

Cornell Super Class of 1956



Dear classmate:

This June will mark the 70th anniversary of our graduation from Cornell. What a special opportunity to gather for one more Reunion to recall great memories of our years "on the Hill" and of our 14 previous Reunions (including the baby reunion).

Our class headquarters will be at the Statler Hotel, conveniently located in the center of the campus and near all Reunion activities. Most, but not all, of our meals will be at the Statler to minimize our having to move about the campus. For those activities away from the Statler, we will have proper bus transportation available.

Enclosed is a more detailed schedule, which includes our class events as well as major campus-wide events such as the Savage Club show, Olin Lecture, Glee Club concert, State of the University Address, and Cornelliana Night.

Our class events will include a Friday luncheon at Moakley House, a bus tour of the campus, a talk with Corey Earle, the university historian, our class dinner on Saturday, and entertainment by the Hangovers. We will be joined by the Class of '51 for some of our events, since the numbers may be small.

To make this Reunion as attractive as possible for all, the Class of '56 will pay the Reunion fees which cover class scheduled meals and other Reunion costs, excluding lodging, for all registered classmates. In addition, the Class of '56 will pay half of the Reunion fees for one guest accompanying a classmate.

Enclosed you will find a registration form. Please return by the deadline date of **May 15**. The Statler Hotel and Best Western have reserved a limited number of rooms for the Class of 1956. You may make your reservation by calling Statler Hotel: 1-800-541-2501 or Best Western: 607-272-6100.

We are looking forward to a memorable weekend of reminiscing.

Carole Rapp Thompson

Carole Thompson
Vice president and
Reunion chairman

Joe D. Henninger

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President

Reunion Weekend

June 4–7, 2026

Register online now: alumni.cornell.edu/reunion

It's time to register for Reunion!

1. Choose a registration package
2. Get information on attending Reunion with the family/children
3. Please consider making a gift to our 70th Reunion campaign at giving.cornell.edu/give
4. For details about accessibility, transportation, parking, childcare, attire, lodging, dining, campus sustainability, and more, explore the Reunion website at: 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 lunch	Saturday dinner	Sunday breakfast	Button
Classmate Full Weekend (Thursday noon–Sunday noon)	\$0	\$100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Guests Full weekend (Thursday noon–Sunday noon)	\$395	\$420	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Guests Partial weekend (Friday after breakfast–Sunday)	\$385	\$410			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Guests Mini weekend (Friday after dinner–Sunday)	\$296	\$321					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Package FAQs

What does the registration fee include?

All packages include class/group receptions and meals, 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?

Cornell Child Care Center services, some athletic events, concerts, and the additional opt-in selections.

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, 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. REUNION HOUSING

Statler Hotel

Cornell University
Ithaca, NY 14853-7001
Telephone: 800-541-2501
Starting at \$330 per night
for traditional guestroom

Best Western University Inn

East Hill Plaza
Ithaca, NY 14850
Telephone: 607-272-6100
Starting at \$264 per night
for standard room

When is check-in/check-out?

Check-in begins Thursday at 2:30 p.m and all classmates must check out by noon Sunday.

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, or contact Hazel Key in the Office of Alumni Affairs at 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/), and call your favorite hotel directly for a reservation on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to ask for the Reunion block.

3. PARKING IN ITHACA

If you are staying at the Statler, parking is provided at extra cost. This should be arranged as you make your reservation. Parking is available at Best Western at no extra cost. Class vans and shuttle buses will be available to us throughout the weekend. Driving around campus is discouraged and parking is extremely difficult if not impossible during the weekend.

Transportation on Campus


Transportation will be provided to and from all events while you are at Reunion. There is a shuttle bus to and from the Best Western and the Statler every half hour. Handicapped accessible transportation will be available.

4. MAKE A GIFT IN HONOR OF OUR 70TH 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, 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.



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

Brenda Canniff
607-255-1916
brenda.canniff@cornell.edu

We are seeking class officer nominations for our new officer slate to be presented during Reunion weekend. Interested in an officer role? Please contact Brenda Canniff 607-255-1916 brenda.canniff@cornell.edu

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

1956 Reunion weekend class schedule

For the full range of Reunion events and activities, visit alumni.cornell.edu/reunion.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

2:30 p.m.

Registration opens

5:15–6:15 p.m.

Reception and the “Spirit of ‘31–
Passing It Forward” ceremony,
Carrier Grand Ballroom,
Statler Hotel for the Classes
of ‘51, ‘56, ‘61, and ‘21

6:30–8:00 p.m.

Class dinner, Taylor & Rowe Rooms

8:00–11:00 p.m.

*Savage Club Show, Alice Statler
Auditorium, Statler Hall
Kicking off Reunion since 1927!
Separate ticket, not part of
Reunion package

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

7:30–9:30 a.m.

Class breakfast, Taylor
& Rowe Rooms

10:30 a.m.–11:30 p.m.

Campus bus tour ending
at Moakley House

11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Class lunch, Moakley House

1:30–2:30 p.m.

Reunion Service of Remembrance
and Thanksgiving, Sage Chapel

3:00–4:00 p.m.

Olin Lecture, Bailey Hall

The Future of the
American University
Navigating a pathway forward in
the world of higher education.
Moderated by Cornell
University Provost, Kavita Bala

6:00–8:00 p.m.

Class reception and dinner
Meeting Room E & F with
performance by the Hangovers

9:00 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 part

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

7:30–9:30 a.m.

Class breakfast, Taylor
& Rowe Rooms

10:30–11:30 a.m.

**State of the University
Address, Bailey Hall**

Featuring President
Michael I. Kotlikoff

11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Class lunch and meeting,
Room E & F

1:00–2:00 p.m.

Class of 1951 & 1956
presentation by Corey Earle ‘07

4:30–5:00 p.m.

Class photo, Terrace Restaurant

5:00–7:30 p.m.

Class reception and dinner,
Terrace Restaurant

9:00 p.m.

Cornelliana Night, Bailey Hall

*Celebrate Reunion successes
while singing along to Cornell
songs. Ticket required. Class of
1956 registrants will receive a
ticket when checking into Reunion.

9:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m.

Tent Parties, Arts Quad

Reunion’s largest dance party

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

7:30–9:30 a.m.

Class breakfast,
Taylor & Rowe Rooms

11:00 a.m.

Statler 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.

