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2 30-YEAR AWARDEE GROUP PHOTO

Staff celebrating 30 years of service to Cornell.



3 ARECIBO AWARDEES

Arecibo awardees travel from Puerto Rico to Ithaca for the event.



4 25-YEAR AWARDEES

Awardees gather to commemorate 25 years of service.



Longtime Cornell employees honored at 53rd Service Recognition Dinner

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Cornell President David Skorton opened his remarks at the 53rd Service Recognition Dinner in Bartels Hall by suggesting that all the men in the room remove their ties, considering the heat and humidity on the evening of June 9.

That set the relaxed tone for the dinner, which is held each year to recognize Cornell's staff members who have been at the university 25 years or more on the occasion of their five-year anniversaries, and those with more than 40 years of service. Approximately 325 awardees, guests and university leaders attended the event.

Following a reception, Vice President for Human Resources Mary Opperman welcomed the guests, who were treated to a dinner catered by Cornell Catering. Susan Murphy, vice president for student and academic services, recalled events from years past, and the Backtalk Band played period songs for each five-year mark.

"Congratulations to all the long-serving Cornell staff members here tonight," said Skorton. "Whether you have worked here for 25 years or as much as 55 years, you have contributed a great deal to Cornell. We appreciate the high level of skill and strong commitment to service that you bring to your work."

Skorton singled out two awardees with the longest service: Joe Buttino, a research aide in alumni affairs and development, celebrating 55 years, and Ann VanDeMark, an administrative manager for the Department of Asian Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences, celebrating 45 years. Unable to attend were 50-year awardee Charles Guyett and 45-year awardees Virginia



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Above: Fifty-five-year awardee Joe Buttino, center, and 30-year awardee Rich Shappell, left, both from Alumni Affairs and Development, share a laugh with President David Skorton at the Service Recognition Dinner, June 9 in Bartels Hall. Left: Ann VanDeMark celebrates 45 years of service to Cornell.



Freeman and Linda Petro.

Looking ahead, Skorton wished all well:

"For those of you who are retiring, please accept my best wishes, and I hope that you will remain engaged with the university as you begin the next stage of your

lives. For those who are continuing at Cornell, I look forward to working with you to make this university not just the best educational institution in the world but also the most rewarding and enriching workplace for its employees."



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35-year awardees



35-year awardees, front row (from left): Jake Benninger, Helen Hamilton, Linda Wyllie, Bonnie H. Lewis, Sally McClure-Parshall, Debbie Spencer; second row: Rick Cochran, David Baylor, Larry Payne, Harry Andersen, Bill Douglas, Tom Havlik.

40-year awardees

40-year awardees, front row (from left): Judi Eastburn, Joan Brink, Karen Rhodes, V. Thomas Wakula; second row: William Coil, Earl R. Hartman, Ralph Bailey (42 yr.), George Trutt, Jr., Stephen Haner.