

Ada Dorothy (Adadot) Hayes

From Cornell Alumni Affairs and Development

Once Adadot retired, she wholeheartedly jumped into Cornell activities and quickly agreed to wear many hats:

Class:

Co-chaired the class's 50th and 55th Reunion campaigns
Cornell Annual Fund Representative for the class since 2014
Member of Class Council since 2010

University:

Member of the College of Arts & Sciences Advisory Council since 2013
Member of Cornell University Council since 2015

Here is what the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences said to the Advisory Council recently:

“The college is saddened by the loss of Adadot Hayes, Class of 1964, who had served on the advisory council since July 2013 and who supported many programs across Cornell. Dr. Hayes majored in zoology in Arts & Sciences and attended medical school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Hayes’ professional career spanned private practice, academic medicine, government medicine, and a time in the U.S. Army Reserves. Those of us who knew her, even briefly, miss her invigorating spirit and joyful curiosity. She was a true Cornellian. Thank you, Adadot.”

As I mentioned, Adadot had a great time on campus during her annual weekly visits that would coincide with the A&S Advisory Council or Homecoming or TCAM. She would attend classes, give lectures to students, share meals with students on West Campus. Everyone who met her liked her. The faculty across campus were delighted with her interest and enthusiasm about their research and teaching.

Adadot was very generous. She established a number of endowments for Cornell – some in her estate – including a scholarship in honor of her parents and five or six endowments to honor AA&D staff with whom she worked over the years. As the Class knows, she served as co-chair of her Reunion campaign and encouraged her classmates to share the joy of giving that she experienced.

Read more about Adadot Hayes

[Alum’s medical career spans hospitals, Army bases and state institutions](#) – EZRA Magazine, July, 2017

See 50th Reunion Yearbook, page 176 for Adadot’s life story.