec. 29, 2023

Robert Page '52, Muskegon, Michigan, June 29, 2024

Elizabeth "Betty" Togasaki Shibata '52, Tokyo, Japan, Aug. 25, 2024

Robert E. Taylor '52, Bloomington, Indiana, Sept. 11, 2024

Elaine Stark Berquist '53, Lombard, Illinois, Sept. 18, 2023

Patricia Kray Layton '53, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 10, 2024

Paul McKeen '53, Mesa, Arizona, Feb. 16, 2024

Jose Valencia Jr. '53, Endicott, New York, March 5, 2023

Lyle Anderson '54, North Platte, Nebraska, Feb. 29, 2024

Joanne Staker Cutler '54, West Des Moines, Iowa, June 11, 2024

Janet Hauswirth Doane '54, Clive, Iowa, Aug. 31, 2024

Toby Gershon Lieberman '54, Woodstock, New York, Aug. 15, 2024

Robert Regan '54, Niantic, Connecticut, Feb. 20, 2024

Nancy Grimes Toepfer '54, State College, Pennsylvania, Aug. 5, 2024

Mardel Herzberg Allen '55, La Crosse, Wisconsin, March 12, 2024

Wayne Bauer '55, Huntley, Illinois, May 13, 2023

Marlene Firman Di Iulio '55, Moline, Illinois, July 31, 2024

Daniel Lloyd '55, Marshfield, Vermont, April 2, 2024

Marjorie Morningstar Morris '55, Marion, Iowa, March 2, 2024

Roger Pearson '55, Cumming, Georgia, May 30, 2024

Virgil Vochoska '55, Anchorage, Alaska, Dec. 20, 2023

Willard Beebe III '56, Carol Stream, Illinois, July 16, 2023

Suzanne Diton Dale '56, Spartanburg, South Carolina, Sept. 16, 2024

Henry Elwood '56, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 9, 2024

Monroe "Pete" Heaney '56, White Bear Lake, Minnesota, Aug. 31, 2023

Harold "Hal" Duguid '57, Bloomington, Illinois, June 30, 2022

Nicholas Law '58, St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, June 21, 2024

Gary Wulf '58, Wells, Maine, Aug. 4, 2024

Clifford Hayes '59, Naples, Florida, Feb. 5, 2024

Raoul Middelmann '59, Griffith, Australia, March 5, 2024

Anne Alden Paul '59, Oswego, Illinois, May 26, 2024

Judith MacBain Alter '60, Fort Worth, Texas, July 13, 2024

Douglas Bey Jr. '60, Normal, Illinois, Sept. 11, 2024

Gary Clark '60, Bettendorf, Iowa, March 6, 2024

Bonnie Curtis Crabtree Pappas '60, Marshalltown, Iowa, Aug. 16, 2024

David Harsh '61, Madison, Wisconsin, July 13, 2024

Gerald "Jerry" Huml '61, Blacksburg, Virginia, May 11, 2024

Donald Bahnick '62, Green Valley, Arizona, Aug. 4, 2024

James Ferrell '64, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, Dec. 12, 2023

Margaret Bair Meusey '64, Omaha, Nebraska, March 25, 2024

Mary Wolfe Godwin '66, Nashville, Tennessee, Oct. 28, 2023

Norman Pfortmiller Mills '66, Inverness, Illinois, June 3, 2023

James Straka '67, Las Cruces, New Mexico, May 14, 2024

Thomas Brown '68, Des Moines, Iowa, March 21, 2024

Judy Schneider '68, Sun City, Arizona, July 31, 2024

Samuel Johnson '69, Moline, Illinois, March 5, 2024

David B. Ferguson '70, El Dorado Hills, California, Jan. 12, 2024

Paula Evenson Johnston '71, Tucson, Arizona, April 29, 2024

Alan "Al" Allphin '73, Downers Grove, Illinois, March 19, 2024

Scott Dedrick '73, Boulder, Colorado, Aug. 15, 2024

Gregory Foster '73, Yorkville, Illinois, Aug. 22, 2024

Richard Cregar '74, Rock Island, Illinois, June 3, 2024

Gary Jordan '74, Madison, Wisconsin, Sept. 7, 2022

Donald "Kip" Keehner '74, Littleton, Colorado, Dec. 31, 2022

Larry Wolfe '74, Puerto Galera, Philippines, April 21, 2024

Gary Haaheim '75, Chaska, Minnesota, April 30, 2024

Brent Gordon '77, Fort Worth, Texas, April 4, 2024

Penelope Staley Carlson '79, Mesa, Arizona, Jan. 19, 2024

Robert "Robbie" Graham '79, Charlottesville, Virginia, April 20, 2024

Timothy Ruppert '79, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Sept. 10, 2024

Kim Tigges Pins '80, Asbury, Iowa, June 2, 2024

Helen LaVonne Purcell Schrum '80, Wilton, Iowa, Aug. 18, 2024

Matthew Siess '82, Amesbury, Massachusetts, April 7, 2024

Carla Thomas '83, Lincoln, Nebraska, March 26, 2024

Donald Blessing '84, Maricopa, Arizona, Aug. 11, 2024

Teresa Mallott '84, Carrollton, Texas, Feb. 6, 2024

Julie Houser '90, Portland, Oregon, Sept. 2, 2024

Tracy Poston Mathews '91, Davenport, Iowa, March 5, 2024

Michael Helgens '05, Dallas, Texas, Aug. 26, 2024