

### ASSOCIATION OF HARVARD COLLEGE CLASS SECRETARIES & TREASURERS

Dear Class Secretaries and Treasurers,

The Executive Committee of AHCCS&T conducted its initial meeting of this year on September 29. Almost all of the 11 members participated. Of these, six are new members this year and it was a pleasure to welcome them all to the Committee. Much of the meeting centered on planning for the initial content/social session that took place on November 4. A report on this successful event is detailed later in this issue. As many of you know, the *Quill and Key* continues to be an evolving newsletter, and we welcome any feedback about how this newsletter can be even more useful for you.

Tom Quirk '74 AHCCS&T President

#### **Class Spotlight**

**Renny Little (1955 Secretary):** I have discovered that a small number of my 1955 classmates do not have a computer and are pleased that I still put out two printed newsletters each year. The fall issue asks for news for the spring edition and dues to pay for both editions. We still maintain a website and now also stay in touch with timely Zoom calls. A classmate also maintains a blog which currently 44 class members subscribe to. No charge, and the only rule is that classmates don't engage in politics! I also suggest that young secretaries keep track of nicknames and develop a list of roommates. This information will be helpful when classmates contact us for help. It will also be helpful if and when we write obituaries.

**Henry Marcy (1960 Secretary):** Check out the new, whimsical Peter J. Solomon Harvard Class of 1960 Gate located on the Lamont/Houghton Library side of Quincy Street in Harvard Yard.

Forty-five Harvard and Radcliffe Classes of 1960 classmates and significant others (including five widows) enjoyed a delicious ahi-tuna salad luncheon on a beautiful day (October 21, 2021) at The Country Club in Brookline. Hank Morgan was presented with a plaque honoring his seminal 23 years as the Harvard Class of 1960's webmaster.

**Peg Padnos (1970 Secretary):** With abundant optimism and reasonable caution, the Class of 1970 continues planning on the second anniversary of our 50th Reunion to be held June 16–19. We expect the cost to be similar or less than previous Reunions. Scholarships will be available. Details and registration information will be provided as we get closer.

**Claire Mays (1981 Secretary):** Our 40th Reunion, held online in more than 50 episodes, was so energizing that a solid committee continues to organize Zoom and live meetings for our classmates. Seeing each other repeatedly this year in reflective events, during which we heard a large range of voices, allowed us to

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take the measure of our past in new ways. We have become even more grateful for each other and motivated by our collective potential. The renaming of Radcliffe remains an ugly thorn. We have been moved by the eloquence of alumnae from across the years and remain disappointed by the under-the-rug treatment by Dean Brown-Nagin of this community's objections, suggestions, and desire to be heard. Sample an excellent Crimson op-ed, a letter to Harvard Magazine, and class letters (and stereotyped replies) in our joint folder.

**Gabrielle Burton (1992 Secretary):** We've had to navigate the schedule/time window changes for Reunion, and we've had good talks with Philip and the HAA team about how to best engage classmates, extend our class-focused time together, and set up the weekend for success. We're excited as we work together with the committee to carry forward traditions and create new ones that amplify the classmates' connections and encourage returning for the long weekend together in Cambridge! We faced a challenge of folks having opted-out on a blanket level of all communication, so with personal emailing to all of our nonrespondent classmates for whom we had email addresses, Kimberly Moore Dalal and I were able to reengage a lot of classmates who were otherwise out of the loop on what was happening both with our Class and Reunion and HAA events—that has felt great to get these classmates involved again in the Red Book, Reunion, and class happenings!

Thank you all for sharing your class activity and engagement! If you have news to share, <u>submit it to the Class Spotlight</u> for the next issue of the newsletter!

#### HAA and University Updates

#### **Update on Spring 2022 Reunion Dates**

As you know, Harvard and Radcliffe College Reunions and the Annual Meeting will now take place the week following University Commencement, with the

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Annual Meeting falling on Friday, June 3, 2022. As the number of both Commencement and Reunions attendees has grown significantly (now 8,000 graduates and 13,000 alumni returning to campus), access to space and campus resources has been considerately constrained. With this in mind, giving alumni unfettered access to campus including spaces, housing, and hotels was a driving force behind the decision to move both Reunions and the Annual Meeting.

We know you have many questions on the background of this decision and what this means for reunioning classes this year and in the future. In response to your outreach, we've put together a <u>Q&A document</u> on the Officers Lounge to share more on these changes. We encourage you to read this document and reach out to your staff liaison if you have further questions.

#### AHCCS&T Fall Social Event

On November 4, 2021, the College Alumni Programs team hosted a pilot virtual Content & Social Event for the AHCCS&T membership. In addition to HAA staff, we were joined by 65 class secretaries and treasurers spanning the Classes of 1951–2021. This event was inspired by feedback from both Renny Little, secretary for the Class of 1955, and Chris Duble, secretary for the Class of 1975, who mentioned how beneficial it would be to convene this group of class officers—with the goals of forming relationships across classes, sharing best practices, and asking questions—outside of the format of the AHCCS&T Annual Meeting (which this year will take place in April 2022, date TBD). Tom Quirk, treasurer for the Class of 1974 and president of the AHCCS&T, convened the group. HAA Executive Director Philip Lovejoy provided a brief update on the College and University and then entertained a Q&A session. The balance of the virtual event was spent in two sets of breakout rooms. Feedback on the event was largely positive, and it is likely that we will continue to offer an event like this next fall.

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#### Student-Alumni Engagement

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.

- If your organization is hiring for a full-time, internship, or short-term opportunity, please post it on the <u>Crimson Careers Job and Internship</u> <u>Database</u>, maintained by the Office of Career Services. Need help posting an opportunity? Email <u>ocsjobs@fas.harvard.edu</u>.
- <u>Harvard Serves Everywhere</u> 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. If you need help posting, contact <u>Travis Lovett</u>.
- 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. <u>Make sure your</u> <u>profile is up to date</u> with your most recent contact information so students can reach out to you.
- The Office of Career Services' <u>Firsthand Advisers platform</u> 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 <u>ocsrecep@fas.harvard.edu</u>.
- Help current Harvard College students build valuable networking skills by signing up for a Networking 101 event. These events, which will be held

virtually on Zoom, feature a networking discussion and practice session for current students. Look for more details and an invitation by email.

# Virtual Resources

#### **Sending Class Emails**

As a member of AHCCS&T, the HAA offers you alumni broadcast email services. We have redesigned the <u>HAA's email service</u> document on the Officers Lounge; this resource outlines the information we need in order to create and send your email, and the guidelines that govern this process. Alternately, we encourage you to use an email client that works best for you to regularly communicate with your classmates. If you choose to use a third-party broadcast email client instead of sending class-wide emails through the HAA email service, please consider <u>these best practices</u>. We recommend emailing your classmates no more than two times per month.

#### HAA Partnered Treasury Program Annual Treasury Reports

If your treasury is enrolled in the HAA's Partnered Treasury Program, the class treasurer will receive the class annual treasury report from your staff liaison in the coming weeks. Be on the lookout for additional information soon! If you have any questions about the contents of your treasury report, please be in touch with your staff liaison.

# AHCCS&T Executive Committee and Nominating Committee Overview

The main goal of the AHCCS&T Executive Committee is to direct the mission and functions of the association. This <u>overview document</u> contains information about the AHCCS&T, including a summary of the work of the committee, the roles and responsibilities of the Executive Committee (president, secretary, treasurer, at-large members, honorary chairperson, and the association's College-appointed director), and the FY22 Executive Committee and HAA staff contacts.

Please view the <u>Officers Lounge</u> website to view other resources, such as <u>AHCCS&T minimum standards</u>, <u>class sites' training documents</u>, and <u>Partnered</u> <u>Treasury Program information</u>. You can also contact <u>your staff liaison</u> if you have any questions!

### In Memoriam

Please join us in honoring the Association members we have lost since the last publication of *The Quill and Key*, in August:

- Joan Nordell '49, Secretary
- Charles "Chuck" Wade '53, Secretary

#### **New Members**

Please offer a warm welcome to the new Association members that have joined us since the last publication of *The Quill and Key*, in August:

• Ted Wendell '62, Treasurer

## **College Directors**

AHCCS&T members are encouraged to connect with fellow Harvard and Radcliffe volunteers, including those representing the College alumni/ae community on the HAA Board of Directors. College Appointed Directors are nominated by Harvard and Radcliffe College alumni and class leaders in partnership with the HAA staff and are appointed by the Board's Executive Committee. They are selected based on their demonstrated volunteer leadership and capacity to work effectively with their College-based generational cohort. Directors serve as liaisons between the HAA, their fellow Harvard and Radcliffe volunteers, and their cohort classes.

College Appointed Directors for 2021–22 include the following:

- Undergraduate–10 years out: <u>Audrey Jones '22</u>, <u>Derrick Ochiagha '22</u>, <u>Ben Sorkin '20</u>, <u>Liv Novick '17</u>, <u>Annie Dang '16</u>, <u>Sietse Goffard '15</u>, <u>Margaret Crane '14</u>
- 11–30 years out: <u>Kathryn McKinley '09</u>, <u>Erica Mitnick Klein '00</u>, <u>Alison</u> <u>McManus '99</u>, <u>Colin Kegler '97</u>, <u>Kareem Montague '95</u>, <u>Gabrielle Burton</u> <u>'92</u>
- 31–50 years out: <u>Judith Williams '91</u>, <u>Ben Nguyen '88</u>, <u>Debbie Goldfine</u> <u>'85</u>, <u>Elena Kiam '85</u>, <u>David McIntosh '80</u>, <u>Michael Alderete '79</u>, <u>Chris</u> <u>Duble '75</u>
- 51+ years out: Eva Kampits '68, Ken Ledeen '67, Joyce Curll '65, Cecily Morse '62, Michael Margolies '58, Ed Bursk '54

# College Alumni Programs Staffing Reminder

As a reminder, the College Alumni Programs (CAP) team staff members work with classes within a common cohort in order to support engagement across classes and between and during Reunions, and to build stronger, sustained relationships with you. Please see below for the current list of staff liaisons and their associated cohorts, and <u>get to know the team on the Officers Lounge</u>:

- Undergraduates through the 10th Reunion (Classes of 2012–22): John Prince (john\_prince@harvard.edu)
- Year 11 through the 30th Reunion (Classes of 1992–2011): Lily Gillespie (<u>lily gillespie@harvard.edu</u>)

- Year 31 through the 50th Reunion (Classes of 1972–91): Kim Delehanty (<u>kimberly\_delehanty@harvard.edu</u>)
- Post-50th Reunion (Classes of 1971 and prior): Abby Hutton (<u>abby\_hutton@harvard.edu</u>)

For additional information and assistance, please visit the <u>Officers Lounge</u> or contact College Alumni Programs (<u>haa\_collegealumniprograms@harvard.edu</u>).

We highly encourage you to <u>submit content for the next issue of the *Quill and* <u>*Key*</u>. Thank you for your service and dedication to your class!</u>