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President's Message

60th Reunion, JFK Transition, CALC 2024

Your Class of '64 was well represented at February's 2024 CALC (Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference) in Baltimore. Over a dozen of us attended and conducted an extensive business meeting. Note Class of '94 only had TWO attendees and it is their 30th!

60th Reunion June 6 – 9

Reunion Chair, Carolyn Whitman, has once more arranged for us to enjoy the Sherwoods and be treated to a special collection of 19th century intricate glass blown sea creatures and a movie of those actual sea creatures featured in "A Sea Of Glass", available on Amazon. We perhaps may even get to meet the movie's producer.

In the past year we have also transitioned the oversight of our **Legacy JFK Award for Public Service** to a self-perpetuating Board composed of JFK Awardees! Cindy Wolloch will have plenty to report on this front. She is also preparing a stimulating and informative forum for us on Saturday. Michael Troner and Phyllis Rivkin Goldman, our Cornell Fund Reps, will be seeking your "Kokua" (Hawaiian for help) in making Our Legacy even more meaningful.



Our '64 CALC Attendees

Front row: Carolyn Neuman, Nancy Butler, Steve Whitman, Carolyn Whitman, Judie Gorra

Back row: Stan Morgenstein, Bruce Wagner, Elliot Gordon, Ken Kupchak, Linda Meltzer, Susan Holden, Susan Labarthe

It has been a fun filled, always surprising and productive five years.

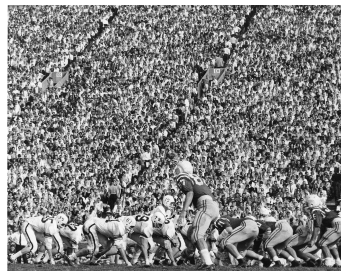
We all look forward to sharing the latest details with you at our 60th Reunion in June. **Be there!**

This just in --"64 is GREAT!" AND There is no University with which I'd rather be associated.

Aloha,
Ken Kupchak

Last Day to take Advantage of Early Bird Pricing is May 15, 2024

Come to relax while you visit and enjoy our beautiful Campus. Attend interesting and stimulating lectures and events. Spend time with classmates and old friends. Wax nostalgic about our years on the hill!



THE CLASS OF 1964 JOHN F KENNEDY AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TURNS SIXTY

Sixty years ago, this June our class launched our senior gift to Cornell: An annual award in our name to a graduating senior committed to a life in public service. With this gift, we committed ourselves and our honorees to heeding President Kennedy's call to serve the country.

We have just made our 68th JFK Award. Our 2024 winner is **Sarah Jane McMorrow**, of Concord MA, a computer science major and anthropology minor in the College of Arts and Sciences. Sarah aspires to a medical degree and a career in forensic pathology. She writes, "This is not a medical specialty for the faint of heart....I am drawn to this field because I want to help people in a way that not many are willing to do" and to help to battle the disparities in the medical and criminal justice systems. She will use the Award funds to volunteer in emergency services and to shadow physicians before entering medical school.

Sarah has been a volunteer firefighter and EMT with the Varna Volunteer Fire Company since 2022 and was credited by the Fire Chief, a Cornell faculty member, with bringing the company back from imminent closure. She was named "Fire Rookie of the Year," after devoting 250 hours to the company in 2023 alone, taking courses and receiving numerous certifications.

Her gratitude to Cornell is expressed in her view that "My peers are not my competition but my community which challenges and inspires me." And she states that she does not feel entitled to anything that comes her way but rather is committed to helping create a better world and exemplifying the value of service: commitment, integrity, respect and honesty.

Sarah will join us at our Reunion Forum to receive her award and greet the Class. The Forum will take place June 8, 2024, from 1:30 till 3:30 at the Statler.

Also at the Forum, the Class will meet members of the JFK Alumni Board, which this year began assuming full oversight of the Award. Its members include the current JFK Review Committee: Judie Pink Gorra, Stan Morgenstein and Cynthia Wolloch ,along with JFK Alumni Katie Dealy, '00, Itai Dinour '01, Karl Hausker, '79, Jared Genser, '95, and Philip Caruso, '08. Katie is Board Chair. The Board is already administering the award and engaging on campus and with JFK alumni. After Reunion additional officers and alumni members will be named and Cynthia Wolloch will become Class liaison.

The Forum's concluding highlight will be a series of one-on-one conversations between class members and JFK alums about their life and work in public service that will illuminate the links between our Class and the carriers of our legacy. We hope to both stream the Forum proceedings and to record them for future retrieval.

Throughout Reunion, we will run two videos on monitors in the dorm and/or elsewhere of interviews with two recent awardees: Karl Hausker '79 with Alice Soewito '22 and Philip Caruso '08 with Natalia Urbas '23. These are wonderful short films, very revealing of the accomplishments, character and personalities of all four awardees.



Fire Rookie
of the year!

Sarah Jane
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