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# Editor's Letter

Dear Chinese Bible Study,

Praise the Lord for bringing us through another semester here at Cornell! Although not all times may have been as pleasant to experience as others, we are truly thankful for the love and grace that God has shown to each one of us and to our fellowship as a whole.

This semester has truly been about living our life as mission, but what does that actually mean? Are we supposed to stand in the center of the quad every day handing out KGP booklets? Are we supposed to be praying on our knees for 24 hours a day even for those of us with bad ACLs?

Throughout our study of the book of Nehemiah this semester, we have seen Nehemiah achieve some remarkable accomplishments. Not only did he rebuild the wall of Jerusalem in 52 days, he repopulated the city and changed the entire culture of the Jewish community by teaching and enforcing the law of Moses. Not bad for a humble cupbearer to the king.

What was most impressive in my mind about the life of Nehemiah, however, was his incredible devotion to God and his burden for the people of Jerusalem. His actions of prayer and fasting not only demonstrated his love and faith in God, but also exhibited a heart of compassion through suffering and self-sacrifice. And this heart is the crux of the matter, the root of living our lives as mission.

Studying the book of Philippians this semester has been particularly pertinent for me, as many of the themes in Nehemiah are re-established and recur throughout Paul's letter. By far joy is the prevailing mood throughout the letter: *"What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice."* (Philippians 1:18). But how can we have joy during the tough times? While happiness in life is fleeting and dependent on our current state of affairs, joy is a constant attitude that we ought to embrace as it comes from within us, from Him who lives in us. As it says in 1 Thessalonians 16-18: *"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

It is not thus how much we give, but why we give. As it says in 1 Samuel 16:7, "The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." As we learned, salvation is not the sum of faith and works, but genuine faith that results in salvation and good works. Whether that results in much immediate fruit is not the question, but rather the heart behind your thoughts and actions. Are you broken for those trapped in sin? Are you burdened for those around you who may never have heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Do you sincerely love your brothers and sisters?

Wherever God has placed us, it is our responsibility to discern how we will respond to His calling. Some of us may even be called to serve right in our own backyard here in Ithaca. Instead of thinking "I am just here to study", see yourself as building God's kingdom; instead of saying "I am just a student", say "I am a soldier for Christ, faithfully serving Him to the very end." So whether God calls you to Albany, Arizona, Argentina, or even Africa, He has a wonderful and specific life of mission planned for each one of us. May God bless you in the months and years to come as you embark upon the perfect life of mission He has determined for you.

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)*

In Christ,  
Jeffrey Yu

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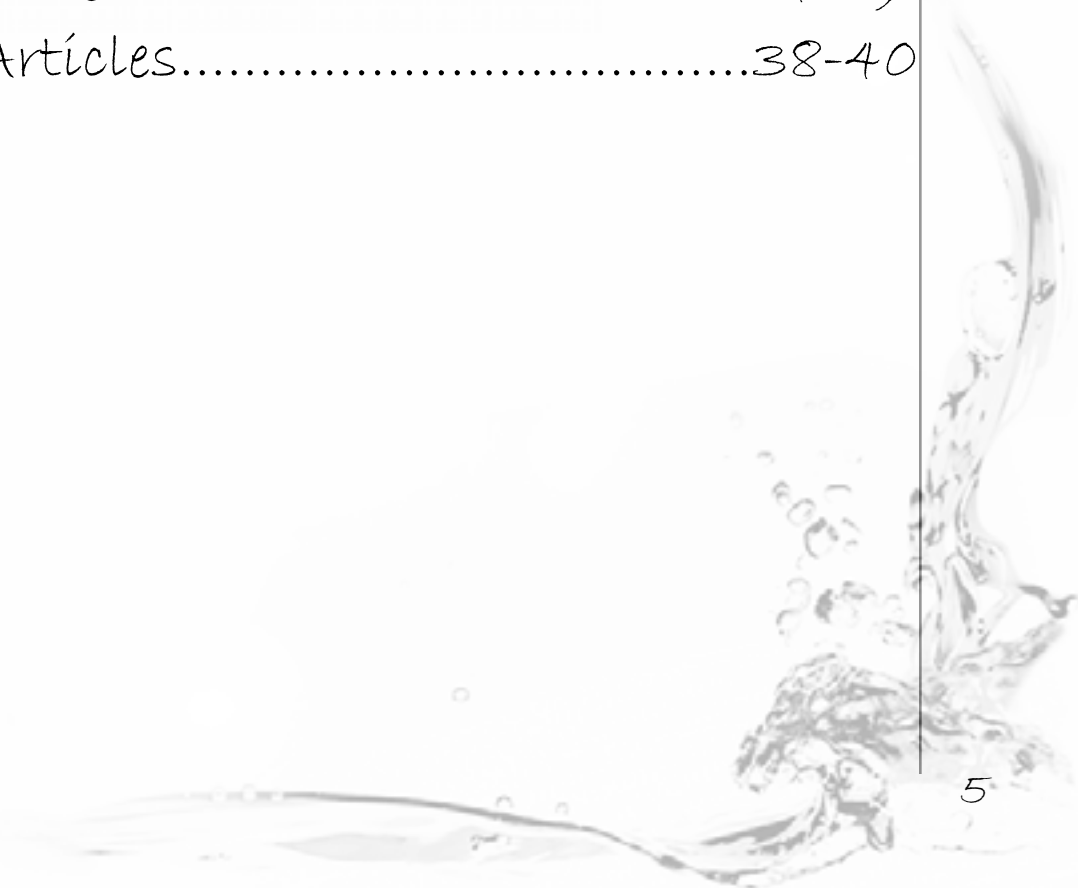
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# Coordinator Letter 1

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” 2Corinthians3:17

Freedom. We like that word, don't we? America sure does. But what does it mean? What does God's Word mean in terms of freedom? It's not self-entitlement. It's not: work your hardest and you'll get the best out of life. It's about Christ. Our freedom, our identity, lies in the salvation we receive from His atoning sacrifice -- when He who knew no sin took on our sin, so that in Him we might appear righteous before God (2Cor5:21).

And yet, I am so trapped by my fears. By my doubts, by my worries. But look at what is trapping me -- “my” fears, and “my” problems. We need to keep reading His word, we need to keep seeking: God already gives the answer in the next verse. Freedom is not about me, myself, and I. We are made to reflect the Lord's glory, being transformed into his likeness (2Cor3:18). It's been a long semester being Coordinator, yet this is the first Fall semester that has gone by quickly since freshman year. And in all my shortcomings, in all the struggles, God is still so good, so faithful, and I say without hesitation that it has been an absolute blessing to serve God through this beautiful family called CBS.

*You are the fire through the night  
You are the flame that burns inside  
We need your presence more than anything*

This semester I was rebuked for self-righteousness. I couldn't believe it. How can I be self-righteous when I think of myself as so unworthy? But that was exactly the problem.

*More than just a song to sing  
More than words or offerings  
We need your presence more than anything*

It's not about me. We are made new in Christ -- we are His ambassadors (2Cor5:17-20). It's about Christ. All about Christ.

*Call us closer to your heart  
Lead us Lord to where you are  
We need your presence more than anything*

So I am sorry if I have ever been self-righteous to you. I am going to fail again, but the lesson I am learning this semester is that God redeems all things. I am unworthy, and yet therein is the good news of the gospel! We do not deserve purification, we cannot earn sanctification, there is no justification -- only God in all His mercy and wonder and glory.

Beloved brothers and sisters, caught up on this Cornell campus, and often engulfed in an Asian culture filled with harsh expectations: do not lose heart, and do not get trapped by feeling unworthy. Seek freedom: freedom from sin, freedom in Christ. Because it's about Him and Him alone.

You're all that we want; You're all that we need. (“Where the Spirit of the Lord Is”)

Your servant and your sister; to God be all the glory.

Samantha Fung '13

# Coordinator Letter 2

It's a daunting task...writing this Coordinator BoL letter. God has not particularly placed anything on my heart to share at this moment but I think that God will be able to use this letter to encourage whoever may read it - perhaps some future coordinator also writing their BoL at the last minute.

This year is about life as mission. The vision is simple: life as mission. It is to see our lives here at Cornell as not simply a passing four years of academics but also an opportunity to both grow in our relationship with God and to pour out as ambassadors of the Gospel. I sometimes paraphrase Jesus' final words to us in Acts 1:8 as, "But you will be my witness, to your close family and friends, to your classmates and acquaintances, even to people you don't like or agree with, and to Cornell and the ends of the earth." This idea illustrates the series of concentric spheres of influence that we have here at Cornell as compared with Jerusalem, Judea and Samara.

The soil is fertile here at Cornell and the fields are ripe for harvest (John 4:35). I firmly believe that God has brought each person who has come through the doors of CBS for a reason and it is my prayer that our fellowship would be able to be that fellowship to both one another as family - but also to enjoy the favor of all the people, that the Lord may add to the Church's number daily (Acts 2:42-47).

A theme throughout the year has been to ask one another, "What is your mission for this semester?" I will be the first to confess that I have not thought too much about what this means for my own life. It's been a struggle this past semester in every aspect of my life - definitely one of the most difficult and challenging in all my time here at Cornell. Indeed I would be a terrible leader and failure if not for Christ and Christ alone. I must constantly remind myself that I was not saved by my works, so I must not think that I can make myself any more worthy by works as well. Every morning is another chance for God's faithfulness to be ever present and displayed in our lives. I must remind myself every morning of the good news of the Gospel - that God loves me not because of what I've done, academics, spiritual fruit, or otherwise - but because I also am His beloved (Luke 3:21-22).

I believe this is important at the end of a long semester for anyone who may be reading this: God loves you and continues to pursue you. He has not accepted you because of who you are or what you've done but because God loves you so much He sent His Son to die for you. My friends, never forget the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It will shape and transform every part of you.

The coming weeks and months are sure to be a difficult road, so let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

*Remember, sinner, it is not thy hold of Christ that saves thee-it is Christ; it is not thy joy in Christ that saves thee-it is Christ; it is not even faith in Christ, though that is the instrument-it is Christ's blood and merits; therefore, look not to thy hope, but to Christ, the source of thy hope; look not to thy faith, but to Christ, the author and finisher of thy faith; and if thou doest that, ten thousand devils cannot throw thee down...There is one thing which we all of us too much becloud in our preaching, though I believe we do it very unintentionally-namely, the great truth that it is not prayer, it is not faith, it is not our doings, it is not our feelings upon which we must rest, but upon Christ, and on Christ alone.*

*-Charles Spurgeon*

Tim Hu '13

# Discipleship Ministry

Dear Chinese Bible Study,

The purpose of discipleship ministry is to equip and encourage CBS-ers to become true disciples of Jesus. The vision that we had for this school year was to see CBS-ers encouraging one another to carry their cross. Our vision comes from Matthew 16:24, which reads:

*Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."*

We wanted to see brothers and sisters speak the truth in love and encourage one another to deny themselves. The basis for this comes from Ephesians 4:15-16:

*Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

We especially wanted to see this develop through prayer partner (PP) relationships. However, as the semester has progressed, we felt our focus as ministry leaders shift to pouring into new and returning older prayer partners. In our recent older PP meeting, we discussed the different ways we've met up with our younger PPs and the importance of having a Christ-centered relationship. The discussion focused on solidifying our faith such as discussing the question "Why do you believe what you believe?" and intentionally seeing our lives in light of the Gospel. Overall, it was useful to hear about the various types of PP meet-ups and encouraging to hear the important lessons that we've learned from our meet ups. Personally, God has also been teaching us to evaluate our own PP relationships and how we can be better at leading our younger PPs to follow after Jesus. Serving as discipleship ministry leaders, we have also been humbled in seeing our younger brothers and sisters share the earnest desire to learn to become disciples of Christ and our fellow upperclassmen selflessly pour themselves out into others.

Next semester, we hope to continue to support the upperclassmen whether in facilitating more opportunities to share and pray for one another, or working through our various challenges together. In addition, we hope to really see our vision to fruition, whether through further older prayer partner meetings or sharing our heart with the fellowship directly. It is our hope that we become a body of believers who encourage one another respond to any trial by "carrying our Cross" through reflection on the Gospel.

Kimberly Hui '13 and Jesse Liu '13



# Evangelism Ministry

Dear CBS,

It has been quite an interesting and challenging semester as your evangelism coordinators. Coming in, we were quite confused as to where God wanted us to focus. We heard everything from relationship evangelism to cold contact, from going out and leaving our comfort zones to focusing on where God had placed us. After bouncing back and forth for a while, we solidified the parts of our vision into a simple phrase: "Pouring Out."

The terms "evangelism" and "outreach" can be laden with baggage. We're afraid of being that person--the one that embarrasses everyone by being too pushy, or by trying to force every conversation into a conversation about Jesus. Sometimes we forgot that evangelism, at its core, is simply an outpouring of love. The more time we spent in prayer, the more we realized God wasn't telling us to do stuff. He was telling us to love. It's not about conversion or about numbers or even necessarily about revival, but of the state of our hearts. From the outpour of love that God has shown to us, we are called to pour our hearts out into others as well.

We all have our own burdens to carry. Between school and ministry and our friends and our families, sometimes it feels like you don't have enough to get through the day--let alone emotionally pour into other people! When God gave us a vision for the semester, He spoke out of a verse in 1 Kings.

*"For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah."*

*1 Kings 17:16*

God sent the prophet Elijah into the desert east of the Jordan, to a widow who had nothing but a little bit of flour and oil--just enough to make one more meal. Elijah told her to use up the last of the oil and water, promising that God would provide. The widow did as he said. The next day, she found a little bit more oil in the jug, and a little bit more flour in the jar, enough for one last meal--and then again the next day, and the day after next. Every morning, when the last of the flour and the oil had been used up, they woke up to find that God had provided just enough for the day. No more, no less.

It's easy to talk about the tangible things in a ministry -- the numbers of people who come to meetings and events, or the number of conversations we've had with seekers. Sometimes ministry is dramatic like that. But sometimes the great work of a ministry is done in the quiet scraping out of the flour and oil jars every night. Our desire is that we all feel the burden to pour out, to give your heart in love and sacrifice to the people around you. For as much as our ministry is an offering, it is also a command. We were convicted by a verse in 2 Timothy, where Paul exhorts a young man he disciples:

*"In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction... But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry."*

*2 Timothy 4:1-2,5*

In His love,

Aaron Hui '15 and Deborah Liu '13

# InReach Ministry

*It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for Him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved His own who were in the world, He now showed them the full extent of His love. John 13:1*

I've always loved the phrase "the full extent of His love." It makes me imagine Jesus looking at His disciples with a little frustration and a little sadness because of how badly He wanted them to understand. I imagine that Jesus knew that the miracles and parables were not enough to show His disciples how much He loved them. I think Jesus knew it would take the cross for the disciples to understand just how different His love was.

I love how God is relentless. Even when we do not understand His love after countless presentations of the Gospel, He still pursues us. He still chases after us. I think that God wants us to know how much He loves us so much that He will show us His love again and again until we get it. I think that is why Paul prays the following:

*And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge. Ephesians 3:17-18*

Is there really anything more important? Throughout the Bible, from Adam to Jesus, hasn't that been God's resounding message to us – that he loves us beyond what we can imagine?

*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. 1 John 3:16*

Our vision for Inreach this year was that we would know what love is, which would then spur us on to lay down our lives for each other. I pray that our love for one another would always be prompted first by an understanding of God's love. There is so much joy in knowing that our Creator loves us. But if we lose sight of why we love one another, service will become burdensome and heartless.

*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:34-35*

I would encourage you to think back on the things God has shown you in your life. How has God loved you in a way that no love on this earth even compares? Pray to God for the power to understand His love. I think that it is His joy to show you how much He loves you.

John Widjaja '14 and Agatha Siu '14

# Praise Ministry

Hi CBS!

It's truly a blessing and encouragement to be serving on Praise for CBS this year. We really want to thank everyone for their support and encouragement, given that the three of us are all new to leading praise this year.

The vision God gave us for the fellowship for Praise this year is "Living Worship". We wanted to express the idea that worship is comprehensive, unceasing, and unconditional, because God is all of this and more.

Praise should be comprehensive because God is comprehensive. God is not just a cosmic jukebox that dishes out answered prayers, nor is He just a therapist whom you can choose to make appointments with. God is the Almighty King, Lord of Lords, Wonderful Counselor, the Alpha and Omega, the Great I Am, and more. God is omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient. We all need to be reminded of God's qualities and praise Him for all of them. To do this, our vision of and our praise for God need to expand.

Secondly, praise should be unceasing because God is eternal and steadfast in all of His qualities. Read the Psalms and you will see how many of the verses begin and end with God's (insert quality here) "endures forever". God wants us to recognize this truth every day, thus we need to praise Him unceasingly in order to remind both others and ourselves how God is always good—He stays the same through the ages.

Finally, praise should be unconditional because God's love is unconditional. God has already shown us His unconditional love through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. As if that were not enough, He continues to show us His unconditional love each day, and continues to do so, no matter what we do. Through this love, He is eternally faithful to us, working to fulfill His promises, though we might not see it happening because of our own limited understanding. Therefore, we can praise God and should praise God through both good times and bad, knowing that God is faithful when we are not.

We hope that through our ministry this year we can encourage the fellowship to grow in love for God: to have a true heart of worship towards Him, growing in depth and understanding of the God who is so worthy of praise.

Blessings,

Jeff Huang '14, Jerry Zhuo '13, and Sandra Quah '12

# Prayer Ministry

What is prayer, and why is it important? Why do we pray, especially when God is omniscient and knows the past as well as the future?

Reflecting upon questions like these and preparing answers to them, as well as others related to prayer, has allowed me to place even more importance on prayer. Knowing why I pray puts more meaning on the act that I once ignored and often took for granted.

Prayer is how we communicate with God, our Heavenly Father. In Luke 11, Jesus teaches His disciples how to pray – giving a general layout. Prayer is quintessential because it is how we know the will of God in heaven for us to do on Earth. Even though God is all-knowing and all-powerful, He still delights in us when we not only obey His commands but take joy in following them. He does allow us to harden our hearts and turn away from Him in acts of rebellion so that we may grow desperate for Him. Nevertheless, God listens to our prayers and where two or three gather in His name, He is there with them (Matt. 18:20). While Jesus commands us to pray in our rooms with the door closed, to our Father who is unseen (Matt. 6:6), corporate prayer is very powerful in uniting brothers and sisters in one body and spirit (Acts 2:42).

As prayer coordinators, we are met with this misconception that prayer is entirely up to us – that this two-member team is responsible for praying on behalf of the fellowship. To be honest, I took pride in knowing that I was placed in this position and misconstrued my role as well. But for all the reasons that I have stated and more, prayer is necessary for all of God's children, not just for these designated "leaders" who are simply facilitators. Simply put, prayer plays an integral part in our spiritual walk with God.

The goal that Wendy and I have for Prayer Ministry is for CBS to be a praying fellowship. The vision verse that I selected comes from Philippians 4:4-7:

*"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

Wendy's vision verse comes from John 16:24:

*"Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."*

God has been working through us to witness these passages come into fruition throughout this semester. Frankly, I found it difficult (and I still do) to pray at times, and at other times I lacked the desire. But God has been using the people around me – family and friends - to encourage and challenge me to pray in every situation. I remember an instance when I was telling a sister about how stressed out I was feeling about a particular situation. Afterwards, she told me there was nothing either she or I could do, but to pray and to leave it to God. It did not hit me to tell God that I needed help until she told me that prayer should be my strategy. I was complaining that I felt like there was no one to help me. But that was false. I let God be my last resort, when He should have been my first choice.

It is truly a blessing for us to be able to serve the fellowship in this unique way, and we praise God for the good work that He has been doing through us, in us, and around us. We are excited to see what the spring semester brings.



Boyi Li



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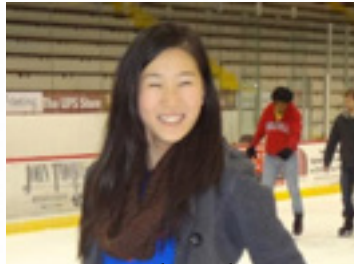
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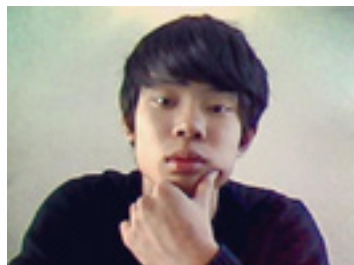
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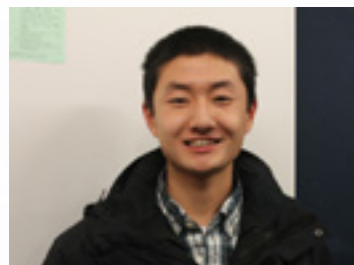
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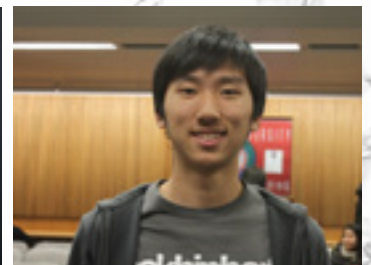
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# Boyi Li

The entrance to  
my new home



Major: Biology (Neurobiology)  
Hometown: Cape Canaveral, FL (moved to NE)

Interviewer:  
Ann Lin

## Word Associations

Ithaca: cold  
Senior Class: friendly  
College: crazy  
Junior Class: also friendly  
Buffer: pH  
Sophomore Class: friendly  
Turkey: thanksgiving  
Freshman Class: super cute  
and awesome  
Power: dangerous

*As I trotted to Big Red Barn to meet Boyi for lunch, I found that she was already there waiting for me. We ordered our food and sat down. This was our first meeting! Previously, I had only talked to Boyi briefly when she came over to Eddygate for bible study. I was excited to get this interview underway so I could get to know Boyi better and learn how I could pray for her during her time at Cornell.*

## What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

Cornell: I thought Cornell was beautiful. The campus was so BIG that I thought I was going to get lost and not make it to classes in 15 minutes. But the people have been great here.

CBS: Everybody was so friendly. The upperclassmen are more spiritually mature than other college-age kids. People are God-focused, which was very eye-opening, especially the first time during sharing. I really like CBS.

## What is your earliest memory?

Watching a shuttle launch in Florida outside my house on the beach when I was 3-4 years old. I remember playing in the water with my parents afterwards.

## What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?

There are a lot of Asians. Florida doesn't have that many. It was the most number of Asians I've ever seen in one place.

## If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?

Jeremy Lin. He's really awesome. I really admire him. He's my role model because he's always been faithful and never backed down from his faith. Even now when he's successful, he's not ashamed of his faith – he didn't lose sight of what's important in life. He is talented and hardworking. Even when people didn't believe in him when he was in the D League, he still gave his all. He has an inspiring story. [Interviewer: So what would you say to him?] You are so amazing. I just want to tell him: keep on doing what you doing, and don't change the way you are. I would also ask if he has any life advice.

## How would you describe a perfect day for you?

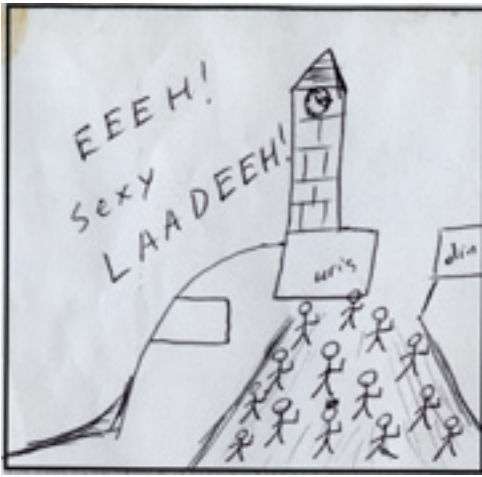
Waking up not feeling tired, eating a home-cooked meal with family, hanging out with friends, relaxing and talking and joking

around, going to the beach again and taking a walk there. I miss the beach back home. I would also want to spend quality time with God. You know how sometimes there's something on your mind that distracts you from focusing on God [Interviewer: Yes, I totally understand.] So I want to spend uninterrupted and untainted time with Him. Also good food, nice weather – sunny in the 80s.

## What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?

I hope to be a lot more spiritually mature, to grow closer to God, and to know what my purpose in life is. At this point I know that I want to help people. I want be ready for medical school. Right now I'm interested in Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, etc.. I might want to become a neurosurgeon. If it doesn't work out, I want to be satisfied with where God wants me to go. I also want to be close friends with the people I'm friends with now.

*At the end of the interview I handed Boyi a piece of paper to draw her first impression of Cornell. From the collection of colorful pens I offered, she chose a pencil instead and began sketching meticulously while I pretended not to look. Five minutes later, Boyi scrutinized her incomplete drawing and erased the whole thing, "The windows are too big! They are not proportional." She is such a perfectionist! Anyway when she was finished with the drawing, I recognized my first home at Cornell immediately! I'm thankful that I got to know Boyi as well as her family better after this interview.*



# Brandon Eng

Major: Undecided- Engineering  
Hometown: Potomac, MD

B: (5:57 PM) At the bottom of appel  
J: (5:57 PM) K almost there  
J: (6:01 PM) I'm at appel now  
J: (6:04 PM) Wait are you at rpcc?  
B: (6:04 PM) Yeah i'm at rpcc lol  
B: (6:05 PM) Do you want appel?  
B: (6:05 PM) Sorry i said appel earlier...  
J: (6:05 PM) Oh haha I'm walking over now  
B: (6:06 PM) Sorry yeah i'm in the tv room

## What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

There are a lot of enthusiastic people here. Everyone at CBS was really friendly and I felt welcomed immediately.

## What is your earliest memory?

I remember hanging upside-down on the monkey bars and then I fell and hit my head.

## What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?

All the forceful quarter-carding surprised me.

## If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?

I would want to meet president Obama. He seems pretty cool.

## How would you describe a perfect day for you?

A perfect day would be a day where I could do everything I want: dance practice, golf, volleyball, hanging out with friends, and going to CBS.

## What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?

I hope to have a job as well as many friends and memories.

*Brandon is a very amicable guy and has many interests and passions. He engages in many student groups on campus, and seeks to grow more in his faith during his time here at Cornell. Let's hope he'll be able to tell the difference between RPCC and Appel by the time he graduates!*

Interviewer:  
Jevon Yu

## Word Associations

Ithaca: gorges  
Senior Class: looking for jobs  
College: freedom  
Junior Class: party kids  
Buffer: YouTube  
Sophomore Class: Break Free  
Turkey: sandwich  
Freshman Class: ignorant  
Power: corruption

# Camille Wang



Major: Human Biology, Health, and Society  
Hometown: San Marino, CA

Interviewer:  
Marissa Lee

## Word Associations

Ithaca: Cold  
Senior Class: Old  
College: Fun  
Junior Class: Jonathan Lin  
Buffer: pH  
Sophomore Class: Cool  
Turkey: Thanksgiving  
Freshman Class: Noobs  
Power: Monarchy

*It feels like not too long ago that I was on the other side of this interview. I remember how I awkwardly tried to answer these questions during my interview with Sandra. But when I first found out that I was assigned to interview Camille, I was super excited! Not only would I be talking to a fellow HBHS major, but her bubbly personality guaranteed, in my mind, a fun and interesting exchange.*

## What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

I was really surprised at first because the first day I came

to Cornell I only saw the party atmosphere during Cornell Days. But on the next day, I was able to see a different side of Cornell. I hung out with Jonathan Lin and got to see what classes were like and what people did for fun besides partying. I thought the campus was really beautiful! And it is so big! In terms of CBS, I wasn't sure what to expect. I thought everyone was really welcoming. They made me feel included and part of the group. I really love how it is so community based.

## What is your earliest memory?

My earliest memory is when I asked my mom if I was a boy or girl because I had a really short haircut. I was really confused because all of the girls in my class had long hair and all the boys had short hair. So naturally, since my hair was short I wasn't sure if I was a boy or girl (haha).

## What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?

The weather! I think it's really hot (haha). I thought it was going to be much colder. I also wasn't expecting to study so much for my classes.

## If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?

I would want to meet Randy Pausch, the guy who gave the last lecture at Carnegie Mellon. His book is an inspiration to me; I read it when I am down. It helps me realize my priorities.

## How would you describe a perfect day for you?

The weather would be refreshingly cold. In addition I would get all of my prelims back and I would ace them all!

## What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?

I want to become a better leader. I would like to figure out whether or not I want to be a doctor and if so, what I want to specialize in. I also want to make a lot of friends. People at Cornell are worth knowing! I hope to become really involved in a group. Lastly I want to find out what I'm passionate about, extracurricular-wise and class-wise.

*It was truly a joy to interview Camille! We shared many laughs throughout our time together. I can't wait to get to know her more over the next few years!*





Seeing buses passing by the stoplights, I thought to myself, "I'm screwed. I'm going to a school that's big enough for buses..."

Cassie  
Jia

Major: Biology (Arts & Sciences)  
Hometown: Omaha, NE (born in motherland)

*It was one of the first, really cold Ithacan nights. Cassie arrived at Willard Straight Hall in her long, puffy brown coat. She was a little hesitant at first when I asked her to eat at Okenshield's with me, but after we got our food, she couldn't stop saying, "This is so great! Okenshield's is never this good! I'm so excited for dinner! This is awesome!" I knew it was going to be a good meal.*

**What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?**

Cornell is way too big. I just saw a lot of buses and streetlights and thought, "There must be a lot of traffic here!" The first time I went to CBS, I was late; but I just felt really peaceful during worship, and it was really nice.

**What is your earliest memory?**

When I was about 6 or 7 and I was still living in China, I fell while I was walking and there was a lot of blood coming from my knee. I cried a lot.

**What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?**

The cafeteria and dining halls. The food is really good and there is so much variety—the Asian food, mongo grill, and the bubble tea at Appel! [She knew I was writing down what she was saying and told me to write this down also: "THE DAIRY IS REALLY GOOD! I tried Target milk and it was so bad compared to the dining hall milk. Cornell milk >

Target milk."]

**If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?**

Well, I heard of this ghost story that happened in the Ivy Room here. There was a man who committed suicide after hearing voices in the Ivy Room. There are flickering lights a lot of the time, and sometimes the food goes bad. Construction workers were working there one day, and one guy heard voices too. Then he committed suicide too. So scary...but anyways, I just want to go back in time and meet this guy, tell him good things, say Bible verses to him, and hope that he would reconsider.

**How would you describe a perfect day for you?**

There has to be no homework. I must have 8-10 hours of sleep. I just want to hang out and be around people. It'd be cool to go around the trails by Beebe Lake and go jogging or exercise.

**What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?**

I want to learn a lot, academically and socially. I want to be around different people, not just Christians or people I'm used to. I want to learn about life from people and I just want to be real with them.

Interviewer:  
Wendy Wei

**Word Associations**

Ithaca: trees  
Senior Class: old  
College: hard  
Junior Class: young  
Buffer: as in acid? Acid neutralization!  
Sophomore Class: my age  
Turkey: Thanksgiving, gobble gobble  
Freshman Class: my age  
Power: money (because it's the election and it makes me think of Romney)

*I hadn't really gotten a chance to talk to Cassie since her arrival this past August, but I'm really glad I had this opportunity to learn a little more about her. She's really cute, a bit quirky, and has a smile that really warms up the room. I learned that Nebraska has more than cornfields and cows, and we shared in our love for different kinds of food, like bubble tea and Asian yums. I hope there will be many more opportunities to hang out and get to know Cassie more in the next three and a half years!*

# Christina

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Lots of school spirit. Also, lots of students; Cornell's so big - so much walking.



Major: Hotel Administration  
Hometown: Hong Kong

Interviewer:  
Jingpeng (JP) He  
**Word Associations**

Ithaca: college  
Senior Class: [laughs uncontrollably. Oh you mean seniors in CBS?] quiet  
College: new  
Junior Class: fun/nice  
Buffer: [confused look] cushion  
Sophomore Class: cute!  
Turkey: delicious  
Freshman Class: cool/close  
Power: walking

*I was chomping down on a carrot in Mac's Café when Christina caught me by surprise. She had braved the freezing November night air of Ithaca to meet me on her turf. Since we hadn't yet gotten the chance to have a long conversation, I was excited to get to know this sister better.*

**What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?**

Cornell is huge! I have a lot of schoolwork, more than expected. Hopefully my classes will become more interesting after intro level. Everyone is very friendly and nice in CBS. I really like it! It's rare to find such a large group of nice people.

**What is your earliest memory?**

I'm not sure. Maybe walking to preschool with my mom. I sang "The Itsy Bitsy Spider" and "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" every day. We always walked by a drain on the way to preschool, and my mom told me it was a waterfall. So I was excited to see the waterfall. [Interviewer: You're in the right school for waterfalls!] Another memory I have is getting lost in the mall. My dad left my stroller, and a nice couple helped me find my parents. I remember they gave me tissues... I'm not sure which memory is earlier.

**What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?**

The number of people here. It's such a big school. I miss knowing everyone, like in high school.

**If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?**

Jesus or Moses. That'd be amazing... I might just ask to stand next to Jesus for eternity. [cue: "I Could Only Imagine"] If I were to meet a celebrity, it'd be cool to meet John Mayer. I'd make him sing to me all day. Jeremy Lin would be an interesting person to talk to.

**How would you describe a perfect day for you?**

Perfect day in Cornell would be waking up early to a warm and sunny day, with enough time to make a waffle in a dining hall. My mood is really affected by the weather. I love having lots of good food,

and also being able to see my friends. It's hard to say what a perfect day would be until you experience it. I had a perfect weekend with my brother and other CBSers in NYC, because many incredible things happened in one day. A guy started playing rap music and break-dancing on the subway. He only danced when the train was moving. I felt like I was in a movie. We ate la mian—I really missed noodles. Then we went to Top of the Rock and watched fireworks. It was completely unexpected. We finished the night with banana pudding—the last tub in the shop!

**What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?**

I want to enjoy my courses and figure out my career, to find a career that I enjoy. I also want to find supportive friends. As for the smaller, specific things, I want to visit the clock tower, slide down the slope on a dining hall tray, see the brain collection, attend a hockey game (when Cornell plays against a good school so I can show my school spirit), go to Chipotle and Five Guys, and learn how to snowboard, ski, and drive. [Interviewer: That's quite a list!]

*Christina is thoughtful, adorable, and easy to talk to. We discovered that we both like to eat good food but prefer not to cook. It's difficult to say which one of us is more likely to get our wish. Consider calling Christina the next time you want to climb McGraw or pay a visit to the brain collection. She is sure to fill your time with laughter and interesting stories.*



# Christine Loui



Major: Human Development  
Hometown: Staten Island, New York City

*Although I had eaten lunch with Christine a couple of times, I was nevertheless excited to sit down to interview and discuss the quirkiest questions with her. After discussing the origin of her unique last name ("Liu" misspelled in Hong Kong – she's Canto :D ), we dived into the interrogation:*

**What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?**

Very big, a lot of hills. A lot of diversity. CBS was very welcoming, like a tight knit family.

**What is your earliest memory?**

When I was in a crib. Climbing up and facing the window which was in my "room" and seeing a picture of myself.

**What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?**

The fact that it's such a big school, but doesn't feel like it because you're connected with a community of people that you run into every so often on campus.

**If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?**

I would meet my grandpa (on my mom's side) because I never got to meet him because he passed away. It would be nice to meet him and get to know him and know what he did and his personality. My mom would show pictures of him when I wasn't old enough yet to

understand that he had passed away. He was a writer – journalist at one point. She would tell me how he would make dumplings from scratch. So there are little stories here and there but not enough to know.

**How would you describe a perfect day for you?**

Being with friends and family. Going out and having fun. It doesn't have to be anything special. We're just somewhere and together and having good conversation. It'd be nice if the day was sunny and not cold, rainy or snowy. I don't really have a perfect day. I just need to be with the right people. I like to go to the beach and the park with my friends and take lots of pictures. I don't know why, but we take pictures of everything.

**What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?**

Figure out what I want to do with my life. Decide whether I should be a doctor or not, or something health related. Make life-long friends and feel like I can live on my own. Get through chemistry.

*I thoroughly enjoyed discussing life, family, and interests with Christine! I was especially grateful to her as well for bearing with my awkwardness and easily-distracted nature stopping to talk to every CBS-er in the Physical Sciences Building. Definitely make an effort to get to know this easy-going, cool girl :)*

Interviewer:  
Kimberly Hui

## Word Associations

Ithaca: Cornell

Senior Class: Fun and warm like an older brother or sister I never had/parent but not really. [Those that] watch over you.

College: Work

Junior Class: I actually don't know that many from the junior class. Funny? (after I named anonymous junior boys from a north dinner experience)

Buffer: chemistry?

Sophomore Class: Close-knit

Turkey: Thanksgiving

Freshman Class: The start of a "four year long" fellowship

Power: Prayer (:D)

# David Cui

Cornell is as it has made  
my calves...HUGE.



Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Hometown: Blue Bell, PA

Interviewer:  
Himmy Lo

## Word Associations

Ithaca: Code Red (the name of Ithaca High School's FIRST robotics team)  
Senior Class: Deborah Liu ("she's really, really cool")  
College: "...nothing comes to mind!"  
Junior Class: Michael Cao (the first junior David talked to, and they share similar interests)  
Buffer: YouTube (like when you're streaming videos)  
Sophomore Class: Charles Zhang (they run into each other a lot and go to the same Bible study)  
Turkey: Okenshields (which, according to David, serves Thanksgiving food every other day)  
Freshman Class: Jonathan Tong (just the first one that comes to mind)  
Power: "...Rangers"

*David kindly gave up about an hour for this interview during a particularly busy week for him. He is born to parents from China, and his mother, who became a Christian in Ohio, used to drive David, his older brother, and their maternal grandparents to church every Sunday morning. By the way, did you know David used to be on his high school's wrestling team?*

## What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

David's first impression of Cornell

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was that it is "big, pretty, and boring". He first came here for an engineering summer program after developing an interest in robotics during the second semester of his sophomore year in high school, and he really liked it (by the way, he lived in North Balch for six weeks but didn't find the building confusing). So, he applied early decision to Cornell, and now he is one of us. Because his older brother is involved in InterVarsity at the University of Pittsburgh, David arrived at Cornell intending to participate in a fellowship group as well. He received a CBS flier from an upperclassman girl (maybe Marissa) and later met Tim Hu as well. On his way to the first large group, he ran into John Widjaja, Wendy Zhang, and the freshmen who were walking together with them from North Campus. Upon his arrival in Phillips 101, he noticed that all the upperclassmen there turned their attention to the group of freshmen ("Freshmen!").

As David expected, CBS is student-run. However, he was used to much more musical praise, and he was not sure whether Tim Hu would be speaking at large group every Friday night. Also, it took David a while to get used to the awkward silences in between sharing, but he likes to get to see a different side of people he had interacted with before—how they are growing and what they are struggling with. At first, David stuck closer to upperclassmen. It was a game of "Truth or Dare" during Fall Break that started to bring the freshmen closer to one another, and from then on they have been enjoying long conversations (the earliest end time was 3:30 a.m.) every Friday night after ACE.

## What is your earliest memory?

David's earliest memory was getting his diaper changed when he was an infant in day care.

## What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?

Cornell is big. David has to face this fact whenever he has to go to Upson Hall for class.

## If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?

David would like to meet professional video game player Brian Wyllie whose screen name is TSM TheOddOne. Mr. Wyllie is also known as "The Jungler" because he uses jungle champions in League of Legends.

## How would you describe a perfect day for you?

David's perfect day would be when he would not have to worry or be anxious about anything. He would be done with everything he needs to do and could do whatever he wants, such as hanging out with friends and playing LoL or Oblivion (more of the first activity as David has become more social since college).

## What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?

David would like to get an offer for any full time ECE-related job (but hopefully not from Dell or HP because he doesn't like them) "or get a girlfriend...!"

*When asked about his expectations for CBS, David said that he wants to see the fellowship grow in terms of spiritual depth, number of (especially non-Chinese) participants, closeness to each other, and strength of the praise team. David, I hope you will glorify God with your musical passion and talents as you serve Him in love, in humility, and in unity with your fellow brothers and sisters!*



The natural setting of Cornell

# Dorothy Zhang

Major: Chemical Engineering  
Hometown: Portland, OR

*After calling to inform me that she would be late for our scheduled interview, Dorothy actually ran from North Campus to West Campus for me! We had the interview over a dinner in the Flora Rose House and discussed topics from servant leadership to Korean dramas...*

## What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

My first impression of Cornell was that the scenery was very similar to Oregon, because I went on a pre-orientation trip. My first impression of CBS was that everyone was very inviting, such as those who were manning the welcome table. I remember having a good conversation with Samm about a mutual friend from Portland.

## What is your earliest memory?

My earliest memory is of me chasing a ball or a cat and hitting my forehead into a dumpster when the ball or cat went underneath the dumpster. I had to get stitches at a hospital in Ithaca. (Dorothy was born in Ithaca and moved to Portland when she was two.)

## What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?

One thing that surprised me was how big and active the Greek life is at Cornell. Balch was also cleaner inside than I expected. The exterior didn't give me an impression of being clean. Another thing that really surprised me was how

friendly the seniors are. The seniors in CBS and ChemE were all so willing to talk to me about their experiences with classes and life in general.

## If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?

I would want to meet Woodrow Wilson. I think he said something to the extent of "To be a leader, you have to be a servant first." The idea of servant leadership resonates with what I think leadership should be.

## How would you describe a perfect day for you?

A perfect day would be sunny with blue skies when I wake up. Then I would run without getting side cramps or having my heels act up. (Dorothy used to be on the cross-country team in high school and injured her heels then.) I would have breakfast, and then go out with friends until lunch. We could go shopping, go to Starbucks, or just walk around the neighborhood. At the end of the day, I would eat a wonderful dinner cooked by my mom and end the night with a movie before going to sleep.

## What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?

Hopefully, get a degree [chuckle]. I really want to learn a lot, take as many liberal arts classes as I can with the little time that I have leftover from ChemE

Interviewer:  
Shirley Qian

## Word Associations

Ithaca: Portland  
Senior Class: Deborah  
College: Cornell  
Junior Class: nonexistent (I haven't had too much contact with anyone in the Junior class!)  
Buffer: chemistry  
Sophomore Class: Rachel V.  
Turkey: Thanksgiving  
Freshman Class: myself (Ah! I feel so bad for saying that!)  
Power: electricity

requirements. I also really want to help out the younger ChemE students when I become an upperclassman, like how the current upperclassmen have helped me.

*Dorothy is an earnest girl with a wide range of interests! I really enjoyed eating dinner and getting to know her more. I'm sure this is only one of many future conversations we will have. I can't wait to see how God will grow her during her years at Cornell :)*



# Esther Jiang

Too many things to do,  
too little time...



Major: Biology

Hometown: Elmhurst, Queens, NY

Interviewer:  
Lauren Tang

## Word Associations

Ithaca: The commons are hippie, which is strange but pretty cool. The weather kind of sucks.

Senior Class: Enthusiastic

College: One big sleepover

Junior Class: Friendly

Buffer: What do they mean by buffers? I think of pH buffers.

Sophomore Class: Eclectic

Turkey: White meat or dark meat?

Freshman Class: Talkative, especially late at night

Power: Comes with great responsibility

*Through our conversation over chicken paninis in the Physical Sciences Building, I had the opportunity to interview this fun and caring sister. I had a great time sitting down for lunch with Esther, getting to know her beyond a brief "Hi! How are you?", and learning a little about her childhood and interests.*

## What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

The largeness of Cornell was very overwhelming. I would see lots of people without recognizing their faces, which was different since my high school was relatively small. It's almost like city life even though we are in the middle of nowhere.

CBS? Everyone was very friendly and welcoming! It felt comfortable because of the Asian American atmosphere.... Chinese American to be exact.

## What is your earliest memory?

A lot of my earliest experiences weren't too pleasant. I remember getting chased around the house because I didn't want to go to pre-school (my mom was pretty scary). I also remember throwing up on the bus to Disney World... Thankfully, eating hashbrowns didn't evoke carsickness. So to this day, hashbrowns hold a special place in my heart.

## What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?

I have been surprised by how active the Christian community is. There are so many fellowships and everywhere you go you can meet someone that's in a fellowship. Its exciting!

## If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?

Michelle Obama, because she is so cool. She seems like a good role model for women in general.

## How would you describe a perfect day for you?

Driving to an unknown city with a friend, exploring, come back at night. It would preferably be a place with something more than a shopping mall so I guess it would have to be a place with historical significance.

## What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?

By the time I graduate, I hope to have direction with what I want to do with my life, form close relationships with both people who are Christian and who aren't Christian. I think I want to try gorge jumping and create my own list of 161 things to do, since the official list is a bit too risque for me.

*I am thankful that I had the opportunity to interview Esther and get to know her better. I am excited to get to know her better over the next few years and see how God will grow and challenge during her time at Cornell.*



The slope

# Felícia Setiowono

Major: Biology  
Hometown: Jakarta, Indonesia

*Felicia was the proactive one in setting up this interview. I emailed her, and then promptly forgot to reply with a time when she let me know her availability. Whoops. Anyways, in addition to being a very responsible person, Felicia is a lot of fun and a great person to talk to. We met up in the warm and cozy Big Red Barn on a chilly Monday afternoon.*

## **What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?**

Cornell- the campus is big, and really cold! (I visited in April.)  
CBS – Soooo many Asians in one place.

## **What is your earliest memory?**

I think I was in pre-kindergarten...or some point in early education. I was coloring. Coloring is awesome.

## **What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?**

Cornell is so full of legit people! I expected people to be lazy and stuff, but everyone here is super smart. With 3 majors and 500 minors. [Only a small exaggeration.]

## **If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?**

I never met my Grandpa from my Dad's side – he left the family before my Dad really grew up, so I never knew him. Although apparently I met him when I was really young, but I don't remember it at all. Anyways, I would have liked to have known him.

## **How would you describe a perfect day for you?**

The weather would be not too hot, but not too cold. I would have nothing to do, except hang out with people. And eat lots of Asian food. Like dim sum and ramen. [Agh I'm hungry now.]

## **What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?**

That's like asking me what I want to do with my life! I guess get into the workforce, if I wanted to. Know what I want to do. Be ready to work.

*After the final thought-provoking question of this interview, our conversation turned into what both Felicia and I think would be really cool to do—farm! It was an excellent discussion. Everyone should consider being a farmer. We lingered over some*

Interviewer:  
Deborah Liu

## **Word Associations**

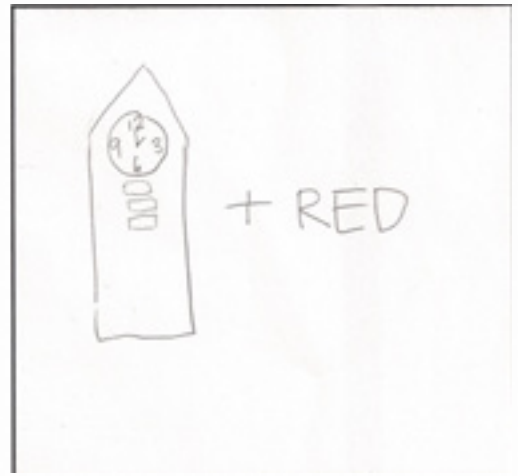
Ithaca: Cold  
Senior Class: Chill  
College: Stressful  
Junior Class: They look like sophomores!  
Buffer: pH buffer  
Sophomore Class: They look like juniors...  
Turkey: foood.  
Freshman Class: Random.  
And diverse.  
Power: Um...strength?

*popcorn after the interview to avoid walking out into the cold again, and moved through a series of equally interesting topics. I'm really glad that I got a chance to get to know Felicia better, and I'm excited to see where God brings her in the years to come!*



# Hayden Chung

The first thing I saw on campus was the clock tower. This is the good thing. The first bad thing I discovered about Cornell was the fact that its school color was red, which is my least favorite color. Cornell pride!



Major: HBHS, Pre-med  
Hometown: Gaithersburg, MD

Interviewer:  
Sandra Quah

## Word Associations

Ithaca: Freezing  
Senior Class: small  
College: hard  
Junior Class: happy  
Buffer: chemistry  
Sophomore Class: salt (their shirts from the picnic)  
Turkey: tryptophan  
Freshman Class: big  
Power: photographic memory

*After a short string of emails to set up a time, Hayden and I successfully met at Olin Café to sit down and conduct our interview. It was an unprecedented record of ease in setting this up, in my four years of conducting interviews, and Hayden continued to set new time records as she proceeded to answer the questions below.*

## What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

Cornell: very big, lots of hills. The people were really friendly, and I was impressed at the resources they had for students.

CBS: the first thing I went to was the picnic. Before, I went to Bethany but back home, all my friends were Chinese, so it felt comfortable. I liked how people in CBS were all close knit, but not in cliques.

## What is your earliest memory?

I lived in the countryside in Korea when I was little, and I remember being excited to feed the chickens!

## What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?

The workload—I used to be able to not study or do stuff late right before it was due, but now I find that I'm

average and I have to manage my time well.

## If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?

Max Lucado—he's a Christian author who wrote a book for kids. I'd like to ask him some questions about it. [What book is this?] "You Are Special"? I'm not sure... but I know what it's about!

## How would you describe a perfect day for you?

Watching Disney marathon and eat pho, because they're my two favorite things.

## What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?

I'd like to find out God's will for me career path wise. And make lasting friendships, because those are the ones you retain after college.

*I had a fun time talking to Hayden and learning about her interesting interests. We also got to laugh over her attempt at drawing the clock tower and awkward attempt to make amends for the fact that she hates Cornell's school color. Go meet her if you haven't yet! :)*



There is a clock tower,  
there are many hills; the  
weather is nice in the  
picture even though that is  
not true most of the time.

# Honora

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Major: Human Biology, Health, and Society  
Hometown: Palo Alto, CA (born in Hong Kong)

*“Hiii. I m here.” I read Honora’s text message and look up to see her waiting near the stairs leading up to Appel’s dining hall. I call out to her, and she immediately smiles with her eyes and mouth and waves excitedly to me. I can’t help but grin and wave back.*

**What was your first impression of Cornell?**

A castle because of all the gothic buildings. Sort of like Harry Potter.

**Of CBS?**

Fun? It’s a place where I could fit in.

**What is your earliest memory?**

It was a rainy day – the first day of elementary school. My dad was walking me to school, but I had trouble walking. I think there was a flood – probably a Typhoon. Hong Kong has a lot of those.

**What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?**

I expected it to be really really stressful. But it’s more chillaxed than I thought it would be. I’ve definitely had fun and made friends. It’s not that intense!

**If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?**

Girls’ Generation. I liked them since high school. I like them all, but I guess I would say that I like Tiffany the most.

**How would you describe a perfect day for you?**

Me with my family on a vacation at Disneyland. I’ve been to the Disneyland in Hong Kong a lot. I’ve probably been to the one in California 5 or 6 times. I’ve been to Disney World in Florida once. I feel really happy when I’m there ‘cause everything’s cheery!

**What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?**

I want to mature as a person – academically (become more knowledgeable) and spiritually (learn more about God and Jesus) – and make a lot of friends.

*As our interview draws to a close, I feel rejuvenated from chatting with such a bubbly spirit. I look forward to the coming semesters that I will be able to watch these young ones grow.*

Interviewer:  
Heeyoung Yoo

**Word Associations**

Ithaca: Cold  
Senior Class: Old

College: Fun  
Junior Class: Old

Buffer: blood

Sophomore Class: younger

Turkey: yum yum

Freshman Class: me!

Power: walks

# Jessica Chu

It's like really big and kind of intimidating but also really beautiful; the people make it a happy place.



Major: Fine Art  
Hometown: Livingston, NJ

Interviewer:  
Samantha Fung

## Word Associations

Ithaca: Horse  
Senior Class: \*eyes shift around\* Smart  
College: "Ew. Not actually but yeah"  
Junior Class: Outgoing  
Buffer: Buffalo  
Sophomore Class: Fun  
Turkey: Chicken  
Freshman Class: Derp  
Power: Light bulb

*Of the precious times I've been able to spend with Jess, she always has scribbles on her hand! ("They're reminders!" Ok, fair.) The day we met for her BoL interview, not only were there scribbles on one hand, the other was all bandaged up from working with wood (maybe I'm making that up -- but it was bandaged from something). Fine Art is serious business. The solemn, slightly stern server at Four Seasons raised his eyebrows, gesturing to Jess if she did boxing or was maybe part of the mafia. It's probably both.*

## What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

It was huge. And I think it's really beautiful and very diverse -- like all the people.  
For CBS, I really like the praise set and "it's an awkward kind of friendly but very sincere!"  
And I like the name tags!

## What is your earliest memory?

Walking with my mom to the grocery store... in San Diego... maybe... that's what my mom told me.

## What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?

Even though it's really diverse, and diverse in every way, in the end the people are still really nice and something about the people that makes them really similar... not sure what it is but something like that.

## If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?

This is going to take awhile... I don't even know people! I want to say an artist but I don't know any artists either! It's really bad. Wait what was the question again? Why is this so hard? I'd want to meet my great-grandpa... I have before... but my Chinese is so bad and his dialect accent is so strong...

I'd want to have an actual conversation with him and get to know him.

## How would you describe a perfect day for you?

I wouldn't have classes. And I'd like to sit somewhere nice and sunny outside and sketch for awhile. I'd get bubble tea. And hang out with friends.

## What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?

I definitely want to grow in my faith and I kind of want to lead a Bible study. Plus make a piece of art that I'm really proud of.

*Jessica-Jess-Jessminder Chu. You are so delightful! Not only because you're adorable (although so many brownie points in that area), but because of your desire to seek after Christ. May He continue to be your life force, what you live for, what you strive for, what you paint, draw, design for. I know you are going to create beautiful art on this campus: in Fine Art, in CBS, in the lives of those who are blessed by your spirited and joyful demeanor. And in all that you do, remember that your creations bring glory to the Creator of the Universe -- you are a beautiful work of His hand (Isaiah 64:8)!*





Picking up my student ID at Barton.

# Jonathan Kwee

Major: Hotel Administration  
Hometown: Singapore

*I apprehensively stepped into the enormous office, fixated upon the desk in the center of the room and the back of the swivel chair behind it. As I walked in, the chair slowly swiveled around revealing an immaculately dressed man stroking a cat. His eyes bore into mine and he regarded me coolly, betraying no emotion. "Mr-mr. K-k-k-wee?" I stammered. "I'm here for the interview." He looked me over again and asked in a resonating voice: "so what skills do you bring to my hotel?" "A-actually, I'm supposed to be interviewing you," I blurted out, seriously questioning my ability to complete that very task. Mr. Kwee simply said: "Proceed".*

## **What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?**

As an international student, I felt that the culture was different from what I was accustomed to. Talking and writing styles are slightly different in America and it takes a while to get used to. The campus is well run and provides a lot of support and clubs and also offers high quality education. I came to CBS with my friends. I really liked the welcome picnic.

## **What is your earliest memory?**

I went to school wearing two pairs of pants for no reason. You should try it. It's fun.

## **What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?**

I had been out of school for 3 years and coming here, I never expected to learn this much, to meet the people I've met, or that I'd go to fellowship.

## **If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?**

Ayn Rand, because she's a very good writer and I like her philosophy and am a fan of her books.

## **How would you describe a perfect day for you?**

It would involve spending time with my siblings, eating steak, and engaging in really intellectually stimulating conversation as well as having quiet time to reflect and think.

## **What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?**

I want to never have wasted any opportunities and make the most of the time here.

*I laid down my pen, letting Jonathan Kwee's answers sink into the paper as well as into my mind. He is truly a fascinating figure and just now, I was awarded a brief look into his life. As he slowly swiveled around out of sight,*

Interviewer:  
Harry He

## **Word Associations**

Ithaca: cold  
Senior Class: chill  
College: learning  
Junior Class: handsome  
Buffer: solution  
Sophomore Class: strange  
Turkey: dinner  
Freshman Class: awesome  
Power: map

*still stroking his cat, an additional, completely incidental question sprang unbidden into my mind. "Where did you live when you were at Cornell?" I asked. He paused and casually said, "When I was there over the summer, I lived in Jameson Hall. 4th floor, suite on the left, second single on the right." And that was the day I found out that my freshman year dorm room was inhabited by Jonathan Kwee a year previously.*

# Jonathan Tong

The only places I knew how to get to were the engineering quad and back home. Also, the walks were really long.



Major: Chemical Engineering  
Hometown: Bethesda, MD

Interviewer:

Yipu Wang

## Word Associations

Ithaca: Cold

Senior Class: Awesome

College: Hard

Junior Class: Unknown (to me) :(

Buffer: Computers and streaming video

Sophomore Class: Pretty cool

Turkey: Thanksgiving (obviously...)

Freshman Class: Cute

Power: Money

*It was a typical November day in Ithaca. That is, it was sunny with a high chance of rain, and I was diverting myself from my homework by watching the grass grow. As I was trying to focus on the 869th blade of grass, I suddenly saw a dragonfruit fly through my field of vision. Eager to investigate, I followed the offending fruit's path, which suspiciously resembled a lemniscate, until I found the perpetrator. As I watched, he neatly caught the dragonfruit, which by this time had morphed into a hedgehog, and proceeded to put it into its cage. Of course, by this point, I was as curious about this man as I was confused about his actions. And so, as it started to snow...*

**What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?**

Cornell was a very big place with more Asians than I was used to

seeing. Now all of my friends are Asian. This isn't necessarily a bad thing, and the people are cool here, but I do miss the diversity that I saw when I was in high school. The lack of diversity also wasn't entirely unexpected because both my brother and my sister warned me about it beforehand.

CBS has some really cool people who can help me get closer to God. This was a draw for me because I didn't really focus on my relationship with God when I was in high school. Everyone in CBS is really fun and awesome, especially the upperclassmen.

**What is your earliest memory?**

The day before I turned four, I told my mom, "Oh mommy, my birthday is tomorrow." I was really excited about the next day. In fact, I was so excited that since then I have completely forgotten what happened on my actual birthday.

**What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?**

My brother and sister both said that seven meal swipes a week would be enough for me, but that wasn't true. I now use eight every week (Dickson residents get a free dinner every week). (*What is your favorite dining hall?*) I like Appel because it's where the free dinner is. I also like the fried rice at the Asian stand there and the contemporary feel - it looks much better than RPCC or Okenshields.

**If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?**

Well, besides Jesus, I really don't know. I've never actually thought about this. I guess I would like to meet Jackie Chan. I like his movies, and he seems like a nice guy. Also,

he's famous.

**How would you describe a perfect day for you?**

My perfect day would be stress-free and one where I could hang out with my friends. The weather would be sunny, warm, slightly windy, and completely unlike anything I have seen here in Ithaca. My friends and I would go out to eat, talk, and play laser tag and mahjong. (*How did you learn to play Mahjong?*) My relatives on my dad's side were visiting sometime in ninth grade. They lived in Shanghai and Australia, and I hadn't seen them since I was two years old. My cousins and I were bored and decided to play a game while the adults talked. We ended up staying up every night until 4 AM playing Mahjong.

**What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?**

I would like to become a better and more confident Christian and learn a cool skill that would make me better able to entertain people. I've played piano since first grade, and I'd like to become better at that. I'd also want to learn to sing and dance. [*What other instruments do you play?*] I've played trumpet since fourth grade and bassoon since ninth grade. I want to get better at trumpet, too, but it's hard to keep up.

*Throughout this exchange, the interviewee repeatedly apologized for being a boring person. While I cannot hope to have cured him of this malady Of course, whenever he did so, he would be juggling three flaming torches while doing cartwheels and playing the harmonica. I swear, this guy must have a different definition of "boring" than I do. Or maybe I just need to restrict my psychedelic usage. Hmm...*

*In the meantime, I have to go back to watching the grass before the frost kills it off.*





Clocktower stands out from the bottom of the hill. Also, the weird-looking museum, but my drawing skills are limited.

Justin  
Yeh

Major: Dance (Engineering)  
Hometown: Bakersfield, CA

*I met with Justin at Mac's in Statler, which is, without doubt, the best place to eat on campus. The sandwiches and wraps are really good if you get them toasted, even though they've gotten rid of the bean sprouts this semester. The tortellini with chicken or Pesto Alfredo is also decent and they even have Shepherd's Pie sometimes. So, once Justin and I got our food, we sat down with the rest of the Mac's crew (Stephen and Harry)...*

### **What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?**

It's nice (pretty), big, and isolated. My first impression was actually two years ago, when I came here over the summer to take classes. [What do you think about the people?] Neutral. Weird. CBS is weird. I remember Henry Wen used to give me rides to TaB.

### **What is your earliest memory?**

A birthday party in kindergarten. There were lots of people in my backyard. There was cake, lots of party hats. I remember trying to fit a lot of them on a person. I don't remember who though.

### **What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?**

There's a lot of friendly people for such a large school. Not a huge surprise, but it's cool.

### **If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?**

God. So that he could answer all my questions like: Is He real? And, what to think or believe.

### **How would you describe a perfect day for you?**

Wake up after 9am. Eat a Cornell waffle (just one) with syrup. Not have class. Read stuff, maybe the news, and books – probably a novel, though I don't have any in mind right now. I would want nice weather, about 60°F, like yesterday. I'd also want to listen to music (piano or anything) and maybe play some piano and ultimate. Oh, and I also want to snowboard in 60-degree F weather, in a tee-shirt in Cali. Then I would go to sleep, though not before midnight.

### **What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?**

I want to know what I want to do after I graduate. I want to know where

Interviewer:  
Jesse Liu

### **Word Associations**

Ithaca: nice.  
Senior Class: cool.  
College: awesome.  
Junior Class: no comment.  
Buffer: I have no idea... yeah, actually I think about YouTube videos.  
Sophomore Class: don't know.  
Turkey: delicious. Thanksgiving.  
Freshman Class: the best.  
Power: hitting the on/off button.

to go and what to do after college.

# Katherine Chen

I thought the gorges were very unique, and there were a lot of trees. And I was scared that I was going to fail!



Major: Hotel Administration  
Hometown: Saratoga, CA

Interviewer:  
Wendy Zhang

## Word Associations

Ithaca: Snow  
Senior Class: Jacket  
College: Feathers  
Junior Class: Heeyoung  
Buffer: Acid  
Sophomore Class: Ray Wu?  
Turkey: Thanksgiving  
Freshman Class: Red  
Power: Outlet

*Katherine did this interview wearing the world's most adorable polka-dotted headband. She also towers over her interviewer.*

## What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

Cornell: The campus is really big and is more populated than I thought.

CBS: The upperclassmen girls are really caring!

## What is your earliest memory?

Clipping my fingernails and comparing the clippings to the shape of crescent moons.

## What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?

Two months into Cornell, I realized that West Campus was beyond Oken-shields and everything. I thought West Campus was just the Arts Quad or something. I had no idea that there was anything beyond The Slope.

## If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?

Hayao Miyazaki. His movies are so far away from real life yet so close to dreams.

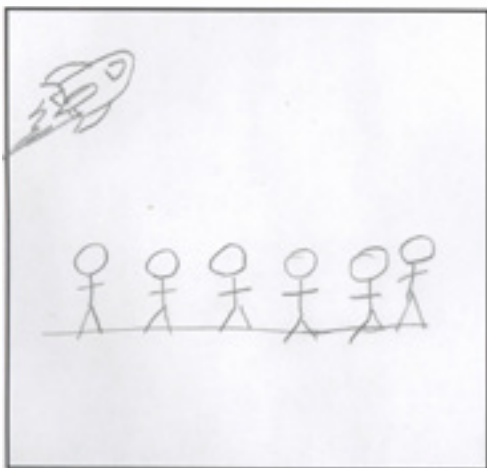
## How would you describe a perfect day for you?

I would go exploring without knowing where I was headed. And maybe at the end of the day, I would look at the GPS on my phone and see where I ended up.

## What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?

I would hope to have matured into a fine young woman.

*Katherine likes baking and photography, and invites everyone to come talk to her (or Facebook her) if you like either of those things. :)*



There are a lot of people here.  
Rocketship- Cornell is pretty awesome.

Matt  
Yang

Major: Human Biology, Health, and Society  
Hometown: Rochester, NY

*The gentle, demure affectations of this young man belie the youthful vibrancy bordering on frivolousness that is embedded within his soulful eyes. I had intended us to meet over lunch in the pristine, state of the art facility named the Physical Sciences Building. But when I arrived, I realized that Matt desired more than the banality of human food; rather he craved to complete the pinnacle of his work at the time: an essay which he had not been able to finish in time due to most unfortunate, tragic circumstances. Hence, with a sense of solemn respect and curiosity, I began to converse with this enigma hailing from the foreign land of Rochester, New York...*

#### **What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?**

I really liked the nice campus, it is very friendly, but the classes are hard. That was expected though.

As for CBS, I really like it (really!). I already knew Olivia and Marissa so I kind of had an idea of what it is. But coming in I found that everyone was really close to each other in CBS, and the sense of community here is very evident.

#### **What is your earliest memory?**

When I was very little, around 4 or 5 years old, I used to live Texas. There was this one time where I think we were driving back to New York and I remember that I missed an episode of Power Rangers, where they were introducing a new Power Ranger. So I cried.

#### **What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?**

There is not much surprise for me. I mean, people are smart, etc. but I already expected it here. I guess if I had to say, then it would be staying up past midnight here on a daily basis. I usually went to sleep by 11pm back home.

#### **If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?**

Here Matt looked longingly into my eyes and whispered: "you."  
[I was flattered, but I reminded him that it may be better to refer to someone who people are more familiar with. So he said Newton, except he really didn't like Newton. :)]

#### **How would you describe a perfect day for you?**

To wake up @ 8AM, Go to class. Learn something interesting, come back and not do homework. Play some League of Legends.

#### **What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?**

I wanted to be a dentist, but not anymore. Maybe a pharmacist. But I don't really know at this point, I have no expectations.

Interviewer:  
Jerry Zhuo

#### **Word Associations:**

Ithaca: Cold, green, clock tower

Senior Class: old

College: Hard, textbooks, buildings

Junior Class: not-so-old

Buffer: acid and base

Sophomore class: awkward, Marissa, West Campus

Turkey: Thanksgiving, home

Freshmen class: Young, me, North Campus

Power: Strong, muscles

*As I asked Matt what sort of ending comment he would like to leave for the fellowship to see, he shrugged nonchalantly:*

*"Surprise me." Even though we spent the last 45 minutes of our lives together at that table in Goldies, his alluring, mysterious aura simply leaves me more perplexed than ever. Perhaps we will never truly discover who exactly Matthew Yang is...*

# Nicholas Kung

This was my first dream when I got to Cornell: The sun kept asking me to eat random cereal and the trees had eyes (mean eyes).



Major: Chemistry  
Hometown: Chappaqua, New York

Interviewer:  
John Widjaja

## Word Associations

Ithaca: Cold  
Senior Class: Solid  
College: Fun  
Junior Class: Unknown  
Buffer: Chemistry  
Sophomore Class: Ray Wu  
Turkey: Gobble gobble  
Freshman Class: Tight  
Power: Electricity

*I'm never good at these introductions. Hopefully, the interview will be redeeming.*

## What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

Cornell: I thought Cornell was much prettier than I remembered. Getting here in a week was less hectic than I thought it would be. People are nice. I liked orientation week.  
CBS: Another friendly crowd. It had a similar vibe as the church retreats I went to, but it was very different from my home church.

## What is your earliest memory?

I remember visiting the hospital after my sister was born. Regis and Kelly was on? It's a talk show enjoyed by women.

## What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?

I guess that I would be doing a lot of Christian things outside of church, like Bible study and fellowship. I'm quite happy that I did. It turned out to be the best-case scenario. I thought it would be difficult to find Christian friends.

## If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?

Steven Chow, a Hong Kong director, because I like his movies. They were inspirational.

## How would you describe a perfect day for you?

When random or surprising things happen. Like seeing people I know and hanging out with them. But it doesn't happen often.

## What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?

Get a degree. Would like to stay with friends I have right now. Like be friends with them from now until senior year. Try to stay in touch with the friends I have now until senior year.

*Did you know that Nick Kung was named after Santa? No wonder he's so jolly. Anyways, it was a pleasure to interview him and get to know him better.*





When I first came to Cornell, I felt so overwhelmed by the huge amount of people here!

Stephanie  
Guo

Major: (Probably) Operational Research  
Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

*The interview took place at Duffield near Mattin's Café, a perfect location to meet with an engineer. The area was full of people, but finally we found each other, and the interview started...*

**What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?**

A lot of walking. The orientation gave me the impression that the school is very busy.

The first impression CBS gave me is warmth. The people in CBS are very warm and welcoming.

**What is your earliest memory?**

It was during pre-school. I remember a kid in front of me started laughing, his head swinging back and hit me in the face. Consequently, I got a nosebleed.

**What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?**

Even though it's really big here, I actually feel the school is small since I bump into my friends everywhere.

**If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?**

Lang Lang! I am obsessed with Lang Lang. Look, I have so many pictures

of him! I began playing piano since I was five. My mom always took me to Lang Lang's concerts whenever he came to Pittsburgh.

**How would you describe a perfect day for you?**

On a perfect day I would wake up around 10. The temperature should be around 70 degrees. I would wear T-shirt, sweatpants, and have He Fen and bubble tea for food. On that day I would also be very productive on everything.

**What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?**

I want to be grounded in my faith by the time I graduate. I also want to become more passionate instead of being lukewarm, and find something that I'm really passionate about. Also, even as a freshman, I feel worried about what I am going to do with my degree and whether I can find a job after graduation. I hope I will be less worried and become more trusting that God will provide everything.

*I had a great time interviewing Stephanie. It turned out that Stephanie likes Asian food, yeah! She expressed her desire to go back to China someday*

Interviewer:  
Yuezhou Huo (Celena)

**Word Associations**

Ithaca: cold

Senior Class: fun

College: hard

Junior Class: pink

Buffer: Mr. Davis (He was my AP chemistry teacher in high school and we went over buffers)

Sophomore Class: quirky

Turkey: sleepy

Freshman Class: mob

Power: trident

*(I'm sure she will find amazing Asian food there :D). She likes watching Chinese dramas and reading Jin Yong's stories. Wishing her all the best for her life at Cornell and her spiritual growth in the next four years!*



# Valerie Kwee



Major: Fine Art  
Hometown: Singapore

Interviewer:  
Kimberly Hui

## Word Associations

Ithaca: small  
Senior Class: my sister  
(Natalie)  
College: hard  
Junior Class: almost  
graduating  
Buffer: shield?  
Sophomore Class: me, next  
year  
Turkey: delicious  
Freshman Class: orange?  
(Because in my high school,  
classes had colors and the  
freshman class was orange.)  
Power: rangers

*Set to the indie soundtrack deep under the far reaches of Sibley, I ventured into the realm of AAP to meet Valerie for our interview. Hailing from an island halfway across the world that couldn't be more opposite from Cornell, Valerie allowed me to get a small glimpse into the world of this bubbly and sweet gal.*

## What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

Really big, I was really shocked!  
Also, why did I have to take a 5

hour ride [from NYC] to get here? (Such rides don't exist in Singapore – you could drive through the whole city in 40 mins). Also, oh my gosh it's so cold, I'm going to die in the winter. This doesn't exist in Singapore - a normal day is 80-90F. My sister keeps telling me snow can get to 5 feet. She's just been scaring me.  
CBS: It could be a place where I could rebuild my relationship with God.

## What is your earliest memory?

I remember when I was in Disneyland (in Japan), and my parents made me go on one of those leashes so you don't get kidnapped. They did it because one time my dad left my sister at the store and my mom freaked out. So they did it as a safety precaution. I was wearing a super puffy lime green jacket and it was pretty bad. I just remembered being dragged along and complaining a lot.

## What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?

I was really surprised when someone told me that they have that criminal brain collection in the library.

## If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?

My grandfather because he died before I could meet him, but my dad talks about him a lot, so I wish I could talk to him and get to know him better. He's always like, "you gotta follow what my dad did."

## How would you describe a perfect day for you?

If I woke up one day in the world of Pokémon. I always thought it'd be cool to be a Pokémon trainer and have a bunch of Pokémon following me and I could fight with them and win all the gym battles. [Which one would you pick to start?] Oh so difficult, I like all of them. I always start with Charmander in the Gameboy game.

## What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?

Hope to become more mature and actually figure out my major. Because I'm still second guessing my major. I could do a dual degree but I just think it's really time-consuming. I really like fine arts but I don't know if I can do it for four more years. [I'd like something] more design based than fine art like DEA.

*Valerie's creativity and humor are demonstrated even in her brief responses. Unfortunately, pressed for time, I was neither able to obtain a full list of her Pokémon dream team nor see some of the pieces she's been working on. If anything however, I will be glad to have another excuse to meet up with her!*



It's in the middle of nowhere!

# Wesley Chow

Major: Operations Research  
Hometown: Birmingham, AL

*It was a pleasure meeting Wesley at Sage Atrium one Wednesday afternoon. Although I had talked to Wesley several times before, I was eager to have a meal with him and dive into some deeper topics. We talked shortly about how the semester was going, then the following interview ensued.*

### **What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?**

I thought Cornell was very pretty, reminiscent of my home with the natural setting and woods outdoors. The scenery is very nice as well. CBS has been very friendly and nice. There are people from many different places with diverse hobbies, and I felt I would fit in well. The praise music as well as the message are both very good. Back home I went to a mostly white mega-church with more than 2000 people so everyone was from different high schools, but the students here have more in common, and seem closer.

### **What is your earliest memory?**

I remember as a young kid playing with my mom, where I would poke her nose and she made a beeping sound. I also remember having a leash on when we went to Disney World.

### **What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?**

I was surprised that there was a Chinese church here as well as Chinese Bible Study, a Chinese fellowship. I actually wasn't sure what to expect since I thought Cornell was in New York City since I saw a picture of the medical college online when applying.

### **If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?**

I would like to meet Usain Bolt, since he's the fastest man alive. He seems kind of funny too, though a little cocky.

### **How would you describe a perfect day for you?**

It would be sunny outside, 40 to 50 degrees, and I would have no homework. I would sit in bed all day and watch TV, like Animal Practice, Law and Order, or CSI.

### **What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?**

I want to be a stronger Christian, and I want to graduate. I also want to beat

Interviewer:  
Jeffrey Yu

### **Word Associations**

Ithaca: college  
Senior Class: old  
College: freedom  
Junior Class: funny  
Buffer: confused (video stops loading)  
Sophomore Class: committed  
Turkey: thanksgiving  
Freshman Class: large  
Power: money

some time in track club, though not quite sure yet.

*As we talked, I learned that Wesley had just come from a jog at Barton. By the end of the interview, it was clear he truly loved sports of all kinds, especially track. We are truly thankful for this vigorous new member to CBS this year and I cannot wait to see what God has in store for him these next four years.*

# XIAO XIAO YANG

This is Hasbrook Apartments where I used to live when I first moved to Ithaca.



Major: Chemical Engineering  
Hometown: Ithaca, NY

Interviewer:  
Tim Hu

## Word Associations

Ithaca: Home  
Senior Class: Tim  
College: Cornell

Junior Class: Prayer partner  
Mike

Buffer: Buffer Zone from DP  
Dough

Sophomore Class: Nothing  
(older than me)

Turkey: Thanksgiving  
Freshman Class: Me  
Power: God

*Xiaoxiao. SmileSmile. He's a hard man to find (and care package). Born in China and traveling to North Carolina, Xiaoxiao has journeyed to distant Ithaca and made his residence here, biding his time for such a moment as this. This is his story...*

## What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?

I don't know it was 10 or 15 years ago. I really don't remember. I thought it was pretty, it was big, really big I'm sure. [What about when you

first started actually going to school here?] I found out a lot more about Cornell – different places and different buildings that I never went into. Its different living here than coming here occasionally. CBS is a lot like church. I knew some people and other people were familiar (like me!) It wasn't that hard to transition.

## What is your earliest memory?

When I lived in North Carolina, I would watch cars go by – sit at the window and cars would go by.

## What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?

It makes me appreciate being here. I really appreciate being here. A lot of times I'd walk around campus and I'd pray and thank God for putting me in Ithaca because really, anyone at our age would really want to be here. Also, before coming I was dreading having to walk everywhere but now I realized I actually like walking.

## If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?

God! I'd want to meet Him in person and ask all the questions I have about everything. I'd ask Him all my questions. [What would you ask Him?] A lot of different things, like what do you have in store for the world?

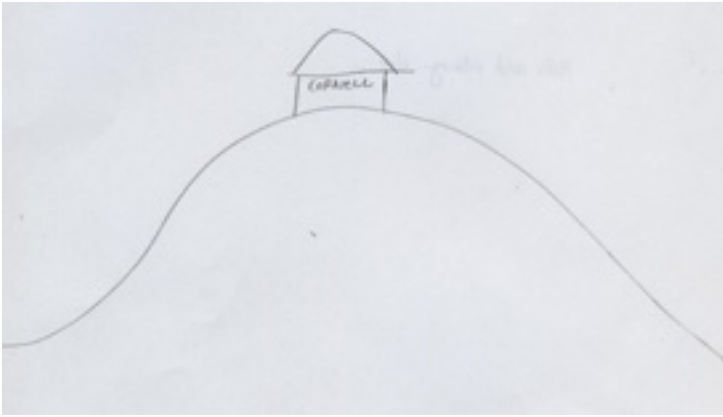
## How would you describe a perfect day for you?

Sleep in, watch TV, play video games, hang out with friends, yea that's about it. Its realistic.

## What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?

Know what I want to do after college and have something to do. Before more mature and learn to be an adult instead of being a kid.

*It was clear that this young man had a deep heritage and history behind him. Having scouted the Cornell environment for many years prior, he appeared ready to tackle the daunting task before him of conquering Cornell. His goals clear, life-style simple, and pursuit of God evident, now only time will tell how the next four years turn out.*



Hills and nothing else...

# Zhijiang Li

Major: Computer Science  
Hometown: San Jose, CA (born in China)

*Hailing from the great country of China is Zhijiang Li, a tall, intelligent freshman with a passion for knowing God better who happens to enjoy Computer Science as well. After several missed meetings, I finally had the chance to have lunch with him at Mac's. Read on to learn more.*

## **What was your first impression of Cornell? Of CBS?**

There are lots of hills, lots of good people, and tough classes. I found CBS very welcoming and friendly, and just felt more pulled into it than other fellowships because the people encouraged me to do a lot more. I also knew some people from Kathleen, so I already knew Henry and Tim Hu.

## **What is your earliest memory?**

Right before coming to America, I was in the airport right before I got on the plane to leave China.

## **What is the one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?**

That I can take any class I want, the prerequisites don't really matter,

## **If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?**

I would want to meet some mathematician, because math is cool. We would talk about how he came up with some fundamental theorems.

## **How would you describe a perfect day for you?**

I would have gotten a lot of sleep the night before (just enough), and have lots of free time. I would just hang out, eat, play games. Maybe also skydiving, I would like to try it eventually.

## **What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?**

I would like to be more well-rounded with all kinds of knowledge bases.

*Zhijiang has adjusted well making the transition from China to California, where he just happens to be from the same church as Jeremy Lin. He has also adapted quite well from high school to the college life here at Cornell. If you haven't met him yet, be sure to find out more about Zhijiang. He is definitely a great addition to our fellowship and I look forward to growing together with him in the days to come.*

Interviewer:

Jeffrey Yu

## **Word Associations**

Ithaca: cold

Senior Class: Jerry

College: like high school, but somewhere else

Junior Class: Jeff Huang

Buffer: chemistry (or buffer videos)

Sophomore Class: Aaron

Turkey: thanksgiving

Freshman Class: complain too much (in general)

Power: physics (force times distance/sec)



# Christian Philosophy

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Saturdays at 7PM in Eddygate 4E, seniors Deborah Liu and Yipu Wang lead the Christian Philosophy bible study group, where everyone gathers to discuss questions many Christians may have encountered in their walk with Christ: Why would a good God allow suffering? What makes an act morally correct? Do humans actually have souls? Members look to what the Bible has to say on these topics as well as what is claimed by renowned philosophers, Christian and non-Christian. Through these discussions, members are challenged to think deeply about their beliefs in Christ and exactly why they believe in Him.

Perhaps one the most challenging aspects of this group is accepting that sometimes not even the intelligent and well-prepared group leaders can present a satisfying answer; the ultimate truth lies with God. Though at times the group comes to the conclusion that man cannot understand everything, each discussion is driven by intensive thought experiments, questions, and attempted answers. At times, talks on certain topics have to be postponed or cut short simply because there is not enough time to talk about everything people want to ponder. Discoveries are made: how man thinks by himself, and how man thinks by God.

From a personal standpoint, I really looked forward to Saturday nights in order to have another intellectual chat with the group. I know that I've been in situations talking to non-Christian friends, and questions like this would arise, and I would be stuck. My main interest in this Bible study was for that particular reason. I didn't expect to get concrete answers for these questions, but it still gave me really good insight on topics such as these. Though it may be scary sometimes to speak out in fear of getting your opinion turned inside-out by someone else's, each discussion aims to deepen our understanding of God and how He works.

David Cui '16

# Creation to Christ

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Monday night small group,  
Time for fellowship, sharing,  
and Lauren's candy.

Our Monday night bible study group has been going over key events in the Old Testament and relating what we read to the New Testament and modern times/our lives. We see God's grace in the Creation and Fall of Man when He gave Adam and Eve the choice to sin and provided food and clothes in their punishment when they chose to hide from God. We see God's grace in His response to Israel's rebellions when He promises to send a Savior though Israel has turned away from him countless times even in the midst of His anger. And we see God's grace in Jesus, the perfect, completely fulfilling, completely undeserved savior. Overall, we see how all the happenings and laws in the Old Testament build up to Jesus' coming. After bible study, our group shares praise and prayer requests, and bonds over caramel apples and Lauren's immense stash of snacks. At the end of our semester together, this author has gained a new perspective on the Old and New Testament and feels a stronger spiritual kinship with her fellow sisters.

# Emphasis on Ephesus

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Our Bible study is called Emphasis on Ephesus and, as you might have guessed, we are studying the book of Ephesians. A group of us usually eats dinner together at Appel right before the Bible study. We then meet up with everyone downstairs and catch up with each other about our lives and just hang out for a bit. Once everyone arrives, we head over to CKB where we have our Bible study in the red lounge at 7:30. Our meetings start off with a time of sharing during which everyone shares something about their week, a way that God has been working in their life, or a prayer request. Mike then brings up the weekly memory verse and anyone who has memorized it recites it in front of the group. We then begin the actual Bible study. We usually read about half a chapter from the book of Ephesians, after which we have a discussion about the passage. Our awesome Bible study leaders Mike and Marissa facilitate the discussion with general questions, but everyone in the group is able to ask/answer any questions they want to. These discussions are a great way to study the Bible in depth as it allows us to ask or attempt to answer tough questions and really think about the verses we read. So far, we have gotten through five chapters of Ephesians and we plan on finishing the book by the end of the semester. Some of the themes we have covered are unity in Christ and how to live the Christian lifestyle. At around 8:30, we end our Bible study with prayer, either in smaller groups or as one large group. Afterwards, many of our members conveniently stick around for the North Campus Prayer Meeting.

Xiao Xiao Yang '16

# Living a Life in Christ

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Our bible study is led by Harry, Ailin, and Wendy Wei. This semester we read the book of Colossians. Each week we would read half a chapter that was printed out for us, and annotate the Word for close analysis. The book of Colossians is quite short compared to other books, so it was great to dedicate a large chunk of time to really study and meditate on a passage from Colossians every week. After reading the chosen passage quietly, we had open discussion about what struck us most about the passage and how we could apply God's word to our daily lives. After bible study, we would normally break up into smaller groups (small groups within a small group!) for prayer.

Learning and understanding that Jesus lives within us, and that all we have to do is to seek "the glorious riches of this mystery" to know him was mind-blowing! This bible study really encouraged us to confront what it means to be a Christian in everything we do. As sinful human beings, we often have too much pride and greed to place everything in God's hands.

Gathering in CKB's Purple Room each Wednesday night was a grateful break away from the busyness of Cornell and schoolwork, and time for brothers and sisters to fellowship in the presence of God. Yuna's four legged chicken and Harry's wildly imaginative descriptions will always come to mind whenever someone mentions Telephone Pictionary!

Christina Ho '16

# Joy in Mission

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This semester our group studied the book of Philippians to learn how and why to have joy as we live out our life of mission, the vision for CBS this year. Led by Jevon Yu and Jeffrey Yu (jyu^2), we have gone through topics including the definition and purpose of our mission, the emotions we have on this mission, our identity in Christ, and how Christ works in us on this mission. To Paul, the most important outcome of the life of mission is that Christ is preached, in every circumstance [“The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.” (1:18)]. We talked about how even while suffering in prison away from his fellow brothers and sisters, Paul can rejoice because he knows that Christ is still using the Philippian church to preach the name of Christ. “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain” (1:21) sums up the main message of his letter, that Paul lived his entire life on earth dedicated to Christ and yet was even more joyful to be in heaven with his heavenly Father. We learned that whatever Christ calls us to do on this mission, He has already done first; from His prayer to the father, to His fellowship in the Spirit, to humility through His ultimate act of humility by becoming obedient to death- even death on a cross! Finally, our study concluded with learning how in order to embark upon this life of mission we must first be humble, have our thoughts set on heavenly things, and persevere onward by forgetting what lies behind and straining forward for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Then, unified with our brothers and sisters, we can stand strong against the enemy [“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” (4:13)] and together proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth [“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)].

Our brother group each week also memorized scripture, shared and prayed for one another, and implemented an action step to apply what we learned. We baked cookies for all the other Bible studies one week and we have yet to implement a plan to volunteer at Loaves and Fishes (hopefully before we all leave). Additionally, we have encouraged one another to be on mission and share the love of Christ with those that we know in our respective social circles. Overall, it has been a great experience learning, growing, and spurring each other on as brothers and we are excited to see what God will continue to do in each of our lives!

Jevon Yu '15 and Jeffrey Yu '13





*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

Acts 1:8

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