



ASSOCIATION OF HARVARD COLLEGE CLASS SECRETARIES & TREASURERS

The *Quill & Key* is a quarterly email newsletter from the College Alumni Programs office for class secretaries and treasurers. Read on for HAA and University news, updates and best practices from volunteers, and resources for volunteers.

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Dear Class Secretaries and Treasurers,

We hope you enjoy this December edition of the *Quill & Key*. In addition to important University updates and announcements about recent developments, you will find several reports about class gatherings at last month's Harvard-Yale football game. Thank you for the wonderful photo submissions. While the final score was disappointing, the combination of superb weather and the excitement about The Game at Harvard Stadium after a six-year hiatus led to tremendous alumni turnout and a host of enthusiastic class gatherings as you will see.

Thank you for your participation and support of AHCCS&T.

Tom Quirk '74
AHCCS&T President

HAA and University Updates

[Congratulations to Sarah Karmon](#) on her appointment as HAA Executive Director!

On January 2, 2023, Sarah will begin her position as the HAA's associate vice president and executive director. Many of you may know Sarah as she is currently the deputy executive director of the HAA, where she has served as a leader since 2016. In her new role, Sarah will oversee all the HAA's programming and engagement initiatives, including Harvard Alumni Day, College Reunions, and many other alumni events.

Consider Joining a Shared Interest Group

Did you know there are other opportunities to connect with alumni through [HAA Shared Interest Groups](#) (SIGs)? SIGs provide the opportunity to connect through profession, culture, religious identity, and more. These communities welcome alumni from all ages and schools. Most SIGs do not charge dues and offer virtual programming—so there are no barriers to expanding your alumni network. Discover your group today!

Update on the Presidential Search

As the Presidential Search Committee nears a decision to replace President Bacow JD '76, MPP '76, PhD '78, Senior Fellow Penny Pritzker '81 sat down for a Q&A with the *Harvard Gazette* to give some insights into the selection of Harvard's 30th president.

Midyear Graduate Recognition Ceremony

This young tradition took place on Friday, December 2, celebrating over 170 graduates who have or will complete their studies in November 2022 and March 2023. Alicia Vernell Rivera AB '22, a midyear graduate and secretary of the Class of 2022, delivered the student reflection.



Alicia Vernell Rivera '22, Secretary with Kelsey Griffin '23, Secretary

The Future Is Now: Harvard Takes On the Climate Challenge

The launch of The Salata Institute for Climate and Sustainability at Harvard University took place on October 26, 2022. The inaugural event featured an interdisciplinary slate of faculty and experts who gave presentations on their research and took part in panels where they shared their concerns and optimism about the future of climate policy.

Student Engagement Opportunities

There are many ways to support Harvard College students over the winter break and beyond! January is Student-Alumni Flash Mentoring Month. Mentorship, career advice, and networking are top of mind for students, as many are looking for opportunities in the

summer and beyond. You can also learn more about [volunteer opportunities to support students](#) and [view a presentation on student engagement](#) created in 2021.

RESOURCES

- If your organization is hiring for a full-time, internship, or short-term opportunity, please post it on the [Crimson Careers Job and Internship Database](#), maintained by the Office of Career Services. Need help posting an opportunity? Email ocsjobs@fas.harvard.edu.
- [Harvard Serves Everywhere](#) is a virtual volunteer platform connecting students with community partners. Maintained by the Center for Public Service and Engaged Scholarship, alumni can post volunteer opportunities on behalf of their service organizations. [Submit a posting on the online form](#).
- [The Harvard Alumni Association Alumni Directory](#) is your comprehensive resource for staying in touch with classmates and other alumni around the world. College students can also use this platform to make connections with those in their area or expected field. [Make sure your profile is up to date](#) with your most recent contact information so students can reach out to you.
- The Office of Career Services' [Firsthand Advisers platform](#) provides scheduling and connection tools. Alumni can offer 30–60 minutes to engage in a mock interview, review a resume or CV, or have a career chat. As the job market has changed due to the economic impact of the pandemic, your advice in navigating career options is particularly needed. Need help signing up? Email ocsrecep@fas.harvard.edu.

EVENTS

- Help current Harvard College students build valuable networking skills by signing up for an HAA Networking 101 event over the winter break! These events, which will be held virtually on Zoom on January 17, 19, and 20, feature a networking discussion and casual practice session for current students in a series of breakouts. Your help with building their networking skills is much appreciated! [Learn more and register](#).



- If you live in the Cambridge area and wrote a thesis as a senior, please join us at the Harvard Alumni Association on January 18 for the Seniors Thesis Study Break Dinner. Thesis-writing seniors who are on campus early before the spring semester begins will be invited. Help the students take some time to relax and share your own experience navigating the final months of writing a thesis in an informal, conversational setting. [Learn more and register.](#)



- The annual Public Interested Conference will be held on campus this year on Saturday, February 4. This event, organized by the Center for Public Service with support from the Harvard Alumni Association, Office of Careers Services, and others, brings together undergraduates and alumni who are interested and working in the public service field to network, explore, and hear from inspiring speakers. Registration information is forthcoming.



Announcement from Harvard Magazine

Harvard Magazine is looking to hire a part-time contract writer for their Obituaries section

Debby Smullyan '72 has decided, after 30 years of outstanding service, to retire from writing Harvard Magazine's obituaries—the best offered in any alumni magazine, and an important service to our alumni. Before she concludes her service next spring, we hope to find a committed successor who can carry on this important Harvard tradition to Debby's high standards. Our preference would be for an alum of the College, if possible; Debby feels that the '72 after her name gave her an authority in the eyes of readership—and an element of trust in the bereaved families—that made her job easier

than it might have been otherwise. Potential candidates can get in touch with Senior Editor Lindsay Mitchell, at lindsay_mitchell@harvard.edu. Please feel free just to forward this message if that would be easiest for you.

Thanks for your help in our common effort to serve the community of Harvard alumni.
John Rosenberg, Editor

Class Spotlight



Arthur Hollingsworth '85, Treasurer with his daughter, Bailey Hollingsworth '23. Bailey is the co-captain of the Cheerleading team and the 2023 Pforzheimer House Representative.



John Shutkin '71, Ben Beach '71, and Chip O'Hare '71



'88 at The Game



60 classmates from 1974 gathered for The Game! Bill Schley '74 enjoyed great company and culinary delights.



'91 Tailgate

[Click here to view more photos from The Game!](#)

Debra Graham '88, Secretary

Class of '88 celebrated the Harvard-Yale game in Cambridge with a tailgate for 100 classmates and in San Francisco and Vancouver with tables at Harvard Club events. On December 8th we gathered in New York with 80 classmates to see classmate Diane Paulus's Broadway play, 1776.

Henry Marcy '60, Secretary

Twenty Harvard Class of 1960 classmates enjoyed gathering for socializing and lunch at The Chateau in Waltham, Massachusetts on October 13, 2022. While the pandemic certainly cramped our style a bit, 2022 was our fifty-third straight year that we have had at least one Class event in addition to our regular quinquennial reunions. Except for 2020, 2021 and 2022, we've had an average of over five events per year. We are looking forward to a rebound in 2023!

Ruth Wardle Scott '61, Secretary

Harvard-Radcliffe Class of 1961 Co-Chair Thomas Blodgett organized a gala dinner at the Four Seasons, Boylston Street, Boston after the Harvard-Yale Game on November 19. Blodgett co-hosted along with Bill Gallagher, Carmen Gentile, Shrub Kempner, Patricia Cleary Miller, and Josh Young. Most of the class officers were able to attend along with classmates from MA, NH, CT, NY, NJ, DC, GA, FL, KS, TX and Ontario. Jeff Cave began the meal by saying a "Gravitas, Veritas, Hilarlitas" grace. Gordon Gund, Joan Hutchins, Dave Larkin, David Souter, Bronson Thayer (posthumously) and Tim Wirth were toasted and honored, and Patricia Clearly Miller closed the evening with a poem which she had composed for the occasion.

John Henn '64, Secretary

We in '64 started the annual class dinner about 40 years ago. Became a zoom event in 2021 and 22. Hope to get it back next spring. Recommend such an event to all classes.

Joan Porter MacIver '75, Secretary

The Radcliffe Class of 1975 is conducting a class wide Oral History Project for the c. 300 class members. We have been holding Zoom meetings with Radcliffe Classmates to discuss the project. The aim is to complete the OHP in advance of our 50th reunion and to hold meaningful discussions at the reunion on the project. The interviews will become part of the Schlesinger Library archives. There are many interviews to complete but headway has been made and those who have participated have found it worthwhile. Classmates Joan Porter MacIver, Avarita Hanson and Marni Sandweiss, along with

project coordinator Isabela Morales are the project team. There will be a meeting in January 2023 to encourage further participation. It has been a good way to bring classmates together and to reflect on the issues of the last small Radcliffe Class.

Claire Mays Poumadère '81, Secretary

HR1981 in Roma “Rome was not built in a day.” “Build it and they will come.” Roughly twenty-six centuries after Romulus first put spade to earth, the Harvard and Radcliffe Class of 1981 came to Rome. Evidently, by September 2022 enough building had been accomplished to warrant a visit. We asked organizer extraordinaire Joe McDonough '81 for lessons learned to assist all who might in future undertake a similar reunion project.

Lesson #1: Be sure of your invitation After almost half a century of verbal invitations, it was only after the successful 40th Zoom reunion that we sent a polite email but one that cut right to the chase - Hey Marco Elser, are you serious about hosting classmates in Rome? The response from Italy was almost instant: Yesssss come to Rome! Bring everyone to Rome!. And thus the HR1981 sojourn to Roma vaulted the chasm that separates dream from reality.

Lesson #2: Palaces and Princes This trip establishes beyond doubt that reunion organizers can never have too many friends and family who own a palace or simply happen to reside in one. If you are fortunate enough in your event planning to have a choice of palazzos, and moreover access to a palace with a real, live prince, then jump all over it.

Lesson #3: Lodging Options In addition to ready access to Renaissance palaces, it really “greases the skids” if a member of your planning team, like our John Hansen, has ownership in a handful of lovely, boutique hotels in your chosen destination. All it takes is one Hilton or Hyatt on your team (heck even a Marriott will suffice) to add that special zing to a far-flung event.

Lesson #4: Entertainment As luck (or perhaps the Harvard admissions office of 1976) would have it, the skills and talents needed to provide musical and comedy entertainment were readily available among our attending classmates, and several simply stepped forward to fill the gap. The lesson is “one or the other.” Either plan long and hard to provide a quality of entertainment befitting palatial surroundings or kick back and just let it happen.

Lesson #5: Gratitude Our question to our hosts of what would be a suitable thank-you gift yielded only “a warm hug.” Finally, though, a donation page in honor of our hosts was set up with The Susan G. Komen Foundation to Defeat Breast Cancer. The HR1981 attendees collectively said “thank you” with a whopping \$19,810 gift to Komen. With this short and humble recipe, I believe any of us can pull off a reunion event filled with unforgettable memories.



Thank you for sharing your class activity and engagement! If you have news to share, [submit to the Class Spotlight for the next issue of the newsletter!](#)

Volunteer Resources

[Minimum Standards](#)

[Recent Graduate Volunteer Resources](#)

[Reunion Volunteer Resources](#)

[Crimson Society](#)

[HAA Class Email Service](#)

[Non-Reunion Event Support](#)

[Class Website Toolbox](#)

[Partnered Class Treasury Administration Program](#)

[Find more resources on the Officers Lounge](#)

In Memoriam

Please join us in honoring the association member we have lost since the last publication of the *Quill and Key* this past September:

- **Jay M. Pasachoff AB'63, AM65, PhD '69, Secretary**

For additional information and assistance, please visit the **Officers Lounge** or contact College Alumni Programs (haa_collegealumniprograms@harvard.edu).

We highly encourage you to **submit content for the next issue of the *Quill and Key***.

Thank you for your service and dedication to your Class!