

## Thank You



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## Dear the Class of 1961:

My name is Rebecca, and I am currently a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences. I am from Tenafly, NJ and am majoring in American Studies. I am writing to you to thank you for granting me a Class of 1961 Scholarship to support my financial aid package from Cornell. I am tremendously grateful to be able to attend Cornell and all of the academic and social opportunities that it has given me. I absolutely love my major and have taken so many interesting classes, such as "History of Rock Music" and "Dance in America: Cultures, Identities, and Fabrication." Currently, I am enrolled in a class called "Crime and Punishment" where we are learning about the criminal justice system in the United States. These classes have challenged me intellectually as well as given me the opportunity to study American culture and society along with my other passions such as music and dance.

Furthermore, at Cornell, I have tried to take advantage of opportunities outside of the classroom. I am involved in the larger campus community by being an active sister in my sorority, Alpha Chi Omega, holding an officer position in Cornell Hillel, dancing with the Aces, a hip-hop dance team, and serving on the Class of 2025 Class Councils. These commitments keep me very busy and are a lot of fun. But most importantly, I have met so many people and have developed lasting friendships because of joining these groups.

Finally, this scholarship is particularly meaningful to me as my grandma, Suzanne Wiener, is a Class of 1961 alumna. In fact, she, and I both lived in Dickson Hall our freshman year, although over 60 apart! My grandmother loved her time at Cornell and is still in touch with so many people from her class that it makes this scholarship particularly special.

Thank you again for your generosity, Rebecca Parish