



Cornell Class of 1964

Update - Spring 2025

President's Message

Time to reflect and find ways to further support Cornell

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Greetings! As our 60th reunion recedes, we now start looking forward to our 65th. We look forward to the joys, challenges and rewards of the next few years.

Twenty-Two Nine seems a 'distant future' but, based on past timelines, it will arrive with alacrity. What do we do as a Class moving forward? Our JFK Memorial Award has made significant impact, and we will work to keep our legacy going. The Einhorn Center now administers the JFK Award and the JFK Award Board will continue to manage it. Cindy Wolloch will continue as Class Liaison to the Board.

Let's have a shout out to our fellow classmates who have kept the gears oiled and functioning. Included is our past president, and our Class Officers.

Why do we schlep back to Ithaca every five years (or more often)? Yes, it is our school. But it is more than 'our school', it is Cornell. It binds us together. It is why we smile when asked, "Where did you go to school?" The Cornell seed was planted in us as Freshman. It sprouted, matured and has become an integral part of who we are. Our community is a precious one. Let us contribute to our class, our University and our fellow classmates.



Linda and Elliot Gordon



Michael I. Kotlikoff

Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC)

February 2025

Cornell President Michael I. Kotlikoff was the keynote speaker at CALC. He affirmed his commitment to Cornell's support of free thought, free expression and the need to question previous "knowledge".

He believes collegiate Athletics, Greek Life and ROTC play an important role in developing the full potential of Cornell students. Regarding the current federal Administration, Dr. Kotlikoff said we need to anticipate lower funding. While he will always follow the law, he will protect the confidential personal information of our students, including those who are not documented.

Former military personnel and community college students are encouraged to apply. Cornell is unique: we are the largest Ivy League school. We are a Land Grant institution and have both a medical school and Cornell Tech in Manhattan. We are diverse and proud of it.

Our 60th!



Former president Ken Kupchak & Webmaster Bruce Wagner

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Membership Report

Thanks to all who are still paying our class dues. We had about 250 classmates who did so in 2024 and while our numbers are dwindling, out of almost 80 classes, we have the 7th highest number of classmates paying dues. Please consider supporting the class treasury and its endeavors this year.

Tradition Fellowship

Our Class of 1964 Cornell Tradition Fellowship Award endowment has grown sufficiently to now provide awards to two undergraduate students each year. This year's awardees are: Taylor Stewart CALS '25 who hopes to attend Vet school and Merritt Cox CALS '27, focusing on animal science and sustainability.

Key Portals

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964>
Class website: <https://www.cornell1964.org>
Alumni Directory: <https://cornellconnect.cornell.edu>
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Bonnie Outwater Phillips, Sherry Northrup Tyler, Charles Scholes



Julie Adams Strandberg,
Tony Detarando '63



Kate Barclay (reunion clerk) Robert Butler

Dinner
Time!



Straight talk





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THE JFK AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

By Cynthia Wolloch and Katie Dealy

Background

Last year was a momentous one for our JFK Award, as it was the first year in the life of the JFK Alumni Board. The Class's extended and meticulous transition planning paid off, with the Board poised for success as soon as it officially came into being during the summer of 2024.

Under Katie Dealy's leadership, the Alumni Board modified the competition format, revised the application materials, promoted the Award, conducted the competition, and held a two-phase review, resulting in an outcome that will be a model for the years to come. The most significant change was a decision to add two honorary mention awards at \$500 each, while maintaining the existing annual JFK Award at \$15,000. While the amounts will likely be revisited in future, the decision to honor three students will endure.

This year's pool of 26 applicants was very high quality, including a large number of Brooks School public policy students, a result of special targeting. Another successful innovation was the Board's decision to ask last year's applicants to recommend rising Seniors to receive invitations to apply.

This year's winner and honorable mentions

The JFK Award winner for 2025 is Farzan Hussainzada, a Global Development major in CALS. An Afghani national, Farzan attended high school in Turkey, where a family friend working for USAID suggested he apply to Cornell. He did so, and his life changed. As a Science and Technology Pre-professional (P3) program alumnus, a Cornell Tradition student, Quill and Dagger member and recipient of the Barber Conable Award, Farzan leveraged his impressive skills to strengthen Afghan students' presence on campus and turned his attention to legal service and studies to address the pressing needs of migrants generally. Internship experiences with the American Immigration Lawyers Association, the Schuyler County Public Defenders Office and a California organization working with asylum applicants undergirded a career shift from global development. Farzan now envisions a career in immigration law, after two years of work experience to secure the funds to continue his education.



Farzan's referees speak of his empathy and humility along with notable analytic skills and mature and thoughtful approaches to his role in contributing to immigration justice. In reflecting on the P3 Program, Farzan wrote "As an aspiring immigration lawyer, I want to possess and embrace hope, resilience and human connection." He impressed the JFK review panel with his determination and the pressing timeliness of his public service project.

Two additional applicants with strong leadership and service backgrounds have received Honorable Mentions and will be honored along with Farzan at the Einhorn Center's annual awards ceremony in April. Alumni Board member Jared Genser will represent the Board on that occasion. These students are noted on the next page.

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JFK Memorial Award - Continued

Molly Goldstein, a Government and Near Eastern Studies major, and **Andrew Juan**, a Health Care Policy major in the Brooks School. Molly's passions are negotiation and environmental conservation, which she hopes to bridge in a diplomatic career focused on environmental peacekeeping. Andrew, too, seeks to combine two devotions: to rural health care as a primary physician, and to applying rigorous social science research in the primary care setting. Both are exemplary students whose commitment to public service make them worthy of this new recognition by the Class and the JFK Alumni Board.



Andrew Juan



Painting by Rick Meltzer



Molly Goldstein

Next steps

The Alumni Board will soon announce its officer slate and will turn to the critical task of building support among the JFK Alumni. To this end, several actions are envisioned: The Alumni Board will reach out to JFK Alumni regularly to share updates and to include them in Giving Day requests. The Board is working to amend the Board Bylaws to enable the Board to set aside a small portion of the annual endowment payout for alumni engagement, program promotion, and, in Katie Dealy's words, "creating a momentum for public service" on campus. The Class Officers are on board with this initiative, which will not jeopardize the funds available for awards. Moving forward, while considering market fluctuations, the Board plans to explore the possibility of raising the monetary award levels. Digital updates to both the JFK book and online presence of the Award are also in the works.

