



Cornell University
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ILR Memory Book Series

From time to time, on-line memory books are made available on the web site of Cornell University's ILR School as a way for past students, colleagues, and friends to post their recollections of faculty and distinguished staff members.

This series collects the comments left by visitors to these memory books.

Sandy Jordan

After 28 years, Sandy Jordan is saying goodbye to her career at ILR on August 31, 2006.

Sandy started out in ILR in 1978 as an administrative assistant working on a small grant administered by Prof. Robert Doherty and Prof. Ronald Donovan. She had been laid off from the local telephone company and was desperately searching for another job when Mary Tucker offered her the position mainly because Sandy "happened to be the only applicant that did not remind Mary of her mother."

During the summer of 1978, she applied for and was offered a position in the ILR Extension Division Fiscal Office working for David Stotz and Merle Hayes.

She worked in the Extension Fiscal Office until June 1991 when she transferred to the ILR Human Resources Office working with Pam Strausser and Gail Hendrix and has remained in the HR office ever since.

After retiring, Sandy plans to ride off into the sunset on a big orange motorcycle.

The following submissions were made by visitors to the memory book from August 8, 2006 to September 7, 2006.



Have a wonderful retirement. Your warm personality is a testament to the atmosphere here at ILR. Best wishes!

- S. O'Leary, Ithaca, NY Aug 8 2006

Sandy, Thanks for all of your help in the brief time that we've worked together. Best wishes! John

- John Hausknecht, Ithaca Aug 10 2006

I can't imagine ILR without you! You certainly deserve to retire and enjoy yourself after your long career. Thank you for always being there for me and your great sense of humor. I will miss you. Enjoy your retirement, Jean

- Jean Gustafson, Liverpool, NY Aug 10 2006

Sandy, we practically grew up in ILR together! Looking back it was a fun time we used to have in Extension, meeting for coffee in the Lobby of the Conference Center, having lunch in Lois' office, you ladies teaching me about life! It won't be the same around here. But you definitely deserve a great amount of happiness, and peace and quiet (although a big orange motorcycle doesn't sound too quiet)! - Wishing you ALL the best - Debbie

- Debbie Fisher, Dryden Aug 10 2006

Sandy, you were the first person I met at ILR on my first day of work, and you eased me through the start-up process, answered all my questions, and made me feel at home right away. Thanks, and best wishes!

- Rebecca Younes, Ithaca, NY Aug 10 2006

Sandy, I wish you health and happiness.

- Michael Gold, Ithaca Aug 10 2006

I wish you the best in your "relaxing years" away from work. Please enjoy and have a great time! Pam

- Pam Henderson, Buffalo, New York Aug 10 2006

Sandy, Sometimes it's important to work for that pot of gold. But other times it's essential to take time off and to make sure that your most important decision in the day simply consists of choosing which color to slide down on the rainbow. Enjoy retirement and riding that bike with the one you love. You'll be "GREATLY" missed Sandy. Hugs, Becky

- Becky Daniels, Lockport, NY Aug 10 2006

You're doing it! Congratulations Sandy! I have heard you speak of your retirement days and you said you'd never make it, but now you have! I want you to know how happy I am for you! If it weren't for you, I would have never been part of the ILR family/friends. Thanks for believing in me, mentoring me and pushing me on to bigger and better things. YOU ARE THE BEST! I wish only happiness for you and Gary as you both travel down life's road on the big orange motorcycle! Enjoy, relax and have fun. See you soon - keep in touch! Love you!

- Cathy Allen, Spencer, NY Aug 10 2006

Sandy I will miss being able to call you for you to transfer my calls throughout ILR. I only met you one time and when I did, I knew that I wanted to sit at the table and eat with you at Dempsey's, when we came to Ithaca. I had felt like I knew you from calling you numerous times. I will miss hearing your voice and looking forward to seeing you when opportunities may arise that I could see you. You have been very helpful to me in the four years that I have been here and I hope that you will be able to relax and enjoy retired life. Good luck on everything you set out to do in the future and you will definitely be missed. I missed you while you were away before and will even more so now. Motorcycle! Big & Orange! I wish I could be there to see and ride with you. Smooches Sanea A. Pinkney, sap29@cornell.edu

- Sanea A. Pinkney, Brooklyn, New York Aug 10 2006

I'm sorry to see you go, Sandy! You were such a great help to me when I started at ICCD two years ago, and always came to my rescue whenever I had a question. And you were always so pleasant about it! I wish you all the best. Martha ICCD

- Martha Stettinius, Ithaca Aug 10 2006

Sandy, It was always nice to bump into you in the halls or to chat with you in your office. You will be missed. Best wishes for your retirement!

- Brad Bell, Ithaca Aug 10 2006

Wishing you a great healthy, retirement. Thanks for all your help, I hope you enjoy every minute of your retirement. Grand babies help put a smile on your face. So check them out every day! Wishing you only the best, have fun on that orange motorcycle, Angie

- Angie Wagner, Groton, NY Aug 10 2006

Sandy, Thank you for your many, many years of dedicated service to ILR. Enjoy your retirement (including those motorcycle rides)! Best wishes, Dottie

- Dottie Carlson, Career Services Aug 10 2006

Sandy, Congratulations and best wishes in your retirement. And, thank you for all your great work and support over these years. Warmly, Jeff

- Jeff Grabelsky, New York City Aug 10 2006

Hi Sandy: I wish you all the wonderful best during your retirement. Take in all that you can of your little granddaughter and all that life has to offer. I will miss you around ILR. Most Sincerely, Alexis

- Alexis Falise, Ithaca, EDI Aug 10 2006

Sandy, You will be greatly missed. I've always found you a very easy person to work with. On those rare occasions ;-) when I did something wrong you were always patient with me and I truly appreciate that. Enjoy your time at home and make sure you do a lot of relaxing stuff. You definitely deserve to retire. Alice

- Alice Torres, Rochester, NY Aug 10 2006

After all these years in ILR you deserve some R & R! Enjoy! We are always reminded, "No one is irreplaceable", but I would argue with that, in your case. You will be missed by many, myself included. You served as a voice of reason and good information when things really seemed crazy. I appreciate all the help you gave me. Thanks and Best Wishes! Sincerely, Renee

- Renee Tucci, Groton, NY Aug 10 2006

Dearest Sandy, I am so happy for you as you move onto this next phase of life. I hope you enjoy each and every day of your retirement to the absolute fullest. Live it up and enjoy that big orange motorcycle!!!

- Michele Cowen, Ithaca, NY - EDI Aug 10 2006

Congratulations on your retirement. Remember all the good times we had in our years together in HR. Take care and really enjoy retirement, you can babysit for Lexi!!!

- Gail Hendrix, Interlaken Aug 10 2006

Sandy, Happy Retirement. I will miss you and so will many others, but glad you are able to retire. Enjoy life and get some riding time in on the bike with Gary, with all this beautiful weather. I wish I could go with you, but within 5 years I will be where you are. Can't wait. It's been a pleasure working with you and have enjoyed your witty humor. Take care, and I will see you around. Carol Foster

- Carol, Candor Aug 10 2006

You were a friend the first time I spoke with you!!!! They say that everyone is replaceable ... but you leave some very big shoes to fill... don't think it can be done! I hope that every minute of your retirement is filled with the love and joy of family. And I hope that life gives back to you the same generosity of spirit you have given to all of us that know you! Some people come into your heart and quickly leave, while others leave footprints in your heart! Much love! Katie

- Katie Chadwick, Buffalo Aug 10 2006

Sandy, I wish you good health and much happiness during your retired years. ILR will not be the same without you. What a help you have been to everyone. Congratulations! I hope you enjoy every day!

- Cheryl Noble, Owego Aug 10 2006

Sandy, What can I say...saying Congratulations and Happy Retirement doesn't seem to be enough. Down through the years with Cooperative Extension and now ILR, you have always (and I do mean always) been a BIG help with getting things done right. For all of that, I want to say thank you. I wish you much happiness, good health and of course, smooth roads for that bike. The Best to You Always!
Betty Phillip

- Betty Phillips, Brooklyn, New York Aug 10 2006

Sandy, I must confess, I have mixed feelings about your retirement! I am very happy that you are going to be able to enjoy your family, but I am going to miss so much about you! I will miss everything from your quick helpfulness when I need to know University HR policy to your reindeer hat during Christmas. Who else will be so bold as to sing Christmas songs in the hallway anytime of year? You are one of a kind and I will sure miss you!

- Renee Orak, Ithaca, NY Aug 10 2006

Dear Sandy: I wish I were closer so I could spend this special event with you. I remember the days of Merle Hayes and David Stotz I remember Pam as well. Those were the good old days and Cornell will never be the same again a place of caring and that family feeling. One thing I gained and it has lasted since I left Cornell myself is a wonderful friendship I still maintain with you, Gail Hendrix and Ann Herson. You are a special friend I hope to keep for the rest of our lives. I have so many other thoughts but one of my special memories is the day I got to meet the ILR Staff and meeting you and everyone else after talking with you on the telephone for so many years! I have many other things I would like to say but I cannot put them into writing now because it would take too long. But I think You know were I am coming from with love in my heart for a very special friend. I wish you a happy healthy retirement and you get to do all the things you planned for. your friend with love and kisses Shirley

- Shirley Slavin, Florham Park Aug 10 2006

Sandy, enjoy your retirement! Thank you for all your assistance over years. Be careful on that motorcycle!
Sincerely, Lisa Mattes

- Lisa Mattes, Albany Aug 10 2006

Sandy, Congratulations on your retirement!! I will think of you every time I pull the beautiful blanket you knitted out of my closet. I am very happy that you are going to be able to enjoy your family and relax (and hopefully get some knitting in), but I am going to miss so much about you! I will miss everything from your quick response and assistance when I needed to know University HR policy to your reindeer hat during Christmas. Who else will be so bold as to sing Christmas songs in the hallway anytime of year? You are one of a kind and that is what I am going to miss the most!

- Renee Orak, Ithaca, NY Aug 10 2006

Sandy: Thank you for the service you gave us all in ILR for many years. I especially appreciated your prompt answers to questions, your reminders of things that needed to be done, and your dry (and sly) sense of humor. Best wishes for the next phase of your life!

- *Bob Smith, Ithaca Aug 10 2006*

Sandy, Congratulations on your retirement. You will be dearly missed here at ILR. Your help to everyone is greatly appreciated. We always knew where to go to get the answers. I will miss our weekly chats regarding Dale Jr. and Nascar. Hopefully you can get that Big Orange Motorcycle to a race. Enjoy and best wishes.

- *Jo Hagin, Ithaca, NY Aug 10 2006*

You've always made time for me whenever I have personnel questions. Whenever something is unclear to me, I knew that by calling you, I'd get the right answers and if not, I knew you'd direct me to the right person. You've always shown your concern and I really appreciate that, Sandy. I am going to miss our small talk over the phone. Enjoy your retirement and grandchildren! Take care. Lya

- *Lya, Boonton, NJ Aug 10 2006*

I hope you have a long and happy vacation that never ends. I will see you on that vacation on many days of cookouts. Though I just started working here you helped me immensely. Thank you very much and have lots of fun. Love Don.

- *Donald Kenyon Jr., Marathon Aug 10 2006*

Sandy, You have been helpful, friendly, and just fun to be around all these years. Many thanks for the kindnesses, and enjoy retirement. We will miss you here. Best, Nick

- *Nick Salvatore, Ithaca Aug 10 2006*

Sandy: I never had a question that you didn't know the answer to, nor a problem that you didn't know how to solve. I always appreciated your tireless efforts on the part of the faculty and staff of ILR. You really will be missed! Pat

- *Pat Wright, Lansing Aug 10 2006*

Sandy: I wish you all the best as you begin the next phase of your life. You have been a wonderful support and resource! I will miss you. Enjoy retirement! You deserve it. Anu

- *Anu Lyons, Ithaca Aug 10 2006*

Hey Sandy, Thanks so much for your welcoming smile and wise counsel throughout the years. I hope you have a very long, active, and happy retirement from Cornell. You deserve all the best! Barb

- *Barb Morley, Alpine Aug 10 2006*

My Dear Friend, Well, you finally did it, just had to take the giant step into the wonderful world of established retirement. I can think of many words to say to you. They would be unprintable, but you would understand. It has always been a relief to know you were sitting in Ives Hall amongst your confidential work, jumble of stuffed animals, urgent work, butterscotch hard candy, payroll work, coffee cups, special report work, peanut M&M's, more work, and your ceramic frog but always with answers to the questions I threw at you to chew on and spit back at me. You cannot imagine how many times you saved my butt when I would forget to do something with payroll, renew appointments, completing those ghastly appointment forms, and reminders - would you please sign the time cards so your staff will get paid; well you know what I mean. You have always been available to listen, counsel, and console, not only for me but for so many people all along the ILR Hallways. It takes all kinds of people to help our work place survive and the world a better place. You are one of God's special people, Sandy, and I will miss your steadfast loyalty, dedicated values, pure honesty, and knowing you are not right around the corner when I am in need. I wish you, Godspeed. We will get together often to chew the fat and gamble away the time. What is a mile or two to friends? Nothing, honey, so enjoy your retirement! Luv & Hugs, Ann

- Ann Herson, Ithaca, NY Aug 10 2006

Sandy - You introduced me to ILR -- tried to scare me silly too. As a "serious" young manager when I arrived, I couldn't quite imagine what to do with the likes of you and Charlotte. What I didn't know is that you would be teaching me and re-shaping my thinking in the years to come ..and that you would become a Friend. Hard-working, dedicated, service oriented; a Friend to all.. Always making sure the operations run right compassionate to others; Ears of Human Resources Huge sense of humor! Loved by Many ! I would get on my knees to beg you not to go -- but I did that once If you can't sleep-in on your first morning of retirement, call Charlotte and sing Tramp, Tramp, Tramp by Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy. I'm happy for your happiness !!!!! Yeah !!!!

- Joan Roberts, Small Town Mass Society Aug 10 2006

Sandy, Best Wishes to you! I remember my first time on campus was coming to your office to fill out paperwork for my position in the Dean's Office. You were so helpful, welcoming, friendly. I knew when I left that day that I was in the right place. Thank you for making me feel at home the first day on the job. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the school and its employees. Relax and put your feet up, you deserve it!

- Brenda Hans, Cortland, NY Aug 10 2006

Dear Sandy - Congratulations and every good wish for your retirement. Although I'll miss you dreadfully, I'm so happy for you too. Enjoy those beautiful grandchildren, tasks and time with hubby, and sleeping in whenever you want. You've been a terrifically helpful colleague with a sympathetic ear and a reassuring approach during those, "Oh my G---" moments!!! You'll be missed but wished extra special happiness - love ya -

- Sharon VanCampen, Ovid, NY Aug 10 2006

Wow, this is going to be really hard for me to write without tears rolling down my face. Yeah I know - knock it off. You've been there for me in so many capacities; for myself and my family-especially when my Mom passed away, when I've needed to vent, an ear to listen, a shoulder to cry on. You always had the answer I needed for getting students on payroll and other HR items that I needed to tend to. You were my riding buddy to and from work for so many years and that is going to be only one of the hardest things for me to get used to after you retire. I know that you've been looking forward to your days of retirement and I wish you the very best of happiness and health. When I come to visit make sure you have that coffee ready. With all my love, K.

- Kathy Roberts, *Candor (Just down the road from you)* Aug 10 2006

Oops, I forgot to mention something else - you have been my mentor and most importantly you are my best friend! Love ya! Kathy

- Kathy, Aug 10 2006

Sandy, Thanks for your many years of service to ILR, and especially your efforts on our behalf in the ILR Personnel area in the past few years. Thanks, too, for your many beautiful baby blankets that you and your Mom have afforded us to be able to give as gifts to happy new parent recipients! Warmest Best Wishes to you as you move on to this next phase of life, Susanne

- smb, *Ithaca, New York* Aug 10 2006

Hi Sandy -- Thanks for all your help on the many occasions when I needed it, either for myself with administrative matters, or with larger personnel, financial or other issues. You might not know it, but your help has meant a lot to me over the years. All the best -- JB

- John Bunge, *Ithaca* Aug 11 2006

Sandy, My "go to" person in HR -- when I had all those students to deal with! You have always been so helpful and knowledgeable and easy to work with. I will miss you terribly. And the added connection of Greg and I growing up together and you knowing my Mom has always made our relationship mean more to me. HAVE FUN!! Love, Christina

- Christina Homrighouse, *Spencer* Aug 11 2006

Sandy-- Thank you for helping me "settle-in" to my new roles in the ILR school. I'll miss your sarcastic comments and our chats about NASCAR. You know I'll be thinking about you whenever Junior is running up front! Take care. John

- John H., *Aurora* Aug 11 2006

Sandy, It has truly been a pleasure working with you the past two years. Your knowledge will be sorely missed in ILR. I am glad you have the opportunity to retire young so you can enjoy life to its fullest... you deserve it!!! Don't forget us little people, and most importantly, don't do anything I wouldn't do. :-)
Best Wishes, Bonnie

- *Bonnie, Newfield Aug 11 2006*

Dear Sandy, I am getting all teared up. Riding off in the sunset on a big orange motorcyle certainly sounds like a grand exit. I will certainly miss you. You have been a friend over the years. You have been a reliable source of information when the occasion arose that I needed your expertise. I have enjoyed our relationship and am very grateful for having the opportunity to work with you. You enjoy your retirement. You have worked hard and deserve the relaxation. Hopefully our paths will cross again. You never know what Casino we might be at. God Bless you and keep you healthy and well for many years to come. Frannie

- *Fran Secord, Burdett New York Aug 11 2006*

Sandy AKA Mother in law. Congratulations on your long awaited retirement! This is a hard one to keep short for all that you've done for me. You were always there for me in the good times and the bad times at ILR. You also introduced me to your wonderful daughter, of course as you now know is my lovely wife. Thanks to you we now have Alexis who is the most perfect and sweetest little girl in the world and it was partly your doing. Of course it was also from me for being so perfect. Ha! Ha! So you think you're retiring, well we have big plans for Grandma while you're home toddler sitting. I could go on and on and on, but I'll stop in a few. I just want to thank you for all the wonderful contributions to ILR and especially to my life. Love your Son In Law, Jason

- *Jason Kenyon, Marathon Aug 11 2006*

Sandy You surely know how much I appreciate all you have done for my students and me over the years, how dear you are to me and how much I am going to miss seeing you in Ives Hall. The personal loss that I feel with your leaving ILR, however, is more than offset by the knowledge of the great happiness that retirement is going to bring to you. Please make sure that you return to the holiday parties each semester so we can keep in touch

- *Ron Ehbrenberg, Ithaca Aug 11 2006*

Hi Sandy, Happy to hear that you decided to join the ranks of the retired people. I wish you nothing but good health and good times. I appreciate and enjoyed working with you. Thanks for all your help! Enjoy your retirement Luke

- *Luke Farmer, Springfield Gardens, NY Aug 11 2006*

Dear Sandy, Thanks for being such a wonderful colleague over all these years. Your ever friendly helpfulness put a human face on the human resources office. We could always count on you for information, for understanding, for insight, for confidence and for a warm sense of humor that enlivened every conversation, lifted weight from every problem. I hope you enjoy a grand retirement with many years of good health and happiness with family and friends. . . .you've earned a great time. . . . fond regards and very best wishes, LJ

- Lou Jean, Buffalo Aug 12 2006

Sandy, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you over the years and wish you all the best for a rewarding and wonderful retirement. You were always incredibly helpful working with me on grants and also personnel matters. I know you will be missed at ILR by many, many people. Thank you for all you have done for the school and for so many of us. Sorry I missed talking with you about your big, orange motorcycle. I never knew! Take care, and all of the best to you. love, Marcia Calicchia

- Marcia Calicchia, Aug 12 2006

Sandy- From the day I started, you quickly established that you were the "go to" person for answers to any questions I had. You were also so professional and patient no matter how trivial the question or how many times I asked the same question. You know ILR inside and out and will be so very hard to replace -- it may take us years to recover! I will also miss our many talks about AI and who was the best and worst this week. Best wishes for years of health and happiness as you head off into the sunset on the back of your motorcycle.

- Ellen Marsh, King Ferry, NY Aug 14 2006

Sandy, Thanks for everything that you have done for us, from making sure that we get paid on time to navigating the bureaucracy in our behalf. Your support was not only felt by your actions, but also by your kindness, which we always knew to be sincere. Enjoy your retirement, and please, please take care. Much regards and thanks, Ed

- Ed Aceveco, Bay Shore, Long Island Aug 14 2006

Dear Sandy: Your good cheer and generosity of spirit will be sorely missed. So, too, will your patient willingness to find answers to even the most mundane questions and your keen sense of what ILR should and could be. We will be much less without you! Best wishes and many happy miles on that big orange motorcycle.

- Maralyn Edid, Ithaca, NY Aug 15 2006

Sandy, I've only known you for a year, but I wish I'd known you longer. You've been so helpful and friendly every time I've had a question about anything, I can't imagine who else will have all those answers. Have a great retirement and motorcycle ride, and send pictures! Caroline

- Caroline Hecht, Hector, NY Aug 15 2006

Dear Sandy, Your kind and patient way has meant so much to me and to the many international visiting fellows who rely on your sage advice on everything from immigration papers to paper jams. Your sense of humor and goodwill have made so many feel so welcome. Thank you for all you do, may the best be yet to come. Happy trails, kiddo. Robin

- Robin Remick, Aug 15 2006

Sandy, While I am selfishly sad to see you go, I can't help but smile every time I picture you and your husband riding off into the sunset on your motorcycle. A long and happy retirement couldn't be wished for a better person -- may you enjoy every moment!! Fondly, Christine

- Christine Cotton, Dryden, NY Aug 15 2006

Sandy - For the next phase of your life may you dance like no one is watching. Oh ya - and remember.... We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors....but they all exist very nicely in the same box. I'm going to miss you! :-)

- Lisa Rose, Ithaca Aug 15 2006

Hi Sandy!! I will miss your presence on campus. I remember all of the times you answered my many curious questions when I first started at ILR. Thank you!!! Christmas will not be the same without you and your antlers! I will miss you. Mary (Adie)

- Mary Adie, B-20 Day Hall Aug 15 2006

Heh Sandy, With all the nuances and dynamics of higher education you consistently gave us good news about payroll matters.....! You dispatched your duties with grace, dignity and laughter. Keep bringing smiles to the people who will now be touched by you in another venue. Just keep riding that bike ...! Thanks for all your help...!

- Arthur Matthews, Mount Vernon Aug 16 2006

Dear Sandy, Where do I begin?? It goes without saying that things won't be the same around here without you. I'm so happy that you finally made the decision to retire. I'm sure it's one you won't regret. You know how much I appreciate the many talks we've had. It's been wonderful sharing "grandma" moments with you. I'm still incredibly jealous that your granddaughter lives in the same state :) I wish you health and happiness always. Perhaps Jack and I will pass you and Gary on interstate 95; you on the big orange motorcycle and Jack and I with 4-wheelers in tow. I will remember you fondly.

- Barbara McPherson, Barton Aug 16 2006

Sandy, It was always great working with you and even greater stopping in your office and chatting. I know your smile and cheery disposition will be greatly missed at ILR. Good luck in all your future endeavors. Laurie

- Laurie McEvoy, Cortland, NY Aug 17 2006

Sandy, I've only been at ILR a year and I don't know what I'll do without you! You've been there for ALL my silly HR questions, and were always willing to stop and listen if you had the time. I'm not sure where I would have been as a newbie without you. I'll miss your humor and humanity, and wish you all the best in the next phase of your life. Enjoy every moment, and stay open to the changes coming. We'll miss you -- stay in touch! Best, Sarah

- Sarah Thompson, Trumansburg, NY Aug 17 2006

Sandy, I hope you have the best retirement anyone has ever had. And if that means riding off into the sunset on a big orange motorcycle, then that's just what you should do. Seriously, I will really miss your help with all those pesky HR problems. You have long been my resource for so many things. Thank you for your guidance and patience over the years. Since you know where I live, I hope you'll drive that orange beauty right to my doorstep when you run out of other fun things to do. I'd love to have you visit. Be safe, be happy, and most of all, enjoy yourself! Linda

- Linda Young, Owego, NY Aug 18 2006

Sandy, We started at ILR in the same year and have shared good times and bad. Thank you for all the help you have given me over the years. I hope you have a happy, healthy, and restful retirement. Wishing you all the best. Gary

- Gary Fields, Ithaca, NY Aug 18 2006

Dear Jordan, I heard from Robin that you are going to leave ILR. I am sorry that you retire from ILR. I can't forget your administrative assistance for my settlement as a visiting scholar when I went to ILR for the first time. I am very sorry that you can't handle my administrative settlement again when I go to ILR in the future. However, you will have a lot of interesting and funny things. I hope you are well forever. Best Regards, Eul-Teo

- Eul-Teo Lee, S. Korea Aug 19 2006

Dear Sandy, It is hard to imagine the ILR School without you. Your door was always open, your smile always wide, and your manner always supportive -- to EVERYBODY. When I came to the School as a faculty member, you helped me navigate the Cornell bureaucracy, and you were indispensable to Jeong-koo Yoon and Shane Thye over the years. It was clear that each individual, each person was important to you. I always knew that if I sent someone to you, they would be treated with the utmost respect and would get the information they needed. When I was Dean, I became even more aware of your contributions. You served the School with true distinction over many, many years. As Dean, I always heard very nice comments about your work and your dealings with people. You became the chief informal counselor or advisor to many staff and I know they really appreciated it; and it had a strong positive effect

on the general environment of the School. There were some rough periods in the HR office during your time there, which you handled with grace, equanimity, and that steady smile. You have been the source of steadiness and stability for staff and faculty. I suspect that you underestimate the important “presence” you have had in the School and the degree that people revere you as a person and colleague. Don’t know how to thank for all you have done for me, except to say it. I personally will miss you greatly. Please do stay in touch. All the best in your future pursuits. I’ll watch for you on that motorcycle. With Warm Regards, Ed Lawler

- Ed Lawler, Ithaca Aug 19 2006

Dear Very Special Sandy: It will certainly be very different at ILR without you to run into! I always enjoyed our interactions which always were fun (and funny!), helpful, instructive, and full of playfulness. You have shown care and understanding for everyone—students, faculty, staff, visiting scholars, people inside the school and out. You would always speak the truth as you saw it, but also with humor and insight. You have been so dedicated to ILR, working hard to make it as good, as supportive, and as helpful a work environment as possible. Your understanding of the realities and your push to change the deficiencies have helped many of us continue to strive. Your resourcefulness and dedication to your role in HR, to all ILR staff, and to the School as a whole over the span of the many, many years you have served is exceptional. How unique and marvelous a person you are! Orange motorcycle, purple Segway, water-slide, topiary, trading NASCAR cards, knitting a stuffed duck: whatever you choose to do throughout your newly-freed-up schedule, you better have fun! You go, girl, and have a good laugh at those of us still working away. I will miss you, your smiling face, your care, your good will, and your true grit. Come back and rabble-rouse from time to time! Warmly, Linda

- Linda Gasser, Ithaca, NY Aug 19 2006

Sandy, Wow, it is hard to imagine ILR HR without you. You know everything! I am not sure how my students will get appointed or paid now! You always went above and beyond to help me out. You did a difficult job with kindness and humor. I am going to miss you very much. I still hope that I can join you and Kathy on one of your Niagara Falls trips! May you always be healthy and happy. Karen

- Karen Brand, Ithaca, NY Aug 20 2006

When I first met Sandy, she seemed like the kind of blood and guts, gritty kind of person that most academics would have hated!!! I loved her immediately!! She has made my time at Cornell truly fun. Sandy knows this because she knows me..... and she knows how much I appreciate girls like her. Good luck in all you do, and don’t forget our Summer appt on any grounds :-). Enjoy your ride.... you deserve it..... --ST

- Shane Thye, South Carolina Aug 20 2006

My Dear Sandy - You have been the calm inside the storm for me and so many others. Your ears have always been available to listen when we have needed to vent. Nobody knows more about everything at ILR. You have been one of my most trusted resources.....what will I do without you. So many conversations, so many memories not soon to be forgotten. It's only been eight years, but such a wealth of knowledge I've gained from you. Please enjoy your next phase of life - relax, enjoy, and don't forget to smell the flowers along the way. And stop by once in a while - I'll make lemon bars if you let me know you're coming. Best wishes!!

- *slb, Lansing Aug 21 2006*

I will truly miss Sandy's amazing sense of humor, combined with her frank honesty; two traits that remain in short supply in this world! Please visit us often...best wishes, and misbehave often in your future endeavors.

- *David Brewer, Ithaca, NY Aug 21 2006*

Sandy: this place will not be the same without you!!! You have so much knowledge and have been so helpful throughout the years in so many ways. I am going to miss you so much but I am so very happy for you. You enjoy your retirement and don't forget - we have that "special" trip planned soon (and we'll do it often). Take care Sandy!!

- *Colleen, Aug 21 2006*

Dear Sandy -- You were the first ILR face I saw when I dropped off my application for employment years ago, and ever since that day I've counted on you to answer a zillion questions. I always appreciated your open door and welcoming smile.....you'll be sorely missed. Here's wishing you the very best in your future endeavors. Come back to say hi once in a while! Anne

- *Anne Sieverding, Ithaca Aug 21 2006*

What will we do without you???? Who will know the answer to all of my inane questions??? Who will know all of our stories, collected from years of time together--good, bad, and just plain boring???? :-)) Needless to say, we're all going to miss you tremendously. No one will ever be able to fill your shoes. Your thoughtful sensitivity has been a blessing to all of us, and your wealth of knowledge has made getting through the HR quagmire--and financial quagmire years ago--so much easier. Have fun, and enjoy life and Lexi and the open road. Be well and be happy.

-*Lynn Coffey-Edelman, Aug 21 2006*

Sandy: It was so convenient to have you across the hall from CAHRS. The only downside is that I would always come see you for help without a scheduled appointment. You always stopped what you were doing to help me. I will really miss you and your willingness to do whatever it took to see that we got what we needed. And I am especially grateful that you helped Jo move to an "E" position. Enjoy time to do what you want Sandy. You deserve it. Pam

- Pamela Stepp, Ithaca, New York Aug 21 2006

Sandra Lee, I will miss your honesty, integrity, straightforwardness, thoughtfulness and kindness. I will also miss our conversations about cows. Best of luck to you in your new life -- no one deserves it more than you. Debra Sue

- Deb Lamb-Deans, Ithaca Aug 21 2006

Sandy: You gave far more than you got and received far less than you deserved. We need good people such as you rather than losing them. Thank you for your many kindnesses.

- jim Gross, Aug 21 2006

I wanted to tell you how much I will miss your friendship and working with you. Thank you for all your help these past years. Hope you have a wonderful retirement. Send me an e-mail once in awhile and let me know how you are doing. Love Irma

- Irma Hernandez, Long Island, NY Aug 21 2006

SandyJ, What can I say that we haven't already said? I'm going to miss you terribly! You have been a great friend to me and with the knowledge you have and your ability to work with various types of people, you have always been very valuable to ILR. It will be impossible to replace you. You will be remembered long after you leave for your well-deserved retirement. Take care, okay? SandyC

- SandyC, Freeville, New York Aug 21 2006

Sandy, Thank you for being such a warm, caring, knowledgeable colleague and friend. You have always been there for me and I want you to know that I appreciate it and will miss you. Enjoy your retirement!

- Jeff Bishop, Freeville, NY Aug 21 2006

Sandy, It has been such a pleasure to know and work with you. You will surely be missed by all. Enjoy retired life!

- Pam Whitefield, New York, NY Aug 21 2006

Congratulation, Jordan. I'll miss you every day of your retirement. All the nice things people say about you here are, I must admit, quite true. You're one of the most significant people the ILR School has employed in 30 years. While others with more impressive titles have come and gone, you have been a steady, positive influence on all of us. More than most, you have demonstrated loyalty to the School, commitment to a job well-done, and a knack for getting along with quite a diverse range of co-workers. The only thing keeping us from designating your last day at ILR as a statewide day of mourning is the fact that we know you'll be starting a joyous phase of your life. Have fun, you curmudgeon you, and don't look back...

- Linda Donahue, Rochester Aug 22 2006

Dear Sandy, Not only have you provided extraordinary service to the School in so many ways, not only have you handled my requests and patiently addressed my ignorance on all kinds of payroll issues, not only are you just a fine person, but you have also given my work days a pleasant start on so many occasions with your breezeway cigarette-break greeting as I've pulled up panting on my bicycle. I will miss that. You're a gem Lowell

- Lowell Turner, Ithaca Aug 22 2006

sandy, we are glad that you can retire and enjoy life, but we will certainly miss you. you have been a good friend to us. could you squeeze in a little time to make us some more blankets? just kidding! we hope you enjoy your retirement to the fullest. you certainly deserve it! it won't be the same without you...take care and god bless! claire & alexa

- claire & alexa, ithaca & newark valley Aug 22 2006

Dear Sandy, I will not only miss your shoulder, your never-ending counseling services (career and otherwise) your overall wealth of knowledge, warmth & understanding. But mostly, I will miss your renditions of "Jingle Bells" throughout the first floor hallway all year round, and those looks that could stop anyone in their tracks:) I am so happy for you (and Gary). Enjoy those rides on that big orange bike, and those snuggle-fests with Lexi. Much love from a fellow Candorite! P.S. I never did get those knitting lessons from you.

- Jackie D, Candor Aug 22 2006

I will always remember our JM stories (smile).

- DS, NYC Aug 22 2006

Sandy - I along with many, many others, will miss you terribly. As gruff and stern as you might pretend to be, you're a big soft-hearted (and KIND-hearted) Teddy. You've always been there when we needed you, always with a kind smile and open heart. Now where will we find a replacement for THAT? I will always treasure the "Welcome Baby" card from Mary Haag and Sandy. Just like your mother, you are a real treasure. I'll never forget the "underwear" story! And I'll just bet Jason is willing to share some "doozies"! I hope our paths will cross more than once or twice. More than anything else - ENJOY! You have wonderful family and friends to keep you occupied, and a granddaughter to spoil. I know you won't have any trouble in that department! All the best to you (and Gary too, after all he's the one driving!) Stop in and see us if you get out our way. Better yet, make a point of it - it's a nice drive! May you have a long and blissful retirement. Claudia

- Claudia, Newfield, formerly Candor! Aug 22 2006

Dear Sandy, First of all, THANK YOU, for the dedicated service you have provided to the ILR School. We have only known each other since I made my move from Day Hall to ILR four years ago, but you have been on my "positive and reliable people" list since day one. I suppose my fondest memory is the day I walked into your office with some standard HR paperwork to complete upon accepting a job offer by ILR. I was wearing a t-shirt, shorts, a hat, and sandals. You started to talk with me as if I were a student who had just been hired for a job. (I really liked you at that point!) Anyway, after letting you know I was a new hire in OSS, you said something like "you guys look younger every year." We had a good laugh, and I knew you would be someone I could count on to be a friendly and informative source of advice and information. You have been just that. I wish you all the best in your retirement and hope you accomplish all those motorcycle ventures you didn't have time to while working. God Bless you and your family. Once again...thank you. Kevin Harris

- Kevin Harris, Ithaca Aug 22 2006

Dear Sandy, I am so much going to miss your humor, wisdom, stubbornness, courage, and generosity of heart and spirit. I don't think I've ever really expressed to you how much it meant to have you there for support at various times over the last ten years or so, both for the good and the not so good. You've always reminded me to cherish the important things and take nothing for granted. Have a great time on your new adventure.

- David DeMello, Ithaca, NY Aug 23 2006

Dear Sandy, You have finally done what you've wanted to for so long. Your dream is coming true - Retirement!!!! It's clear that you have touched many lives at ILR. I can't imagine what it will be like without your smile, humor and knowlege. How will we manage without you? You deserve to have new adventures and lots of relaxation. Enjoy life and stay happy. I will miss you. Sharon

- Sharon Reeves, Genoa Aug 23 2006

Dear Sandy: Congratulations on your retirement and may you have a healthy and a joyful one. May you also have an enjoyable time with your grandchildren and family. It was great dealing with you since working for Cornell. You have been kind, helpful and served us with a smile. With best wishes. Adel Hussein

- *Adel Hussein, Elmburst, NY Aug 23 2006*

Sandy, Congratulations on your retirement. Enjoy yourself. I want to thank you so much for making me feel welcomed when I came here. You will be missed very much. I know I will miss your smiling face and your great sense of humor. Take care and enjoy yourself. The 3 L's to always remember, LIVE, LAUGH, and LOVE Sincerely, Janet

- *Janet Lott, Newark Valley Aug 23 2006*

For your dedication to the school, your commitment to your work, and your compassion for your fellow workers, you will be remembered fondly. Wishing you all life's greatest happiness in your retirement...
Lisa

- *Lisa A., Aug 24 2006*

Sandy-- Over the years, you have always been a great help to me (and, by extension, my family), helping me negotiate the University's forms and ensuring that I got paid and my family all had health and other benefits. It's hard to imagine what the school will be like without you! Enjoy retirement to the fullest! --Ileen

- *Ileen DeVault, Ives Hall! Aug 25 2006*

Dear dear Sandy, Tomorrow you say goodbye. Where have these 28 years gone? You will be missed at ILR; and trust me, there will be days that you will miss ILR. We have so many good memories; baby stories, teen-years escapades, Charlotte's egg salad (you and I were only good for the bread and chips), lunch in Lois' office, St Paddy's Day celebrations - even those who weren't Irish; lunch - Jim Dandies - at Friendly's, you teaching me to knit - it's still not finished, but someday; and especially the phone calls after '96 with you and Kim singing Happy Birthday. I could go on and on. You're moving on to the next phase; you're ready. Just enjoy every minute of it. My very best wishes to you and Gary and your family. Love, Sally

- *Sally Anderson, Florida Aug 28 2006*

Hi Sandy, I had so much fun working in your office this summer. You made me feel welcome and wanted. Even with the piles of boxes awaiting me every morning I knew that a friend would be there too. I hope you have so many adventures now that you are leaving ILR and I'll think of you hanging on the back of a motorcycle skimming on by. I feel very lucky that I got to work at ILR right before you left.

- *Ali, Ithaca right now Aug 29 2006*

Hey Sandy, I am going to miss the good laughs we have had over the last 5 1/2 years, and being able to stop in your office and 'steam' every once in a while. I hope everything goes well for you and Gary and remember -- you will always be in my thoughts! LOVE PS

- Patsy, Genoa, NY Aug 29 2006

Sandy - wishing you the very best! I know you will be sorely missed by all. Enjoy your retirement! Best wishes!

- Bonnie Douglas, Ithaca Aug 29 2006

Sandy, I want to wish you the happiest of days in your retirement. I would also like to thank you for all of your support and many laughs when I came to Records Administration. I enjoyed being the Records rep for ILR because I knew that I had the opportunity to work with you each day. (And we will never forget that oops termination, no names mentioned) Enjoy your retirement, you are the best. Karen

- Karen Raponi, Brooktondale Aug 29 2006

Sandy, you're a warm and generous person. On top of that you are the best administrator I have ever met. Bureaucrats have a bad name as sticklers for the rules and preventing things from getting done. Not you! You care about people and understand how to use the rules to get things done so our personal lives and the ILR School runs smoothly. How many times have you saved me by simply stating, "Bill, you can't do it that way. Here's how we'll do it. Now, isn't that easier and better?" Yes, it has always been. Thanks for caring and being a "pro". I'll miss your warmth, smile, and generosity. Come back and visit often. All the best.

- Bill Sonnenstuhl, Ithaca, NY Aug 29 2006

Congratulations Sandy!!! ILR will not be the same without you!! You and I have worked together since I came to Cornell, and I'm not quite sure what I will do without you! How will I ever get through all those 9/18 appointments on my own??? I can't THANK YOU enough for all the help and support you have given to me over the years. Know that I will miss you terribly, but I am happy for you. I wish you all the best in your retirement. May you be blessed with many, many years filled with laughter, love and family. You never know, I may just stop in to see you from time to time! Love, Berta

- Berta Davidson, Candor Aug 29 2006

Sandy, I wish you the best! We have worked together since I was in a department called Operations.. (we won't say how long ago that was) I want to thank you for all the support and guidance through those years. What I will miss most is, your sense of humor and your laughter. You will always hold a special place in my heart. Take care and keep in touch. Love, Ellie

- Ellie Stotler, Scipio Center Aug 29 2006

Sandy: Congrats! Best wishes on the next phase of your life. May it be filled with much joy and happiness. Remember that in the end, it's not the years in your life that count-it's the life in your years. Enjoy,
Eva

- Eva, Rochester Aug 29 2006

Sandy, Although I am very happy for you I am equally as sorry to see you go. You have been a wonderful help to everyone at ILR. Your concern for others has always gone above and beyond. Enjoy your well earned retirement and please come back to visit us when you can. Congratulations my Monk friend - you will be missed. Darrie

- Darrie O'Connell, Cortland Aug 30 2006

Sandy, Who's going to keep my sister sane?! I'm happy for you and, yes, a little jealous too. One of these days I'll join you and Kath on one of your "fame and fortune" trips. They might just as well take my \$\$ too! Enjoy your retirement - and stop by any time for a bouquet. I'll miss it if you don't!

- Karen, Little old Willseyville Aug 31 2006

Sandy: I wish only the best for you in your retirement. You've been a great friend and a wonderful co-worker who has always been there when needed. Enjoy life to the fullest and take care of yourself. See 'ya at the Downs!

- Krista, Ithaca Sep 7 2006