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Cornell degree(s): BS '85 (CALs)

The Board of Trustees must make the difficult choices necessary to address Cornell's immediate challenges while preserving and even amplifying the values we recognize as the Cornell ethos—purposeful discovery, free and open inquiry and expression, a community of belonging, explorations across boundaries, changing lives through public engagement, and respect for the natural environment.

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?

Any problem can be solved in four steps: 1) identify the problem, 2) understand the problem, 3) develop a solution and 4) implement the solution. Elite institutions specialize in the first two, while the successes of land-grant universities are measured by achieving the second two. Cornell is in the unique position of having the talent to address all four. Today's challenges require multi-disciplinary and iterative approaches. The greatest breakthroughs are often achieved through collaborations across academic boundaries, and Cornell is unique in successfully creating these vibrant collaborations and addressing some of the world's most pressing challenges. By supporting collaborations with talent and treasure, trustees and alumni are directly supporting Cornell's mission.

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 not new concepts for Cornell. When the university was founded as a non-sectarian and co-educational institution, it was viewed as an 'experiment' along both dimensions. Over time, Cornell expanded both the definitions and dimensions of 'any student' and developed the academic ecosystem necessary to provide each student the opportunity to succeed while they were on campus and beyond. It is the Board of Trustees' place to enable, encourage and ultimately ensure that Cornell continue to embrace bold 'experiments.' As in the past, Cornell can demonstrate to the world that this generation's version of diversity, equity and inclusion is not only possible, but can be wildly successful.

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

I am a first generation Cornellian, a scientist and an entrepreneur. I am eternally grateful for my Cornell experience. The opportunity to serve as a trustee and give back to the institution that has given me so much is an honor. In my professional life, I advised a diverse set of organizations through some of the most complex and challenging transformations. Serving on the CALS Advisory Council, I gained an understanding of the complexities of Cornell operations. As a board member of the Hudson Valley Research Lab, a regional branch of Cornell Agri-Tech, and a past president of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, I live the land-grant mission and understand the unique challenges of transferring breakthroughs from an academic setting to the real world. I will bring these unique perspectives, diverse experiences, and a profound sense of duty to my work on the board.

Professional experience:

- Stoutridge Vineyard LLC, Founder and Co-Owner, 2000–present
- TBGD Partners LLC, Founder and Managing Partner, 2018–present
- Independent Director, Green Plains, Inc. (NASDAQ: GPPE), 2020–present
- Independent Director, SmithFoods, 2020–present

- CIBO Technologies, Inc., President and Chief Operating Officer, 2018–2019
- McKinsey & Company, Partner, 2016–2018
- The Boston Consulting Group, Senior Partner and Managing Director, 1994–2015

Alumni service (2010–present):

- 35th Reunion Campaign, 2019–2020
- Cornell University Council, 2011–15, 2017–present
- Cornell Atkinson Center External Advisory Board, 2016–present
- Cornell Atkinson Center for Sustainable Future, Alumni Advisory Board, 2013–2018
- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) Advisory Council, 2006–2012, 2014–2019, 2020–present; Chair, 2014–2016
- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, Board Member, 2006–2011, 2016–2019; Chair 2012–2014, 2016–2019
- Hudson Valley Research Lab, Board Member, 2015–present
- CALS Dean's Advisory Council Webinar, speaker, spring 2020
- CALS New York City, NYC Food Event, speaker and host
- Cornell Entrepreneurship Summit, speaker
- Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) membership, 1987–1991, 2008, 2012–2019
- CALS Outstanding Alumni Award, 2012

Community/public service/philanthropic priorities:

- New York State Advisory Council on Agriculture, 2014–present
- New York Farm Bureau-Ulster County, Board Member, 2014–present; Vice President, 2016–2019; President, 2019–present
- New York Wine and Grape Foundation, Board Member, 2009–present; Vice Chair, 2011–2016; Chair, 2016–2020
- Agriculture Advisory Council for Congressman Antonio Delgado (NY-19th District), 2020–present
- Agriculture Advisory Council for Congressman John Faso (NY-19th District), 2017–2018
- Agriculture Advisory Council for Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19th District), 2012–2016
- Junior Achievement of New York, Board Member, 2004–2016

Other education:

- Texas A&M University, MS Physiology of Reproduction/Animal Science, 1987
- Harvard University, PhD Biological Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, 1994

Student involvements/activities:

- CALS Ambassadors, 1982–1985; Chair, 1984
- Agriculture Positive Action Council (AgPAC), 1984–1985
- Cornell Dairy Science Club, 1983–1985
- Cornell Orientation Counselor, 1983–1985
- Cornell Block and Bridle, 1982–1985
- Academic Biology Student Advisor, 1983–1985
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Animal Science, 1984–1985
- Intramural Athletics, 1981–1985
- Work study

Additional information:

I am a first generation Cornellian. My time at Cornell prepared me for a career that I couldn't have imagined the day I graduated. As a scientist, entrepreneur and business leader, I work with companies ranging from venture-backed start-ups through 'Fortune 50' international corporations in the agriculture, food and life sciences sectors. I serve on the boards of several for-profit and non-profit organizations and have been elected or appointed to numerous leadership positions requiring pragmatism and cultural sensitivity. My husband, Stephen Osborn '84, and I founded and operate Stoutridge Vineyard, an award-winning vineyard, farm winery and distillery in the Hudson Valley.