



ASSOCIATION OF HARVARD COLLEGE CLASS SECRETARIES & TREASURERS

The *Quill and 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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Get to know your new AHCCS&T President, Brad Paraszczak AB '11!

What House were you in?

I was a proud resident of Kirkland House.

What activities did you participate in as an undergraduate?

Intramural sports were a big part of my life outside the classroom. I was also heavily involved with the Institute of Politics. And I served as treasurer of the

Undergraduate Council, treasurer and later co-chair of Kirkland's House Committee, and treasurer of the Class of 2011. (Sensing a theme?)

Where do you live today?

I live just outside of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, but the Lehigh Valley is home.

What do you do for work?

I'm an appellate lawyer by training, but I recently took on a new role as career law clerk for the Honorable Christopher C. Conner, United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

What's a favorite Harvard memory?

So many come to mind. Watching the first night football game at Harvard Stadium. Winning the Yard Bucket for Canaday freshman year. Secret Santa skits in the Kirkland dining hall. Meeting Amy Poehler and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg HLS '59 during Commencement Week. How could I pick just one?

What was your favorite dining spot (i.e., restaurant, ice cream shop, etc.) in the Square as a student?

Noch's, hands down.

Lastly, what excites you the most about being the new AHCCS&T president?

I'm excited to connect with class leaders from different generations of the Harvard alumni family. We all have some wisdom to impart and new tricks to learn from one another. Facilitating those connections will be at the top of my agenda as president.

Save the Date

Harvard Alumni Day

Friday, May 31, 2024

Save the date for the third annual Harvard Alumni Day celebration! For more information about how volunteers can gather their classmates, [check out the Officers Lounge](#).

Fall Fest: Harvard's Homecoming Weekend!

Join us on Saturday, October 28, for Harvard Homecoming, where Harvard and local community members and fans gather for an afternoon of fall festivities! Reconnect with old friends or make new ones at a tailgate and enjoy a great pregame atmosphere, as well as a full schedule of Crimson sporting events around the athletic complex, then head into Harvard Stadium to watch Harvard football battle their Ivy League foe, Dartmouth! There's still time to [purchase tickets](#). Go Crimson!

Harvard Moves: 5K Your Way

Join your Harvard community by participating in a virtual 5k! Complete a 5k—your way—between Thursday, November 2, and Sunday, November 5 in support of financial aid for Harvard College students. You can run or roll in your neighborhood, hike a favorite trail, go for a bike ride, or take a walk on a treadmill this November 2–5. [Register online](#) to participate wherever you are.

HAA and University Updates

Convocation for the Class of 2027!

On Monday, September 4, we welcomed the Class of 2027 to Harvard. Thank you to the Happy Committee members and alumni interviewers who volunteered and spread joy throughout the day. Convocation helps the students develop a sense of belonging and class unity with other new students, with inspirational messages from University officials, including President Gay, Dean Khurana, Dean Claybaugh, and Dean Dunne. The event included musical performances

by members of the Harvard Choruses, Kuumba Singers, the Harvard Band, and other undergraduate musicians.



Photo by Melanie Fan

The Inauguration of Claudine Gay, 30th President of Harvard University

On Friday, September 29, Claudine Gay was inaugurated as the 30th president of Harvard University. [It was a joyous and rainy celebration](#) as the Harvard community gathered to celebrate President Gay's leadership. You can relive the day by watching the [livestream recording](#). Learn more about our new president in "[A Conversation with Claudine Gay](#)."



Photo by Julian J. Giordano

A big welcome to our new HAA President, Ty Moore AB '06!

Ty will guide the Harvard Alumni Association through the 2023–24 academic year. [Meet Ty](#) and learn more about what led him to his role of alumni president of the HAA and [his aspirations for the Harvard alumni network](#).



Hopi Hoekstra named next FAS Dean

Hopi Hoekstra, an eminent life scientist who has served on the Harvard faculty since 2007, is the new Edgerley Family Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, succeeding President Claudine Gay. Hoekstra is also the C. Y. Chan Professor of Arts and Sciences and Xiaomeng Tong and Yu Chen Professor of Life Sciences; she was previously the Alexander Agassiz Professor of Zoology in the Departments of Molecular and Cellular Biology and Organismic and Evolutionary Biology and curator of mammals in the Museum of Comparative Zoology. Learn more about Dean Hopi Hoekstra.

Class Spotlight

Gabrielle Burton AB '92, Secretary

In October, we had a warm and engaged '92 class Zoom discussion "My Kid Is(n't) Applying To College... & I'm Trying Not To Freak Out" on tips for guiding/advising/ parenting teens making the transition to adulthood, with insight from some of our classmates who have experience with college applications, admissions, or shepherding their own kids through the journey. We talked about the application process and alternative paths for kids who might not go to college, or take work years, gap years, and so forth. In November, we are having a class discussion on climate change, climate adaptation, and resilience—and actions we can take, with classmates working in this field. With the launch of the Salata Institute on Climate, this is an exciting and important moment that we can all think about and help shape the future, not only for generations to come but for ourselves. And in December, we're doing a Zoom holiday celebration of thanks—to reflect on the year behind and the year ahead, to celebrate things little and big, and to share friendship and connection with classmates.

Rick Kopelman AB '70, Treasurer

Our class just had its annual cooking class at the Cambridge Culinary Institute on Mass. Ave. We have done this for about eight years now with a new theme every year; this year it was Mexican. We are talking about Creole for next year. We usually have between 20 and 30 in attendance and it is well received. Moving ahead, the Classes of '70 and '71 are already planning for a joint 75th birthday party on campus in the early spring. We also did this for our 65th and 70th birthdays with an attendance of around 120 people. We also welcome any members of adjoining classes who would like to come and see "old" friends. We have gotten assistance from the HAA in making these events successful.

Henry Marcy AB '60, Secretary

Pandemic-necessitated Zoom events have finally influenced a new direction for our class events. (Class luncheons have dominated our 250+ gatherings since

1970.) At the urging of David Wizansky and Ron Goodman, we've now had four Zoom sessions that expand participation without geographical limits ... and to those with mobility and other health issues (one classmate participated from a hospital bed). Our most recent Zoom involved a discussion of the SCOTUS decisions pertaining to affirmative action and their potential for altering Harvard admissions policy, practice ... and results. We hope to continue the discussion with input from Harvard Admissions Office staff.

Linda Greenhouse AB '68, Secretary

During the Class of 1968's 55th Reunion last May, filmmaker and classmate Peter Coonradt shot a film meant to evoke the passage of time and the spirit of community that remains from the '60s through music. The result is the one-hour [*Voices in the Night*](#) (click for a teaser trailer). All are invited to a free screening on December 7, 4:00 p.m. at Winokur Family Hall. A reception follows the one-hour film. The address is 150 Western Avenue in Allston, just south of the Business School. [Please register \(for free\)](#) before attending.

Tom Quirk AB'74, MBA '78, Treasurer

The Reunion Committee for the Class of 1974 invites all classmates and friends to gather for a pre-reunion tailgate event in conjunction with the Harvard–Dartmouth football game on October 28. This would be a perfect chance to reconnect with longtime friends ahead of our upcoming 50th Reunion. The tailgate will begin at 1:00 p.m. prior to a 4:00 p.m. kickoff. Thanks to a very generous and anonymous class donor, participation in the tailgate festivities comes at no cost. A Class of 1974 banner will designate the tailgate location, which will be just outside of the closed end of the Stadium.

Lori Rutter AB '89, Secretary

On April 20, 2023, the Class of 1989 hosted a magical private dinner and show at the Magic Castle in Hollywood, Calif. Classmates flew in from SF, NYC,

Boston, and Connecticut to be part of this special evening. The room held 60 people and it was sold out! We have great photos if [you'd like to see more](#).



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!](#)

Class Spotlight

We've added some new additions to the Classes and Reunions team! Please welcome:

Kate Fiori—Associate Director

William Lemos—Assistant Director

Lindsey Jesberg—Coordinator

Abby Mills—Alumni Relations Assistant

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In Memoriam

Please join us in honoring the association member we have lost since the last publication of the *Quill and Key* in December 2022:

Sherwood “Joe” Bain AB ’45, MBA ’49, Secretary
Rev. Thomas Buckley AB ’49, Secretary

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* in December 2022:

Jan DuBois AB ’62, Secretary
Kelsey Griffin AB ’23, Secretary
Kylie Simms AB ’23, 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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