CALS Ambassador Profiles

Emony Robertson ‘17
Hometown: Queens, NY
Majors: Development Sociology & Communication
Favorite Academic Project: For MUSIC 2304: Sounds of Protest, I created a song that addressed controversial, political issues, using different types of musical influences and speaking techniques.
What keeps you busy outside of class? Singing is one of my many passions, which is why I love performing at different campus events. Aside from singing, I serve as the Treasurer for Les Femmes de Substance, a professional women’s organization. In addition, I serve as a general member of the Student Assembly Committee for Inclusion and Diversity Initiatives. Also, I am a Pre-Professional Programs Scholar.
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: I believe that the future lies in the hands of the broader public. On that note, if the public is to be fed and nurtured with knowledge and understanding, the trajectory of the future will be one to be reckoned with.
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Gavin Clark-Gartner ‘16
Hometown: Valatie, NY
Majors: Biological Sciences & Nutritional Sciences Minor: Exercise Science (@ Ithaca College)
Favorite Academic Project: A project for my Molecular Toxicology class- I got to pick a drug currently moving into clinical trials and research it’s mechanism of action!
What keeps you busy outside of class? I am really into Triathlons- I actually founded the Triathlon Club here last semester. I also am the Alumni Chair for Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, so keeping in touch with alumni is a big part of what I do. I am also a chemistry geek, so I tutor for Organic Chemistry to make some spare cash. I also really enjoy cooking my own meals and just kicking back with friends over some Netflix.
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: To me, Knowledge with Public Purpose should be the goal of any University. Making all of our research and discoveries applicable to the real world shows how relevant this work is. Additionally, all research can be implemented immediately to help the world, which is really cool to be a part of. world.
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Amy Garza ‘17
Hometown: Laredo, TX
Major: International Agriculture & Rural Development Minor: Business
Favorite Academic Project: Being apart of the Food Market Fellows and traveling to Chile during winter break to learn about the food industry & system there!
What keeps you busy outside of class? Being apart of the Food Market Fellows and traveling to Chile during winter break to learn about the food industry & system there! Cornell Faith & Action (Christian fellowship), Alpha Phi Omega (co-ed service fraternity), working out & playing basketball, exploring “gorges” Ithaca
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: Knowledge with Public Purposemean is learning & studying not only to better yourself, but to have a positive impact in society. CALS embodies this. I'm intellectually stimulated and constantly applying knowledge from the classroom to the outside world.
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Nick Levy ‘18
Hometown: Pendleton, OR
Favorite Academic Project: A 30 page research paper in my Freshman Writing Seminar. Not the most fun project but very rewarding!
What keeps you busy outside of class? I hang out with friends and try new restaurants in the Ithaca Commons every weekend.
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: The great part of CALS is being part of a college with an outreach mission. The research conducted by students and professors is used to help improve the lives of the communities around Cornell. CALS is dedicated to studying sustainable “science for life.”
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**Katie Murphy ‘17**

**Hometown:** Wyckoff, NJ  
**Major:** Applied Economics and Management, concentration: Finance  
**Favorite Academic Project:** a stock exchange simulation we did in my finance class, in which we were all given $100,000 (fake money) to use to buy and sell stocks and we had to try and make as much money as possible.  
**What keeps you busy outside of class?:** Outside of class I am the Vice President of Administration of my sorority Pi Beta Phi, and I work for a team researching Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship.  
**What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you:** I enjoy being a part of the CALS community because I am able to take classes of interest to me that are unrelated to my major that can help my development as a well rounded person. This includes classes in environmental sustainability as well as nutritional sciences.  
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**Michael Luzmore ‘17**

**Hometown:** New York, NY  
**Major:** Information Science  
**Minor:** Cognitive Science  
**Favorite Academic Project:** Working as a research assistant in the Cornell Social Media Lab, building and running a study I helped. The study is about personality traits and perceptions of social media platforms  
**What keeps you busy outside of class?:** I am the president of Cornell University Program Board (CUPB) which is an organization that plans and executes large scale comedy/lecture events on campus. Past performers have included Jon Stewart, Laverne Cox, John Mulaney, and many others. Our members get to decide who comes to campus, they work the shows, and get to meet all of our guests.  
**What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you:** I take the phrase Knowledge with Public Purpose to mean teaching ourselves in order to enable change for our communities. It can sometimes be easy to forget how fortunate we are as students to be receiving such an education. We should all strive to use our knowledge to benefit others and impart our lessons to society as a whole.  
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**Ramya Pendyala ‘16**

**Hometown:** White Plains, NY  
**Majors:** Biology & Society, Nutritional Sciences (Pre-med)  
**Minor:** Business  
**Favorite Academic Project:** Filming Anatomy and Physiology extra credit music video  
**What keeps you busy outside of class?:** Online shopping :)  
**What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you:** For me, being part of a community focused on knowledge with a public purpose is something incredibly relevant and assuring in that what I am learning at Cornell in both my classes and general life experiences is something that will be translatable to real world situations in both my career and overall life.  
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**Michael Luzmore ‘17**

**Hometown:** Shrewsbury, MA  
**Majors:** Biological Sciences & Nutritional Sciences  
**Favorite Academic Project:** My favorite academic project so far has probably been working in organic chemistry lab and applying what I've learned in class in a real hands-on learning experience every week  
**What keeps you busy outside of class?:** Outside of class, I'm involved with Cornell EMS and Hans Bethe House Council. I also serve as a study group leader for BioG 1440, and introductory biology class. In my free time I enjoy reading, exercising, and spending time with my friends and girlfriend.  
**What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you:** In the context of CALS, pursuing knowledge with public purpose refers to the acquisition of knowledge with the intent of passing it on and giving back to the Cornell community. As students and CALS ambassadors, the knowledge that we have gained through our individual, unique experiences at Cornell make us one of the most valuable inside sources of knowledge and information on CALS and Cornell in general; thus, we have a duty and responsibility to provide future potential students and families with some of our insight so they can make the most informed choices about coming to Cornell. As a whole, this process elevates the quality and knowledge of the Cornell community.  
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Grace Ahn ‘16

**Hometown:** Philadelphia, PA

**Majors:** Biological Sciences & Science of Earth Systems

**Favorite Academic Project:** Summer research project in Australia “Effects of Fire Ecology on RBFW Behavior and Sound Transmission”

**What keeps you busy outside of class?:** I write for the Cornell Daily Sun newspaper, play the ukulele and guitar in my spare time, run through Ithaca’s trails and gorges when it’s nice outside, am involved in Bethany Christian campus ministry, travel Ithaca and Syracuse with friends on the weekends, work in a Neurobiology research lab and at the Johnson Management library.

**What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you:** Being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose involves the pursuit of your lifelong academic passions—whether it be in your lectures, conversations with professors and TAs, independent research labs, and more—with an awareness and focused mindset of being an active member of society and the overall community. While you’re a student, it can become easy and almost natural to become trapped in a self-made bubble defined by the short-term goals and deadlines required at an undergraduate university. An awareness of how your education will apply and contribute to society in the near future is vital to making the most of your time at CALS and Cornell University!

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Brendan Lynch ‘17

**Hometown:** East Northport, NY

**Major:** Animal Science

**Favorite Academic Project:** Being a TA for ANSC 1100, the first course that most freshman animal science majors take.

**What keeps you busy outside of class?:** Class Council, Pre-Vet Society, CALS Ambassadors

**What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you:** To me, being a part of CALS means being able to study a vast array of topics. There are so many courses offered that a student can take, whether it is in their major or not. We are given so much academic freedom and so many opportunities to succeed.

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Carly Batist ‘16

**Hometown:** Mattituck, NY

**Major:** Animal Science

**Majors:** Nutrition, Anthropology

**Favorite Academic Project:** Research assistant at the Equine Performance Clinic, where I got to run horses on an equine treadmill!

**What keeps you busy outside of class?:** Three on-campus jobs (NYS 4-H office, Athlete tutor, and assistant in a biology lab/class), TA for BIOG 1445, Kappa Delta sorority, CALS Ambassadors (E-board), Founder of Go Wild Foundation, CALS Exchange Spring 2015 in Wageningen, the Netherlands

**What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you:** To me, CALS is unique because of the diversity of classes you are exposed to. CALS requires you to take social science classes if you’re a biology major, natural science classes if you are an AEM major, etc. As an Animal Science major, most of my classes are very fact-based with little room for interpretation. When I took an anthropology class to complete a CALS requirement, I became really interested in the social different opinions and cultural ways of thinking that can be behind those science facts and ended up becoming an anthropology minor. That has given me an edge because I can look at both scientific and social aspects of a problem.

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Nishat Y asmin ‘16

**Hometown:** Emporia, KS

**Major:** Interdisciplinary Studies

**Minors:** Business minor for Life Science majors, Applied Economics

**Favorite Academic Project:** Financial statement analysis in Managerial Accounting

**What keeps you busy outside of class?:** Among other things, I am a member of the Class Notes (Cornell’s original co-ed a cappella group) and an editor for The Research Paper (a student-run publication featuring student researchers).

**What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you:** I am part of a community that carries its academic experiences and pursuits beyond Cornell to contribute to a healthier, more sustainable society.

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Becca Schwartz ‘17

Hometown: Napa, CA
Major: Communication  Minors: Creative Writing; Film Studies
Favorite Academic Project: Financial statement analysis in Managerial Accounting
What keeps you busy outside of class?: Researching how people perceived feminine power and how this does or does not align with how they define the term. We conducted a survey and tabled in Willard Straight Hall asking fellow students to draw power, write a definition or strike a powerful poise.
What keeps you busy outside of class? I am involved in CALS Ambassadors, Her Campus Editor in Chief, Cornell Film Society, Cornell Literature Review, American Women in Communication, and performed in this year’s rendition of The Vagina Monologues.
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: CALS combines learning in the classroom with an ever-evolving dynamic engagement with the greater world. It is not uncommon to hear references to fascinating research projects that open themselves up for undergraduate involvement, for example. Similarly, I find myself constantly musing at the depth and individuality brought to this campus by my diverse fellow Cornellians. CALS, in this way, is a thriving body of knowledge that both teaches students and is nurtured by their ingenuity.
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Ivanna Bihun ‘16

Hometown: Pine Bush, NY
Major: Biological Sciences  Minor: Philosophy
Favorite Academic Project: Action Plan for a Public Health class in which I discussed the measures that my group and I would have to take in the case of an outbreak of an infectious disease in New Mexico
What keeps you busy outside of class?: I am a member of RISE dance group, a CALS Ambassador, member of CURB, do research, and love to ski, run, hike and do yoga in my free time!
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: I think the being a part of a community that focuses on Knowledge with a Public Purpose helps put what my goal here as a student is in perspective. I think we are all here to learn something that will help us make a difference in our communities and respective career fields, and its important to remember that we are studying to become influential people who can make a difference - not just to ace a class!
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Maraj Alam ‘16

Hometown: Yonkers, NY
Majors: Biological Sciences & Environmental & Sustainability Sciences  Minor: Biomedical Engineering
Favorite Academic Project: Writing a paper about integration of natural economics and cultures into an international economy through international trades. I researched on international trade, political dynamics, and social classes to establish a thesis on whether globalization increases inequality or not.
What keeps you busy outside of class?: I am involved with intramural sports, club soccer, CALS ambassador, and research.
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: It means that, I am part of an elite community of scientists and students who address some of the most important problems that people are facing in the world today. Students here engage with public through its cooperative extension, interdisciplinary research, and outreach programs.
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Megan Sutton ‘17

Hometown: Newtown, PA
Major: Applied Economics and Management concentrations: Accounting & Finance
Favorite Academic Project: In a class called Consumer Behavior we had to do an integrative assignment with a company of our choice where we used multiple types of marketing analysis to determine the best ways to solve a specific problem within the company.
What keeps you busy outside of class?: I am involved in Red Solo Cuppella, Phi Mu, CALS and Cornell Ambassadors, YOURS (a tutoring program with children from the local trailer park), and I am an active citizen for Keeton House.
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: It means that much of the information we are learning in class or the projects we are asked to complete are very useful for the real world and helps prepare us
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Emily Chittenden ‘17
Hometown: Schodack Landing, NY
Major: Animal Science concentrating in Dairy Science
Minor: Agribusiness Management, Education
Favorite Academic Project: My favorite project was my final for AEM 3020 Farm Business Management because I got to develop my own business plan for expansion of my family’s dairy farm. I had to apply the things that I learned in the class into a real life situation and develop a recommendation based on my findings.
What keeps you busy outside of class?: I am very active in Cornell Collegiate Farm Bureau, Cornell University Dairy Science club (CUDS), and stay involved through my social sorority. I am also currently serving as the New York State Jersey Queen.
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: To me, being involved in the CALS community with a focus on knowledge with public purpose means that while it is important to be an active learner here on campus and in my classes, what is more important is finding ways to apply what I’m learning and teach others. Gaining knowledge isn’t just important for bettering yourself, but rather, passing on your knowledge to someone else and making your community a better place. We want to make a difference.
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Stephanie Kleiner ‘16
Hometown: Rochester, NY
Favorite Academic Project: Running my own experiment on brand names in my Consumer Behavior class
What keeps you busy outside of class?: I love volunteering with YOURS, an outreach program in the Ithaca community
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: Being a part of CALS is really special to me because it combines private-university learning with programs that extend beyond Cornell into the surrounding Upstate, NY area.
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Evan Gao ‘15
Hometown: Queens, NY
Favorite Academic Project: Poster on Social Entrepreneurship from my SMART trip to South Africa
What keeps you busy outside of class?: I play percussion (marching band, the HKSA band, and Cornell Percussion Group), basketball/volleyball (intramurals), weightlifting, LA Lakers fan
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: A CALS community with this purpose means using our unique backgrounds and experiences to work together, learn from each other, and look out for others in need in any situation in order to foster a sense of diversity, community, and friendship.
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AnnaBelle (Tess) Munsie
Hometown: Westchester, NY
Major: Communication
Minor: Business, Information Science
Favorite Academic Project: My favorite academic project was constructing a content analysis on the effect of several forms of media on gender stereotypes and pressures.
What keeps you busy outside of class?: Outside of class, I love to take part in a diverse mix of organizations on campus. I am part of a social sorority, a professional business fraternity, the Student Assembly Finance Commission, and a non-profit club!
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: Being a part of the CALS community means that I am given the opportunity to develop an understanding of different fields and use that knowledge to confront challenges in the global community.
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Alison Buermeyer ‘16
Hometown: Montgomery, NY
Major: Biological Sciences concentrating in Neurobiology & Behavior (Pre-med)
Favorite Academic Project: I stayed in Ithaca Summer 2014 and worked in the field, catching tree swallows, taking blood samples, and doing lab work. It has made the analysis and discussions I’ve taken part in within my lab the past two semesters more valuable, and led to me developing an independent research project on behavioral and hormonal synchrony within pairs and fitness outcomes.
What keeps you busy outside of class?: Research, Pediatric Cancer Awareness Club, Figure Skating, EYES (encouraging young engineers and scientists), painting, and We Step Into The Light: A project through the Women's Resource Center that pairs survivors of sexual or domestic abuse, or stalking, with artists, to create meaningful artwork that celebrate the survivor's thriving in the face of a challenge.
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: It means that I get to study what I love, with vast encouragement and guidance from professors, graduate students, and peers, in a way that can be applied to benefits fields I care about, such as medicine. I am endlessly supported in pursuing my academic interests with the knowledge that my pursuits will someday benefit others.
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Erica Taylor ‘15
Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA
Major: Environmental & Sustainability Sciences Minor: Law & Society
Favorite Academic Project: Watershed project in Ecological & Sustainable water resources class
What keeps you busy outside of class?: I was a member of the women's club water polo team, hanging out with friends, and exploring Ithaca!
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: Knowing that all of the research that the professors and students work on is going toward a better New York, and not just to promote their careers.
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Laura Wang ‘18
Hometown: Scarsdale, NY
Major: Applied Economics & Management
Favorite Academic Project: Business Management Financial Analysis or Marketing Plan
What keeps you busy outside of class?: I am in the Cornell Finance Club as well as a social sorority. I also love running and working out!
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: In CALS, I really feel that I am gaining real world experience. The professors are not just throwing facts at you that they will test you on. It is clear through the learning environment in CALS that we are getting more than just an education, but learning how to succeed in life.
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Jessica Hubbard ‘16
Hometown: Basset, VA
Major: Atmospheric Science
Favorite Academic Project: Creating a weather safety video with the Cornell Chapter of the American Meteorological Society
What keeps you busy outside of class?: Big Red Marching Band
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: To me, it’s all about learning to better the community and the world with the knowledge we gain here, and for me specifically, to be able to use what I gain here at CALS to help in propelling the future of communication in terms of broadcast meteorology.
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Grace Tucker ‘17

Hometown: Columbus, OH

Major: Environmental & Sustainability Sciences

Minors: Climate Change, Law & Society

Favorite Academic Project: A paper I chose to write for an International Agriculture and Rural Development course on methods to improve the efficiency of rice crop water usage in developing nations.

What keeps you busy outside of class?: Besides being a CALS Ambassador, I'm on the Varsity Women's Rowing team and a Student Greeter. I'm also a member of the Big Red Leadership Institute and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Outside of athletics, I love to spend time outdoors, reading, and dancing.

What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: The CALS community has enlightened me to a variety of new perspectives since coming to Cornell. My peers have diverse backgrounds, interests, and love to share their experiences and skills with others. Knowledge with Public Purpose leads all of us to an education involving a wide range of subjects that allows us to apply what we’ve learned in lectures and classes to real world situations and hands-on problem solving to truly make a positive impact on the lives of others.

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Darra Loganzo ‘17

Hometown: New York, NY

Major: Communication

Minor: Business

Favorite Academic Project: Fieldwork for “Art of Teaching EDUC2410” Class

What keeps you busy outside of class?: Outside of class, I volunteer at a childcare center, work at a sewing store in the Commons, and like to run.

What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: To me, I love how I learn in my CALS classrooms, but the lessons can also be applied to real-life scenarios in the community as a whole.

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Jehee Um ‘17

Hometown: Manila, Philippines

Major: International Agriculture & Rural Development

Minors: Business, International Trade & Development

Favorite Academic Project: I had to write an ethnography about the competitive nature of getting seats at Olin library for an anthropology class!

What keeps you busy outside of class?: I volunteer for the Farmer's Market at Cornell and I mentor High School students in the Philippines throughout their college application process who do not have access to proper counseling and resources through an NGO called CAMP. I also like to bake or cook and play volleyball!

What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: The emphasis that CALS puts on Knowledge with Public Purpose was a primary reason for my application to Cornell and to CALS. Growing up in the Philippines, I find it extremely important that we are aware of our role as individuals in a community and as part of a global system.

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Julie Dorn ‘18  
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**Favorite Academic Project:** Getting to examine the thousands of preserves birds at the Lab of Ornithology  
**What keeps you busy outside of class?:** I am in a sorority and an A Cappella group  
**What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you:** Being apart of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose means educating and exciting those who are or will be involved in this wonderful college, and promoting it's benefits.  
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Leanna Caloras ‘16  
**Hometown:** Suffern, NY  
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**Favorite Academic Project:** Agribusiness study trip to Newcastle, England  
**What keeps you busy outside of class?:** Outside of class I work at Cornell Fitness Centers, enjoy hiking trails around Ithaca and Cornell, shopping at the Ithaca Mall and the Commons, taking fitness classes, and eating ice cream at the Dairy Bar!  
**What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you:** To me it means studying and learning, not only to benefit myself, but to benefit the greater community wherever I am.  
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Maggie Ehrlich ‘16  
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**Major:** Information Science  
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**Favorite Academic Project:** Created an app as a project for one of my classes to make finding fitness classes on campus and in Ithaca easier.  
**What keeps you busy outside of class?:** I am a part of a sorority. I also tutor in Ithaca through REACH.  
**What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you:** I am able to learn skills and ideas that I can use not only to better myself but also to help those around me.  
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Philippa Boyes ‘15  
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**Major:** Communication  
**Minor:** Theatre  
**Favorite Academic Project:** Developing my own mock magazine through the Writing and Editing for Magazines and Online Media class-- by the end of the semester I had an entire portfolio of work featuring different styles of writing.  
**What keeps you busy outside of class?:** Besides ambassadors, I work in the CALS Student Services department, and am a member of the Cornell University Program Board, which brings speakers and comedians to campus. I also ski and am an active member of the theatre department.  
**What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you:** It means taking what I learn in my classes about how we communicate person to person and as a society, and making sure I use that information in my future career in order to better my community. sustainable society.  
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Broke Edell ‘18
Hometown: Westlake Village, CA
Major: Environmental & Sustainability Sciences
Favorite Academic Project: My favorite academic project so far was being able to go on field trips every other week for my intro class for my major. We were able to see all of the different and innovative ways Cornell gets energy. It showed me how advanced this school is and how we are leading place for being a sustainable school.
What keeps you busy outside of class?: I keep myself busy outside of class by running on the varsity track team here as well as being in a sorority. I also love just hanging out with my friends in the dorm and going to the movies when I get the chance.
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: Being apart of CALS focus on knowledge with public purpose means a great deal to me because it means we are learning with a purpose to better our society. It means the things we are learning will actually help us in the future.
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Allie Cohen ‘16
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Major: Biology & Society
Favorite Academic Project: Research in developmental genetics
What keeps you busy outside of class?: I'm on the mock trial team, the student advisory board of Rawlings Cornell Presidential Research Scholars, and I'm mildly addicted to Netflix
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: What this means to me is that science isn't just for scientists, it's for everyone. It's done for the sake of increasing the general body of knowledge and to advance society. Science shouldn't be selfish or exclusive, and scientists have a responsibility to share their discoveries and try to make their work accessible.
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Nathalie Lindor ‘17
Hometown: Valley Stream, NY
Major: Biology & Society
Favorite Academic Project: My favorite academic project so far is a current initiative I've taken with a friend of mine to try to bring early African history to Cornell
What keeps you busy outside of class?: I'm the secretary of Coalition of Pan African Scholars where we try to create awareness of the rich cultural diversity in the continent of Africa and throughout the diaspora. I'm also a part of Elephant Ears, and enjoy reading poetry and binge watching TV with my suitmates on lazy afternoons.
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: Being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose in my opinion means that our educations should be seen not only as vectors for ourselves, but for others as we seek to become active members in communities, whether it is locally, or on a global/international scale.
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Shalini Radhakrishnan ‘17
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Major: Animal Science Minor: Business
Favorite Academic Project: Creating an Informative Presentation on Calf Anatomy
What keeps you busy outside of class?: I volunteer with College Mentors, and am Co-Chair of Student Advisory Committee, and am a member of Colleges Against Cancer and Pre-Vet Society
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: It means being part of a larger community that is willing to support your group and knowledge.
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Miranda Medrano ‘16
Hometown: Wasco, CA
Major: Animal Science Minor: Biological Sciences
Favorite Academic Project: Honors thesis project in the Animal Science department working with a reproductive physiologist studying dairy cattle
What keeps you busy outside of class?: CALS Ambassadors, Cornell Catholic Community, Pre-Vet Society, CU IMAGE, Research
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: It gives me an opportunity to learn about different studies and subjects that aren’t just in my major. It’s important to gain knowledge that can help apply what I have learned in my future career.
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Natasha Sinha ‘18
Hometown: Orange, CT
Major: Biometry & Statistics Minors: Business; Sexuality & Gender Studies
Favorite Academic Project: In my Introduction To Microeconomics class, we used a computer simulator to mock the economy. We were all assigned either a seller or buyer of a certain product, and had to choose a price to either sell the product at or buy at. It was really cool to see our actions actually making an impact on the “market”.
What keeps you busy outside of class?: Along with the CALS Ambassador program, I work at the Cornell Store and am a member of Society for Women In Business (SWIB).
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: Applying our specialized skills to benefit those around us.
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Olivia Myers ‘17
Hometown: Somers, NY
Major: Viticulture & Enology Minor: Business
Favorite Academic Project: So far I have really enjoyed my Viticulture & Enology courses. My classes are very interactive, and I have had the chance to apply what I learn in the classroom in the Teaching Winery in Stocking Hall. Last semester I made my first wine, and had the chance to observe how different yeast strains can affect the aroma of a finished wine.
What keeps you busy outside of class?: Outside of class I fill my time studying, attending club meetings, and going to different events and lectures. There are so many clubs on campus that can match anyone’s interests! If not, it is really easy to create your own! There are also a ton of on campus lectures, workshops, and talks that help me explore different interests outside of the classroom. On the weekends I like to catch up with friends and go to the gym.
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: I think CALS teaches its students useful, practical knowledge, and also teaches us how to apply this knowledge to better the overall global community.
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Victoria Hathaway ‘16

Hometown: Accord, NY
Major: Development Sociology Minors: Inequality Studies; Education
Favorite Academic Project: Visiting the Cornell University Insect Collection, I recommend everyone go see it!
What keeps you busy outside of class?: I love to do weekly yoga classes.
What does being part of the CALS community focused on Knowledge with Public Purpose mean to you: It means that what I learn in the classroom can benefit not only myself but the larger society through meaningful work.
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