



# Class of 2005 Annual Newsletter

Dear Classmate:

Can you believe it's been 15 years since we anxiously awaited our acceptance to Cornell and began preparations for our first year in college, where many of us would form lifelong friends and connections to the University? Neither can we!

The newly elected officers are excited to engage with our fellow classmates, through this newsletter and through social media. By doing so, we hope to promote fun events around the country and share information on what's going on back at Cornell. Whether you are going back to school, recently married, raising kids, or settling in to your career, we encourage you to keep in touch through the following channels:

- Like our [Facebook page](#) to stay connected (tell your friends too!):
- Bookmark our newly redesigned [class website](#)
- Please, [update your address](#) and contact info so we can send you important news. Let your friends know to keep their information up to date!
- [Submit interesting news and stories](#) for our Class Notes
- [E-mail us](#) with feedback!

## Class President's Message

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your Class President for the next five years. I'm sure most of you thought our Class Council and elections ended at graduation, but that is actually just the beginning. I would like to acknowledge our past leaders who have guided the class for the last 10 years and through two successful reunions, especially Sarah Perkins and Meghan Cunningham, who made those reunions possible. Our class is more than reunions though; it is our connection with each other and to Cornell. Throughout my term, I hope to improve those connections and provide opportunities for all of us to benefit from our Cornell affiliation and to give back to our alma mater.

I would also like to welcome our new class officer executive team and thank them all for stepping up to help the Class of 2005 thrive. We are always looking for more volunteers and ideas to make our goals reality, so please reach out to [me](#) whenever you have a great idea or would like to learn more about volunteer and leadership opportunities. Thank you again for this opportunity and I look forward to connecting with many of you in the coming year.

*--Jason Hnatko, President, Cornell Class of 2005*

## Reunion Updates



Thanks to all who came to our 10-Year Reunion! Have you read the article in the [Cornell Alumni Magazine](#) summarizing the fun times we had? What was your favorite part of Reunion?

Please upload your favorite Reunion photos to our Facebook album [here](#)

## Upcoming Class Events

**Class brunches/dinners – June 2016 – various cities.** We are planning a day of class brunches/dinners in various locations around the country in June 2016. **Save the date for the NYC Brunch on Saturday June 4th.** Like our Facebook page for more details on how to register! Reach out to [Jason](#) if you are interested in planning a brunch or dinner near you.

**Homecoming – September 23-24, 2016 – Ithaca, NY.** Homecoming has come a long way from the half-filled stadiums of the early 2000s. Enjoy new festivities such as the fireworks and laser show, and cheer on fellow classmate David Archer as he leads the Big Red!! Please let us know if you are planning to attend Homecoming so we can organize a class event.

**Thanksgiving Post-Hockey Class Brunch – November 27, 2016 – New York, NY.** Are you already planning to attend the annual Thanksgiving hockey game at Madison Square Garden? Maybe you're just planning to see friends/family in New York. Either way, we want you to join us for brunch the following Sunday. Stay tuned for details.

## Class of 2005 Logo Contest

Did you know that every Cornell Class has an official logo, usually designed by the Class during their senior year? The logo is used on the Class website, for Reunion materials, and sometimes put on t-shirts and other apparel! 10 years later, it's time for an update...by you!

Email your logo design to [cornellclassof05@gmail.com](mailto:cornellclassof05@gmail.com) by June 1st, and the designer of the winning logo (as chosen by the Class officers) will receive a \$50 gift card to The Cornell Store! For ideas, take a look at other Class logos [here](#).



## **Cornell Class Dues vs. Annual Fund Gifts - What's the difference?** *By Rosalie Cincotta Boothe, Fundraising Chair*

We all receive numerous letters and email from Cornell throughout the year and it definitely gets overwhelming! Do you know the difference between your Class Dues and gifts to the Annual Fund?

Yes, there is a difference! Your Class Dues ensure your participation as an alumnus and help fund class events throughout the year – they also include a subscription to the Cornell Alumni Magazine. Gifts to the Annual Fund are tax-deductible donations that you make at your discretion that help fund important programs and aid to our alma mater.

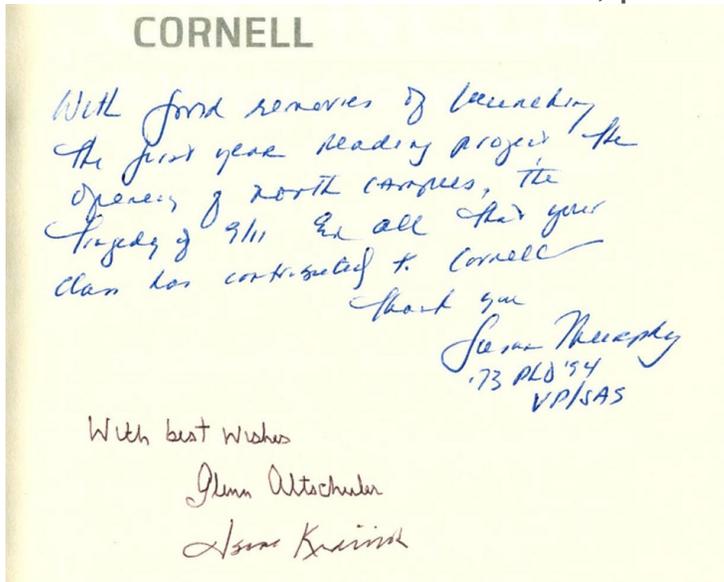
Class Dues: The Office of Alumni Affairs relies on dues-paying alumni to help finance events and programs for our class each year, such as networking events in designated cities (i.e. Red Hot Hockey in NYC). Your dues also include a year's subscription to the Cornell Alumni Magazine. [Pay your Class Dues!](#)

Gifts to Cornell: Gifts provide unrestricted support to help the university put funds to use wherever the need is greatest. You can also designate your gift to help a specific college or program of your choice. Regardless of where your gift is designated, your gift will count towards our class' charitable totals, which is one way Cornell measures our class' engagement. Gifts of any amount are greatly appreciated. The Annual Fund cycle follows the university's fiscal year of July 1 to June 30, so be sure to [make a gift](#) by June of each year.

Click [here](#) for more information about the difference between Class Dues and Gifts to the Annual Fund. Your current class officers are passionate about offering more networking and social events throughout the year in cities near you. Be sure to pay your Class Dues so we can make this happen! Go Big Red!

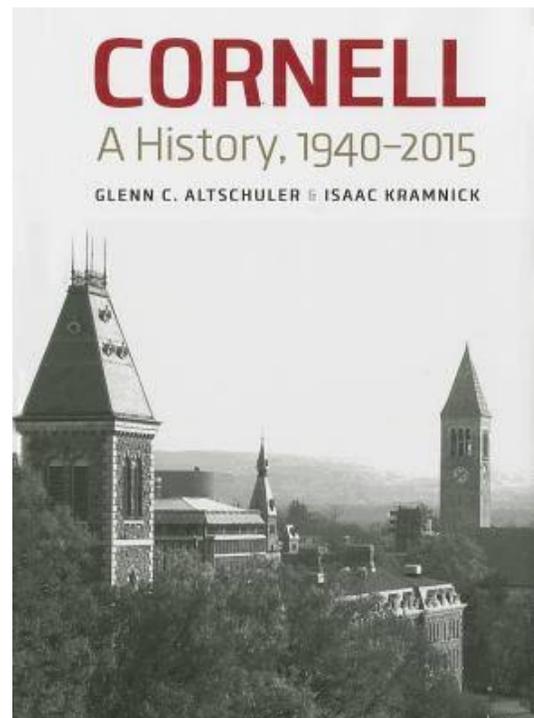
**"The Class of 2005 and Cornell: A History, 1940-2015"** by Thomas Balcerski, Class Historian

The publication of *Cornell: A History, 1940-2015*, by beloved professors Glenn Altschuler and Isaac Kramnick, prompted me to action at our last Reunion. I purchased a copy and sought out signatures from those leaders of Cornell who influenced our time on the Hill. At dinner on Friday night, Susan Murphy, who recently retired from her position as Vice President for Student and Academic Services, penned this note to the Class of 2005:



***"With fond memories of launching the first year reading project, the opening of North Campus, the tragedy of 9/11, and all that your class has contributed to Cornell. Thank you."***

After reading Altschuler and Kramnick's book, I find mention of the Class of 2005 in Part IV: 1995-2015. In their inimitable style, the authors write of the many experiences that defined our experience at Cornell, including, as Vice President Murphy noted, the first-year reading project, the tragedy of 9/11, the opening of North Campus, the administration of President Jeffrey Lehman, the Redbud Woods controversy, and so much more. Theirs is a highly readable and enjoyable volume. I recommend it strongly to the Class of 2005. It is available through Amazon at this [link](#)



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**Thanks for reading this newsletter and please stay in touch and feel free to let us know any ideas you have on how we can better serve you!**