



# CCW News

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## Meet the 2021 CCW Scholarship Recipients

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The Scholarship Committee selected Shihao Cao '23 as the recipient of the Howard S. Epstein Cornell Club of Washington Federation Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship honors the late Howard Epstein '58, Law '61, a former President of the CCW and the Cornell Federation.

The Scholarship Committee also selected Sophie Rabinowicz '21 as the recipient of the Kiplinger Cornell Club of Washington Federation Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship honors the late Austin Kiplinger '39, chairman emeritus of the Cornell University Board of Trustees.



Shihao is a sophomore in the College of Engineering. He grew up in Virginia and attended Thomas Jefferson High School. While in high school, Shihao lettered in wrestling and founded the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Team.

At Cornell, Shihao is majoring in Computer Science. He interned at SpaceX as a Vehicle Engineering intern this summer. Shihao is the Build Events Director for Cornell Science Olympiad and a Peer Mentor for the Association of Computer Science Undergraduates as well as the Cornell Undergraduate Research Board.

Sophie is a senior in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. She grew up in Maryland and attended Thomas Wootton High School. In high school, Sophie worked at Kicks Karate, eventually earning a black belt (she is now a second degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do) and volunteered at Good Choice Riding Center, a horse-back riding program.

At Cornell, Sophie is double majoring in Animal Science and Environment & Sustainability. She conducted avian research this summer and continues to work at the Cornell Museum of Vertebrates. Sophie transferred to Cornell as a sophomore and has since won the Cornell University Hatch Grant and Cornell Lab of Ornithology Experimental grant.



# Events at a Glance

CCW is Cornell's largest all-volunteer regional club and one of its most active. Membership helps local alumni connect through social events and service programs advancing Cornell'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 in the greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

## CCW Virtual Events, Tours and Cornell Live Streams

CCW Virtual Tours at <https://cornellclubdc.org/page-1862736>. CCW Events at <https://cornellclubdc.org/events>. Cornell University hosts hundreds of virtual events, lectures, seminars, webinars and live streams every day.

- Cornell University Events Website: <https://events.cornell.edu/>
- Cornell University Alumni Events Website: <https://alumni.cornell.edu/events/>
- Weill Cornell Medicine Events Website: <https://events.weill.cornell.edu/>
- Recent Live Streams from Cornell. Log in to access at: <https://live.alumni.cornell.edu/>
- Cornell University Official Athletics Website: <https://cornellbigred.com/>

## CCW Monthly Board & Programming Meetings Virtual Event

February 9th, 2021 7:00PM - 8:30PM <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-3971103> and <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-3971126>. Monthly CCW Board and Planning meetings, open to all members and others. Contact: Matt Nieman [president@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:president@cornellclubdc.org). Jim Schoonmaker [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)

## Perserverng Through the Epidemic - Cornell & Typhoid 1903 Virtual Event

Join Corey Ryan Earle '07 on February 2nd at 7:00pm for this discussion of "Epidemic" by David DeKok, a gripping tale of the devastating typhoid epidemic that affected Cornell University and Ithaca in 1903. Among the worst epidemics on a per capita basis in U.S. history, it devastated the local community and sent one third of Cornell students fleeing home. What were the factors that led to this crisis, and how did it permanently change Cornell in the aftermath? Register at: <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4132388>

## CCW Pints & Purls - Knit a Big Red Scarf Virtual Event

Come join us for an evening session of knitting and good conversation on Wednesday evening at 8pm February 10th <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4112059> and February 24th <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4112064>. Bring your own project, or learn how to knit a big red scarf for the cold weather. Contact: Grace Tucker [gkt25@cornell.edu](mailto:gkt25@cornell.edu)

## Finger Lakes Wine Tasting Virtual Event

Join CCW on February 12th at 5:30pm for a Private virtual wine tasting with Dr. Konstantin Frank Winery, led by Meaghan Frank '11, MPS '16. Get a special 20% discount when you order online <https://www.drfrankwines.com/the-cornell-club-of-washington/> and enter code CCW2021 at checkout for flat rate shipping. Make sure you order by February 5th to ensure delivery by the 12th. Wine purchase not required for participation. <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4120847> Contact: Grace Tucker '17 [gkt25@cornell.edu](mailto:gkt25@cornell.edu)

## A Conversation With DC Councilmember Brooke Pinto '14 Virtual Event

Join CCW on February 22nd for a conversation with Brooke Pinto '14, Ward 2 DC Councilmember. Brooke is DC's youngest-ever council member, who was recently re-elected to a four-year term through 2025. <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4120222> Contact: Julia Buffinton '14 or Drew Zukosky '13 at [communityservice@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:communityservice@cornellclubdc.org)

## Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference: CALC 2021 Virtual Event

Tune in online on February 26th-27th for a CALC like you've never experienced before <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4026332>. Open to all alumni, CALC will feature Cornell leaders, prominent Cornellians, and volunteers galore. Join us for CALC week events on February 24th and 25th, as well, leading up to the official CALC kickoff on February 26th. Learn more at <https://alumni.cornell.edu/volunteer/leadership/calc/>.

# Volunteer Corner

The organizations below are all accepting **donations of masks, non-perishable food, and other healthcare/household supplies.**

- **SOME (So Others Might Eat):** SOME is an interfaith, community-based organization that exists to help the poor and homeless of our nation's capital by addressing immediate needs and offering services to break the cycle of homeless. Learn more here: <https://www.some.org/>
- **N Street Village:** N St Village empowers homeless and low-income women in Washington, D.C. to claim their highest quality of life by offering a broad spectrum of services, housing, and advocacy. Learn more here: <https://www.nstreetvillage.org/get-involved/>
- **Salvation Army - National Capital Area:** The Salvation Army is a charitable Christian organization serving those in crisis in the District; from providing hot meals to bill assistance. Learn more here: <https://salvationarmynca.org/volunteer/>

## Communications

Are you a fan of Instagram and Facebook? Help CCW with our communications efforts including our social media and email updates. Contact Steve Piekarec at [communications@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:communications@cornellclubdc.org)

## Community Service

Are you currently involved in any remote or socially distanced volunteering? We'd love to hear from you! Reach out to Julia Buffinton and Drew Zukosky at [communityservice@cornellclubdc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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? Contact Mel Zurn at [treasurer@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:treasurer@cornellclubdc.org)

## Membership

Invite your Cornell classmates and alums to join CCW. Renew/update your membership, contact, newsletter and email preferences. Contact Annalise Schoonmaker and Justin Kondrat at [membership@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:membership@cornellclubdc.org)

## Programming

Want more Programs? The CCW Programming Committee welcomes suggestions for programs and volunteers to help with them! Contact Jim Schoonmaker at [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)

## Technology

Looking for people with website experience to help in the redesign of the CCW website. Contact Webmaster at [webmaster@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:webmaster@cornellclubdc.org)

## Nominations

Interested in serving on the 2021-2022 CCW Board of Directors? Consider being nominated to serve CCW. Contact Terry Horner at [nominations@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:nominations@cornellclubdc.org)

## CCW History

We need your help whether you are a past or present CCW Board member, Cornell alumnus at large and interested in CCW history from 1966 to the present. Contact CCW Historian, Gladys Stifel, at [gls23@cornell.edu](mailto:gls23@cornell.edu)

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Do you have ideas for CCW News? Or corrections? Email us at: [newsletter@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:newsletter@cornellclubdc.org)

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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](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)

### Cornell Global Mixers

Join Tony Chen ([lc465@cornell.edu](mailto:lc465@cornell.edu)) in 2021 at Saturday and Sunday Cornell Mixers Register at:

February 6th Pre-Party (6pm); Main Event (9pm); After-Party (10pm) <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4082900>

February 21st Pre-Party (11am); Main Event (2pm); After-Party (3pm) <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4082952>



### CCW News

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

Contact Claudia Benack at [newsletter@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:newsletter@cornellclubdc.org)