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Honoring CCW Past President

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Carolyn Dewilde Caswell '90

Cornell Club Washington President 1996-1997



With the March 2017 issue of CCW News, we began a series to honor CCW's 32 past presidents. In this issue CCW honors Carolyn DeWilde Casswell '90, who was active in the Metro DC Cornell Club, CCW President from 1996-1997, and President of the Cornell Class '90. Carolyn passed away at age 50 on June 25, 2018 at her home in Malvern, PA. She was the most amazing person, who brought joy and love where ever she went and

Mark Your Calendars Save the Date

February 20th-23rd
CALC
Westin Las Vegas, NV

April 25th
Earth Day Service Event
Anacostia Watershed Society

June 4th-7th
Cornell Reunion 2020
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY

to whomever she met. She was a graduate of Cornell University-Class of 1990, was a Major Gifts Officer for Cornell University, as well as a proud, energetic and enthusiastic Cornell University Alumna. She also was a member of the Charlestown Historical Society and Cornell Alpha Phi Sorority.

Carolyn was a long-serving Cornell 1990 Class President and Reunion chair, and Cornell staff member in the Northeast Corridor for 13 years. She was a dedicated Cornell volunteer, serving as the Cornell Class of 1990 Reunion Chair from 2000-2005 and Class President from 2005-2010. Carolyn demonstrated unwavering and unparalleled support and service to the university, Cornell Club of Washington DC and Cornell 1990 Class. She received accolades from Cornellians like Craig Voorhees who bequeathed \$5 million in scholarships to Cornell, who is quoted as saying to Carolyn "I believe in the Cornell administration, and I believe in the Cornell president," when Carolyn was the Cornell gift officer who had worked with Voorhees in setting up his scholarship (Source: Cornell Alumni Affairs and Development). Carolyn was a smiling, welcoming representative of Cornell, whom Cornellians looked forward to seeing at events in the DC area and on campus. What a loss for Cornell and for her family! She will be sorely missed.

Cornellians in Congress

Five Cornell Alumni Secure Spots in Congress*

During the last election cycle, five out of nine Cornell alumni running for Congress were elected or re-elected. The candidates ranged in age, place, party affiliation and Cornell class and majors — from 1973 to 2010, Massachusetts to Oregon, Democrat and Republican, and government to regional planning.



Sharice Davids J.D. '10 became one of the first Native American women elected to Congress. *The Cornell Daily Sun (<https://cornellsun.com/2018/11/07/four-cornell-alumni-secure-spots-in-congress/>). She will be one of two Native American women serving in Congress. The other is Debra Haaland (D-N.M.). Sharice Davids J.D. '10 (D-K.S.), 3rd Congressional District in Kansas. Sharice Davids J.D. '10 was elected to represent Kansas' third congressional district, becoming the first Native American woman elected to Congress to represent Kansas in Congress. In an interview with The Sun, Davids credited her time at the Cornell Law School for changing the “trajectory of her career,” saying that the experience “opened up her eyes.” She also said the connections she made at school were critical to her success. “One of the first people to help me get ready and start this

whole thing called ‘getting ready for Congress,’ I met at Cornell Law school,” Davids said. “There have been a whole number of people from Cornell who have helped get this campaign off the ground.” Davids was running against Kevin Yoder (R-K.S.), who has occupied the seat since 2010. Davids will be the first Democrat to represent the area since Dennis Moore, who served from 1999-2011.



Katherine Clark J.D. '89 (D-Mass.), 5th Congressional District in Massachusetts Rep. Katherine Clark J.D. '89 (D-Mass.) won her re-election bid and will continue to represent Massachusetts' fifth district. She has held the seat since 2013 and is Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus. In an interview with The Sun, Clark pointed to her time at Cornell Law School and the Legal Aid clinic as “peaking her interest in public service” and “pursuing a career as a public interest lawyer.” Clark also took time to provide some advice for college students, urging them to participate in politics. “Becoming involved with political campaigns is a great way to get to know your community,” Clark said. “It’s a great way to give back, and it’s a great way to influence the future of policies that very much affect college students.” Clark currently sits on the House Appropriations Committee

and is a member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus and Congressional Asian American Pacific Caucus.



Elissa Slotkin '98 (D-M.I.), 8th Congressional District in Michigan. Elissa Slotkin '98 ran her campaign in Michigan's eighth district on a moderate platform, supporting gun rights and opposing single payer health care as well as advocating for campaign finance reform and the decriminalization for marijuana. Her platform succeeded, as she won in a close race to Mike Bishop (R-Mich.). Bishop had represented the district since 2015. Since graduating from Cornell, Slotkin has built her career in the intelligence community, serving three tours in Iraq as a CIA analyst, as well as on the National Security Council as director for Iraq under President George W. Bush. Under the Obama presidency, Slotkin was the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense.

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Cornellians in Congress



Dan Meuser '88 (R-Penn.), 9th Congressional District in Pennsylvania Dan Meuser '88 (R-Penn.) is a graduate of the Navy ROTC program at Cornell who studied economics in the College of Arts and Sciences. He won his race in the ninth district for Pennsylvania house representative against Democrat Denny Wolff. In 2011, Meuser was nominated by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett to be Secretary of the Department of Revenue. His goal was “putting more money in the pockets of taxpayers.”

In his bid for congress, Meuser stressed his passion for upholding the ideals of the American Dream and increasing financial support for national security, specifically, legislation against illegal entry by immigrants.



Kurt Schrader '73 (D-O.R.), 5th Congressional District in Oregon Kurt Schrader (D-O.R.) graduated with the class of 1973 with a bachelors in government and went on to the University of Illinois to obtain his veterinary degree. Shrader won a hard-fought re-election campaign against republican challenger Mark Callahan and independent Mark Roberts. He is serving his sixth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. Schrader's top priorities, as listed on his website, concern the health and safety of his constituents and the environment.

He vows as Oregon house representative to work to protect the wild salmon of the Columbia River, secure affordable, accessible health care and prevent forest wildfires. He also aligns with typical progressive stances on issues, including

LGBTQ rights, marijuana legalization, climate change and immigrant rights. He commented on the family separation policy in June, “There is absolutely no reason to separate families or take small children away from their parents at the border,” Schrader said. “This totally unnecessary and cruel action calls to mind horrible decisions from history and it disturbs me to my core.”

Past Event Highlights

Cornell Hockey - Cornell Victorious FINAL: Cornell 3, RPI 0



Cornellians gathered at the Crystal City Sports Pub for a CCW hockey watch party in conjunction with RPI on January 10th. The No. 1 Cornell men's hockey faced Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on the road at RPI-Houston Field House. The Red picked up a conference win on Friday night January 10th, handily defeating the Engineers. Junior goaltender #35 Matt Galajda posted his second shutout of the year, leading the Big Red team to a 3-0 win against the Engineers. Galajda dominated in goal, notching 25 saves. Through 14 games, Galajda has been Cornell's anchor. The junior is the only goaltender in the nation that has yet to give up more than two goals in a game. The Red scored its first goal against RPI on the first period power play, and then pulled away in the second period. Right from the get-go, the Red (12-1-1, 8-1-0 ECAC) held an early advantage. Cornell was unrelenting in its pressure against RPI (8-11-1, 5-6-1) goaltender Linden Marshall. The Red

unleashed a barrage of shots on the RPI junior goaltender, while limiting chances on its own defensive end. With time dwindling on the power play in the first period, the Red passed around the puck until sophomore forward #19 Michael Regush (Surrey, British Columbia) and junior forward #28 Brenden Locke (Iroquois Falls, Ontario) set up junior forward #26 Tristan Mullin (Cartwright, Manitoba), who punched it in. Cornell once again found success with a goal in the second period by Freshman #20 Matt Steinberg (Halifax, Nova Scotia). It was the first game of Stienburg's college career playing at center. After freshman defenseman #10 Travis Mitchell (South Lyon, Michigan) launched a shot, senior forward #22 Jeff Malott picked up the rebound and fired it past Marshall to put the Red up, 3-0. The Red, however, could not extend its lead in the final frame. (Ned Dykes/Cornell Athletics photo credits)



Cornell Cares Day 2020 - A Wider Circle Essential Support Program



On Saturday, January 11th, Cornell alumni and friends participated in CCW's Cornell Cares Day event at A Wider Circle in Silver Spring. A Wider Circle's mission is to end poverty through on-the-ground programs and services. The 25 CCW volunteers helped with A Wider Circle's Essential Support program, which focuses on providing basic need items for the home to neighbors seeking to rise out of poverty. The donations A Wider Circle receives include household furniture, linens, kitchen items, toys, and professional clothing and accessories. Volunteers helped sort donations and stock the showrooms from which clients select their items. With the help of volunteers, A Wider Circle can furnish 20 homes free of charge each day for neighbors in need.

At the start of the event, A Wider Circle's founder, President, and CEO, Mark Bergel, Ph.D., spoke with the group about poverty in this region and the organization's development of large-scale solutions to the root causes of poverty. Dr. Bergel also introduced Cornell alumna Rebecca Goldman '17, who works as a Development Associate with the organization. We were very proud to see Rebecca serving our community. Go Big Red! Lisa Burns Griffin '87

Events at a Glance

The Cornell Club of Washington is Cornell's largest all-volunteer regional club and one of its most active. Your membership helps you connect with local alumni through social events and service programs advancing the university's mission through community-engaged discovery and learning that contribute to solving many of the local and world's challenges. CCW offers engaging programs and activities for alumni, students, and friends of Cornell University in the greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Please check the [CCW Events](#) page for a current and complete listing of events and updates.

February 2020

1...[Shelter Clean Up Service Event](#)

Questions: Lisa Griffin at lisa.griffin3512@gmail.com

1...[Cornell Asian Alumni Assn \(CAAA\) Pan Asian New Year](#)

Questions: diversity-aad@cornell.edu

1...[White House Tour: registration closed](#)

Questions: Contact Bruce McBarnette at brucemcbarnette@gmail.com

3...[CCW Book Club - "How Democracies Die" by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt](#)

Questions: Liz Pomper at ehp3@cornell.edu

9...[Big Red Run/Lunch - Theodore Roosevelt Island](#)

Questions: Contact Tony Chen at lc465@cornell.edu

9...[Pints & Purls - Knit a Big Red Scarf](#)

Questions: Contact Tony Chen at lc465@cornell.edu

9...[Embassy Row Hotel Movie Award Ceremony Viewing Party](#)

Questions: Contact Bruce McBarnette at brucemcbarnette@gmail.com

11...CCW Monthly [Board](#) & [Programming](#) Meeting

Questions: president@cornellclubdc.org

20...[Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference \(CALC\) Las Vegas, NV](#)

Questions: calc@cornell.edu

21...[Cornell Men's Lacrosse Team vs Towson at 4pm Towson, MD, Johnny Unitas® Stadium](#)

Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org

22...[Ivy/Seven Sisters Winter Indoor Round-Robin Mixed Doubles Tennis Pary](#)

Questions: Contact Kuni Matsuda, 240-294-5736 (w), 703-622-7999 (m), Stardust@smart.net

23...[Cornell Men's Lacrosse Team vs High Point 1pm Baltimore, MD](#)

Questions: programming@cornellclubdc.org

24...[10th Ivy/Seven Sisters Chess Social](#)

Questions: Contact Kuni Matsuda, 240-294-5736 (w), 703-622-7999 (m), Stardust@smart.net

March 2020

8...[DC Central Kitchen Morning Meal Preparation](#)

Questions: Contact Lisa Griffin at lisa.griffin3512@gmail.com

10...CCW Monthly [Board](#) & [Programming](#) Meeting

Questions: president@cornellclubdc.org

Volunteer Corner

Communications

Are you a fan of Instagram and Facebook? Help CCW with our communications efforts including our social media and email updates.

Contact Toniqua Hay at communications@cornellclubdc.org

Community Service

We are always looking for community service ideas and volunteers! To learn more,

Contact Lisa Burns Griffin at communityservice@cornellclubdc.org

Editorial

Interested in assisting CCW with its newsletter and informing the local Cornell community about local goings-on? What to be published?

Contact Claudia Benack at newsletter@cornellclubdc.org

Finance Committee

Do you have a background in accounting or tax law? Or want to become more familiar with these areas and how they work in the non-profit context? Then please consider joining us!

Contact Mel Zurn at treasurer@cornellclubdc.org

Membership

Invite your Cornell classmates and alums to join CCW. For current member to renew your membership, and update your contact, newsletter and email preferences,

Contact Annalise Schoonmaker and Justin Kondrat at membership@cornellclubdc.org

Programming

The CCW Programming Committee welcomes suggestions for programs and volunteers to help with them!

Contact Jim Schoonmaker at programming@cornellclubdc.org

Technology

Looking for people with website experience to help in the redesign of the CCW website. Contact

Matt Nieman at president@cornellclubdc.org

Nominations

Interested in serving on the 2020-21 CCW Board of Directors? Consider being nominated to serve as a director.

Contact Eliot Greenwald at nominations@cornellclubdc.org

Upcoming Events

Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) 2020

February 20-23, 2020/The Westin Las Vegas, 160 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89109



Speaker Spotlights

Jonathan Burdick, Vice Provost for Enrollment, oversees admissions, financial aid and the university registrar. He is charged with strategically positioning Cornell to better achieve its institutional goals and priorities, while also supporting and strengthening the specific enrollment-related needs and goals of the university's colleges and schools. He will spearhead the university's self-study in admissions, financial aid and registrar with the intent to enhance and evolve Cornell's current practices.

Bob Harrison '76, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, has been a member of Cornell's Board of Trustees since 2002 and became chairman in 2012; he also serves on the Weill Cornell Medicine and Cornell Tech boards of overseers. He previously chaired the board's Executive Committee and Student Life Committee; as an undergraduate, he served as a student trustee from 1975-76.

To register and for a complete list speakers, schedule and activities visit the CALC 2020 website at: <https://alumni.cornell.edu/volunteer/leadership/calc/>

CAAA 2020 New York City Pan-Asian Banquet & 30th Anniversary Celebration

February 1, 2020/ 6:00 PM/ Golden Unicorn Restaurant, 18 E Broadway, New York, NY 10002



Join fellow Cornellians, friends, and family to celebrate CAAA, the accomplishments of the honoree, Jimi Yui '80 and the Lunar New Year. This event includes an authentic eleven-course Chinese banquet, open bar, hors d'oeuvres, and cultural performances. A portion of the ticket price goes toward funding the CAAA undergraduate scholarship program. The evening will also include a silent auction to benefit the Cornell Asian & Asian American Center. Jimi Yui '80 speaks the language of chefs, affording him the unique ability to create the stages where they perform. He has received wide acclaim, including the James Beard Award—considered the “Oscars” of the restaurant industry—for the SONY Club in New York City, a private dining room designed for Chef Barry Wine and dubbed “the most elegant deal-making space in this country” by The New York Times. Jimi's passions for food and design – the recurring themes in his life and work – were cultivated early during his childhood running around and later serving

in The Guest House, his family's acclaimed Shanghai- and Peking-style restaurant in Tokyo. His interests then took form during an education at Cornell's Hotel and Architecture Schools and resulted in a 35+-year career designing some of the most celebrated hospitality projects in the world. Jimi went on to Cornell University's School of Architecture, where he completed four years, and then moved to Cornell's School of Hotel Administration, from which he graduated in 1980. He launched his design career with a six-year tenure at Cini Little International and spent another six years as a founding principal of a hotel management and restaurant development firm. A Board member of Cornell's Pillsbury Institute for Hospitality Entrepreneurship, Jimi is also a member of The Cornell Society of Hotelmen and the Foodservice Consultants Society International (FCSI).

What's Happening?

- CALC is going to Vegas! Strap on your blue suede shoes. Don't miss out on a weekend of mingling with hundreds of Cornellians from around the globe, hearing from inspiring faculty and staff, and taking in the Vegas sights.
- A chance to hear from Robert S. Harrison '76, Chairman of the Cornell University Board of Trustees, and other senior administrators at Cornell
- Alumni keynotes, topical sessions, and optional tours
- Ample networking time with fellow Cornellians

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Event Venues and Speakers Wanted

Do you have a meeting space that CCW could use for lectures or receptions?

Do you know a local Cornellian who would be a great speaker?

Contact Jim Schoonmaker at programming@cornellclubdc.org

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Do you know a local Cornellian who should be featured in a future newsletter?

Contact Claudia Benack at newsletter@cornellclubdc.org

New CCW Members

Nadine Fuller ('19)

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Jamie Porter ('19)

Connor Smith ('19)

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Zachary Silver ('19)

Hanna Haile ('16)

Katherine Bemis ('15)

Ayobami Adebawale ('14 & '18)

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