



## Cornell University Council

Dear Steve,

I am delighted to follow up on Jim Mazza's invitation to rejoin the Cornell University Council, an important leadership group of alumni, parents, and friends of Cornell. There have been some changes to Council since your hiatus, so I wanted to provide some details about the role of a Council member and the next steps that will take place if you choose [to accept Jim's invitation](#).

**Cornell University Council Member** – Because of the importance of Council in the life of the university, the primary role of a council member is to serve as a university ambassador on behalf of President Skorton. To prepare you for success in this role, member expectations are summarized below and a more complete description is attached, as well as a welcome guide.

- Attend Trustee-Council Annual Meeting (TCAM) in October to receive first-hand information about the university's many new and ongoing initiatives. The 2013 dates are October 24 through 26.
- Participate in the Council Ambassador Program, which we launched at TCAM in 2011.
- Share what you have learned with Cornell alumni, parents and friends and provide the university with feedback.
- Continue your current Cornell involvements.
- Support the university financially at a level of individual comfort.

**Next Steps** – Please [respond online](#) to your invitation. If you accept Jim Mazza's invitation to serve, welcome back! Here are two key things to act on and events to be aware of between now and TCAM:

- **July:** In early July, Council members will receive an e-mail directing them to a list of area lodgings where we have set aside special room blocks. I recommend that you make early hotel reservations for TCAM. (Please note that guest rooms at the Statler Hotel are held for the Board of Trustees, our Administrative Board, and Presidential Councillors only.)
- **August:** You will be encouraged to participate in a **webinar** for returning members in advance of TCAM.

The staff is happy to assist you if you have questions, need information, or just wish to discuss ideas. Your input is important and always welcome!

I look forward to working with you and seeing you in October.

Sincerely,

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Chair

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