

2017 STEVE WRIGHT BRIDGE AWARD

Debra Howell



Photo: Bill Sitzabee, Debra Howell, and Kristi Cooley

This year's **Steve Wright Bridge Award** went to **Debra Howell**, who fosters diversity and inclusion both on and off Cornell's campus.

Here on campus...

- **Debra** was pivotal in creation of the IT Career Framework Committee which encourages self-development and building the leadership.
- She facilitates Cornell's Emerging Leaders Program, Cornell's Leaders Program.
- She successfully started the "IT Reads" program which develops skills through shared reading thought exchange.
- **Debra** is a lead facilitator for many Turning Point programs each year, making a difference in the lives of many staff here at Cornell.
- And she volunteered to chair and lead the IPP United Way committee for the past two years and annually supports the backpack program
- Extending beyond Cornell, **Debra** facilitates sessions of the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program which promotes the well-being of National Guard and Reserve members, families, and communities by connecting them with resources throughout the deployment cycle."
- She regularly supports the Ithaca Rotary Club, local food charities, the Cornell Elves program, a diaper drive for families in need.

And most recently **Debra** was elected as the Information Officer on the Executive Board for the New York State Chapter of the American Council on Education (ACE) Women's Network.

Debra Howell was nominated by **Kristi Cooley**.



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