



## Welcome back, Class of '96! It's been too long!

We're thrilled to invite you back for a Reunion filled with laughter, a new campus map, and heartwarming nostalgia. The weekend is brimming with activities designed to reignite cherished memories and spark new friendships. From revisiting favorite spots to exploring new additions to our beloved campus, this Reunion is your ticket to relive the glory days on the Hill, and witness how far we've come.

It's been 10 years since we were all together on campus. For some of you, it's been even longer. Whether this is your first Reunion or you've attended every Reunion since our 5th, we're excited to offer you a great weekend of activities.

We're kicking things off Thursday evening with a casual gathering at Keeton House, our Reunion headquarters, where food, music, lawn games, a CU-themed lounge, and good company set the stage for a weekend of connection.

On Friday afternoon, sample local wine and spirits at a beautiful waterfront location. Or get to know your classmates better at a speed networking event.

Friday night, enjoy a Mediterranean-themed dinner and signature cocktails close to headquarters. Then get ready to hit the Arts Quad and the tent parties! For those die-hard NBA fans, we will be showing the playoff game at Keeton House.

Saturday morning, relive your dining hall days and that classic waffle maker with breakfast in Keeton House Dining. Then, take advantage of endless opportunities for exploration, connection, and fun, from campus tours to garden strolls and group reunions.

Cap off the day with a reception and dinner overlooking the beautiful slope featuring Dinosaur BBQ. It is still as good as I remember. Then, if the Arts Quad tents are not for you, we will be co-hosting a dance party with the Class of 2001.

With a plethora of activities planned by Cornell, this Reunion is not just a return to familiar grounds, but a celebration of our enduring bond to Cornell and to each other as the proud Class of '96. We're eager to welcome you back for a weekend that promises to be unforgettable. CU there!

Reunion Co-Chairs  
Carlton Griffin '96  
Katrina James '96

# Reunion Weekend

## June 4–7, 2026

Register online now: [alumni.cornell.edu/reunion](http://alumni.cornell.edu/reunion)

It's time to register for Reunion!

1. Choose a registration package
2. Select housing
3. Get information on attending Reunion with the family/children
4. Please consider making a gift to our 30th Reunion campaign at [giving.cornell.edu/give](http://giving.cornell.edu/give)
5. For details about accessibility, transportation, parking, childcare, attire, lodging, dining, campus sustainability, and more, explore the Reunion website at: [alumni.cornell.edu/reunion](http://alumni.cornell.edu/reunion)

### 1. ADULT REGISTRATION PACKAGE AND FEES Early bird pricing available until May 15

Packages include	Fee by May 15	Fee after May 15	Thursday dinner	Friday breakfast	Friday lunch	Friday dinner	Saturday breakfast	Saturday dinner	Sunday breakfast	Button	Souvenir
Full weekend (Thursday noon–Sunday noon)	<b>\$399</b>	<b>\$420</b>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Partial weekend (Friday after breakfast–Sunday)	<b>\$350</b>	<b>\$380</b>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mini weekend (Friday after dinner–Sunday)	<b>\$299</b>	<b>\$330</b>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Note that youth pricing fees are lower. Please visit our class/group page for additional details. \*Please see the opt-in selections below for additional details.

Additional opt-in selections			
EVENT	DATE & TIME	COST	CAPACITY
<b>Boatyard Grill Wine and Spirits Tasting Event</b>	Friday, June 5 2:00–5:00 p.m.	\$60	50
<b>Class of 1996 Speed Networking, Class HQ, Keeton</b>	Friday, June 5 4:00–5:30 p.m.	FREE	
<b>Sunrise Walking Tour</b>	Sunday, June 7 9:00–10:00 a.m.	FREE	40

### Package FAQs

#### What does the registration fee include?

All packages include class/group receptions and meals, headquarters refreshments, campus transportation, most university events including Arts Quad Tent Parties, and the cost of hiring and housing Cornell student clerks.

#### What is NOT automatically included?

CU for Lunch, Cornell Child Care Center services, some athletic events, concerts, and the additional opt-in selections listed here.

#### Can I celebrate with more than one class or group?

Yes! Register with the class, school, or group with whom you wish to be housed and will participate most with. Contact your class/group registration chair to share which events hosted by another class or group you'd like to add to your registration.

#### What if I register and then can't come?

We are happy to offer refunds if you cancel on or before May 22. After this date, a refund of registration packages fees may not be possible.

#### Can I register when I get there?

Yes, you can—but there are many advantages to registering in advance, including lower fees (by May 15), expedited check-in, better chance of getting a room assignment near friends, and more. **Please note:** Cash payments will not be accepted. Check and credit/debit card payments are the only acceptable payment methods for Reunion purchases.

## 2. HOUSING AT OUR CAMPUS HEADQUARTERS

### William Keeton House, West Campus

	1 night	2 nights	3 nights	SAVINGS (by staying all 3 nights)
Adult (13 years and older)	\$101	\$202	\$231	\$72
Child (12 years and younger)	\$59	\$101	\$101	One night FREE

Housing rates are per person, not per room.

### Housing FAQs

Please see the campus housing FAQ section of the Reunion website for full details.

#### What's included in the room fee?

The university provides bath towels, wash cloths, soap, hangers, bed linens, a pillow, a water glass, and a daily towel and wash cloth exchange. Daily housekeeping service is not provided. There is no charge for children who do not need a bed (sleep in porta-crib, on the floor, etc.) and stay in a parent's room.

#### When is check-in/check-out?

Check-in begins Thursday at noon and all classmates must check out by noon Sunday.

#### Can I get a room near my friends?

We can try! We will pre-assign rooms; you may request to room near someone when you register and we will do our best to accommodate your request on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that families are given priority for housing requests.

#### What if I need to cancel my housing registration?

A housing refund can be accommodated if you cancel on or before May 22. After this time, a refund may not be possible.

#### I have special medical or mobility needs, is it practical for me to stay on campus?

We want all alumni, family, and friends to enjoy campus while celebrating Reunion. Guests with housing and campus accessibility questions or concerns are invited to learn more about accessibility at Reunion at [alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/reunion/accessibility](http://alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/reunion/accessibility), or contact Hazel Key in the Office of Alumni Affairs at [class\\_reunion@cornell.edu](mailto:class_reunion@cornell.edu) or 607-255-7085.

#### Are there hotel rooms available in Ithaca during Reunion?

A limited number of rooms in several hotels have been blocked for alumni returning to Cornell. Please keep in mind that availability may be limited at this point. Review the hotel information on the Cornell Reunion website ([alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/reunion/lodging/](http://alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/reunion/lodging/)), and call your preferred hotel directly for a reservation on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to ask for the Reunion block.

## 3. REUNION WITH THE FAMILY/CHILDREN

Reunion is a family event, and there are an exciting range of university activities planned for everyone, including future Cornellians! See the childcare section of the Reunion website ([alumni.cornell.edu/reunion/childcare](http://alumni.cornell.edu/reunion/childcare)) for more details about activities and childcare options.

## 4. MAKE A GIFT IN HONOR OF OUR 30TH REUNION CAMPAIGN

Every classmate who makes a gift to Cornell before June 30 is part of our Reunion Campaign. Although we do hope you'll choose to designate all or part of your gift to one of the annual funds, each gift to Cornell, regardless of amount of designation, counts in our class totals and helps support current and future Cornellians. You can make your gift by visiting [giving.cornell.edu/give](http://giving.cornell.edu/give), or by calling the Cornell Annual Fund at 1-800-279-3099. All gifts made before June 1, 2026 will be included in the class totals that are announced during Reunion weekend.

## 5. WHERE TO FIND DETAILS

**GENERAL REUNION INFORMATION:** See all the events the university is planning at [alumni.cornell.edu/reunion](http://alumni.cornell.edu/reunion).

Questions about registration, housing, or other class Reunion details, contact:

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In addition to registering, you can visit [alumni.cornell.edu/reunion](http://alumni.cornell.edu/reunion) to learn about additional university events and activities. Additional registration may be required.

# 1996 Reunion weekend class schedule

For the full range of Reunion events and activities, visit [alumni.cornell.edu/reunion](http://alumni.cornell.edu/reunion).

## THURSDAY, JUNE 4

### Noon

Check in, various headquarters

### 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Welcome back happy hour  
Class HQ, Keeton

## FRIDAY, JUNE 5

### 8:00–11:00 a.m.

Class of 1996 Continental  
Breakfast at HQ

### 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

CU for Lunch, Terrace  
Restaurant, Statler Hotel  
Tickets at the door:  
\$25 for adults, \$13 for children  
ages 4–10; children 3 and under  
eat free; cash and credit card only

### 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Reunion Service of Remembrance  
and Thanksgiving, Sage Chapel

### 2:00–5:00 p.m.

Boatyard Grill Wine  
and Spirits Tasting  
Limited to 50 participants,  
advance registration required  
and additional \$60 fee.

### 3:00–4:00 p.m.

**Olin Lecture, Bailey Hall**  
The Future of the American University  
A conversation with Eduardo  
Peñalver '94, incoming president  
of Georgetown University and  
former president of Seattle  
University, and Wendy Raymond  
'82, current president of Haverford  
College. Moderated by Cornell  
University Provost, Kavita Bala.

### 4:00–5:30 p.m.

Class of 1996 Speed Networking  
Class HQ, Keeton

### 4:00–5:30 p.m.

Mix & Mingle,  
Physical Sciences Building

### 6:00–9:00 p.m.

Class Dinner  
Flora Rose Dining Room

### 9:00–10:15 p.m.

Cornell University Chorus and  
Glee Club Concert, Bailey Hall  
Tickets: \$20 online or at the door

### 9:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m.

**Tent Parties, Arts Quad**  
Reunion's largest dance party

### 11:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m.

Late Night Snacks  
Class HQ, Keeton

## SATURDAY, JUNE 6

### 8:00–11:00 a.m.

Hot breakfast  
Keeton Dining Room

### 8:00–9:00 a.m.

Reunion 5K, Cornell Botanic Gardens  
Additional registration and fee

### 10:30 a.m.

**State of the University  
Address, Bailey Hall**  
Featuring President  
Michael I. Kotlikoff

### 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

CU for Lunch, Terrace  
Restaurant, Statler Hotel  
Tickets at the door: \$25 for  
adults, \$13 for children ages  
4–10; children 3 and under eat  
free; cash and credit card only

### 1:30–3:30 p.m.

"Fun in the Sun" Family  
Festival, Arts Quad  
Bring the entire family for activities,  
games, special guests, and treats!

### 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Alan H. Treman Concert, Sage Chapel

### 6:00–8:30 p.m.

Class Reception and Dinner  
featuring Dinosaur BBQ.  
Don't miss class photo at 6:30pm!  
Arts Quad - Olin Tents

### 9:00–10:15 p.m.

**\*Cornelliana Night LIVESTREAM  
Watch Party, Call Auditorium**  
Celebrate Reunion successes  
while singing along to Cornell  
songs livestreamed from Bailey  
Hall. A limited number of Bailey  
Hall seats may be available. Add  
your name to the waitlist during  
registration to indicate interest.

### 9:00–11:00 p.m.

**Redstock, Alice Statler  
Auditorium, Statler Hall**  
Cornell musicians and bands unite  
for an epic alumni concert.

### 9:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m.

**Tent Parties, Arts Quad**  
Reunion's largest dance party

### 10:00 p.m.–2:00 a.m.

DJ Dance Party on West Campus!  
Hosted by Classes of 1996 and 2001.  
1996 HQ, Keeton

## SUNDAY, JUNE 7

### 8:00–10:00 a.m.

Farewell breakfast  
Class HQ, Keeton

### 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Sunrise Walking Tour  
(free; capacity 40)

### Noon

Check out  
Reunion 2026 comes to an end...  
until we meet again in 2031!

\*Limited seating and/or ticket required. Visit the online schedule of Reunion activities and events at [alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/reunion](http://alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/reunion) for details.