



Arts & Sciences Career Connections Committee (ASCCC) Mission

To connect more A&S students with A&S alumni and parents for increasing student exposure to: career exploration, strategies for entering fields of interest, and the breadth of professional networks.

Suggestions/Guidelines for Nominations:

- **The Deadline for nominations for all Field Teams: EOB on Monday, April 21, 2025**
 - **Being nominated to the team, does not guarantee they will be selected to join a team.** Nominations are reviewed by the A&S Director of Alumni Engagement, A&S Director of Career Development, and the respective Field Team Leader as necessary.
- **A&S volunteer opportunity:**
 - This volunteer opportunity is for A&S alumni and parents only. If you have other alumni in mind, we would encourage you to partner with the appropriate College AA&D/Career Development Team for volunteer opportunities relating to career.
- Key demographics to consider for enhancing mission, but not limited to:
 - Recent graduates (5-10 years out) are the team members students gravitate to at the events with their college to career questions.
 - Target class years to consider: '90s, 2000's, 2010s; etc.
 - Specifically, we seek to increase the number of black, Latino/a/x, Asian American, Native American, LGBTQ, first-generation college graduate, women, non-binary individuals, and alumni who were international students on these committees.

Information you will need to submit a nomination via the Qualtrics survey links:

You will need the following information in order to complete the Nomination form via the Qualtrics survey links for each specific team:

NOTE – The nomination links for ALL 5 of the ASCCC teams are ALL Qualtrics surveys this spring. This is a transitional solution while University Volunteer Programs shifts from the current vendor for the on-line CUVolunteer platform.

- The first and last name, net ID and EmplID of the nominee.
- Your view of the nominee's demonstrated expertise, commitment, and character to be a volunteer, with examples relating to Cornell or otherwise. **(Specific examples.)**
- **Specific examples** of the nominee's business and/or professional activities and associations that would demonstrate their ability and desire to provide career networking advice and guidance to current Arts and Sciences students.
- Current employment position title, organization name and preferred/best email contact information for the nominee.



Membership: Criteria & Position Descriptions

The College of Arts & Sciences Career Connections Committee (ASCCC) is comprised of dedicated **A&S alumni and parents**. Team members make a direct impact on student career exploration and play an important role in serving as ambassadors to others. The committee accomplishes its mission through activities, events, and networking throughout the year, both virtual and in-person.

ASCCC Field Team Membership

Eligibility Criteria

- An alumna or alumnus of Arts & Sciences or a parent of a current A&S student.
- A *current* successful career in one of the fields represented by a field team:
 - Finance/FinTech Team
 - Government/Policy/Not for Profit Team
 - Healthcare Team
 - Law Team
 - Media/Entertainment/Marketing Team
 - Includes TV/film, performing arts, writing, publishing, advertising, public relations, marketing, etc.
- Retired professionals are not eligible. Nearing retirement professionals are not optimal candidates for this volunteer endeavor.
- Willingness to participate in *at least* ONE of the TWO events each year.
 - Each Team will host TWO events a year:
 - One Summer Event; an IN-PERSON mid-late June networking event in their team host city.
 - One Winter Event; a VIRTUAL early January career panel event.
 - In Summer 2025 we are expanding the alumni: alumni networking within the events AND will have opportunities for more A&S alumni to be involved.
- Each nominee must have demonstrated or mentioned their desire to assist current A&S students with career advice and networking. It is important that they relate well to *current undergraduate* A&S students.
- Giving is strongly encouraged, but not a criterion for membership among the ASCCC. All Cornell University volunteers are encouraged to give at a level they are comfortable.
 - In FY 2026: A&S will be more proactively seeking commitment from the ASCCC members to provide philanthropic support to the College's Annual Fund and/or to the A&S Career Development giving opportunities.
- Previous volunteer experience with A&S Career Development through either a Career Conversation on-campus or virtually, [CUELINKS](#), or participation as a speaker or panelist at an ASCCC or field team event *is preferred*, but not mandatory.
 - ASCCC nominees can gain this desired experience after joining the team.



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- Ideal candidates will be in the Domestic USA. International alumni will find this opportunity challenging.

Membership Expectations:

- **Term:**
 - Members serve a 3-year term, renewable for active members.
- **Time Commitment:**
 - The time commitment is truly minimal – members are asked to attend at least one event a year; respond to occasional email questions from students; take part in a Career Conversation at least once in the 3-year term; and share internship and hiring opportunities.
- **Participation will entail:**
 - Participation in the Team Events – at least one of the two events each year.
 - Responding to occasional email questions from students.
 - Members must truly be willing to take part in a career conversation and/or networking event at some time during their first 3-year term.
 - Virtual Career Conversations are also an option.
 - Team members will also be asked to host/provide the budget and/or provide venue for their team's events from time to time for in-person events.
 - Team members will be asked to share internship and job opportunities available at their organization with A&S Career Development.
 - Team members are encouraged to hire Cornell undergraduates when possible.
 - Team members are encouraged to provide philanthropic support to the College.
 - Team members serve as a career resource for students and are encouraged to sign up for [CUeLINKS](#).
 - Team members are asked to be familiar with the [ASCCC](#) team structure and the volunteer opportunities supported by A&S Career Development and A&S Alumni Affairs and Development. Additionally, Up-to-date information on career resources available to A&S students can be found at as.cornell.edu/careers.
- **Partnering w/ Team Leaders**
 - Team members will report to the assigned field team leader for this volunteer lead initiative.
 - Team members will be expected to be responsive to email communications from the team leaders regarding planning for upcoming events.
 - Team members will be expected to keep the team leader updated with changes to their position titles, organizations and contact email.

ASCCC Leadership

Chair: Rachel Solarsh American Studies '01; Managing Director, JP Morgan Private Bank



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Finance & FinTech Team Leader: Valisha Graves Government '85, | Fin Tech Advisor & Strategic Partners Lead; Analytix Insight

Law Team Leader: Ed Estrada Government '94; Managing Partner, Gradient Legal Consulting | Adjunct Professor of Law, Cornell Tech

Media, Entertainment & Marketing Team Leader: Brianna Barrett Government and Africana Studies '18, Associate Media Manager, Hermès of Paris

Government, Policy & Not-for-Profit Team Leader: Jenny R. Yang Government '92, Former Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission | Executive and Lawyer, Federal Government | Adjunct Professor, NYU Law School

Healthcare Team Leader: David Stuhmiller, M.D., Chemistry and Biological Sciences '92; Emergency Physician, RWJ Barnabas Health.

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