Cornell Heroes

Cornell Heroes Recognition Campaign

Recognizing and celebrating teams for exceptional commitment and work well done!

Sponsored by the Division of the Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer (VPCHRO) Recognition Team

“So much of the work of this university goes on behind the scenes. We notice, but we don’t celebrate often enough. And, it is
the work of teams – smart people who come together for the betterment of this community and communities all over the world – that makes Cornell great.”

- Mary Opperman, Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer

Celebrating Cornell teams who rise to the occasion, go above and beyond, and save the day!

What is the Cornell Heroes Recognition Campaign?

Cornell Heroes is an annual celebration of employee groups or team achievements outside the formal awards process. Heroes teams are recognized with thank-you events, small gifts, and exciting raffle prizes, plus promotion of their achievements to the Cornell community.

How can I nominate a team for Cornell Heroes?

Email our recognition team at recognition@cornell.edu, and tell us about your group's exceptional commitment and work well done!

Meet the Cornell Heroes of 2022!

THANK YOU TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THESE CAMPUS TEAMS: YOU ARE CORNELL HEROES!
CORNELL HEALTH

For their heroic efforts in taking care of our students during the pandemic: delivering food, medication, checking on mental and physical health, transporting students to hotels and all their efforts to help our students during the pandemic.

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

For their commitment to animal health: The Animal Health Diagnostic Center (AHDC) and Cornell University Hospital for Animals (CUHA) staff continued coming into the hospital and diagnostic lab every day to care for the animals of our community.

The COVID19 Testing Labs and Testing sites: for their commitment and dedication to rapidly creating and implementing testing procedures for our students, faculty, and staff. Their heroic efforts served our entire community and provided insights that successfully guided Cornell to continue our mission through an unprecedented crisis.

FACILITIES & CAMPUS SERVICES

Although many employees worked from home during the past two years, our campus still needed maintenance and
attention. In addition to regular maintenance, facilities teams took on new challenges, changing air filtration systems in buildings, conducting floor-to-ceiling sanitation protocols, and then preparing campus for students to return. CUPD continued to maintain the safety of our campus, students, faculty, and staff through every up and down of the pandemic.

**CORNELL DINING**

In addition to quickly transitioning ways to provide meals to our students safely during the pandemic, they moved forward to open new dining facilities in our new residence halls. As our campus jumped from hybrid to in-person our dining team nimbly pivoted to accommodate changing food service protocols.

**CORNELL HOUSING**

Already providing a home away from home for students, this group saved the day and provided mental, emotional, and physical support to students through every step of their journey leaving and returning to campus. They filled the gaps with other units that accommodated new COVID projects, support, and protocols being put in place.