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For the university to truly thrive within the framework of "...any person...any study," the Board of Trustees must foster a safe and secure Cornell by navigating a post-pandemic landscape and responsible return to on-campus operations, promoting growth and healing, and fostering an environment for holding bold conversations about diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion with empathy, honesty, and courage.

1. How does Cornell's unique status as both an elite Ivy and a land-grant institution position it to improve the world? How can the trustees and alumni support Cornell's mission?

Combining top-caliber teaching, research, and extension, inspired by the motto "...any person... any study," Cornell's position is distinct: educating and mentoring the leaders of tomorrow, producing well-rounded, responsible critical thinkers and communicators. The Board of Trustees serves this mission by attracting and retaining diverse, talented faculty, research experts, and staff, maintaining the necessary physical framework for the work to be done, preserving a sound financial footing, and acting as ambassadors for the university. The board should continue to support an environment where radical collaborations across the university are celebrated, and where results are shared widely. Cornell's network is immense, with alumni at its heart. Alumni share cross-disciplinary experiences and perspectives with faculty, fellow alumni, their local networks, and through mentorship, with students. This builds extensive, impactful alliances, producing practical results that create a better world.

2. How do you envision the Board of Trustees supporting Cornell's priority to strengthen and broaden diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives across the university?

Diversity, equity, and inclusion are a shared responsibility among all Cornell community members. The Board of Trustees can lead by example, maintaining its commitment to hiring and retaining diverse faculty and staff and building safe space for open dialogue. Resources within the Cornell community, including the Intergroup Dialogue Project, could serve as a starting point. We must listen, even to things that may seem shocking or difficult, to know the full spectrum of Cornell experiences, bring inequities to light where they exist, and inform future initiatives. President Pollack, Vice Provost August, and many Cornell organizations have stepped forward to highlight the work that is currently underway and to share future goals. Like any family, Cornell can be messy and complicated. We have made progress, but there is always more to do; I want to be a part of that work to help Cornell move forward.

3. Why do you hope to serve on the board and how are you uniquely suited to contribute to Cornell's success?

Little did I know in 1992 that four years would become a lifetime. Beyond the classroom, Cornell has offered life-long friendships, perspectives, personal and professional development; I'd like to return the favor. Three decades in veterinary medicine have grounded me in the life sciences with compassion and empathy. I want to protect students' physical and mental health and prevent debilitating debt. My alumni leadership experience provides a unique perspective on how Cornell can best serve its many communities and has taught me to inspire diverse, collaborative, productive teams. During my presidency, CCW hosted over 200 annual events, enjoyed record scholarship fundraising, and grew membership to over 1000 alumni. I will bring energy, integrity, and commitment to open dialogue among students and alumni in service to Cornell. I want every Cornellian—past, present, and future—to know that this is their school, a home for life, and to be as committed to the university as I am.

Professional experience:

- FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine:
 - Veterinary Medical Officer, Office of Minor Use and Minor Species Drug Development, 2020–present; Office of New Animal Drug Evaluation, 2008–2015
 - Director, Scientific Curriculum, Office of Management, 2015–2020
- Owner, Veterinary Relief Services, 2001–present
- Veterinarian, private companion animal clinical practice, 2000–present

Alumni service (2010–present):

- Alumni Publications Ad Hoc Committee, 2020–present
- Class of 1996, 2006–present; President, 2008–2016; Executive Committee (various roles), 2006–present; Nominating Chair, 2020–present
- Cornell Association of Class Officers, 2015–present; President, 2019–present; Executive Committee (various roles), 2017–present; Director at Large, 2015–2017; Vanneman Award selection committee
- Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award selection committee, 2020
- Cornell Alumni Magazine Administrative Board member, *ex officio*, 2019–present
- Cornell University Council, 2011–present; Administrative Board, *ex officio*, 2019–present; Alumni to Alumni Mentoring Subcommittee, coach and mentor, 2017–present; Ambassador Program, 2012–present; Regional Director, 2012–2014
- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Alumni Association, 2012–present; President, 2015–2016; Executive Committee (various roles), 2013–2017; Outstanding Alumni Awards selection committee, 2012–present; Metro DC Regional Representative, 2012–2018
- Cornell Club of Washington, DC (CCW), 2006–present; President, 2013–2015; Executive Committee (various roles), 2009–2017; Investment and Audit Committee, 2015–2019; Bondareff Award Committee, member, 2013–2018, Chair 2016, 2018; Annual Dinner Chair, 2011–2013, 2015; Nominations Chair, 2015; Programming, Nominations, and Community Service committees, 2006–2018
- Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassadors Network, 1997–present; Committee Chair, 1997–2000, 2016

Community/public service/philanthropic priorities:

- DC Academy of Veterinary Medicine, 2000–present; President, 2010–2011; Executive Committee (various roles), 2008–2014; Grants and Scholarships Committee Chair, 2014–present; Developer, DC Academy veterinary student externship stipend program; Scientific Programs Co-Chair, 2009–2012
- Northern Virginia Veterinary Medical Association, 2000–present; Executive Committee, 2021–2024
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention philanthropic work
- Veterinary Interactive Screening Program Peer Supporter

Other education:

- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2000
- BS in Veterinary Medicine, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1998
- Certified Project Manager, Duke University, 2020
- Human-Animal Bond Certified Veterinary Practitioner, 2020
- Fear Free Elite Certified Veterinary Practitioner, 2017
- Question-Persuade-Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper, QPR Institute, 2016

Additional information:

A proud first-generation college graduate, A'ndrea grew up in New Jersey with family roots in dairy and crop farming. She was raised with an appreciation for hard work and life-long learning. As far back as she can remember, veterinary medicine was her calling and Cornell was "her school." A'ndrea started volunteering in veterinary practices at age 14, and through work/study programs, balanced her career goals and educational costs. A'ndrea's professional interests include clinical and regulatory veterinary medicine, education, and outreach. Her academic, professional, and community service experiences have led her to advocate for student debt management and mental health awareness, and she loves mentoring students and new graduates. A'ndrea enjoys spending time with family, being outdoors with her Beagle (Dr. Watson), photography, singing, tennis, and visiting Ithaca often.

For A'ndrea's full bio, go to cornell.ly/2Xgw5aT