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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.

February 2025

Dear Class Secretaries and Treasurers,

Happy New Year, AHCCS&T! I hope your holiday season was a restful one. The Executive Committee is ringing in 2025 working alongside the dedicated staff of the HAA to plan our Association's 125th Annual Meeting—our *quasquicentennial*—this spring. Thank you to everyone who shared their preferences for the meeting's format by voting in last month's poll, the results of which will be announced soon. In the meantime, please stay warm and enjoy the latest edition of the *Quill & Key*.

Yours truly,

Brad M. Paraszczak ’11
AHCCS&T President

Harvard Alumni Association Updates

2025
As we look ahead in 2025, we are excited to welcome Harvard and Radcliffe College classes ending in 0 or 5 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.

NEWS

- Brian Lee has retired from his position as vice president of alumni affairs and development after seven years. James J. “Jim” Husson has been appointed the new VP and plans to start his new position on April 1. Read more about Jim and his goals for Harvard Alumni Affairs and Development.

- Alan Garber AB ’77, PhD ’82 was installed as Harvard’s 31st president in an intimate celebration attended by colleagues, University leaders, and family and friends on Saturday, December 7, at the Harvard Art Museums. Garber served as provost for almost 13 years, then as interim president since January 2024, and has navigated the University through a period of extraordinary challenges and intense scrutiny.

- Harvard students have cause to celebrate! In December, three Harvard students were named recipients of the 2025 Marshall Scholarship. 2025 Marshall Scholarships support two years of study at a U.K. college or university. Additionally, in November, five Harvard College students were among the 32 U.S. Rhodes Scholars for 2025, the most awarded to any institution this year. Three international students in the College also received Rhodes Scholarships, bringing Harvard’s total to eight. The students will attend Oxford University next year to pursue graduate studies in fields ranging from political theory to neuroscience.

EVENTS

Review:

- The 140th playing of The Game took place on Saturday with Yale taking the victory 34–29. Although Harvard did not take home the win, fun was had by all as friends, colleagues, and classmates cheered on the Crimson. The Recent Grad cohort (College graduates within the past 10 years) hosted a tailgate of hundreds of alumni and guests.

- In December, we kicked off our speaker series for reunion-year alumni and members of the Crimson Society, the community of all College alumni/ae who have celebrated their 50th Reunion. As we countdown to your Reunion in the spring, we'll continue to share these special programs curated just for you. Most recently on Thursday, January 9, Harvard Medical School Professor Robert Waldinger AB ’73, MD ’78 spoke about his book, *The Good Life*, and key findings from his research on happiness. You can view the recording on the Harvard Alumni Association YouTube channel. For information on other upcoming virtual programs, please visit the Reunions 2025 website.

- On Wednesday, January 22, the Harvard Alumni Association hosted a **Senior Thesis Study Break Dinner** with both alumni and members of the Class of 2025 who are writing a thesis. This dinner gives students an opportunity to take a study break dinner and connect with alumni about their experience navigating the final months of writing a thesis in an informal, conversational setting.



- The annual Public Interested Conference was held on campus this year on Saturday, February 1. This event, organized by the Center for Public Service with support from the Harvard Alumni Association, Office of Careers Services, and others, brought together undergraduates and alumni who are interested and working in the public sector to network, explore, and hear from inspiring speakers. Learn more about this event.

Upcoming:

- 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 19, 2024. Learn more about this event and register!

ENGAGE

- **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 throughout the year! 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 via 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.

- Harvard Looks Forward is how the University is advancing knowledge in service to society, strengthening the Harvard community, and fostering open dialogue.

Treasury Spotlight

What's Your Class's Succession Plan? Don't Let Your Class Treasury Disappear!

Picture this: Your class treasurer goes MIA—unreachable, with the class bank account information lost in the shuffle. Sound dramatic? It's happened before. Without a clear succession plan, your class treasury could be at risk, along with the funds that fuel Reunions, events, and newsletters.

Here's the good news: Member classes of the **HAA's Partnered Class Treasury Program** are covered. Harvard oversees these funds, ensuring that class officers can access them in a pinch. But if your Class isn't enrolled in the Partnered Treasury Program, the question is: **What's your backup plan?**

Ask yourself:

- Does your class secretary or another officer have signatory rights to the bank account?
- Is there a documented process for handing off account management?

A succession plan isn't just a smart move—it's essential for preserving your Class's traditions and keeping those future gatherings alive. Take time this year to futureproof your class treasury. Start the conversation today!

Want more details about HAA's Partnered Treasury Program? Learn more on their website.

Your future self (and classmates) will thank you!

Debra Graham
AHCCS&T Treasurer

Class Treasury Inspiration

The class of 1970 recently had an event in downtown Boston. One of our classmates, Mac Dewart, an internationally known sculptor, had a showing of his works at his studio. We had a wine and cheese hour at the studio followed by a dinner at a nearby restaurant in the South End. About 35 people attended. The cost of the event was $100 per person. We charged attendees $75 and the class treasury subsidized the rest. We have done these events several times over the past decade and each one of them has been well received.

Rick Kopelman
Class of 1970 Treasurer

Reunion Class Spotlight

Claire Mays Poumadère ’81, Secretary

Statement by the Harvard-Radcliffe Class of 1981 on the Wildfires in the Los Angeles area: "The devastating fires in Los Angeles have deeply impacted members of our Harvard Class. Our hearts go out to the many classmates affected by the disaster. Some have lost their homes. Others are living in shelters waiting to know if their homes have survived. Entire neighborhoods—including cherished public parks and important landmarks—have been destroyed. Fortunately, so far, we have not learned of serious injury among classmates or their families. We wait and pray for word that all are safe. What is clear is that this catastrophe has hit us hard, and though many of us are physically distant from it, as a community we share and here express the pain. The effects of this disaster will be felt for years. For some, there may be no full recovery. We are anguished in that knowledge and pledge to support our classmates, their families, and their communities in the hard times ahead." The Class provided a list of vetted charities to which donations could be sent to support the impacted Los Angeles and Ventura Counties communities.

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

New Members

Please offer a warm welcome to the new association members who have joined us since the last publication of the *Quill and Key* this past September:

- **Lt. Col. Kareem P. Montague AB '95, Treasurer**
- **Eugenia Carris AB '90, Co-Treasurer**
- **Duncan Wilson AB '90, Co-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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