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One of the best parts of my job is hearing about the incredible experiences students have while studying at Cornell. And every time I hear one of those stories, I'm reminded that **none of it happens without people like you**.

As we turn the page to the 2025–2026 academic year, we're sharing the real stories, real students, and real change that happens because of you. Whether you've given before, plan to give again, or are someone who cares deeply about the Hilltop community, I hope you'll see yourself in every story we tell.

Thank you for being a part of what makes Cornell so special.

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John Gilliland '89

I came to Cornell not knowing anyone, homesick, and overwhelmed. By graduation **I had found my people**, found success in athletics, made Dean's list, and became president of my fraternity.

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I had the space to stumble, grow, and ultimately **FIND** *my footing.*

One of my most powerful memories is standing in Red Square during a Russian history off-campus trip, just before the Berlin Wall fell. We weren't just learning history, **we were living it**!

That kind of impact on a student's life is only possible when people like you support Cornell and understand the power of **GIVING BACK.**

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I'm starting my college journey in a place that truly **SEES** *and supports me.*

I chose Cornell for the block plan. And I was moved by **how much this campus cares about student well-being**. I see that in the little things, like therapy dogs during finals, and in larger programs like Each One, Teach One that help students acclimate to Cornell.

I'm excited to dive into classes, meet people, and gain **hands-on, field-specific experiences**. I'm also looking forward to soccer and volleyball, and trying new things to see what I end up loving.

I can already see myself **GROWING AND LEARNING,** *and I'm so thankful to be here because of your support.*



Ariana Brown '29

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