Multicultural Recruitment
Undergraduate Admissions Office

New CU team member is “Someone like you”

My name is Richard Onyejuruwa and I am a proud new member of the Multicultural Recruitment Team, here in the Undergraduate Admissions Office. As a former A Better Chance scholar, allow me to begin by expressing my gratitude for the work that you do. This is what has allowed for this son of a single mother and Nigerian immigrant from Bronx, NY to write to you today as a representative of one of the finest institutions in the world.

In my new role, I have the opportunity to serve you and your students as an additional source of support and information on the college experience, specifically at Cornell. I arrive in this new role with professional experiences from Cornell’s College of Architecture, Art, and Planning and the Office of Human Resources at my alma mater, Ithaca College. As a beneficiary of the Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program, I know first-hand the value of a college experience, more importantly, the value of an opportunity.

Just this past fall, our team welcomed students, chaperones, and counselors from at least 16 different community-based organizations and multicultural high schools like yours to our campus. Despite having only recently completed my first semester with the team, the impact from the collaborative efforts between counselors, like you and our office to provide students the opportunity to get a first-hand experience of what the college life could be like, is clear.

The title above, “Someone like you,” is more than just a title to one of my favorite Adele songs.

It is my personal creed that drives my passion for serving you and your students in this new role. I am thrilled to have the opportunity not only to introduce myself to your students as a representative of this institution, but moreover, as “someone like you.”

There is a lot happening on campus and we are already planning spring group visits. If your organization is interested in a day or overnight experience here at Cornell, please do not hesitate to reach out! Our staff and students welcome the opportunity to show our beautiful campus and provide insight on Cornell, admissions, and life in college.

Again, thank you for the great work you do. I look forward to working with you throughout the school year. Until then, have a happy and successful new year!

Cornell Career Services: My Roadmap to Success

My name is Kayo Shonibare and I am currently a senior at Cornell, originally from Atlanta, GA, majoring in Industrial & Labor Relations. As I prepare to begin the second semester of my senior year, I can rest easy with the knowledge that I have solidified a post-graduation role in a top consulting firm. And this achievement can largely be attributed to the resources and support of Cornell Career Services.

As a student, one often focuses on studying for exams, completing papers, organizational commitments, social activities, and of course, sleep. With these numerous on-campus responsibilities, it is easy to lose sight of the final goal – succeeding in our undergraduate career to establish a strong foundation for post-graduate endeavors. Cornell Career Services encourages students to look beyond. The mission of the office is to empower students to identify their strengths, interests, and values; discover and explore possibilities; gain experience; and develop strategies for pursuing diverse career paths and making mindful career decisions.

Throughout my time at Cornell, I have taken advantage of the many resources available through Career Services, and can attest to its benefits.

Career Services provides a wide range of career-development activities, including resume reviews, mock-interviews, career fairs, internship postings and on-campus recruiting services. Additionally, the office maintains relationships with corporate and alumni sponsors in a wide array of career fields. Students are able to connect with these alumni sponsors throughout their recruiting processes, which helps to establish early professional networks. Each undergraduate college and school at Cornell also offers services that are more tailored to the academic and career goals of students within that program. These individual offices work to complement the more comprehensive, campus-wide offerings of Cornell Career Services.

Overall, Career Services has given me a roadmap for post-graduation success. I am extremely grateful for their all-inclusive career support, and confident that the office will continue to promote the career growth of countless Cornellians to come.
New humanities hub—Klarman Hall Fall 2016

For just over a century, Goldwin Smith Hall has stood as the intersection of the arts, the sciences, the humanities and technology at Cornell University. Since 1904, this building has served as the home for the College of Arts and Sciences - where students whose academic interest is molded by a collection of ideas. From its conception the College has remained true to the promise made by University founder, Ezra Cornell, who proclaimed, “I would found an institution where any person can find instruction in any study.”

Fast forward to October 21, 2011, the Buildings and Properties Committee of the Cornell Board of Trustees unanimously approved the design phase of the new humanities building in the Arts Quad.

At the groundbreaking ceremony in May 2013, Seth Klarman, ‘79 expressed the beliefs shared by he and his wife, Beth, in “the importance of making connections-when talented people come together and are exposed to ideas, untold good can result.”

This 33,250 square feet new addition to our campus will intersect with Goldwin Smith Hall on the first and second floors. With a $61 million donation, Klarman Hall will have a strong presence on East Avenue. Along with its cutting edge environmental technology, the building’s LEED certification will confirm the building to be environmentally friendly. Some exciting features include green roof systems, radiant floors, and light wells for daylight.

Today, it is exciting to see we are approaching the final stages of the building’s completion. Where it once looked like a demolition site, now stands the modern home to what Peter Lepage, Harold Tanner Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, says will “symbolically and physically welcome the rest of the campus to participate in the humanities and arts at Cornell.”

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My blog series “Top Ten” mixes admissions advice and fun topics such as my tremendous student ambassadors. Here’s December’s “Top Ten” Reasons Cornell Students Amaze Me Everyday:

1. Students are incredibly talented! Our intern, Jonathan Sanchez, spent the entire semester preparing for a dance concert with his group, Sabor Latino. I showed my support by attending this amazing concert.
2. Taking your education off-campus can be fun and happen anytime of the year! Our intern, Ryan Rodriguez, is spending his winter break in Patagonia taking a global plant biodiversity course!
3. Seniors take advantage of career resources and work hard for their future! Our intern, Kayo Shonibare, was offered a position at Deloitte in NYC in November! She still has a semester before she starts her new job!
4. A global experience is important to our students! Ambassadors Claire Santiago and Keandra Howard will spend the spring semester in England!
5. Working with faculty is just an everyday thing for students! Our intern, Lydia Anglin, started working with a faculty member on research last semester and is continuing to work closely on this special project!
6. Giving back to their community is important to them! Ambassadors Jonathan Lindsay-Rivera, Andres Montes, and Chris Talavera dressed up to host a game of Cornell Jeopardy for visiting high school seniors!
7. They really want to help you! Every day our student interns and various ambassador groups such as the Cornell Ambassadors and CU IMAGE, work to help students through the process by answering emails, hosting prospective students, giving campus tours, and even making videos for you!
8. They make time for fun! They manage their studies, job, and activities in stride and still make time to just hang out with each other!
9. They love the Big Red! Ambassador Jazz Munitz took a picture of how he uses his Cornell gear to decorate his room!
10. They are going to grow up to be awesome Cornell alumni!

*Our blog series includes special articles from students and staff. Share the site your students to learn more about Cornell.
it's at these fairs that your students can learn about colleges and build a rapport with admissions counselors.

Classes continue in spite of winter weather.

Waterfalls across campus freeze and make for beautiful pictures.
CBO Spotlight: Cornell Student
Felix Blanco—Class of 2019—New Jersey Scholars Program (NJSP)

I come from the city of New Brunswick, New Jersey. Since most people in New Brunswick are of Hispanic background, most of us talk the same, listen to similar music, and eat the same type of food. The cultural homogeny of the city created a bubble that I dragged with me everywhere until I attended New Jersey Scholars Program.

After the summer of my junior year in high school, I attended the New Jersey Scholars Program (NJSP) at the Lawrenceville School; 38 juniors including myself, came together from different places throughout New Jersey. This program allowed me to take four classes on the different perspectives of climate change. For example, I looked at climate change through historic, religious, scientific, sociological, and literal perspectives. At the end of the program, I received the opportunity to write my own research paper on the topic of climate change.

At first, I thought this program was simply about climate change, but it ended up being a place where I learned about the true definition of diversity and the essence of learning. Students came from different ethnic backgrounds, socioeconomic classes, and spoke different languages. Furthermore, the exposure to different people also taught me that diversity comes from the collection of different ideas rather than the separation of each other’s skin color. It became a pleasure to go to class every day to discuss worldviews and how it applied to today. Ultimately, conversations became a joyous activity and I grew very fond of learning. As a result, I learned that learning for the sake of learning makes one grow intellectually and socially.

Coming back to New Brunswick, I felt that everything that I learned in New Jersey Scholars Program burst my hometown bubble that I was in for so long. This led me to see everything through a diverse perspective rather than my habituated vision of the world. As I began to look for colleges, I realized that I wanted to attend a school where diversity was celebrated and where I could excel with my new mentality of learning. Given that the New Jersey Scholars Program was held at Princeton University, my goal was to get into an Ivy League institution. At the end of my college process, Cornell University, being the most diverse in the Ivy League, accepted me to become part of the Class of 2019.

Finally, if it wasn’t for the New Jersey Scholars Program, I would have not seen my true potential of getting into schools like Cornell. Overall, this program taught me the essential skills that helped me to grow as a student, an individual, and as an active member of my community.

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