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This image shows a vast, bright sky, likely overexposed, with very faint, wispy clouds. In the lower right foreground, there is a dark, textured evergreen tree. Next to it stands a tall, slender black pole, which appears to be a street lamp or a utility pole. The overall scene is very light and airy.

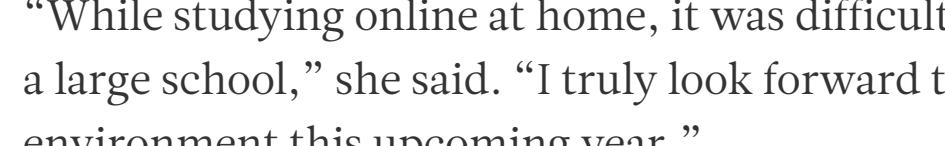
A collage of three photographs capturing moments at an outdoor event. The left image shows a white SUV with a roof-mounted cargo box parked in a lot with green trees in the background. A yellow pedestrian crossing sign is visible. The middle image shows a close-up of several people's torsos. On the left, a person wears a light gray t-shirt and holds a white rectangular tray. Next to them is a woman in a solid black t-shirt and a black face mask. To her right is another person in a black t-shirt featuring a blue geometric logo. The right image shows a woman in a white and black horizontally striped t-shirt carrying a white bag over her shoulder. In the background, a child wearing a bright pink shirt is seen walking away.



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high school,” Felton wrote in an email to The Sun. “I’m excited. But, the members of the Class of 2025 are assuming.”

One of the members of the class of 2025 Billie Morton '24, an incoming transfer student from California, decided to apply to Cornell after "COVID protocol was not followed" at her previous university. When asked about starting in-person classes again after nearly two years of a virtual education, she shared a common sentiment.



The Class of 2025 is among the most diverse of the University's recent classes, with 34.2 percent of the students self-identifying as underrepresented minorities, an increase of 7.3 points from the Class of 2024, and 59.3 percent identifying as students of color, a jump from last year's 51.7 percent.

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Because 96 percent of Cornell's on-campus population -- including students, faculty and staff -- are **vaccinated**, the campus is moving toward a sense of pre-pandemic normalcy

"I think it will be great to have a sense of normalcy after the past year and a half," said Peyton Lancaster

“We are going back to ‘normal’, but we don’t really know what that means anymore,” said Karen Lin ’24, who transferred to Cornell after spending her first year at Stony Brook University. “It feels like a new beginning. The college experience is never going to be the same again.”

“My hope is that what has happened to each individual and the group collectively serves and supports them through the vast array of experiences and unique opportunities that Cornell provides,” Felton wrote. “As they come to feel that they belong and are truly a part of this very special place.”

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