

As of mid-October, the number of Cornell alumni confirmed lost was sixteen—fifteen in the World Trade Center, one on the United Airlines flight that crashed outside Pittsburgh.

Joshua Aron '94



A consumer economics major in the Hum Ec college and a Zeta Beta Tau steward, Aron, 29, grew up in Potomac, Maryland—where he started reading the stock pages as a young boy. The interest led him to become an equities trader at Cantor Fitzgerald in 1994; his hobbies included skiing and mountain biking. He and his wife would have celebrated their first anniversary on September 16. Aron's mother is Ruthann Greenzweig Aron '64,

his sister is Dana Aron Weiner '92, and his uncle is Neil Greenzweig '65. "Josh was what we hope our friends will be," says Weiner, "an honest person who will always tell you when he thinks you're not doing the right thing, a kind person who is sensitive to your needs, a proud person who celebrates your accomplishments, a thoughtful person who helps buffer the blows of your disappointments, and a warm person who doesn't hesitate to tell you he loves you every single time you speak."

Janice Ashley '98



Ashley, 25, of Rockville Centre, New York, was a research associate for Fred Alger Management. An English major on the Hill, Ashley was a semi-finalist for the 1996 Knight Writing Award. A talented artist, she also enjoyed taking classes in drawing, painting, and sculpture. And when she had trouble finding a job the summer between her sophomore and junior years, the four-foot-ten Ashley went to school and became a certified bartender.

According to her mother, Carol Ashley, she relished the excitement of new experiences, from bungee jumping to eating in exotic restaurants. "If you could catch a sunbeam in the palm of your hand, you would have the essence of Janice," she says. "She was energy, warmth, and light. She represented the good in the world—beauty, love, a sense of responsibility for herself and others, and a sense of humor."

Balewa Blackman '96

Known as "B-Rock" to his friends, Blackman studied biochemical engineering on the Hill. He worked as a junior accountant for Cantor Fitzgerald by day, but by night he was a D.J. at small clubs playing jazz, R&B, and hip-hop. Since August, Blackman, 26, had been in a fitness program akin to navy SEAL training—getting up at dawn, swimming with fins, running in boots. Said his sister, Susan McMillian: "He (liked) things that are conditioning for the body, but also conditioning for the mind."



Swede Chevalier '98

A two-year president of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, the 26-year-old Chevalier was also a member of the Sphinx Head honor society. He earned a degree in business management in the Ag college and entered the equities trading division of Cantor Fitzgerald. Chevalier's entrepreneurial instincts came early; as a high-school student in New Jersey, he started his own successful landscaping business. "His humor and integrity touched many and earned him countless friends," says his sister, Tylia Chevalier '04. Fifteen hundred people attended Chevalier's funeral, including nearly every member of his Phi Delt pledge class; a

Cornell scholarship is being established in his name. Says his mother, Elaine Chevalier: "Swede carried a rare goodness in his heart." Chevalier's longtime companion is Melissa Markewich '98.

Christopher Cifardini, MBA '99



A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Colorado, Boulder, the 30-year-old Cifardini worked for Fred Alger Management. "Chris was doing exactly what he wanted to do," says Johnson School Dean Robert Swieringa. "His goal was a career in investment management." At Cornell he concentrated in finance and accounting, was active in the Old Ezra Finance Club, and was selected to be in the first group of portfolio managers for the

Cayuga MBA Fund, in 1998–99. The business school has established a scholarship in his name.

Edward Felt, MS '83



Felt, 41, was a passenger on United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in rural Pennsylvania. He was technical director of the software firm BEA Systems in Liberty Corner, New Jersey, and had two daughters, aged eleven and fourteen. A long-time resident of Matawan, New Jersey, Felt earned his undergraduate degree from Colgate and a master's degree in computer science on the Hill. "He was a hands-on dad," says his wife, Sandra Valdez

Felt. "He was devoted to his church and to his children and to me."

Arlene Joseph Fried '74



Although she left the Hill after two years to marry her childhood sweetheart, the 49-year-old resident of Roslyn, New York, kept in touch with her Cornell friends. She graduated summa cum laude from NYU in 1974; when the youngest of her three daughters started kindergarten, she decided to earn a law degree—and missed getting a perfect score on the LSAT by just one point. She graduated from Columbia in 1993 and eventually

became vice president and general counsel for Cantor Fitzgerald. "Arlene is the most beautiful person I have ever known—both inside and out," Marilyn Krinsky Price '74, Fried's sophomore roommate, said in her eulogy. "When I think of Arlene I think of sunshine. She was always smiling, always looking to see the best in everyone and everything. She left a mark on every life she touched."

Fredric Gabler '93



"Fredric loved living," his family says, "sports, gambling, traveling, a good restaurant, a good wine, a good cigar—always surrounded by his large group of friends." Gabler, 30, grew up in New City, New York. He majored in business management in the Ag college, rowed crew, and was in Kappa Sigma fraternity. After graduation, Gabler earned an MBA from NYU and became an equities trader for Cantor Fitzgerald. His wife, Mindy, is expecting

their first child in November. The two were high school sweethearts. His family has established the Fred Gabler Helping Hand Camp Fund to send underprivileged children to summer camp. "There were

close to 1,000 people at his memorial service," recalls friend and fraternity brother Mike Winderman '93. "Freddy was unbelievably loyal and dedicated to his friends and his family."

Donald Havlish Jr. '70

Havlish, 53, of Yardley, Pennsylvania, was a senior vice president at the insurance industry consulting firm AON Corporation. He was born in Englewood, New Jersey, and studied in the Engineering college for a year before transferring to Washington and Jefferson College and graduating from Duquesne University Law School, though he never practiced law. He had a four-year-old daughter who "was his pride and joy," says his wife, Fiona Havlish.

Stuart Lee '93



Lee, 30, was in the World Trade Center attending a financial technology conference. He held a degree in operations research from the Engineering college and was vice president for client services at DataSynapse. Lee especially loved travel, says his wife, Lynn Udbjorg; recent trips included a safari in Africa, a visit to Paris, a ski adventure in Chile, and a tour of Japan and Korea. "Stuart had an indefatigable optimism and a drive to be the best in

everything he set out to do," says Udbjorg, "from scuba diving to climbing mountains, from golfing to biking and skiing." He will be remembered, she says, "as one who always lived life to the fullest, and added life and a clever joke to all situations he found himself in."

Sean Lynch '87



His *New York Times* obituary describes him as "a family man, a stockbroker, and a walking smile." Lynch, 36, of Morristown, New Jersey, had worked at Cantor Fitzgerald since 1998; he held an MBA from NYU and was the father of two girls. A fan of the Knicks, Mets, and Jets, he loved to ski, swim, golf, play basketball, and read, and is remembered for his infectious laugh. "Even if what he was laughing at wasn't that funny, you'd want to

laugh with Sean," says Gregg Kaufman '87, Lynch's Phi Delta Theta fraternity brother. "He was very popular." His wife, Lori Lynch, is expecting the couple's third child in November. One of Lynch's three brothers, Farrell, a partner with Cantor Fitzgerald, also died in the attack.

Eamon McEneaney '77



He was considered one of the finest players in the history of college lacrosse—and one of the toughest athletes ever to don a Big Red jersey. McEneaney, 46, was an award-winning All-American who represented the U.S. in the 1978 World Lacrosse Championships. He was inducted into the Cornell Sports Hall of Fame in 1982 and the national Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1993. "Eamon was an intensely loyal friend," says Cornell

Director of Athletics Andy Noel, "who was well known for his competitive spirit, courage, leadership, and generosity." McEneaney had four children, worked at Cantor Fitzgerald, and was married to Bonnie MacDonald McEneaney, MPS '78. In the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center, he was credited with helping save sixty-five colleagues by leading them down a smoke-filled stairwell.

Virginia Ormiston-Kenworthy, MEE '82

Ormiston-Kenworthy, 42, studied electrical engineering on the Hill. She worked for Marsh & McLennan's online entity, marsh.com, and had a son and a daughter. The financial services company lost 292 employees in the attack. "We are a community defined by shared values and common goals, by concern for each other and for each other's families and loved ones," the firm's chairman, Jeff Greenberg, said at a memorial service in St Patrick's Cathedral. "We are a community in grief."

Kaleen Pezzuti '95



Born in Red Bank, New Jersey, the 28-year-old was a food science major on the Hill, where she was an officer of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and played intramural sports. She worked as a broker for Cantor Fitzgerald for six years and enjoyed painting, art, golf, and travel. Pezzuti's brother-in-law and boyfriend were also killed in the World Trade Center. "The depth of her thoughtfulness and energy of her spirit made her our anchor," said Hannah Lobst Johnson '95. "She was our glue." A fund has been established in Pezzuti's memory to educate her niece and nephew.

Michael Tanner '79



In high school, Tanner led his football team to a New Jersey state parochial school championship; at Cornell, the quarterback helped the Big Red achieve a winning record in 1979. "Mike had a cannon for an arm," says Don Fanelli '76, a Chi Psi fraternity brother. A consumer economics major on the Hill, the 44-year-old had a seventeen-year career as an investment officer and trader for Cantor Fitzgerald, where colleagues nicknamed the 250-pound, six-foot Tanner "Tiny." He and his wife, Michele, had two daughters, with whom he liked to play football in the living room. "Michael had a sense of humor I couldn't find anywhere else," his wife says. Tanner coached his older daughter's softball and basketball teams, and rooted for the Mets and the Jets.

M. Blake Wallens '92



Wallens, 31, majored in history at Cornell, where he was a National Scholar, social and philanthropy chairman for Delta Chi fraternity, and a member of the rugby club. He was a senior vice president in portfolio trading at Cantor Fitzgerald. His father is Donald Wallens '59, MD '63; his brother is Jordan Wallens '94. "Blake had a zest for life and a contagious enthusiasm that anyone who crossed paths with him quickly observed and was touched by," says his wife, Raina Korman Wallens '96. "He had a gift for living in the moment and took great joy in the simple pleasures of life—going for a hike or bike ride in the woods, eating a great meal, making children laugh, listening to music, spending time with friends or family, or relishing a quiet weekend with his wife."

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In our November/December issue, Cornell Alumni Magazine ran sixteen obituaries of Cornellians who died in the September 11 terrorist attacks. The deaths of three others have since been confirmed, bringing the total to nineteen—seventeen in the World Trade Center and two on United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania.

Kristin Osterholm White Gould '57

A passenger on Flight 93, Gould was seated next to one of the men who tried to overcome the hijackers. Her daughter, Allison Vadhan, believes her mother played a strong role in the decision to resist the terrorists and save others. "We're just so proud of her," Vadhan says. "I feel like our family was chosen, because they needed my mother on that plane and we could make it through this somehow." Gould, 65, was an English major on the Hill, where she met her former husband, Mark White '58, MS '60. A freelance medical journalist, she lived in the same brownstone on the Upper West Side of Manhattan for forty years and enjoyed travelling to history-rich locales like Turkey, Greece, Sicily, and Egypt. Says her daughter: "She wasn't the type to sit on a beach in the Caribbean."

Elvin Romero '88

Romero, 34, studied consumer economics and housing in the Human Ecology school, though he left a few credits shy of graduation. A vice president of international equities at Cantor Fitzgerald, he lived in Matawan, New Jersey, with his wife, Diane, and two children. The elder, five-year-old Gabriella,

had her first day of kindergarten on September 11, and Diane Romero phoned her husband at work that morning to tell him the child hadn't cried. "It looks like we're going to have a great day," he said; then the call was cut off. Tributes to Romero include an open letter on the *Newsweek* website from colleague Steven Nagourney. "Your jokes were terrible," Nagourney writes, "but we always laughed at them anyway."

Jennifer Tzemis '96

Tzemis, 26, was a vice president and chartered financial analyst with Fred Alger Management, working on the ninety-third floor of One World Trade Center. She grew up on Staten Island and majored in resource economics in the Ag college.

"While Jennifer dedicated time to professional and academic achievements, she devoted herself to her family and friends," her family wrote in an invitation to Tzemis's funeral mass. "For her, while work was important, it was a means to an end—to building a life of quality and substance with a special someone." Tzemis enjoyed snowboarding and playing the guitar; she had recently taken up golf and was about to become engaged. "She had the most bubbly smile and a real chuckle in her laugh," says her mother, Janice Tzemis. "She was beautiful inside as well as outside."



World Trade Center Casualty

In February, the university learned of the death of another graduate in the September 11 terrorist attacks. The addition brings the total number of alumni casualties to twenty—eighteen in the World Trade Center towers and two on Flight 93.

Joni Cesta '85

Cesta, 37, of Bellmore, New York, was in-house counsel for A.L. Sarroff Co., a securities trading firm. A graduate of Hofstra law school, she was at the World Trade Center on business. At Cornell, she studied business management in the Ag college and rode on the equestrian team. She met her husband, Adam Kriftcher, when they each answered a help wanted ad for a "management" position that turned out to be for a vacuum-cleaner sales job. "She had a vivacious, vibrant personality that made people feel at ease," Kriftcher told *Newsday*. "I couldn't even picture a better person." He described his wife as a "diversified" woman who also loved to party, had a great sense of humor, and sported a snake tattoo on her back. "She was very warm, loving, and caring," Kriftcher said. "She was my life."