Cornell Speak

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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
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