

# Undergrad Elections: Vote Between 8AM, March 3 and 10AM, March 5

## Eligible voters will receive instructions by email on March 3.

### MINORITY AT LARGE (VOTE FOR 2)



#### Raza S. Hoda (rsh94)

Minority issues must be a major priority of this university.

My name is Raza Hoda, and I'm running for the Minority seat on the Student Assembly just for this reason. As an active member on my high school's student council, I brought a lot to the table. I stood as a voice of the minorities, and I continue to take my stand here at Cornell. If elected, I will work for all types of minorities: financial, ethnic, geographic, political, racial, and sexual. My friends, equality is a basic human right, and our admissions policies do not accurately assess the different kinds of diversity out there. Having a more holistic approach would greatly diversify our student body and, subsequently, improve our educational experience. The diversity that is currently ignored by our policies would expand our horizons and change our one-sided view on important issues.

The incumbents have not done enough; I'm prepared to.



#### Justin Min (jhm264)

As a minority student on Cornell's campus, I know how it often feels as if we are not afforded the same opportunities, resources, and rights as those in the majority. With 28% of the undergraduate class declared as part of the minority population, it is vital to have a representative who is willing to vocalize and advocate for the underrepresented. Thus, if given the opportunity to be next year's minority-liaison, I will work relentlessly towards establishing stronger relations with the Office of Minority Educational Affairs and the Office of Equal Opportunity to ensure that more minorities are aware of the programs and resources that are available to them. I hope to work in conjunction with the University Diversity Council to continue fostering constructive dialogue and inclusiveness between minority and majority groups on campus. With my experience in public service, I will also strive to increase allocated funding for public service as well as develop additional service-learning courses for students of all fields to participate in. If we can unite and collectively work as one, the minority population, small as it may be, has the power to become an immense vehicle for change on Cornell's campus. It starts with your vote. Vote Justin Min.



#### Nikhil Kumar (nj38)

I'm a sophomore in ILR, and if you re-elect me to the SA, I'll mainly focus on two things: Housing Policy and Freezing the Student Activity Fee.  
 —HOUSING: There's way too much uncertainty about the on-campus housing process, which causes many of us to sign ridiculously expensive leases in early fall. To reduce this uncertainty, I'll push for things like online floor-plans and earlier info sessions about housing options. I'll also support a Colletown Community Center and call for changes in transfer student housing. As a rep. to the SA right now, I know what it takes to make these changes.  
 —FREEZING the Student Activity Fee (SAF): In 2010, the SA will decide how much money to take from you to distribute to campus groups. I was against the recent SA moratorium on student groups because I think these groups are essential to CU. But I also think the SA should be much more careful with your money. Unless wasteful spending is reduced, the SAF should not increase. And if you vote for me, I will vote against every single attempt to increase the SAF. I have a realistic plan for the SA and with your ideas and support, we can make it work!

### AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES (VOTE FOR 2)



#### Rebecca A. Riebe (rar234)

To the student assembly I would bring: fresh ideas, the motivation to get things done, and a good attitude. I am a junior transfer student in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences who is ready to get involved on campus. From the places I have been before coming to Cornell, I learned how to be organized, disciplined, and how to get things done promptly. I can assure you I would bring these qualities if not more to the student assembly. I have had experience working with large companies to learn how they manage their employees, funds, and other resources, which I think would be a valuable tool when faced with management challenges.

I have decided to run for student assembly because I would really like to be more involved with the students here at Cornell on a more personal level. I would really like to get involved in something on campus that can actually make a difference and I feel this assembly can do just that. Finally, I want to be able to know when I graduate that I did something to better student life here on campus.



#### Adam Nicoletti (abn37)

Hi, my name is Adam Nicoletti and I want to serve as your CALS representative to Cornell's Student Assembly. As a freshman in the AEM program, I am aware of the daily challenges that CALS students face. It is my belief that every student should have a voice on campus and I will ensure that your ideas and concerns are heard. Above all, I intend to achieve goals that are capable of real and visible results.

With your support, I will:

- \* Promote sustainability efforts across campus
- \* Improve Blackboard and make it easier to manage your courses online
- \* Ensure your money is being used efficiently and effectively
- \* Foster the growth and advancement of the AEM program

Vote Adam Nicoletti for your CALS representative: I will work hard to assure the success of our college!



#### Alex Latella (rai47)

Hi my name is Alex Latella and I am running for re-election as your representative from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences to the Student Assembly. Over the last year I've served as an effective advocate for our college. In addition to meeting with Dean Henry and other CALS administrators to discuss numerous student life issues, I have served as Co-Chair of the Student Assembly Environmental Committee as well as Cornell's Head Delegate for the Ivy Council. Next year we will be faced with a difficult task of setting the Student Activity Fee. I will use my previous Student Assembly experience to set this fee in the most responsible and efficient manner. I also plan to continue my efforts to making our campus more sustainable.

I have worked diligently over the last year to improve undergraduate student life in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and with your vote I will continue to do so. Vote Alex Latella for CALS representative!

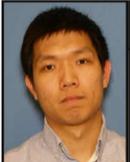
### INTERNATIONAL AT LARGE (VOTE FOR 1)



#### Cecilia de Lencquesaing (cpd9)

As an international student born and raised in Paris, as a College Scholar, as Founder, President and member of the Executive Boards of several influential Cornell student organizations, I hope to bring my enthusiasm and experience to the Student Assembly. I hope to serve Cornell with commitment and passion and represent the interests of my constituency in the University governance system. I believe Cornell University is a place where educational and cultural interests are widened and where each student is encouraged to develop a true sense of social responsibility. The Student Assembly must promote these ideals as well as address student issues and enhance our quality of life. As an elected Student Assembly member, I will endeavor to:

- \* Encourage the growth of international organizations, in order to uphold the intellectual vibrancy of Cornell
- \* Enhance Cornell's presence and influence abroad, by increasing exchanges with elite universities,
- \* Promote an interdisciplinary approach to education, by facilitating communication amongst departments
- \* Simplify the bureaucracy, especially concerning the SAFC application for student organizations and be accessible to all Cornell students, in order to represent you best.



#### Bong Geul Edward Joo (bj46)

As a Korean student who spent his pre-high schools in an American school and high school in South Korea before becoming a Cornellian, I believe that I bring the traits to make a positive contribution to Cornell as the next International Liaison At-Large who will serve the needs of international and American students. My experience as the Coordinator of PREPARE, the pre-orientation for international students, helping others ease into life at Cornell has given me a profound understanding of being an international student at Cornell. Also, as President of the Korean Students Association (KSA), which serves 400 members and is one of the biggest organizations, I have gained leadership skills that can ensure tasks given will be carried out in a timely and efficient manner and communication skills from co-operations with diverse student organizations; I will bring you these skills. In addition, I will also: 1) Organize more exchange programs between Cornell and leading foreign institutions. 2) Improve financial aid, scholarship, and grant opportunities for students 3) Enhance intellectual interactions through increased support for student organizations 4) Provide more convenience to students' lives, particularly in relation to meal plans and bus fees.



#### Yuan Yao (yy282)

Hello, everyone! This is Yao again, and I am now running for International Representative. For the past year, I have been carrying on the initiatives I have promised and representing my constituency: I was engaged in Ivy Council, discussing college drinking issues with fellow Ivy college leaders; I co-sponsored SA Res. 18, which supports the university's new financial aid policy; We three freshman reps held monthly SA coffee hour for better communication with students. Due to the financial hardship we are facing, some of the initiatives cannot be realized immediately, but never have I stopped working on them. In the upcoming year, I plan to focus on the following initiatives:

- 1 Promoting international financial aid; 2 Save university budget by seeking sustainability: reduce operational paper usage at CU libraries. 3 Continue to work on my old initiatives: rollover meal plan, free photocopying, Rand Hall vending, and meal plan accessibility at Trillium.

Some of them are problems we have been faced with for years; some of them come with the new situation. Whatever it is, our journey shall go on. Vote for Yao, and let's sail to the better together.

### ENGINEERING (VOTE FOR 2)



#### Mike DeLucia (mjd335)

Hi, my name is Mike DeLucia and I want to be your Engineering representative to the Student Assembly. As a student and a member of the Solar Decathlon Project Team I have seen both the strong points and shortcomings of the College of Engineering. I will work hard to analyze and overcome these obstacles as well as identify new ones in order to provide every Engineering student with a better undergraduate experience.

With a vote from you I will work to:

- \* Work with CIT to raise bandwidth limits
- \* Help to promote group networking opportunities
- \* Expand employment opportunities for Engineers

For your better undergraduate experience, Vote Mike De Lucia!



#### Zack Glasser (ztg2)

Hi, my name is Zack Glasser, and I am running to be your representative in the Student Assembly for the Engineering School. As a dedicated student and involved member of the Cornell Automotive X Prize team, I fully understand the concerns and issues my fellow engineers deal with. If elected, I will do my best to:

- Ensure that the interests of undergraduate Engineers are fully understood and respected when dealing with budget cuts.
- Expand access to commercial software, such as Matlab, which is needed for required courses.
- Promote events for alumni and undergraduates to connect for job opportunities and networking.

As a student who will be affected by SA decisions for three more years at Cornell, I am very dedicated to making sure the Engineering School gets the proper representation it deserves. Vote Zack Glasser for your Student Assembly Engineering representative!



#### Matt Bloom (mb448)

I have decided to run for Student Assembly because I believe in the importance of effective student governance and want to ensure that undergraduate engineers are strongly represented on the issues that most concern them. Over the past three years, I have served on the E-board of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, participated in the CUAUV project team and served as the vice president of my fraternity. From my involvement in engineering student groups, I have become well attuned to the needs and opinions of my fellow undergraduates. I have also witnessed first-hand the impact of the current economic downturn on engineering student organizations and the importance of carefully allocating student activities funds. My experience both as an active engineer and as a leader in the Greek system will translate into responsibility to my constituents, wisdom when allocating student funds, and the ability to take a stance on contentious issues. I welcome the opportunity to engage the greater Cornell community on behalf of the College of Engineering and look forward to enhancing the undergraduate experience for myself and for my peers.

### UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY (VOTE FOR 2)



#### Kade Laden (kl434)

My name is Kade Laden and I am running for re-election on the University Assembly. As a forefront university, the welfare of the student body and academic environment is a premium that must be kept. It is important that any elected official not only has the experience, but also the ability to continue to make progress and move forward in student government. Working on many campus issues this past year including the Codes and Judicial Conduct, I have gained hands-on experience in representing the undergraduate student voice. With the diverse membership of the University Assembly, including faculty and graduates, I realize now more than ever that it is important to have an able and responsible representative to speak on behalf of students in University issues.

Through being involved in numerous student organizations and past experience with University governance, I have gained valuable experience. I feel that I am the most qualified to accomplish these objectives and implement initiatives. I look forward for the opportunity to serve you once again.



#### John Cetta (joc23)

What did the UA do for you and other students this past year? Did you even know I was referring to a body other than the Student Assembly? Although most students are aware of some of the controversial actions taken by the SA recently, few are even aware of the role that the UA plays in shaping their Cornell experiences. This is unacceptable given the significant role of the UA at our university. My name is John Cetta and I am asking you to elect me as your representative to the UA so that I can correct this problem. I hope to make the UA more transparent and accountable to each of the constituent groups. As your representative that means I will first and foremost keep you informed of the actions being taken by the UA that affect you as a student. My experience with numerous student and advocacy groups, both here on campus and nationally, provides me with the skills and knowledge necessary to zealously represent your interests in the UA. The dynamic challenges being faced by the university during this difficult economic time require strong leadership and focus. Vote John Cetta for University Assembly to make sure the students' interests are put first.