



Dear classmates,

Won't you join us? Please plan to meet up at Cornell, June 4-7, for our 45th Reunion. (Can you believe it's been that long?) Reconnect and relive wonderful memories and create new ones!

Nowhere is more beautiful than Ithaca in early June. Our Reunion is a chance to renew old friendships, make new connections, and have lots of fun enjoying the best parts of Cornell. We will enjoy some "facetime" as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Willard Straight Hall!

Opportunities to meet classmates at 45th Reunion events and meals include:

- Thursday: Welcome Dinner at our headquarters, Alice Cook House on West Campus.
- Friday morning: retired NPR journalist David Boraks '81 will host a panel featuring 1981 classmates "What do I want to be when I grow up: Second acts and new adventures."
- Class of '81 Bike tour of the Ithaca area. (limited availability)
- Friday evening: Dinner at Duffield Hall and its terrace before heading over to the Tent Parties on the Arts Quad.
- Lots of open time on Saturday to enjoy University planned programs or just enjoy campus on your own.
- Saturday evening: Meet up for our class photo in Hoy Plaza and then celebrate the 100th anniversary of Willard Straight Hall with a reception on the terrace and in the Memorial Room. Cornell architectural historian and classmate Roberta Moudry '81 will be our guest speaker with some interesting history and stories about the Straight.
- Dinner on Saturday at Oakenshields will be inspired by the Cornell Cross Country Gourmet dinners that began our freshman year on campus. We will even end the evening with a Straight Break treat back at class headquarters!
- Sunday morning: Enjoy a send-off breakfast at headquarters, while we hold our class meeting, and enjoy a serenade by a Cornell a capella group before saying goodbye.

Registration is now open! To register and see a complete list of offerings, go to alumni.cornell.edu/reunion. Check out our class Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CUClassof1981/> for more details on our 45th.

If you register by May 15, you can take advantage of our early-bird rate. Come for the whole weekend, or for a day or two! Reach out to tell your friends "What are we waiting for? Let's meet at our 45th!" Questions? Please contact us.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Heidi Fleischman '81
Registration Chair

Tanis MacKay-Bell '81
Reunion Co-chair

Celia Rodee '81
Reunion Co-chair

Daniel Weisz '81
Reunion Co-chair

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. Select housing
3. Get information on attending Reunion with the family/children
4. Please consider making a gift to our 45th Reunion campaign at 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

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)	\$425	\$475	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Partial weekend (Friday after breakfast–Sunday)	\$375	\$425				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mini weekend (Friday after dinner–Sunday)	\$300	\$350					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Saturday only	\$250	\$300					✓	✓		✓	✓

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.

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

Alice Cook 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, 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 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) for more details about activities and childcare options.

4. MAKE A GIFT IN HONOR OF OUR 45TH 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

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP: Search "Cornell University Class of 1981"

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:

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We are seeking class officer nominations for our new officer slate to be presented during Reunion weekend. Interested in an officer role? Please contact Celia Rodee '81 at celiarodee@gmail.com.

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

1981 Reunion weekend class schedule

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Noon

Residence hall check-in Class of '81 Headquarters, Alice Cook House, West Campus (Registration is open through noon Saturday)

Class headquarters will be our go-to place to meet up throughout Reunion weekend. Come by, hang out, enjoy beverages and snacks and reconnect throughout the weekend.

6:00–8:00 p.m.

Dinner at Alice Cook House, Dining Room

8:00–10:00 p.m.

Savage Club Show
Alice Statler Auditorium
Tickets: \$20 at the door

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

7:30–9:30 a.m.

Breakfast: Alice Cook House
Dining Room

9:00–10:00 a.m.

"What do I want to be when I grow up?—Second acts and new adventures" panel
Alice Cook House
Dining Room

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Class of '81 bike tour of the Ithaca area. Limited capacity
Requires pre-registration

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

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.

Mix & Mingle,
Physical Sciences Building

5:00–8:30 p.m.

Dinner at Duffield Hall and on the terrace

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

10:30–11:30 p.m.

Ice cream social: Class of '81 HQ at Alice Cook House.
Come hang out and enjoy a treat.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

7:30–9:30 a.m.

Breakfast: Alice Cook House
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 or 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

5:15 p.m.

Class photo at Ho Plaza outside the Straight looking up towards McGraw Clocktower

5:30–6:45 p.m.

Reception Class of '81 Terrace & Memorial Room
Willard Straight Hall
Roberta Moudry '81, Cornell architectural historian, will share highlights as Cornell celebrates the 100th anniversary of Willard Straight Hall

7:00–8:30 p.m.

Dinner at Oakenshields inspired by a 'Return to Cross Country Gourmet' with a farm-to-table Finger Lakes dinner

8:45 p.m.–11:00 p.m.

***Redstock Rhodes-Rawlings Auditorium Klarman 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

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.

10 p.m. until late

After-hours lounge: including a 'Straight Break Cookie'
HQ at Alice Cook House

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

8:15–10:00 a.m.

Farewell breakfast, class meeting and election of class officers, plus a Cornell a capella serenade
Alice Cook House

Noon

Check-out
Reunion 2026 comes to an end. See you at our 50th in 2031!

*Limited seating and/or ticket required. Visit the online schedule of Reunion activities and events at alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/reunion for details.

STREAMING of some of the major live events will be featured in our class HQ at Alice Cook House.

