Your CAAAN Contact Meeting is very likely to be the most personal part of a very difficult and sometimes impersonal admissions process. This is an opportunity for you to conduct an informative meeting, have fun and be enthusiastic about your alma mater!

Some Tips & Advice:

- Clearly characterize the Contact Meeting to the applicant as an informational meeting, not an interview, nor an official, evaluative part of their application process.
- Use a neutral site for the Contact Meeting: the applicant’s school, a public library, coffee shop, etc.
- Please do not conduct one-on-one contacts in your home.
- Please make sure you complete your CAAAN report form ASAP after the meeting.
- If your first attempt at contacting an applicant is unsuccessful, try a second attempt using a different method of contact (both phone and email contact information is available for every applicant). If the applicant still does not respond after the second attempt, submit a contact report indicating that the student did not respond to multiple attempts to schedule a meeting.
- Examples of open-ended questions to ask:
  "Are there things that are important to you in a prospective college or university?" -- "How did you begin your college search?" -- "What are you looking for in your college experience?" -- "What are/were your favorite courses and/or teachers/mentors in high school?" -- "Which of your activities have been most enjoyable?" -- "Which activity has been most meaningful for you?" -- "Is there anything that you did not share in your application that you would like to share now?" -- "What is the most important thing you want the admissions committee to know about you?" -- "Of what are you most proud?"
- Do not ask about the numbers: GPA, SAT, Class rank if Cornell is the student’s first choice (if they volunteer the information, that’s great)
- Do not ask where else a student is applying (again, if they volunteer the information, that’s great)
- Do not make negative comments about another college or university! Tout the strengths of Cornell instead!

Quick facts about Cornell:

Any person...
14,000 undergraduates – all 50 states and over 120 nations – multicultural and international student body – variety of different religious groups practicing on campus – socio-economic diversity (need-blind admission policy)

Any study...
One great university, seven unique colleges/schools – over 4000 courses – 100+ undergraduate programs – first year writing seminars – ability to graduate in four years – access to courses you need to graduate – 73% of undergraduate classes enroll 2-29 students

Other highlights
Faculty who teach and advise – north campus residential initiative – study abroad and away opportunities – beautiful campus – 1000+ clubs and organizations – one of the largest intramural programs in the nation – a top outdoor education program – Carol Tatkon Center (an academic and personal resource center on north campus) – undergraduate research opportunities