

Spring 2010 Undergraduate Student Elections

Vote Any Time From 8AM, March 2 to 10AM, March 4... Eligible Voters Will Receive E-Mail Instructions

STUDENT ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT (VOTE FOR 1)



Vincent Andrews (vpa4)

There are two major issues I will focus on if elected President: the funding of student groups and advocating for student interests to the administration.

- 1) The SAFC funding process needs to be overhauled to provide groups more opportunities to apply for funding and more chances to fix mistakes. I propose a rolling system with greater online transparency and flexibility.
- 2) The SA must play a central role in deciding how our University "Re-imagines" itself in order to preserve the undergraduate student experience. Students need to be a part of the discussion when decisions such as the recent cuts in School of Arts and Sciences are being made. I know what it takes to implement these changes. I'm the only candidate for president that's been on the Exec Board of the SA. I've seen what works, and what doesn't. I've been a member of the SA and the Appropriations Committee for 2 years, a club president who has worked through the SAFC process, and one of the only students to have worked on a "Reimagining Cornell" Committee. I ask that you vote Vince for President not because of a loud and flashy campaign, but because I have the background to get past the politics of the SA and make some worthwhile changes. Check out vinceforprez.com



Andrew Brokman (adb239)

As someone who has been involved in all aspects of student government over the years - having served as S.A. At-Large Rep., U.A. Rep., S.A. Transfer Rep., and student affairs correspondent on OneCornell.com and WVBR - I have personally experienced the SA at its best and at its worst. At best, the SA serves as the authoritative, legitimate voice of the student body, and for that reason alone it demands respect. At worst, the SA is a group of insiders, who work to pass 60 resolutions a year which are rarely enacted or enforced. My administration, however, promises to be different. We will work in tandem with the University to concentrate on fewer, more effective, resolutions which will directly improve the quality of our student life. If I am elected President, expect an open door, absolute transparency, a better quality government, a judicial committee to eliminate corruption, and an unbiased Chairman. But the truth is, I cannot do this alone. A dramatic change in the SA will require all of us to care; to reject apathy in favor of a better government. The SA's voice is only as powerful as the students who believe in it, so I am asking you to come with me on this journey, and vote Andrew D. Brokman for President- <http://BROKTHEVOTE.com>.

STUDENT ASSEMBLY ARTS AND SCIENCES (VOTE FOR 3)



Ankur Bajaj (alb337)

CAN I GET AN ANKUR, DO YOU WANT MORE? My name is Ankur Bajaj, and I am likely double majoring in Chem and Gov in A&S. I plan to bring the skills that I gained from being President of Model U.N. in high school and from my summer internships at City Hall in Austin to the SA. If elected A&S Rep, I will:

1. Keep the administration accountable to the budget cuts that affect us directly. We chose Cornell because of the awesome professors, great courses and amazing events like Slope Day, so it is important that all of these elements are maintained. WE are the students of the university, so our opinion must be heard, and as A&S rep, I can work to make that happen.
2. Make the students more aware of the SA. People that I've talked to have no idea what the SA does, and for good reason. I plan to change that. Whether that's by hosting weekly forums for suggestions or just meeting over coffee, it doesn't matter, but something must be done.
3. Advocate for minor, but important projects. Why doesn't the Temple of Zeus accept Big Red Bucks? Why aren't we given some free printing per semester? Why isn't there a 24-hour cafe somewhere on campus? Great questions, and if elected as A&S rep, you will have to ask no longer.



Natalie Raps (nrr25)

As I run for reelection as a Representative for the College of Arts and Sciences, I cannot help but think about the Student Assembly as one of the best experiences of my life. By being Freshman Representative last year and currently serving as an Arts and Sciences Representative, I have the unique responsibility and privilege of listening to students' concerns and striving to address them. As promised this year, I have been committed to:

- Improving safety on campus by working with the Cornell University Police Department and its Blue Light Escort Service- Working to create a mobile shuttle that takes students home from the libraries safely late at night- Helping to create and publicize campus wide events in order to benefit relief efforts in Haiti- Listening and advocating for my peers in asking the administration to justify every dollar cut in the College of Arts and Sciences- Allocating funds from the Student Activity Fee to different student organizations if rejected, when not working on safety or relief efforts, I plan on working to get rid of the median grade on transcripts and uniting efforts between the Student Assembly and Class Councils. And as always I will be here to represent YOU. Please feel free to email me anytime at nrr25@cornell.edu and vote RAPS for Student Rep.



Matthew Gruber (mgh62)

Hi, my name is Matthew Gruber and I am currently undecided in Arts and Sciences. As a freshman I am involved in both club soccer and the Cornell International Affairs Society. I was editor-in-chief of my high school newspaper, through which I learned valuable leadership skills I will apply in the SA. If elected, I will:

- 1) Defend the College's dance and theater program from debilitating budget cuts
- 2) Promote sustainability initiatives in Arts and Science as well across the University
- 3) Improve the faculty advising system am of course committed to improving this school. But most of all, I am committed to representing the students of this university to the very best of my ability. So please, if you have any questions or concerns please friend me on Facebook or email me at mgh62@cornell.edu, and remember to vote Matthew Gruber for Student Assembly.



Jon Rau (jdr252)

My name is Jon Rau, and I'm running for reelection as your Arts and Sciences representative to the Student Assembly. As a sophomore Economics and Government major, I have experienced many of the issues and challenges we face as Cornell students. Having served a year on the assembly, I have enjoyed working with fellow students and administrators to improve the quality of life here on the Hill. The duty of a college representative is to make sure that all of your voices are being heard, and I have worked tirelessly to voice your interests. Over the course of the year, as Chair of the SA Residential Life Committee, I proactively advocated the placement of students onto the Ujamma and General RHD selection committees to increase student participation in the selection of their Residence Hall Directors. On the Appropriations Committee, I worked to ensure the financial sustainability of our student groups while using your money as efficiently as possible. As your representative, I'm currently working on:

- Developing a website that will allow students to rate their landlords- Establishing a late night food option on Central Campus- Fighting against excessive budget cuts that threaten the programs that make our college unique

On the off chance that I'm not in libe cafe, you can contact me with any questions at jdr252@cornell.edu. Re-Elect Jon Rau as your Arts and Sciences Representative!



George Hornedo (gah72)

Hey everyone! My name is George Hornedo and I am interested in being one of your Arts and Science representatives in Student Assembly. To give a brief summary of my leadership experience at Cornell so far, I am: 1. Founder and Executive Vice President of Cornell DECA, a business and service club. 2. Pledge Class President of my fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega as well as the representative at IFG meetings. 3. A member of the Student Assembly Communications Committee. 4. My floor's representative in Donlon Hall Council as well as the Donlon representative in Residential Student Congress. If I win, I plan to:

1. Make sure that Arts and Sciences students understand all of their academic requirements and counseling options.
2. Represent the concerns and issues of students in Arts and Sciences.
3. Work with the various departments on campus to ensure the students' interests are the first priority during this financial crisis.
4. Improve networking opportunities for undergraduates in Arts and Sciences. Vote George Hornedo!



Adam Raveret (arr73)

VOTE ADAM RAVERET FOR SA ARTS AND SCIENCES REP! How can you have improvement without change? My name is Adam Raveret, and I would like to be your Arts and Sciences Representative on the Student Assembly, because I am passionate about bringing change and improvement to student government. Serving as your Arts and Sciences Rep for the last year, I have worked with the SA Appropriations Committee to ensure that the byline funding process was as transparent and streamline as possible. As the chair of the SA Environmental Committee, I have combined efforts with various sustainable clubs on campus to make Cornell's campus a greener place. If given the opportunity to represent you for another year, I will WORK WITH YOU to continue these efforts and LISTEN TO YOU in order to bring new change to student life on campus. Lets start now! Email me with any ideas at arr73@cornell.edu.

INDUSTRIAL AND LABOR RELATIONS (VOTE FOR 1)



Gleb V. Drobkov (gvd7)

As last year's Freshmen Rep and as a current Liaison to the Dean on the ILR SGA, I have worked hard to represent ILR students since I first arrived at Cornell. I was the President of my freshman dormitory, Mews Hall, where I organized multiple social functions (including Mr. Mews, a male beauty pageant) and exercised impartiality on the Hall Council's judicial matters. During my time on the SGA, I have helped to organize coffee-breaks, a formal, and other philanthropy events. As Liaison to the Dean, I will not hesitate to address Student Assembly issues with Dean Katz. I am also a proud member of multiple clubs, including the Ski Team, the Organization for Labor Action, Students Against Sweatshops, and the Glee Club. As your ILR Rep, I look forward to addressing a range of issues which affect us all. I will work to ensure that ILR students receive first preference for course enrollment in classes within our school and, potentially, other endowed colleges; to never compromise the quality of our education (and our library) to the administration's "reimagination"; to amend the SAFC's "new club" budget restrictions, because new clubs deserve greater support from our community. If you support my past actions and what I hope to contribute to the Student Assembly, please vote Gleb for ILR Representative.



Adam Gitlin (amg288)

GIT SOME. My name is Adam Gitlin, I am proud to be an ILRie and I am seeking re-election to the Cornell Student Assembly. I aim to bring skills learned from my first term on the Student Assembly, and my service on the Obama campaign and Presidential Inaugural Committee, to Cornell. In seeking re-election, I aim to:

1. Be the ILR student body's ADVOCATE and VOICE to the Administration.
2. Work with ILR Student Government Association to enhance YOUR student life experience. Also, I hope to continue the work that I have begun on the Student Assembly.
3. Helping to build the new SA Public Service Committee that will ENGAGE the student body in public service initiatives on campus.
4. Continuing my service on the SA Appropriations Committee, where I have collaborated with other SA members to appropriate millions of dollars in funds to student organizations and activities. As ILR students, we are some of the most involved and outspoken individuals on campus and we are driven to make Cornell better for everyone, while at the same time enhancing our academic and social experiences. I hope that you will support me as I seek re-election to the SA where I can continue to bring the qualities that we value at ILR to the greater Cornell community. If you have any questions or suggestions, please friend me at [Facebook.com/AdamGitlin](https://www.facebook.com/AdamGitlin).

HOTEL ADMINISTRATION (VOTE FOR 1)



Savion N. Agard (sna32)

Since my freshman year, I've been an active member in various of organizations both on and off campus. I'm a member of the Hotel School's Student Advisory Board and I make sure I am always aware of what is happening within my college. It brings me great pleasure to be in a position to work with people. I believe that it is extremely important to work for what you believe in, and then to give back to those who follow succeed you. This is a firm belief of mine, and it is the main reason I've chosen to run for Student Assembly. I've been blessed to have friends and associates of all races, sizes, colors, and shapes. I feel that being a member of the Student Assembly, it will be the perfect venue for me to serve not only the Hotel school by being an honest approachable public servant that individuals can discuss any issues they may have, but the greater Cornell community and ensure that everyone's voices are heard. I want to be able to ensure that Cornell continues to be the great institution that we have all grown to love.



Tom Burke (tbf28)

I want to be your Hotel School Representative to the Student Assembly. The Hotel School is an exceptional place with the best Cornell has to offer. As your representative I will:

- Provide valuable input on the University wide strategic planning initiative and other issues that may affect the Hotel School students.
- Implement mobile phone applications that will benefit students
- Actively solicit the views of one of the most diverse student bodies on campus

Employing all of these qualities, we can ensure that this truly special School is adequately represented in the Student Assembly.

STUDENT ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT (VOTE FOR 1)



Chauncey Jenkins (cwj27)

As a junior in the School of Hotel Administration, I have made it my goal to be committed to serving people. I challenged myself as a freshman "hotie" to take on heavy leadership roles to expose myself to the difficulties of running an organization on campus. During freshman year, I ran for the Vice President position of the National Society of Minorities in Hospitality and, much to my surprise, I won. Taking on such a huge role at such an early age was a gift and a curse. Though I was ecstatic to be vice president of an organization I was passionate about, I had to learn manage my time to handle school and other activities as well. That year I also joined The LINK: Black and Latino Men's Alliance as a freshman representative. Being a member of both organizations was more enthralling than any action movie. The activities we sponsored help me feel like I was putting leadership in practice — something that has been embedded in my mind as a result of the Hotel School. Being a member of NSMH and The LINK has honed my opinion about what it means to be a leader. I am now Vice President of The LINK, and the Lead Keyboardist/Director of Marketing for After Six Jazz Ensemble. My freshman year taught me to only be committed to organizations that I am passionate about; to search for depth and not a long list of activities.



Raymond Mensah (ram429)

<http://www.VoteRayMensah.com>
My name is Ray Mensah and I am running to be your next Student Assembly Executive Vice President. During my time at Cornell I've been honored to have been given the opportunity to help improve student life. Whether working to co-sponsor Resolution 15, which gave students a say in choosing our residence hall directors or, more recently, standing in solidarity with the theater, film, and dance majors, I've always believed in fighting for students' rights. As I run to become Executive Vice President and continue my work of helping students on the S.A., I would be honored to have your vote. If elected, I pledge to do my best to:

- Amend the S.A charter to create an independent, student-run judicial body to interpret the charter and hear appeals of the appropriations committee. Allowing the S.A. to continue interpreting its charter and hearing appropriations appeals creates an unacceptable conflict of interest and probability of bias.
- Improve student life by working to extend weekend library hours.
- Work towards eliminating charges for internet usage.
- Fight to ensure Cornell remains a welcome place for ALL!- Support the Greek Community.

Visit <http://www.VoteRayMensah.com> For Details!

STUDENT ASSEMBLY MINORITY LIAISON AT LARGE (VOTE FOR 2)



Roneal Desai (rpd56)

As a member who served last year on the Student Assembly as the Freshman Representative, I will bring a year's worth of experience to the Minority Liaison position that will allow me to truly take full advantage of the opportunities it provides. After realizing the limitations and capabilities of the SA, I pledge to approach this next year with a list of realistic goals that although subtle, will be able to make life better for all students of the Cornell campus.

Some of my ideas include:

- Reforming SAFC Special Projects Funding so groups who miss the deadline can still receive something
- Making all SA members take the SAFC Financial Review Test before being allowed to vote on the budget
- Creating a housing contract so that students with roommates cannot have guests over for extended periods of time without the consent of their roommates
- Advertising the fact that Athletic Facilities can be tried out for free the first week of school so that students take advantage of this trial period
- If possible, shortening the hours of some libraries on Friday and Saturday to have Uris be open 24/7. At the end of the day, remember that I provide experience you can count on, and representation you can believe in. Vote Roneal Desai!



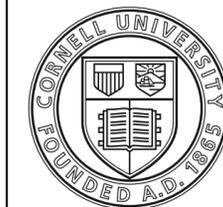
Ishani Dhaon (id64)

My name is Ishani Dhaon and I want to represent YOU during this semester's Student Assembly. As a freshman, I came with great enthusiasm to make use of the opportunities presented at Cornell University. But with such vibrant energy and creativity present all around us, I know we can make the Cornell experience even better. As an American citizen who lived in India for 10 years, I feel that my international experiences and distinct mindset can bring a new perspective to this Student Assembly. As an active member of the Cornell community with interests across various disciplines, I understand your needs and want to actually DO something to fulfill them. While talking to students I have made a list of goals for this semester. They include: Taking on the "Big Red Bucks Battle" by introducing Big Red Bucks to more eating joints around campus, such as the Temple of Zeus in Goldwin Smith, and making BRBs an OPTIONAL addition to the dining plan. Coordinating with eating joints in Collegietown to allow upperclassmen situated there to be able to use their Cornell meal plan. Representing the views of students with diverse backgrounds and working with OMEA as well as the various outreach programs to increase educational and cultural opportunities on campus. Improving lighting throughout campus, especially near pathways to dormitories as well as the arts quad (so we don't trip and sprain our ankles on black ice while walking back from the library at lam).



Michael Finn (mdf72)

As some of you may know and many more of you soon will, I am Michael Finn and I would like to be YOUR Minority at Large. I currently serve as Chair of the Minority Concert Fund Advisory Board through ALANA, as well as a commissioner in the Minority Finance Commission through OMEA. I have a long and thorough track list of my unwavering support for the various multicultural groups on campus, and look to continue that tradition by serving as your representative on the Student Assembly. I have decided to run for Minority at Large due to the many issues plaguing our diverse communities here at Cornell; whether it is the issue of inadequate resources for the Asian and Asian American Center, subpar facilities for the Office of Minority Educational Affairs, or the unjust firing of Ken Glover at UJ. I wish to give our communities an adequate voice on the Student Assembly, and vow to do so to the best of my abilities.



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Kevin Kim (kk537)

I bring to the Student Assembly a fresh look on its policies. As a freshman, I do not have much experience leading a college club, but in high school I was the president of numerous clubs. I have learned to be organized and patient with any task that I have been given. I feel that for any organization, organization and patience is the key to success. I have decided to run for the Student Assembly mainly to be a part of the change that Cornell is undergoing and to be able to push Cornell in the path that is best fit.



Oren Jaspan (onj2)

My name is Oren Jaspan, and I am running for S.A. Minority Liaison At-Large. After one semester of calling Cornell University home, I have come to love most of what it has to offer. One way in which the University may improve, however, is through the elimination of the barriers dividing Cornellians. My goal is for the Cornell community in its entirety to become dedicated to bridging the gap between all groups of students. I believe that in our own ways we are all minorities — intellectual minorities, minorities in ethnicity, race, or sexual orientation. We share, however, the common bond of being Cornellians. As cliché as that sounds, its significance cannot be overlooked, especially when the task at hand is creating a sense of unity and trust between all groups, and between the student body and its representatives. In representing all Cornellians that identify as minorities, I will aim to preserve all culture-themed programs on campus, including program houses, the Center for Jewish Living, and the various organizations that comprise the African, Latino, Asian, Native American Programming Board (ALANA). As a representative I will bring together the voices of all who make up the Cornell community, and we will move forward as one.

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDERED, AND QUESTIONING LIAISON AT LARGE (VOTE FOR 1)



Matt Danzer (mbd62)

My name is Matt Danzer and I am running for reelection as LGBTQ Representative. I made two promises when I first ran: wider discussion of LGBTQ rights on campus and increased transparency at Cornell. It was also extremely important that I form closer bonds with Haven: The LGBTQ Student Union, to ensure that I was reflecting the evolving needs of the community. I have done my best to meet each one of these priorities. I passed a resolution with Direct Action to Stop Heterosexism to commemorate Transgender Day of Remembrance to honor those killed due to anti-transgender hatred, as well as to educate the greater student body at Cornell about issues affecting transgender individuals. I have been in close consultation with Cornell's administration on the best ways to fulfill the needs of the LGBTQ community as other student services are cut due to the economic downturn. I am working with community leaders to ensure that LGBTQ causes are front and center in administrators' minds when they make their restructuring decisions. I also attend Haven meetings on a regular basis and join general body meetings for many of the LGBTQ groups on campus. I promise to broaden these initiatives and continue to work hard for Cornell's LGBTQ community.



Sam Wright (saw242)

I was disappointed when I tried to find LGBTQ resources on campus my freshman year and discovered that there was no active organization of that nature. Trying to implement innovative and progressive ideas is my style of handling situations. My immediate goal as the LGBTQ Liaison of the undergraduate student assembly will be to develop a platform to address all concerns of the LGBTQ community and provide an environment centralized around efficient productivity. Being secure with my sexual identity since I was fourteen, I learned how to address confrontation without exacerbating the situation. I used my experience as Vice President of my high school GSA for two years to develop a heightened sense of authenticity and understanding of the LGBTQ community. As a member of the Women's Varsity Soccer team which functions like a political system in the sense that the coaches, captain and players form a small social hierarchy that is a microcosm of the greater society, I've developed the skills to work cooperatively with others. The combination of my diversified experience, leadership, ability to handle challenging situations, and make developmental decisions makes me confident that given an opportunity, I am qualified for this position.

ART, ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING (VOTE FOR 1)



Ulysses Smith (ujs3)

As the current AA&P Rep, I have devoted my time to making this campus, and particularly my college a better environment to live, work, and play. I have worked with the Dean's Student Council, OURS, and MOAPP to gather more information about the issues of the college. I have also been a steadfast supporter of Minority issues, Program Houses, and matters of residential life. My most recent achievement is the passing of Resolution 43 which defines the roles of College Representatives and strives to bridge the communication gaps between the SA and their respective constituencies. This semester, I plan to work to inform the college about the future AAD School and other issues, and get reviews and feedback from the college to determine how we should move forward and address these issues. I will continue to strive for SA transparency and support all initiatives that will be beneficial to our college and supported by the majority.



Daniel Kuhr (dk453)

For those of you unaware, I am a freshman HBHS major pursuing a PAM minor as well. The biggest piece of relevant experience I bring to SA is that I recently helped draft my school district's Nutrition Policy as a standing member of the district's Health and Wellness Committee. More important than my experience is what I hope to accomplish as your SA representative. I have decided to run in hope of accomplishing the following:

1. Require all dining halls to post NUTRITION LABELS for food being served. We need to know what and how much we're putting in our bodies if we want to be healthy.
2. Increase the maximum income at which students do not have to pay as part of their financial aid from \$75,000/year to \$80,000/year alleviating burden for students whose family income is currently just above \$75,000.
3. Ensuring that various arts and co-curricular activities do NOT get cut. As a member of the Glee Club and the Hangovers, I fully recognize the importance of preserving these programs in spite of tough economic times.
4. Keep students informed as to what is going on in the SA. This would include email updates when resolutions that affect you are proposed so you can tell me how I can best represent YOU!

More candidates on reverse side. For more information, see: <http://assembly.cornell.edu/Elections/2010SpringSA>