



Cornell Class of 1962

Fall 2018 Newsletter

Welcome!

Classmates, welcome to our first electronic newsletter. It is our intention to use more electronic-based communications over the next couple of years. As we get closer to reunion, we will use print media to help with reunion marketing and planning. We hope you enjoy this newsletter and welcome your questions and suggestions. Also, the Class website is being kept up-to-date, so check it out when you get a chance.

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Neil

What's in a (Scoreboard) Name?

It all started innocently enough. Classmate John Neuman was passing by Hoy Field, Cornell's baseball diamond, when he spotted something wrong with the electronic scoreboard.

That scoreboard had been a gift from our class in recognition of famed Big Red baseball coach Ted Thoren. The Class of '62 had provided the original money---some \$3000 in 1978.



When the board was dedicated in 1979 it proudly bore our class name and that had been the case for the ensuing 38 years.

But John did a double-take---because the board was now named for the Class of '82!

That just didn't make sense---especially since, over the years, we'd taken thousands from our Class Gift Fund to help maintain the scoreboard.

In fact, when \$40,000 was needed to build a new scoreboard in 2002, our gift fund provided \$22,000---and 24 classmates, on their own, contributed another \$18,400. The electronic board was new---but still kept its Class of 1962 name.



Word of the disturbing new discovery soon reached Class President Neil Schilke. What he found out surprised him: in 2017, an incredibly generous anonymous benefactor (from the Class of '82) funded the resurfacing of Hoy Field and the purchase of a new scoreboard---and it was named for '82. At no time was our class invited to fund the new board---we never had a chance even to make an offer.

Thus began a months-long delicate negotiation between Neil along with our Class Council, Alumni Affairs and Development, and the Athletics Department along with the anonymous donor. Lots of give and take and a bit of drama along the way, leading to a successful conclusion. The cooperation and consideration of the Athletics Department, especially Andy Noel and John Webster, and the graciousness of the '82 anonymous donor led to the decision to retro-name the scoreboard for the Class of '62. As for '62, Andy Noel commented "yours is an amazing class and the collective support you've provided is extraordinary...we'll be proud to fly the '62 banner once again."

If you are in Ithaca---maybe you'll take some time to walk past. Hoy Field. It looks terrific---and so does that big scoreboard with the words:

**CORNELL BASEBALL
CLASS OF 1962**



Distinguished Alumnus



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Lance Collins, the Joseph Silbert Dean of Engineering, right, awards David Duffield with the Cornell Engineering Distinguished Alumni Award – the college's highest alumni honor.

Classmate David Duffield was presented with the inaugural Cornell Engineering Distinguished Alumnus Award at a ceremony presided over by President Martha E. Pollack at Cornell in September. The college's highest alumni honor, the award recognized Duffield as "a visionary in the business management and higher education software industries [who] has built companies that are icons in the tech industry" as well as "a prominent global philanthropist, family man, and

deeply devoted Cornellian.” Click on this link for more on the achievements and contributions of this outstanding classmate:

<http://news.cornell.edu/stories/2018/08/alumnus-david-duffield-be-honored-engineering>

Our 1962 Cornell Tradition Fellow



Anja Samardzija '21

This year's fellow is an ambitious and accomplished young woman. Her name is Anja Samardzija and she's finished her freshman year in Cornell's College of Engineering.

Our fellowship recipients have come from many varied backgrounds, and Anja's story is no different. She is a native of Serbia, where she spent eight years studying specialized mathematics. Her family brought her to the U.S. but, after one year, decided to move back to their country.

Not so Anja who, as a high school senior, decided to live “all alone, an ocean away from my parents, in order to pursue a higher education in the United States”. And so, for the past two years, she's lived alone in the town of Highlands, New Jersey on the Jersey shore. But, says Anja, her sacrifices paid off “when I was accepted into my dream school: Cornell University”. Why Cornell? Because of its “exceptional engineering program, great diversity and beautiful campus”.

Her goals are daunting---at least to us. She is going into research in computer science and is involved in the Cornell data science program. Her “brilliant

professors” have inspired her to go to grad school and work in academia. Anja has already obtained a chair position in the Society of Women Engineers. She’s pledged Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and, if that’s not enough, she works at the student center on North Campus.

But, in a letter to us, she wants to make sure the Class of ’62 knows how grateful she is for the \$4000 stipend which will lessen her financial burden as she pursues her goals. Says Anja: “Cornell is the best thing that has happened to me”. And our class wishes her the very best of good fortune in the future.

Briefs

What does it cost to get a Cornell education these days? The 2017-18 school year, according to the undergraduate admissions office, hit students with a tab of just over \$70,000---including tuition (\$52,853), housing, dining, books and supplies and personal expenses. Those were for the privately funded “endowed” colleges. It was a bit easier for New York residents in the “contract” colleges, which receive some direct state funding. That total came to nearly \$53,000. You just have to shake your head.

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Here’s something to remember: we “senior” 62-ers have long since entered the digital age. After all, you are reading this newsletter online. With that in mind we want you to know that, for the next couple of years, you won’t be getting this letter via snail mail. We’ll be distributing only in digital form, via email and on our class web site: www.cornellclassof62.org. So please look for it on screen -- because we want to keep you in the know.

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The reality is that, as we all get older, our class size diminishes, but running our operation still costs money. So it’s more important than ever that you remember to pay your class dues. For those of you who’ve done so---thank you. For those who haven’t---now that we’re in the digital world you can go to our web site and do your part. It’s more than saving a 50-cent stamp---it’s helping your class survive.

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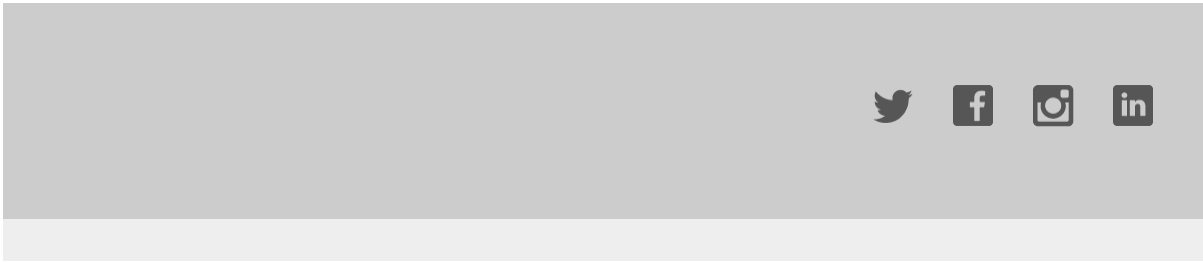
Save the Date 6/9 – 6/12/2022

You may be a bit older (and creakier?) than you were for our 55th but, if you are reading this, we want you to think four years ahead and promise yourself that you’ll do all you can to make sure you are with us from June 9th through the 12th 2022 at our 60th Reunion. For more than a half century our class motto has been

“Catch the Spirit!”---and we want you to be there to keep that spirit going for our Diamond Reunion.

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