Outstanding Alumni Awards

Banquet

Friday, November 4, 2011

Carrier Ballroom
Statler Hotel
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY

Hosted by the
CALS Alumni Association
and
College of Agriculture
and Life Sciences
The Outstanding Alumni and Faculty Awards

The CALS Alumni Association and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University honor alumni of the college who have achieved notable levels of life success. The recipients fully meet one of the following criteria and have shown some accomplishments in the other two:

- Have achieved recognized success in their businesses, professions, or other avocational endeavors. Recognized success is defined as performing a major leadership role in the chosen endeavor, such as agriculture, business, education, government, etc.

- Have been actively involved in, worked for, and demonstrated leadership on behalf of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Cornell University.

- Have achieved recognized success in avocational activities in areas not associated with Cornell University, recognized success in this area is defined as having made a significant contribution to the betterment of society through involvement in community activities, public school systems, charitable organizations, and other humanitarian undertakings.

The Outstanding Faculty Awards recognize individuals for “outstanding contribution to the college in one or more of the following areas: teaching, research, extension, or administration.”
Program

5:30 p.m.  Reception
7:00 p.m.  Welcome
Dinner
Remarks  John Lutz ’64, M.Ed. ’65
President, CALS Alumni Association
Kathryn J. Boor, Ph.D.
The Ronald P. Lynch Dean of the
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Recognition and Presentation of Awards

Todd Wolleman ’80, Chair, Awards Committee
Kathryn J. Boor, Ph.D.

2011 Young Alumni Achievement Award
Andrew Ross Sorkin ’99
New York, New York

2011 Outstanding Faculty Awards
Dennis D. Miller Ph.D. ’78
Ithaca, New York
Norman R. Scott Ph.D. ’62
Trumansburg, New York

2011 Outstanding Alumni Awards
David R. Atkinson ’60
Yardley, Pennsylvania
Yongkeun MS ’78 and Sun Paik Joh, MS ’77
Princeton, New Jersey
Thomas N. Marino ’78
New York, New York
Laurey G. Mogil ’76
New York, New York
Kenneth E. Pollard ‘58
Cayuga, New York

Cornell Alma Mater
Andrew Ross Sorkin is one of the most well-respected journalists in the United States. He is the author of *Too Big to Fail: The Inside Story of How Wall Street and Washington Fought to Save the Financial System—and Themselves*, which chronicles the events of the 2008 financial crisis. The book won the 2010 Gerald Loeb Award for Best Business Book, and was shortlisted for the 2010 Samuel Johnson Prize and the 2010 Goldman Sachs Business Book of the Year Award. The book was adapted for the HBO television movie *Too Big to Fail*, which was nominated for 11 Emmy Awards. Sorkin was a co-producer of the movie.

Recently, Sorkin added a new role: co-anchor of CNBC’s early-morning show *Squawk Box*. He has also appeared many times on NBC’s *Today* show, Charlie Rose on PBS, and MSNBC’s *Morning Joe*.


Sorkin stays engaged with his alma mater: he was a member of the 1999 Communication Fellows Program and is on the Department of Communication Advisory Board. He often returns to campus to speak to students and has been a featured speaker for Cornell programs such as Cornell Wall Street.

He and his wife, Pilar, live in Manhattan, and are the parents of two boys.

To me, Cornell always looked like a university in the movies. Frankly, that’s why I chose it. The Quad, the Clock Tower, with all that ivy on its base, the reading room in Uris that always smelled a little musty -- it just seemed like a place filled with smart people. All of that gave me confidence that even if I didn’t understand a word the professors were telling me -- which I often didn’t -- I might get an education simply through osmosis. At least that was my hope.

I’m not sure I remember any particular fact or figure that I was supposed
to have learned in class. Rather, Cornell, for me, was a lesson in how to think, how to approach a problem, the logic needed to confront a challenge, a way of considering the various permutations of a puzzle. It was also a lesson in people and relationships: how to interact, connect, negotiate and even love – and sometimes lose (which may be just as important.)

As much as I enjoyed James Maas’ Psychology 101 class or Glenn Altschuler’s American pop culture class – which were among my favorites -- it was the shared experience of walking up the slope in the bitter winter or waiting in line at College Town Bagels at 1 in the morning with my peers that made Cornell truly unique. That’s where the real learning happened.

That’s not to say the classroom at Cornell did not shape me. It very much did. My fondest memories were participating in Brian Earle’s various classes. He was my mentor - just amazing. He is a Pied Piper who found a remarkable way to connect with students. I was also impressed with Professor Rosemary Avery – she forced us to work in groups and that learning experience was invaluable. And David J. BenDaniel’s entrepreneurship class was a treat: I met one of my best friends – Josh Wolfe – and developed a business plan that I still wish we had pursued!

Finally, let me tell you about a dream I often have. Lots of people have it, or so I’m told. In my dream, I’m at Cornell and I’m supposed to take the Biology 101 final exam the next morning and I’ve never been to the class. (Biology 101 was inexplicably a requirement for communication students, who, of course, had no interest in science.) Of course, in the dream I’m in a panic and trying to scramble to cram for the exam in the few hours left before the test is to begin. In the dream, my entire graduation is riding on the exam. If I flunk, I don’t graduate and I don’t get to walk the procession. The dream, which I still have regularly – is so vivid that I have woken up in a sweat. At least twice I have convinced myself the dream was true and that I haven’t graduated. I’ve gone so far as to try to find my diploma to prove to myself that the rest of my life hasn’t itself been a dream.

I’ve since learned that my dream may not be so bad. According to a website on dream interpretations: “People who constantly dream about taking and failing test are often high achievers who set very high, sometimes impossible to reach, goals.'

So I consider the dream a testament to Cornell University. Since apparently I graduated, which is still a surprise, I am even more humbled to be selected as this year’s Young Alumni Achievement Award winner. Thank you for this tremendous honor.

- Andrew Ross Sorkin
As a professor in the Department of Food Science, Dennis Miller’s research on iron is dedicated to improving the nutritional status of people around the globe. His programs explore the relationships between nutrition, food science, and agriculture. For Miller, the greatest challenge to humankind in the 21st century is providing a sustainable, nutritionally balanced, and safe food supply for every one on earth, while also considering the future needs of an expanding world population. An exemplary scientist, teacher, and administrator, Miller is recognized for his collaborative efforts and global perspective.

Miller currently serves as chair of the Department of Food Science at Cornell, holds a joint appointment in the Division of Nutritional Sciences, and is a member of the graduate fields of Food Science and Technology and Nutrition. He teaches courses in food chemistry, nutrition, and sustainability. His specific research interests are iron fortification of foods, iron bioavailability from diets, and the regulation of iron absorption in the intestine. He has previously served as chair of the Department of Food Science from 1996 to 2002 and as director of graduate studies for the graduate field of Food Science and Technology from 1986 to 1992. He represented his department as a senator in both the CALS and the University Faculty Senates from 2002-2009 and he was chair of the CALS Faculty Senate from 2006-2008. Miller served as a member of the University Faculty Committee from 2007-2010.

He is the recipient of the Cornell Institute of Food Science Advisory Council Teaching Excellence Award and the Council’s Leadership Award. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists, and in 2008, he received the Babcock-Hart Award sponsored by ILSI North America and the Institute of Food Technologists. Also in 2008, the College presented him with Outstanding Service to the CALS Community Award and in 2009, Miller was chosen by CALS students to receive the Professor of Merit Award for outstanding teaching and advising.

He earned a Ph.D. in nutrition from Cornell, an M.S. in biochemistry from the University of Washington, and a B.A. in chemistry from Augsburg College in Minnesota.
Miller and his wife, Christine Olson, live in Ithaca, New York, and have two grown daughters, Emily and Erica.

**Reflection**

It was a wonderful surprise when I first learned that I had been selected to receive an Outstanding Faculty Award from the CALS Alumni Association. I am still in a state of disbelief.

I came to Cornell in 1975 with my bride, Christine Olson, as she began her career as a faculty member in the Division of Nutritional Sciences and I enrolled in the Ph.D. program in the Field of Nutrition. After completing my Ph.D. in 1978, I was extremely fortunate to join the faculty as an assistant professor in the Department of Food Science in CALS. I like to say that I came to Cornell as a graduate student and loved it so much that I never left. Christine and I are blessed with 2 wonderful daughters. Emily is a 2nd grade teacher in Brooklyn and Erica, a graduate of Cornell and the Weill Cornell Medical College, is a resident at the University of Rochester Medical School.

I grew up on a grain and cattle farm in South Dakota so agriculture has been in my blood from the very beginning. I feel strongly that the greatest challenge facing our world in this century is to provide an expanding global population with an adequate, nutritious, safe, and sustainable food supply. Our college is playing, and will continue to play, a leading role in meeting this challenge and it is a privilege and an honor to be part of that effort.

I will be forever grateful to all the outstanding students who have taken my classes and earned graduate degrees under my mentorship. They have challenged and inspired me with their passion for food science and nutrition, their commitment to making a difference in the world, and their dedication to their professions. They have gone on to become alumni who make us all proud. I am also in debt to my colleagues within the Department of Food Science and across the College. Their example, collegiality, collaboration, and creative ideas have been an invaluable part of my career at Cornell.

As I reflect back on my career at Cornell, it is with a sense of gratitude, humility, and pride. It has been a wonderful experience. I thank everyone for their support, encouragement, understanding, and friendship.

- Dennis Miller

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Arguably the nation’s preeminent biological and agricultural engineer, Norman Scott has shaped the University’s biology-based engineering curriculum for more than a generation. This approach, currently taught at Cornell, had its genesis with several of Scott’s courses in the 1960s and 1970s. His early research, most notably his NIH-funded work in the 1960s on thermo-regulation in animals, was crucial in defining the broad set of biological engineering topics that remain important today.

Scott has served the university for over 40 years, dedicating 14 years as a CALS and Cornell University administrator, while remaining a leading national researcher in biological engineering. His career has ranged from assistant professor in the then Agricultural Engineering Department to director for research at Cornell’s Agricultural Experiment Station to an appointment as the university’s vice president for research and advanced studies. In his various administrative positions, Scott has helped to significantly broaden Cornell’s land-grant mission. Scott also provided leadership to establish three fundamental research areas—Genomics and Integrated Molecular Biology, Advanced Materials, and Information Sciences—that remain the basis for future directions for Cornell. When Scott returned to his academic department after his administrative duties, he established himself as a leader in sustainability issues and developed a novel web-based course that reached a peak enrollment of more than 400 students.

A respected researcher, administrator, and educator, Scott has received numerous national and local awards and has been elected as a fellow to a number of very prestigious organizations. In 1990, he was one of the first faculty members of the Biological and Environmental Engineering Department to be elected to the National Academy of Engineering. He also received the Cornell Cooperative Extension Award in 1995 and the SUNY Outstanding Faculty Award in 2007.

He and his wife, Sharon, live in Trumansburg, New York, and are parents to Robin, Nanette Sue ’88, and Shirlene.

Reflection

My first impression of Ithaca and Cornell, as I drove to campus up Buffalo Street was, oh my
There is no greater satisfaction that one can enjoy as a faculty member than the very special relationship between an inquisitive student and a faculty member. From these relationships spring the motivation, enthusiasm and commitment to teach Cornell’s outstanding students.”

God how does one get up and down this street during the winter? Coming from eastern Washington State, this first introduction to the Cornell campus was an awesome experience!

I have had a wonderful career, spanning 50 years, seeing a department go through three name changes, Agricultural Engineering to Agricultural and Biological Engineering to Biological and Environmental Engineering and surviving 20+ years in administration as department chair, Director of the Cornell University Experiment Station (also Director of the CALS Office for Research) and Vice President for Research and Advanced Studies. Each of these roles have provided a unique set of experiences and memories.

I have always seen the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and larger Cornell to espouse the philosophy of “freedom with responsibility for a mission”. With this vision I have been privileged to represent Cornell in Albany and Washington DC and around the world ranging from Asia (China, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea and Thailand) to Europe (Germany, Greece, Italy, England, Sweden, Denmark and Turkey) to the Middle East (Israel and Syria) and South America (Chile). I have experienced through these many travels the exceptional reputation that Cornell and especially CALS enjoys worldwide.

My career at Cornell has always focused heavily on research within the department and in the College and University administration but a key has always been a commitment to student participation, both at the graduate and undergraduate level. There is no greater satisfaction that one can enjoy as a faculty member than the very special relationship between an inquisitive student and a faculty member. From these relationships spring the motivation, enthusiasm and commitment to teach Cornell’s outstanding students.

In addition to outstanding students, I have enjoyed great interactions with outstanding departmental colleagues and superb administrators. Add to this the wonderful support of my family, especially Sharon for her love and patience with an often absent partner; I have been blessed during a terrific time at Cornell. I thank the CALS Alumni Association for this recognition.

~ Norm Scott
David R. Atkinson is a successful businessman, a good university citizen, and a visionary philanthropist. An accomplished CALS alumnus, he is deeply committed to Cornell University and its land-grant mission.

A prolific investor with both a professional and intellectual interest in energy, the environment, and economic development, Atkinson has been an important advisor to the university. As a member of the CALS Advisory Council from 2003 to 2009, he co-chaired with Professor Mike Hoffmann, the Environmental Sustainability and Development Task Force. The task force’s work led to the creation of the Cornell Center for Sustainability, which Atkinson and his wife, Patricia, later seeded and ultimately endowed. The David R. Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future focuses on the intersection of energy, the environment, and economic development.

Atkinson is also a life member of the Cornell University Council, and in 2010 was named a Presidential Councillor, the highest honor the university bestows.

The Atkinsons’ impact at Cornell also is evidenced by the David R. Atkinson Professorship in Ecology and Environmental Biology, a position held by Robert Howarth since 1993, and the annual Atkinson Forum in American Studies. Inspired by their friendship with Professor Glenn Altschuler, MA ’73, PhD ’76, the Atkinson Forum brings to campus individuals and groups that enrich the curriculum of the American Studies program and the cultural life of the university.

Atkinson is the founder of Atkinson & Company in Princeton, N.J. He retired in 1992 as general partner of Miller, Anderson & Sherrerd LLP, an investment counseling firm based in Philadelphia. Earlier, he held a number of positions in the financial industry, including vice president in the research department of Morgan Stanley, co-founder of Franklin Capital Investors, and manager of the Scudder Development Fund at Scudder, Stevens & Clark. Mr. Atkinson earned an MBA in 1963 from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Business. He served as an officer in the United States Navy for two years, after graduating from Cornell.

The Atkinsons reside in Yardley, Pennsylvania, and have three sons, Michael, Steven, and Paul (Eng ’92).
Reflection

I grew up on a farm in New Jersey, applied to two agriculture colleges and was accepted at both. Never having visited Cornell, my father and I traveled to Ithaca to see the university. The day we visited was a beautiful Spring day. I was sold on Cornell when, standing outside Willard Straight, I saw the spectacular view of the lake.

I might add, those were the days before the long winter break and little did I realize how unrepresentative that day was of the days I attended Cornell.

Since I wasn’t required to have a major, Cornell gave me a broad exposure to many subjects. To do well, I was pushed academically. The most useful skill I greatly enhanced at Cornell was learning how to learn.

Being motivated, knowledgeable on many subjects, and knowing how to learn, has served me very well in the investment management career path I chose.

There are a few things to which I can attest based on my life experience:
Continue to learn your entire life. If your life’s work is doing something you enjoy, it’s not work and you are much more likely to be successful. You can learn more from your mistakes than your successes and, finally, the harder you work the luckier you will be.

I’ve been fortunate to be able to make a gift to Cornell as a partial repayment for the great education I received and, at the same time, better position the University to capitalize on its unique position to address the issue of sustainability. In my view, population growth and an ever growing portion of humanity experiencing significant economic progress makes sustainability one of the great issues of the 21st century.

I am honored to receive this alumni award.

-David Atkinson

“Cornell gave me a broad exposure to many subjects. To do well, I was pushed academically. The most useful skill I greatly enhanced at Cornell was learning how to learn.”
Since graduating from Cornell, Yongkeun and Sunny Joh have used science to help food manufacturers create healthier, tastier, more stable, and more appealing prepared food. Their company, Advanced Food Systems, Inc., -- which they founded in 1982 -- develops and manufactures customized ingredient systems for food products that can be found in many chain restaurants, fast-food products, and pre-packaged foods throughout the United States, Canada and other countries.

The Johs met at Cornell as graduate students. Yongkeun, food science, and Sunny, pomology, were married while completing their studies.

The Johs have not only applied their food science degrees for delivering better food products to more people, but also contributed their time and support in recognition of those who helped them reach their success: Cornell and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS), the Korean American community, and their local community in Princeton, New Jersey.

The Johs sponsor the Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association Young Generation Technical and Leadership Conference, and in 2010, Yongkeun spoke about his experiences and leadership as a Korean entrepreneur. They also frequently host community events in their home, which focus on environmentally sustainable business practices. Among other commitments, Yongkeun is the Chairman of the Board of the Korean Community Center Foundation of Greater Princeton and chairman of Beautiful Foundation, which is a grant providing foundation to other charity organization. He also serves as a member of the Princeton HealthCare System Foundation Board of Directors.

Yongkeun has been a member of the CALS Advisory Council and Cornell University Council. He shares his experiences in food science and his entrepreneurial expertise through lectures and dialogues with students and young industry professionals.

The Johs have made...
generous contributions to the College, including the Yongkeun Joh Professorship of Food Chemistry and Ingredient Technology and the Joh Family Graduate Support Fund in the Department of Food Science, specifically designated to aid Asian students. In addition, they have provided support for East Asian/Korean academic and cultural programming, the Johnson Art Museum, and Shoals Marine Laboratory.

They live in Princeton, New Jersey, and are the parents of two daughters, Sunnie and Julia (A&S ’01).

**Reflections**

Sunny and I are very much honored to accept CALS Outstanding Alumni Award. It has been over 33 years since we left Ithaca to start our career and family.

Reflecting on the years at Cornell, we have so many good memories of the experience we had while we were students. Cornell gave us not only the education to be successful professionals and entrepreneurs but also allowed us to meet and to be partners in life and business.

Our daughter Julia also did her BS and met her husband, Andrew, at Cornell Summer School. Furthermore, Andrew’s parents, John & Sandy also met at Cornell.

Obviously, Cornell means so much to us and our family and has always been in our lives. We always have appreciated what this school did for two foreign students and we are happy to give back.

We are very honored and humbled to be among this year’s outstanding alumni awardees. Thank you.

~ Yongkeun and Sunny Joh
Through professional, volunteer, and athletic leadership, Thomas N. Marino is recognized by colleagues, former classmates and teammates, and others as a lifelong dedicated Cornellian.

Currently, Marino is a Managing Director and Senior Relationship Manager at Barclays Capital, a role that makes him responsible for many of the firm’s most strategic global clients. Prior to his current role, he was Global Head of Recruiting and Programs for Lehman Brothers, Co-Head of Global Equity Sales, and also was Co-Head of the European Equities Division and based in London for over 5 years. He joined Lehman Brothers in 1982 as an Associate in Equity Capital Markets.

Marino graduated from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in 1978, having been an avid member of the varsity lacrosse team throughout his Cornell career. He remains a dedicated Cornellian, serving on the Cornell University Council, the Athletics Advisory Council, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) Advisory Council and on the Major Gifts Committee for the Far Above Campaign. He has been chairman of the Undergraduate Business Program Advisory Council, a member of the Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management’s Center for Leadership of Dynamic Organizations Advisory Board and served on the Committee on Alumni Trustee Nominations and the Class of ‘78 Major Gifts Committee.

In addition to volunteer leadership, Marino has staunchly supported his alma mater through his philanthropy. In 2001, he provided critical leadership in the memorial ceremony honoring Eamon McEnaney ‘77, a former lacrosse teammate and poet who was a victim of the 9/11 attacks. Marino also created and coordinated the effort to endow the Eamon McEnaney Visiting Professorship in Irish Literature and Creative Writing in the College of Arts and Sciences. In addition, he has generously supported men’s lacrosse, the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management in CALS and the Johnson Graduate School of Management.

Marino is also a founding member of CityLax, a non-profit organization that partners with the New York City public school system and community groups to promote lacrosse as a mainstream sport for youths in the five boroughs. Through lacrosse, CityLax aims to promote health, the development of

Outstanding Alumni Award

Thomas N. Marino ’78
When I arrive on campus I am immediately flooded with memories of my times at Cornell that have directly influenced my life. However, it is my on-going involvement that enhances my connection to the university and continues to enrich my life today. Cornell prepared me for the real world. I learned to question, think, analyze and, most importantly, work hard. I was a student athlete for four years and whether in class or on the athletic field I learned that success is a product of hard work and team work, knowledge that has served me well.

I was not only fortunate to attend Cornell but to attend with an exceptional group of peers. I was one of many students to receive financial aid, which afforded me a top tier education and helped to place me on the path to success. I am thrilled to see the continued support and expanding commitment to financial aid, making Cornell available to the most exceptional students regardless of their economic status. Yet it was not just the education that I received that shaped my experiences at Cornell, but also the outstanding group of student-athletes I spent that time with. On the lacrosse team, we were given the opportunity to unite with a common purpose: setting a goal to achieve remarkable success for Cornell, the school that has since given us so much in return. The traits we adopted as a team, loyalty, camaraderie and excellence, not only characterized my experience at Cornell but also define the university and its community as a whole. These traits have served me well in life, complimenting the great education that Cornell afforded me and helping to shape myself and my success today.

- Tom Marino
Whether through her roles with the CALS Alumni Association, the CALS Advisory Council, the President’s Council of Cornell Women, as a current parent of a CALS student, or as an alumna more generally involved in events and outreach, Lau-rey G. Mogil is a tireless advocate for the university, and her remarkable enthusiasm motivates others to become informed and involved in the Cornell community.

Mogil is a board-certified ophthalmologist who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of glaucoma. She is a partner of Kochman, Lebowitz & Mogil MDs, LLP, (also known as KLM Ophthalmology) and Brooklyn Eye Surgical Center, a single-specialty ophthalmic ambulatory surgical center, which was the second such center to open in New York.

She holds a voluntary position as assistant clinical professor of ophthalmology at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, teaching medical students, residents, and fellows.

Mogil is a Fellow of the American College of Ophthalmology, and a member of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons, as well as of the New York Glaucoma Society, and has recently been nominated to the American Glaucoma Society.

As president of the CALS Alumni Association, Mogil spearheaded the alignment of the association’s and the college’s priorities. She also helped develop career exploration trips for students and built stronger ties among alumni.

She and her husband, Robert J. Hellman ’76, live in New York City.

They have two children, Allison ’14 and Evan Matthew ’07. Allison is currently an editorial director for Slope Media on campus; Evan is a member of the Quill & Dagger Society and a former president of the CALS Student Ambassadors.

Reflection

Receiving this award is truly an honor, and while it may be, in part, recognition for service to the CALS, my contributions to Cornell are overwhelmed by how much Cornell has given to me.

Life is always somewhat serendipitous. I had an older sister who attended Ithaca College and I visited Ithaca and Cornell well before it came time to actually apply to college. Early in my life I appreciated the natural beauty of this area of upstate New...
York and I chose to spend a summer at Cornell while still in high school. At that time, I learned how extraordinary the education and how vast the opportunities were at Cornell and what an excellent fit CALS would be for me.

For more than 40 years, Cornell has been an important part of my life. I still have amazingly close friends from that first summer spent on campus and many more from my four years as an undergrad. I remember fondly professors who left an indelible impression on me, not just for their wisdom, but for their dedication to science and teaching. I will never forget a roommate who nursed me back to health when I had the flu, and I remember working at the Cornell Dairy to earn enough money to buy her a class ring in heartfelt appreciation. There were classmates who made even the toughest courses bearable, and I hope the Chemistry department appreciates my contribution to its budget every time I had to replace the beakers I broke slamming my drawer shut in relief after finishing another Organic Chem lab.

Beyond those four memorable years in Ithaca, Cornell has touched my life in countless ways. The intellectual rigor demands and depth of courses I experienced at Cornell made it possible for me to excel in medical school and to succeed as a critically-thinking physician. Somehow, the impact of those years also inspired me with an understanding of the importance of giving back, and I have gladly contributed time and effort to CALS, Cornell, my class and Cornell students as an officer, mentor and cheerleader when necessary.

Cornell also is where I was fortunate enough to meet my husband and classmate, Rob Hellman, an outstanding Cornell alum and volunteer in his own right. Our two children, Evan and Allison, are Cornellians as well. I am proud to say they are both examples of the best Cornell and CALS represent. Evan was President of the CALS Ambassadors while on campus and was elected to Quill & Dagger. Allison is here as a sophomore, and already on the editorial board of Slope Media.

I will always cherish my Cornell career and I am proud to still be a part of an institution that is an incubator of great ideas with a global reach. Cornell is a living institution that continually grows because of its students, faculty and alumni.

~Laurey Mogil
Kenneth E. Pollard exemplifies the commitment to lifelong community service and involvement. Since graduating from Cornell, he has been one of the most effective and widely respected advocates for New York state agriculture.

Pollard’s key role in new marketing opportunities for New York’s cherry and apple production allowed state growers to realize improved profitability through diversification from processing toward fresh market supply. As merchandising director and, later, executive vice president of the Western New York Apple Growers Association and New York Cherry Growers Association, Pollard expanded the marketing program for apples and cherries in purchasing, consumer relations, and public relations.

He worked closely with food service operators and retailers to increase the sales of apples, apple products, and cherries. He is also the architect of an effective promotion program during October and February, National Apple and Cherry Months, respectively.

Pollard is an ardent supporter of CALS and has collaborated with several CALS faculty members to improve the production and marketing of New York–grown apples.

Pollard has been honored several times for his service to the state’s agricultural sector during his career. He received the 2002 Distinguished Service Award from the NYS Agriculture Society, the New York Horticultural Society Award for “outstanding contributions to New York State’s agricultural industry,” and a special citation from the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.

He and Beulah, his wife of 56 years, reside in Cayuga, N.Y. They have three grown children—Laura, Robert, and Susan—and seven grandchildren.

Reflection

My first impression of Cornell was that of a young 4-H member from Cayuga County attending what, I believe was called the 4-H Club Congress. At that time, in the early 1940s, I was impressed with the large number of other 4-H members in attendance, the projects those 4-Hers were doing, and the size of Bailey Hall. Years passed before Cornell again came to my attention. I had finished high school, one and a half years of college at Hope College, and four years in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. I decided
that I would return to the family farm. Those advising me, including my wife’s father and brother who were both Cornell graduates, suggested that I would benefit by getting a few agricultural courses before entering farming. Being honorably discharged in November 1954, I applied to Cornell and was accepted as an ‘adult special student’ – meaning that I could take the courses I wanted.

As I reflect back on my student days, my time at the Cornell Hog Barn, Agronomy Farms, and in the Plant Sciences Department is now a happy memory. I was working at the Hog Barn on the Sunday our first child was born. I did not smell very sweet, hurrying home to take my wife to the old Ithaca Hospital.

I had two excellent student advisors – Dr. John Carew and Dr. Herbert Hartwig. Dr. Hartwig recommended I stay and get my bachelor’s degree, which I did. It was just one of many times that I received excellent advice from staff members at Cornell.

After graduating in 1958, I did not go back to the farm. Instead, I became an Assistant County Agricultural Agent. From County Agent work, I joined the staff of New York Farm Bureau and began to realize that one of the major challenges facing agriculture was the field of marketing. When the opportunity came to get into the marketing field with the Western New York Apple Growers Association and the New York Cherry Growers Association, I took it and that resulted in a wonderful 33-year career. During those years, I was blessed to work for and with many dedicated people.

Throughout all those years, I maintained a very close relationship with Cornell. My years on the Advisory Council were memorable. The Apple and Cherry Associations carried out very important marketing research studies in cooperation with Cornell. Drs. Brunk, Dominick, Nichols, McLaughlin and Anderson from the Agricultural Economics Department, Drs. Smock, Blanpied, Way, Brown, and Robinson from the Pomology Department, Professors LaBelle and McLellan from the Food Tech Lab, and a long list of other dedicated research scientists at Cornell and the Geneva Experiment Station have played a very important part of my Cornell experience.

Through these years, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has had, and continues to have, outstanding leadership. I hope that I can live to see the results of the research and dedicated work currently being carried out at this great College.

~ Ken Pollard
CALS Alumni Association 2011 Awards Committee

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Kevin Yost ’75

The CALS Alumni Association wishes to thank Chris Cooley, for his hard work on the slide-show presentations this evening for each of the award winners; and also Elaine Gotham for the beautiful design of the invitations and banquet programs.

For complete recipient biographies, award information, and nomination forms, please visit http://cals.cornell.edu/alumni-friends/alumni-association/outstanding-alumni

Previous Recipients of the Outstanding Alumni Award

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Joseph P. King ’36 *

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Max V. Shaul ’42 *

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Don J. Wickham ’24 *

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Mort Adams ’33 *
Harold L. Creal ’19 *

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Myron M. Fuerst ’29 *
John H. Talmage ’52

1982
Lloyd H. Davis ’42

1983
Glenn E. Edick ’40 *
Bernard W. Potter ’43 *
William T. Smith II ’38
Robert Trent Jones ’SP *

1984
Jane Brody Engquist ’62
Julian M. Carter ’37 *
Barbara McClintock ’23,
AM ’25, PhD ’27 *
Donald G. Robinson, Sr.
’41, MS ’54 *
Ertion W. Sipher ’43

1985
Edward L. Bernays ’12 *
Richard C. Call ’52
Robert V. Call, Jr. ’50
Daniel M. Dalrymple ’27 *
H. Bryan Neel III ’62, MD ’66

1986
Esther Schiff Bondareff ’37
William J. Hamilton, Jr.
’26, PhD ’30 *
Anne LaBastille ’55, PhD ’69
Albert R. Lounsbury ’55
H. Joseph Pendergast ’38 *

Frank L. Wiley ’44 *
1987
Norman W. Allen ’46
John W. Mellor ’50, MS ’51, PhD ’54
C. William Severinghaus ’39 *
E. Stanley Shepardson ’36 *
Robert S. Smith ’42, MS ’50, PhD ’52 *

1988
George ("Doc") ’39 and *
Katherine ("Katy") Abraham ’43 *
Robert W. Bitz ’52
Gordon L. Conklin ’49, MS ’51
Robert L. Thompson ’67

1989
Wendell G. Earle ’48, PhD ’50 *
Robert G. Greig ’36 *
Gilbert Levine ’49, PhD ’52
Joseph D. Peck ’60
Edwin L. Slusarczyk ’49 *

1990
Donald M. Bay ’55
Philip D. Gellert ’58, MS ’60
T. Norman Hurd ’36 *
Herbert R. Kling ’36, MS ’40 *

1991
Robert C. Baker ’43 *
Alfred D. Longhouse ’37, MS ’38, PhD ’47 *
Judith F. Riehlman ’80
Fenton B. Sands ’42, MS ’53, PhD ’54 *
Steve M. Smith ’35 *

1992
Albert J. Beard, Jr. ’52 *

1993
Douglas S. Brodie ’55
Solomon Cook ’42, MS ’48, PhD ’50
Raymond E. Johnson ’54
W. Keith Kennedy MS ’41, PhD ’47 *

1994
George H. Axinn ’47
Austin W. Curtis, Jr. ’32
Gordon H. Gowen ’52
Ronald P. Lynch ’58 *
Richard G. Warner, PhD ’51 *

1995
Walter E. Boek ’46
Cornelia Butler Flora, MS ’66, PhD ’70
Lewellyn S. Mix ’46
Maurice E. Mix ’50 *
Jean R. Rowley ’54, MBA ’56

1996
Cheryl A. Parks Francis ’76
Lee Teng-hui, PhD ’68
Jane B. Longley-Cook ’69 *
Bruce W. Wider, DVM ’51
Frank A. Walkley ’43 *
Kenneth E. Wing ’58, MEd ’60, PhD ’66

1997
Philip Coombe, Jr. ’58
Richard E. Keene ’57
Richard T. Meister ’40
J. Patrick Mulcahy ’66, MBA ’67
Charles E. Wille ’50 *

1998
John S. Niederhauser ’39, PhD ’43 *

1999
David J. Nolan ’49, MS ’51
Susan E. Offutt, MS ’80, PhD ’82
Peter G. Ten Eyck II ’60
Fred E. Winch Jr., MS ’37 *

2000
Stephen B. Ashley ’62, MBA ’64
Carole Friedman Bitter, PhD ’81
Alfred H. Hicks ’62, MBA ’63 *
Elwyn G. Voss ’64, MS ’72
Thomas H. Wickham ’62, MS ’67, PhD ’71

2001
James A. Colby ’50 *
Willard T. DeGolyer ’69
Robert D. Ladd ’43, MS ’54 *
Glenn O. MacMillen ’54
John A. Noble ’76

2002
George G. Gellert ’60, MBA ’62, JD ’63
Thomas E. Kent ’71
William J. Lipinski ’79
Nell I. Mondy PhD ’53 *
David M. Rice ’51, MEd ’61
Robert I. Everingham, Sr. ’41 *
Winston Y. Lo MS ’67
Lloyd A. “Steve” Putnam ’44
David R. Tetor ’65

2003
Richard I. Coombe ’64
In-Kyu Han, PhD ’65
Susan R. Holliday ’77
Thomas K. Jeffers, PhD ’63
L. John Wilkerson, MS ’67, PhD ’70

2004
Ned W. Bandler ’49
Nathan R. Herendeen ’64, MS ’69
Kevin R. Malchoff ’74
Perry D. Odak ’68
Celia E. Rodee ’81

2005
C. Morton Bishop III ’74

James J. Byrnes ’63, MBA ’64
Robert W. Herdt ’61, MS ’63
Ernest L. Stern ’56
Craig Yunker ’72

2006
George F. Lamont ’57
Frank J. O’Connell ’65, MBA ’66
Marian K. Rippy, MS ’79
Marie Van Deusen ’74
G. Harris Wilcox ’43 *

2007
Raymond E. Borton ’53
Karen L. Houseknecht, PhD ’94
John W. Lincoln ’60
Peter B. Saltonstall ’75
Robert G. Tobin ’60

2008
Gary D. Fenstermacher ’61, PhD ’70

Uma Lele, MS ’63, PhD ’65
Geraldine F. R. McManus ’78
Mary A. (Mollie) Pulver ’80
Richard F. Vincent ’59

2009
Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler ’62
Roy Curtiss III ’56
Lawrence K. Eckhardt ’80
Gene D. Resnick ’70, MD ’74
Stephen E. Teele ’72

2010
Lynn A. Calpeter ’86
Edwin D. Fessenden ’54
Frederick R. Frank ’79
Jules Janick ’51
Joseph A. Manelski ’56

Previous Recipients of the Young Alumni Achievement Award

1988
Daniel J. Decker ’74, MS ’76, PhD ’86

1989
Carol Zimmerman Buckhout ’79, MPS ’82

1990
Charles P. (“Chip”) Bailey ’84

1991
Denise P. Meredith ’73

1992
Paul F. (“Rick”) Zimmerman ’78

1993
Timothy R. LaBeau ’77

1994
Michael C. Nolan ’77

1995
Daniel J. Fessenden ’87

1996
Robin L. Baker ’85

1997
James J. Bittner ’80

1998
John M. Clark ’80, MBA ’86

1999
No award given

2000
Nathan L. Rudgers ’82

2001
Kelly Joan Brown ’88, MBA ’92
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<td>David L. Call '54, MS '58, PhD '60</td>
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<td>Harold F. Hintz MS '61, PhD '64</td>
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<td>Dale E. Bauman '64</td>
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<td>George W. Trimberger *</td>
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<td>Bruce T. Wilkins '52, PhD '67</td>
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<td>Thomas* and Maria Eisner</td>
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*Deceased*
Alma Mater

Far above Cayuga’s waters,
With its waves of blue,
Stands our noble Alma Mater,
Glorious to view.

Refrain

Lift the chorus, speed it onward,
Loud her praises tell;
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater!
Hail, all hail, Cornell!

Far above the busy humming
Of the bustling town,
Reared against the arch of heaven,
Looks she proudly down.

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