Carmelo Melice (right) works with Chang Chen to learn photography in Spring 2019. See Carmelo and Chang’s photographs on pages 12-13.

Cover artwork by Jamileh Mohseni
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Learning Partners Glenna Pischel and Gabe Rosenblum work together in the Appel Computer Lab.
On August 30th, 2004, I arrived in Ithaca. At that time, I didn’t know any English. After one or two weeks later, I started an ESL class, which I heard about from people from the refugee organization. On the first day, I went to the Kindergarten class where the teacher asked how to spell the word pencil. I still remembered how to spell that word when I was younger, so I spelled it correctly. Because of this, the teacher said that afternoon I could go to the first-grade class. So, I went to first grade for a while and over time went up to sixth grade. At that time, I could speak a little bit of English, and I wanted to find a job.

So, my friend helped me apply at Cornell Dining and I was able to get a job.

But, because my language was weak, some workers bullied me. Every night, after work I went home and cried. I prayed every day and asked God to help me through the bad situation. I felt like every day I was getting stronger because work was getting better. I was able to talk to a lot of people who spoke English. This helped me learn English and hear different English words. I am hoping to continue to improve in my reading and writing abilities. I appreciate Cornell for giving me the opportunity to have this class and work on my English skills.

“I am hoping to continue to improve in my reading and writing abilities.”
Paintings by Jamileh Mohseni
**Bey’s Kitchen**

By Bey Sisouphone

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**Summer Rolls**

Recipe makes enough for twenty rolls

- 1 bag of Rice Vermicelli
- 1 bag of Spring Roll Wrappers
- Olive Oil
- 1 head of Whole Iceberg Lettuce
- 1 medium-sized Carrot
- ½ bag of Bean Sprouts (or 16 ounces)
- 1 Cucumber
- 3 stalks of scallions/green onion
- Hoisin or Soy Sauce for dipping!
  + ¼ pound of ground pork if you want to make summer rolls w/ meat
  + 1 bag of Pork Fills (optional)

**Ingredients**

Prepare all vegetables listed below into bowls and wash before hand:

1. Shred iceberg lettuce, like a salad then, shred carrots on top
2. Dice green onions, remove white ends
3. Cut thin diagonal slices of cucumbers
4. Put bean sprouts into bowl

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**Part I:**

1. Boil 2 quarts of water (on high) with a teaspoon of olive oil
2. Put Rice Vermicelli in when water is boiling, stirring pot periodically to make sure the noodles don’t stick
3. The noodles should take 15-30 min. to soften (similar to spaghetti)
4. Drain the water into the sink after the noodles are cooked, rinse off the noodles with cold water

*Take excess water off the noodles through pressure with your palm; let noodles dry for 20 min or more*
PART II: Choice of meat is yours, preferably ground meat and shrimp, cook as you like. Next steps will show how to cook my favorite meat for summer rolls.

1. @ 360 degrees, pour a tablespoon of olive oil onto pan
2. Cook the garlic and shallot until it's a golden brown color (usually 2 min)
3. Place quarter pound of ground pork onto pan with your choice of seasoning (preferably soy sauce w/ a little bit of sugar) for 8-10 minutes (pork should look like a light brown color at the end)
4. Turn off the stove, then put scallion in and keep stirring until the scallion and pork are mixed
5. Cool down for 10 min, place meat onto bowl
6. [optional] grind pork meat into powder, then mix it into cooked meat

FINAL STEP:
ROLL!!!

1. Set up bowl with warm water
2. Dip paper by sliding or rotating. When dipping in water, aim to get paper moderately wet on both sides, but not completely softened
3. Place the papers onto the board next to each other
4. Put small amounts of veggies, noodles, and other desired items onto edge of paper like below
5. Roll the paper over the veggies and other selected items then keep rolling making the paper tighter
6. Fold like a burrito!

Enjoy & don’t forget to dip the summer rolls into some sauce :)}
Autobiography

By Aly Traore

I was born in Côte d’Ivoire (Ivory Coast), West Africa. My family and I moved to Mali when I was 13. At first I didn’t like Mali because I missed my friends. As I started school, I made a lot of new friends. Then I started playing soccer, and as the years went on, I ended up loving Mali. I have 28 siblings- 20 brothers and 8 sisters. My father was a very hard working businessman. When I was 16, I quit school and joined my father’s business. At the age of 19, I started to travel to France, Dubai, Thailand, Indonesia, and China for work. At the same time, I went back to school to finish my high school degree. By the time I was 23, I decided to move on from my family business and start to create my own future.

In 2006, I came to the United States and stayed with my cousins in the Bronx. My first job was washing cars. It’s funny how I left from being a businessman in Africa to washing cars in the U.S. After working in the Bronx for 1 year, my friend Greg came to visit me. I met Greg when he was in the Peace Corps in Mali. We became good friends. He told me that he lives in Ithaca and he owns 2 restaurants and that he would like me to come work for him. In 2007, I decided to move to Ithaca and work in the restaurants. That was the best decision I have ever made. I made a lot of new friends again, started playing soccer, and started a family of my own, which I always wanted to do. I worked in the restaurant for a couple years and then I switched jobs.
to Global Phoenix Computer for 8 years.

I applied for Cornell University and I was hired in 2018. The first thing I wanted to do was improve my reading, writing, and computer skills. Cornell has so much to offer to their employees. I am so grateful to be a part of this community. My supervisor and coworkers are my new family. The first time I met my learning partner Elizabeth, we clicked. She knew from the start what I needed to work on. This class is helping me to understand English better and speak with confidence. Thank you so much for this opportunity. This is just the beginning!
My name is Jungae Lee. I go by Jenny because many people in the United States find it hard to pronounce my name. I just turned fifty years old last month. I came from South Korea where I had my own travel agency for fifteen years plus five years of experience before that. My husband and I love to explore the world, so we decided to move to Ithaca five years ago. English is not my first language so I decided to take a couple of courses to improve my English skills and learn about the hospitality field. After I graduate from TC3 I would like to get a manager position in a hotel or a restaurant. I have travel agent experience and I am taking a hospitality course to gain a more formal knowledge in the field to pursue my goal of becoming a manager in the hospitality industry.

“I see myself as a student. Trying to learn everything,” (Giannis Antetokounmpo.) Working as a travel agent was very much like being a student because I learned something new every day. The name of my company was Xanadu Travel Agency. We usually dealt with foreigners who came to teach in Korea or worked in foreign companies. Many of them were English speakers. I communicated with clients, but I couldn’t have a chance to make...
friends and improve my English because I was busy with my work and with my kids. I took the reservations by phone and email. I advertised many special package tours and airline tickets through our website. Xanadu was the biggest and the most popular travel agency in South Korea. I had to email more than a hundred inquiries every day in English. Most of the people liked to travel near Korea when they had a holiday. The most popular areas were Japan, China, Philippines, Thailand, Mongolia, and Nepal. Most of time, when I had a big group, I was a tour conductor as well. In 2010, airlines started to stop paying commission to travel agencies one by one. By early 2012, most airlines completely stopped paying commission to their agencies. Besides that, online travel agencies started to do business in the Korean market. Most of the small-sized and the middle-sized travel agencies had to close. I decided to close my company and move to North America to get better opportunities for myself, my husband and my children.

However, when we immigrated to Toronto in 2008, Canada’s economy was not good, therefore my husband couldn’t get a job he liked. We took over a Japanese sushi restaurant and ran it for six years together, and at the same time, I went to Mohawk College to study travel and tourism. After I graduated from college, I worked at Sebang travel agency, but my salary was too low. My husband and I decided to move to the United States from Toronto because I wanted to study in the Cornell Hotel School. When I moved to Ithaca, I tried to learn about the United States so I took online courses from SUNY Empire College and graduated with an Associate’s Degree in Arts and Sciences. I also earned a couple of credits from the Cornell Hotel School as a benefit of an employee program. However, it was very hard for me to catch up with the classes and work at the same time. Currently, I am taking a hotel and restaurant management course at Tompkins Cortland Community College. TC3’s continuing education online program saves me a lot of commute time and the quizzes are less stressful. I think my English Skills are improving too. I am learning a lot of the hospitality industry’s terminology, regulations, and standards. I hope I will get a manager position at a restaurant or a hotel after I obtain my degree from TC3.

My ideal job is a leadership role in the hospitality industry where I can make decisions for the team. Instead of getting a four year degree I would rather rest from academics for a while. The reason I am pursuing a manager position is that I am tired of the high volume of physical labor required by my job. I would prefer to have a more relaxed job in an office with a higher salary. Ideally, I would like to keep being an employee at Cornell, but get promoted to a manager position. The campus is so beautiful, people are very nice, and the benefits are the best in town. I love the environment filled with educated people from all over the world. As a manager at Cornell I would get the opportunity to communicate my ideas with other officials to make the campus even better.

Having many years of hospitality experience, along with my educational background, will lead to earning a manager position after graduating from TC3. Travel agent experience gave me soft skills like communication and problem solving. The class at TC3 is giving me a formal knowledge in the field. These abilities will be useful when I become a manager in the future. “It is not true that people stop pursuing dreams because they grow old, they grow old because they stop pursuing dreams,” (Gabriel Garcia Marquez.)
The Matrix appears and uses his powers to revive the animals and merge them together to form an organic robot.

The Matrix: Come back to life to resume the battle against this great evil: you five have become Saviour.

Saviour descends down from the sky to extend blades from his forearms to charge at Sovereign and Sovereign launches energy waves at Saviour. Saviour performs a spin-flip to dodge the waves and repeatedly strikes Sovereign with his blades to knock the monster onto the ground.

Saviour: Ok, Sovereign. It’s time for you to surrender and go back into your own dimension.

Sovereign: I will never give up until I am ruler of the universe.

Sovereign jumps back on his feet and forms energy balls in both hands, throwing them at Saviour. Saviour dodges the first ball and uses his blades to slice the second ball. Saviour strikes Sovereign with his blades, but Sovereign uses his arms to block the attacks. Sovereign spins around and shoots out particle beams at Saviour to knock him on the ground.

Sovereign: (forming a large ball between his hands) You are history, Saviour. The universe now belongs to the Reapers.

Sovereign throws the ball at Saviour when suddenly the Matrix appears to form a shield to block the ball. The Matrix uses his power to create an ultimate weapon known as the Cosmos sword and gives it to Saviour.

Saviour: Yes, the fight is over, but it is your end, Sovereign.

Saviour channels his energy into the sword and shoots out a blast from the blade at Sovereign to destroy the monster. However, the explosion creates an energy wave that hits Saviour and kills him.
IRON HORSE
SOUTHERN ROCK
THE EAGLES CLUB
161 CECIL MALONE DR. ITHACA, NY
SAT. NOV 17
7:00 - 10:30PM
Band Poster by Adam Armstrong
Photographs by Carmelo Melice
Dear Mr. _____,

I’m writing to apply for the position of the Part-Time Casual Warehouse assistant, as advertised on the Cornell work day website.

In your job posting, you mention that you want to hire a Warehouse assistant who understands retail operations and assist in other various duties including but not limited to restocking, and customer web orders.

When I saw the job opening, I knew it was the perfect opportunity to offer you my interpersonal, inventory control, and leadership skills. You can learn more about my prior experiences and education through my profile on the Work Days page. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Please feel free to email me or call my cell phone at (***)-****. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Justin R Wunder
Become a Richford Fire District Commissioner

The Commissioner position is a 5 year volunteer term. You will be required to attend a monthly commissioner’s meeting. Fire commissioners receive no compensation, will assume fiscal responsibilities of the District, enforce the code of ethics, and oversee the fire department. Fire commissioners are required to complete a New York state approved training course within 227 days of taking office.

Name *
First and Last
Your answer

VOLUNTEER NOW!
CLASP
A Poem by Lisa Wible

Community that inspires us to grow as a team.
Learning is fun together with the
Adult learners teaching
Students their value and potential as educators of the future.
Purpose is found as we touch the next generation of all learners.

Spreadsheet by Christopher Brewer

“I could not have imagined making a graph like this two months ago.”

The difference between lamp wattage in different rooms
### Budget by Leila Ellis (Made Spring 2018)

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More Photographs of My Garden by Qunwang Zhao
HAPPY SUMMER!
SEE YOU IN THE FALL SEMESTER

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at clasp.cornell.edu

Fnu Tsering Namgyal and Kevin Juarez-Leon study for the New York State driver’s test

Learning Partners Matt Spath and Patricia Richardson

Learning Partners Lara Patz and Kaitlyn Sullivan