Cornell Speak

A guide to some common Cornell acronyms and expressions

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A
AA&D Alumni Affairs and Development
AAP College of Architecture, Art, and Planning
Akwe:kon (“a-gway’go”) means “all of us; nation's first university residence hall established to celebrate American Indian culture and heritage
ATS Academic Technology Services

B
Bear Access Cornell Information Technology's network services
Blue Lights Indicators of outdoor emergency telephones that directly call CU Police

C
CAPE Cornell Association of Professors Emeriti
CAU Cornell Adult University
CALS College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
CAS College of Arts and Sciences
CBS Cornell Business Services
CCA Cornell Council for the Arts
CCAPS Cornell Center for Radiophysics and Planetary Sciences
CCC Computing and Communications Center, home of CIT
CHESS Cornell High-Energy Synchrotron Source
CISER Cornell Institute for Social and Economic Research
CIT Cornell Information Technologies
CIVR Campus Information and Visitor Relations
COE Cornell Outdoor Education
CornellNYC Tech applied sciences graduate campus in Manhattan
CRC Cornell Recreation Connection
CRESP Center for Religion, Ethics, and Social Policy
CTE Center for Teaching Excellence
CUinfo University’s computerized information system
CURW Cornell United Religious Work

D
DFA Division of Financial Affairs
DIWD Department of Inclusion and Workforce Diversity

E
EARS Empathy, Assistance, and Referral Service (peer counseling)
EH&S Environmental Health and Safety

F
FALCON Full-Year Asian Language Concentration
FSAP Faculty and Staff Assistance Program

H
HEOP Higher Education Opportunity Program
Hot Truck Truck on west campus serving fast food

I
IC Ithaca College
ILR School of Industrial and Labor Relations
IRIS Institute for Resource Information Sciences
ISSO International Students and Scholars Office

J
JA Judicial Administrator

L
LGBT RC Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center

Libe Slope The hill between Uris Library and the west campus residence halls

Louie’s Lunch Truck on north campus serving fast food

M

Martha Van or MVR Martha Van Rensselaer Hall

N

NAIC National Astronomy and Ionosphere Center

NBTC Nanobiotechnology Center

NYSAES New York State Agricultural Experiment Station

O

ORIE Operations Research and Industrial Engineering

OSP Office of Sponsored Programs

P

PSC Public Service Center

R

RI Roosevelt Island (where CornellNYC Tech is being built; to open in 2017)

ROTC Reserve Officers Training Corps

RPCC Robert Purcell Community Center

S

SHARE Sexual Harassment and Assault - Response and Education

SUNY State University of New York, which partially funds Cornell’s state-assisted colleges

T

Tatkon or the Tat Carol Tatkon Center in South Balch Hall

TCAT Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit bus system

TND Toward New Destinations

U

Ujamaa (“Oo'-ja-mah”) Residence focused on African culture

W

WCMC Weill Cornell Medical College (NYC, Qatar)

WSH or The Straight Willard Straight Hall, Cornell’s student union
Zeus or Temple of Zeus Café in Klarman Hall