

Spring 2008 Student Elections

Vote Any Time From 8AM, March 4 to 10AM, March 6... Eligible Voters Receive Online Instructions

At Large (Vote for 4)



Vincent P. Andrews (vpa4)

Did you hear about all the great things your student government accomplished last semester? Do you know what your student government is looking to accomplish in the coming months? The trouble I had to go through to find the answers to these questions is unacceptable. I feel that increasing the communication between the student body and elected representatives, through mediums like monthly newsletters and student surveys, will not only help guide the student government but will increase the participation of students with the student government. If elected I pledge to increase this interaction so that me and all elected representatives will be better able to serve you. Other topics I feel are of great concern are rising tuition costs and rising book costs. I feel the student government is the best medium through which to approach the administration about these concerns. My experience as a current college student government member and as a past president for multiple organizations has taught me how to set upon these proposals. I ask that you not only vote for the person who will be most committed to improving your school but vote for a platform that is necessary and attainable. Vote Vincent Andrews for SA.



Bill Imperiale (wpi3)

In our student legislature, two qualities are equally important to have in our representatives: the dedication to listen to the opinions of the people, and the diplomacy to foster cooperation amongst our peers. In both matters, I have a great deal of experience from past endeavors. I was a long time member of DECA, in which I managed two national-scale marketing campaigns, both involving many surveys to accurately gauge public opinion. As a representative, I assure you that I will be devoted to making your voice heard. As a social person, I have no qualms with having a complete open-door policy when representing you- even if that means you stopping me on the street or sending me a note to let me know how you feel! It is important that your comments and complaints be brought to the attention of our student government, and I am prepared to facilitate that. Beyond proper representation, I would also make sure that your elected legislature actually gets things done! In such a diverse group of Cornellians, there are bound to be disagreements.



Lauren Engelmyer (lwe2)

Hello, Cornell University! My name is Lauren Engelmyer and I am running for an At-Large position on SA because I recognize the importance of student input and want to be the liaison between you, the students, and the faculty. The student voice is often suppressed on this campus and I will be here to listen to your concerns and implement change. SA's primary objective is to represent the needs and desires of the student body, and I would therefore like to make Assembly meetings a more accessible and comfortable environment for discussion. I encourage students to attend SA's weekly meetings, and for those that can't make it all the way to Willard Straight on Thursday nights, I plan on establishing an online forum for students to express their opinions. This upcoming academic year, I will also strive to: Extend free bus passes to the entire undergraduate community; Enact forums to discuss issues of diversity; Establish a community base for students living in Colletown; My 3-E's, plain and simple! If you have any questions, or just feel like chatting, shoot me an email - lwe2@cornell.edu.



Ryan Lavin (rj134)

Cornell students need an effective leader with both the experience and capacity to continue to move student government at Cornell in the right direction. Working for Cornell undergraduates and the Greek system for the past three years, I have gained the knowledge and experience necessary to implement initiatives when dealing with the administration, faculty, and other groups on campus. I believe student advocacy to be essential in making the lives of Cornellians better both on and off campus. I look forward to serving the undergraduate Cornell community as a positive and effective leader, continuing to tackle issues such as:

- * Reviewing Cornell's Assembly structure and renovating student government
- * Ensuring student input throughout Campus Planning and Renovation
- * Ensuring student advocacy in Campus Code of Conduct proposals
- * Bringing a Campus Pub to Cornell

Vote for Student Advocacy at Cornell
Vote Ryan Lavin for At-Large Representative



Alexandrina Garcia-V (ag498)

I have been in student government (SGA) since I was a freshman, and became President of the SGA at my previous college as a sophomore. Now that Cornell is my new home as a junior, I would like to put in place all that I have learned as a leader to take initiatives to improve student representation and bring forth numerous issues that I believe need to be addressed. I have always advocated to voice student issues, and am also passionate about promoting voter awareness by encouraging the rest of our youth to push for exercising our right to vote even in national elections. I have always enjoyed being politically active, and have participated in numerous events to push for awareness of the many issues that even though we may not witness at home, are occurring in the world. "Speak, up!" is my motto, and I hope to ardently push for exactly that. I have decided to run as a student representative because I feel very strongly about bringing forth issues that matter to us and our community. With my commitment and experience I promise to do what every student representative should, and that is SPEAK UP!



Becca Smith (res294)

To me, a real leader is someone who truly cares about the people they are leading. I feel that this passion is what separates those who can get the job done and those who will truly make a difference. In high school I was actively involved in student government as the president of my freshman, sophomore, and junior classes. At Cornell I have continued taking on leadership roles by representing the freshman class and students in my own college. As an At-Large Representative, I hope to represent you so that together we can make sure that your voice is heard. With my past experiences in high school and at Cornell, I am fully prepared to take action and make change. If elected, I will continue my current endeavors of getting emergency contact numbers on the back of student ID cards, work to make Ivy Council a known and established organization on campus, and will eagerly seek your own thoughts about what you think needs to be changed at Cornell. I believe that taking initiative to get things done, bringing in new ideas, and following through to make plans happen are extremely vital in being a successful leader.

Minority At Large (Vote for 2)



Nikhil Kumar (njc38)

I'm running for SA because I think we pay too much! Seems like everywhere you look, you're getting charged for something. I'm a freshman at ILR. As president of the student government at my high school (about 4000 people), I got experience being in a position of responsibility. I know what it's like bringing people together to make tough decisions. We had some record-breaking successes and, when we failed, I made sure to figure out exactly what we did wrong. I'll spend my time in the SA on:

- * Expanding the No-Fee TCAT bus pass to include all students living on campus
- * Expanding or eliminating the wired internet limit
- * Making wireless internet on campus fast and keeping it free
- * Expanding NetPrint allowances

The SA has a huge budget from the mandatory Student Activity Fee. With a shift in priorities and vision, we can make sure that the SA respects our money. I know I can't do this alone. As your rep, I will listen to all of you by having open forums and being accessible. I have the experience being in a position of responsibility, and with your vote and support, I'll work hard.



Arjun Natarajan (an223)

Vote Arjun Natarajan your Minority Liaison to the SA!! As a member and director of several student groups on campus, I have proven myself to be an effective and approachable leader. In turn, I believe that I am well equipped to represent not only the needs of Cornell's extensive minority community but the University as a whole. Working through the SA I will fight to bring the interests of the minority community to light. I feel that the best way to approach this is by acting as an intermediary between the many multicultural student groups and the school administration in an effort to plan, fund, publicize, and execute more multicultural events on campus that everyone can enjoy. I would love to continue representing you! In addition, I will strive for:

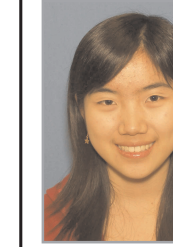
- * An end to the excessive costs of Net-Print, and the Fitness Centers
- * Better Wireless connections in the libraries that can bear the load of prelim and finals weeks
- * Better publicized and funded multicultural events



Rammy Salem (rms84)

I have been in Cornell for some time now, and never before have I faced such a challenging situation, but I feel that I am ready to tackle the task at hand now more than ever. If elected, I plan to avoid the petty individual quarrels plaguing the SA, and instead focus on the larger issues and how we can solve them. Here in Cornell there is a clear problem of retention for minority students and I recently attended a conference where we discussed the possible reasons for this and how it could be changed. The minority student population today is different from that of 25 years ago in part because there are more immigrants; more parents are affluent, and so on. Therefore, the diversity approaches that were taken back then don't necessarily apply to today and we need to diversify how we tackle different situations. We need to see whether programs of today are right for the students of today. I have supported past initiatives addressing minority issues and will continue to do so until my last breath exits my body. The goal of Cornell should be to change the social institutions that discriminate against people, and I will make this a reality.

International At Large (Vote for 1)



Samantha (WeiQin) Dong (wd39)

Hello my friends, I'm Samantha Dong from Shanghai, and I'm running for your International Representative. During my first year at Cornell so far, I've been working hard to get the voice of freshmen heard by serving on the student government and other organizations. I also helped organizing and raising fund for Ivy-wide events. Now, I'd like to take another step forward—to represent a broader range of the student body. And as an international student myself, I've witnessed lots of issues regarding the international community at Cornell. Representing students, I never consider myself as a leader. Rather, I'm just one speaking aloud what we're all concerned about. I'll never hesitate to step forward to fight for students' rights, because I know I have all of you, my friends, standing right behind me. If elected, I will:

1. Fight against the unfair financial aid policy for international students
2. Call for more support for international student groups and clubs
3. Improve the current weekly meal plan system and allow meals to roll over
4. Get Cornell better involved in the communication with other peer Ivies

So VOTE FOR SAMANTHA, and you will always get your voice heard!



Luis De Lencquesaing (lrd24)

As a French-American born and raised in Paris, as a citizen of the world, as a Cornellian devoted to Cornell, I hope to represent both American and International students on the Student Government and further their interactions. As a founder and leader of several academic and social organizations, as a college scholar and as a Cornell varsity player, I want to bring my commitment, my management experience, and my understanding of university mechanisms to the Student Government to improve student life. I believe Cornell is great. I believe Cornell can be improved. I am dedicated to action. I will strive to:

- * Create more exchange programs between Cornell and foreign elite universities
- * Make sure that the rise in tuition is paralleled by a rise in financial aid
- * Promote an interdisciplinary approach to academics, and tear down the "firewalls" that separate Departments
- * Promote the intellectual vibrancy of the campus by channeling more support to student organizations
- * Enhance the image of Cornell in the US and in the world

Be available and keep communications open with all students



Alexandria (Mengxie) Sun (ms868)

Hi, my name is Alexandria. As an international student who has lived both in China and Canada, I understand the importance and power of a global perspective. I have held various leadership positions in the past and I know how to make changes and follow through with my promises. If elected, I promise to fight for policies that affect you all:

1. EXPAND the flexibility of BRBs by offering roll-over from spring to fall and refunds of BRBs to cash
2. PREVENT the university from charging you extra \$ for using the wireless after the limit increases to 10GB after June 2008
3. SECURE a 10% increase in funding for all student organizations
4. PROMOTE special programs and organize cultural events for international students

I am always open to suggestions from the student body; if you know of anything that needs to be added to that list, feel free to contact me. SUN is the ONE!

INDUSTRIAL AND LABOR RELATIONS (VOTE FOR 1)



A.J. Femminello (atf24)

My name is A.J. Femminello and I am running for ILR Representative. For the past two years, I have served as the Secretary/Treasurer for ILR's own student government. As Secretary/Treasurer, I organized a lecture with J. Jay Rakow, Senior Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. and coordinated a round table discussion with John Schulman, Exec. VP and General Counsel of Warner Bros. In addition, while performing my ordinary duties of taking minutes and handling the finances of the organization, I also planned a student dinner which hosted Dean Katz. I have learned a great deal about ILR in this role and I would like to take my experience to the university level. My goal is to act as a responsible liaison between the ILR student body and the university. I will represent the needs of all ILR undergraduates and ensure that I am always accessible and easily approachable through my continued attendance at ILR's student government meetings. I will fight to make sure ILR's student organizations receive the funding they need and deserve from the student activity fee and assist each organization in every way possible in their application for funding. Vote for A.J. Femminello — your voice needs to be heard.



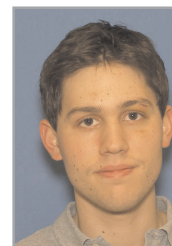
Rebecca Stein (rs622)

As Transfer Representative, I have worked to unite the Transfer Community and reestablish centralized transfer housing for the 2008-2009 academic year. I have dedicated plenty of time and energy to serving the Cornell Community because I love doing it. I have also worked as a member of several committees to improve the quality of life for Cornellians. I am currently the Ivy Corps Delegate on Ivy Council. As ILR Rep I will:

- * Publicize course evaluations. We the students write them, and we are entitled to see what they say. These course evaluations have the potential to become a more legitimate version of ratemyprofessors.com.
- * Bring Coffee and Snacks to lives. The ILR Conference Center has these amenities and there is no reason we shouldn't have them as well!
- * Make the Vending Machines operate using Big Red Bucks.
- * Reestablish the "Day Hall Bus Stop" or have more buses stop across from Uris Hall.

My past campaign promises have all been filled and I look forward to fulfilling these as your new ILR Representative on the SA. Vote Rebecca Stein for ILR Rep! Feel free to e-mail me.

AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES (VOTE FOR 2)



Alex Latella (ral47)

Hi, my name is Alex Latella and as a sophomore AEM major I want to represent you in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. I strongly believe in CALS' core ideals of "developing leaders" and "improving lives" and will work hard to be a voice for every student. I realize the importance of a unified undergraduate body and look forward to increasing more interaction between majors within CALS and throughout the university. If elected I will:

- * Cultivate an intra-college networking program
- * Nurture on campus efforts to promote sustainability
- * Ensure the prolonged growth and success of the AEM program

Vote Alex Latella for CALS representative. I plan to work, and will work my plan!



Steven Matthews (sjm73)

Hi, my name is Steven Matthews, and as an undergraduate AEM & Communication major, I have worked towards improving student life in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Working with different organizations on campus, I understand the most pressing issues facing our student body today. In the past I have:

- * Fought to declassify course evaluations in CALS
- * Helped improve wireless internet on campus
- * Pushed for student autonomy in the Campus Code of Conduct
- * Promoted AEM's continuing advancement as a nationally acclaimed undergraduate business program

I will continue to work hard for CALS by trying to bring Big Red Bucks to Mandible Cafe, continuing wireless improvements, and ensuring sustainability remains a priority.

ENGINEERING (VOTE FOR 2)



Michael Heinz (mfh25)

I believe Cornell students need representatives that meet the following criteria: They must be leaders, and they must accurately represent the Cornell student body. I am the candidate who best meets these criteria. I am responsible, open minded, and I can effect change. I have demonstrated these leadership qualities on campus by holding an officer position in both an academic society and a fraternity. As treasurer of my fraternity, I managed tens of thousands of dollars, an experience that has prepared me to responsibly handle student tuition money. As a rising senior, I am well suited to represent the engineering students at Cornell. I bring three years of experience with issues, problems, and concerns of engineering students that younger candidates cannot relate to. Being a senior also means that I have a reduced workload, giving me time, in addition to maturity to do my job well. I have decided to run for this position so I can ensure that student representatives fulfill their duty of serving the student body. I want to make sure that each and every student is heard because it is the students' opinions that matter most, not the opinions of their representatives.



Tony Miller (jam325)

Hi, my name is Tony Miller, and I want to serve as your Engineering representative in Cornell's undergraduate leadership. As a current Operations Research student, I fully understand the challenges every engineer faces on a daily basis. By working on both small and large issues, I will tackle any issue that affects our undergraduate experience. With your vote, I will strive to:

- * Fight for universal access to Engineering Course Evaluations.
- * Enhance Red Rover Wireless on the Engineering Quad.
- * Improve career services to focus on Engineering opportunities.

Vote for a better College of Engineering. Vote Tony Miller!

Human Ecology (Vote for 1)



Emily Diakow (ed266)

Cornell is a great place to live and learn, and I am excited for the opportunity to spend my four years of college here. But as I'm sure you'll agree, Cornell is not without flaws — outdated systems, confusing policies and too much red tape. Do you ever think if only you ran things around here, it would be better? Well I think that a good place to start is to vote for me for the Human Ecology chair of SA and start seeing some progress. If elected, I will fight to:

- * DEVELOP the growing environmental awareness programs and initiatives on campus
- * INCREASE FLEXIBILITY between meal plans and Big Red Bucks
- * IMPROVE and expand gym facilities and hours of operation
- * PROMOTE VISIBILITY and notification of Human Ecology events, research positions, career services, and guest speakers
- * EXPAND the wireless network across campus I'm a passionate, caring, accountable, and communicative individual who will make the difference.

Vote for me, Emln, and you'll see! If you have any questions please email me at ed266@cornell.edu.

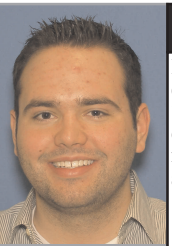
Art, Architecture, Planning (Vote for 1)



Haley Bergman (hjb33)

My name is Haley Bergman and I'd like to be elected as a representative for the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning. Although AAP is one of the smallest colleges at Cornell, I am passionate about ensuring that the views and interests of our students do not go overlooked. I feel that I am knowledgeable about the issues of most importance to all three disciplines—architecture, art, and planning - and I will remain committed to acting in the best interest of students in all departments. One of my goals as representative would be to create more cohesion and dialogue between the studies of architecture, art, and planning so that students can continue to learn from each department's unique perspective. Additionally, I would like to see AAP students more actively involved in the ongoing search for a new college dean and to also increase the exposure of student work on the Cornell campus and within the larger Ithaca community. Students in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning bring so much to the Cornell community and I am proud to belong to such a talented and creative group of students. I firmly believe that I am the type of experienced leader that AAP needs and I will make a long-standing commitment to fair and accurate representation on all issues affecting AAP.

Hotel Administration (Vote for 1)



Gregory Mezey (gmm5)

I am Gregory Mezey a junior in the Hotel School and I am here to listen to you! Are you tired of candidates that over promise and under deliver? Through my 2 years as Vice President of Student Government at The Culinary Institute of America and involvement in a number of organizations and committees here at Cornell I've come to realize that I should first LISTEN to my peers. From there I will work diligently to accomplish the goals that you help me set out to achieve. As the SA Hotel School Representative I will commit to:

- WORK towards maintaining a strong and involved Hotel School!
- MAINTAIN an open line of communication between the SA and the Hotel School students!
- IMPROVE overall campus life!
- EXPAND the wireless network across campus!
- LISTEN to the concerns, opinions and suggestions of all students.
- ENSURING that the students of the Hotel School and Cornell are represented in a way that reflects their needs and interests.

If there is anything I can do for you please email me at gmm5@cornell.edu. I'm Listening!!!

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<http://assembly.cornell.edu/Committees>

The newly elected Student Assembly will review your application in April.

More info at: <http://assembly.cornell.edu/Elections>