



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,

Happy New Year! The AHCCS&T Executive Committee and our HAA partners are hard at work preparing for the Association's 124th Annual Meeting, which will be held virtually this spring. We have an exciting agenda planned for this year's meeting—including the review and ratification of the Association's first-ever mission statement—and we look forward to seeing you there.

Also be sure to mark your calendars for the third annual Harvard Alumni Day on Friday, May 31. Festivities will kick off in Cambridge with the alumni parade, followed by a speaking program and a Yard party. Come be a part of this burgeoning, University-wide tradition!

As always, we are incredibly grateful for your leadership within the College alumni community, especially in these difficult times. Many of you have faithfully conveyed to the HAA the manifold views of your fellow classmates on the distressing events of the past few months both on and off campus, and we encourage you to keep sharing your peers' sentiments on these and other important issues. Your candid feedback and continued engagement as class representatives are crucial to Harvard's future success.

Sincerely,

Brad M. Paraszczak '11
AHCCS&T President

Harvard Alumni Association Updates

2024

On behalf of the Harvard Alumni Association, we wish you all a Happy New Year! As we look ahead in 2024, we are excited to welcome Harvard and Radcliffe College classes ending in 4 or 9 home to Cambridge the week following Commencement. If this includes you, [make sure to mark your calendar!](#) For those not in a reunion year, read on to find ways to stay engaged throughout the year.

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 classes 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!

Student Engagement Opportunities

There are many ways to support Harvard College students this winter and beyond! 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](#).

RESOURCES

- If your organization is hiring for a full-time, short-term, or internship 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 Advisors 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

- You are invited to hear [Professor Richard Weissbourd EdD '87](#), senior lecturer on education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, speak on **Monday, February 12, 2024, 2:00–3:00 p.m. (ET) via Zoom**. Professor Weissbourd will be speaking about his course [“On Finding Meaning and Purpose”](#).
- The annual Public Interested Conference will be held on campus this year on Saturday, February 3. 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. [Learn more and register](#).



- Global Networking Night (GNN) is an annual program bringing thousands of Harvard alumni together worldwide via events hosted by Clubs, Contacts, and Shared Interest Groups. These informal networking events provide alumni an opportunity to explore and expand their Harvard network. GNN is on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. [Learn more about this event and register!](#)

Reunion Class Spotlight

Jeff Behrens '89, Treasurer

We had a fun gathering at classmate Emily Jean Davidson's lovely, cozy home on Saturday, January 20. We had about 30 classmates and spouses on a snowy Boston evening. Thank you to Carpe Vinum for the wine and Katie Draisen (daughter of classmate Sara Barcan) for the catering. We don't plan to wait another five years to do this again!

Lisa Hampton '89, Secretary

More than two dozen Harvard '89 classmates gathered on December 7 in New York City in the aptly named penthouse Ivy Room, to listen (and sing along!) to the festive tunes of classmate and pianist, vocalist, and composer Gary Negbaur. Fortified with creative cocktails, good cheer, and shared plates, we bonded over career changes, hobbies new and old, and family stories, ranging from touching and heartfelt to uproarious. Takeaways: hot yoga is strangely popular, teenagers are a universal curiosity, and classmate Will Meyerhofer goes to concerts of all kinds at least weekly! More than a few classmates described how they enjoyed talking with classmates they had never met before, finding surprising, warm, and easy connections on a wide range of subjects. Lots of smiles and hugs at departure—actually shut down the Ivy Room chatting until long after closing. Many other pre-reunion events are planned in various cities.

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:

[Ann Brodell Ward AB '49, Treasurer](#)

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 *Quill and Key*](#). Thank you for your service and dedication to your Class!

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