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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.

November 2025

Dear Fellow Members of AHCCS&T,

I cannot believe we are already in the third week of November! If you are in a

reunion year like me (I'm looking at you 1s and 6s!) I know you are gently encouraging classmates to submit their Red Book entries as you prepare to return to campus next summer. Others are gathering classmates together to view the Harvard-Yale game or to attend other events that your classes and local groups are planning. Whatever it is you are working on this autumn, I am so grateful for your service to your classes and to Harvard.

I begin my term as president with the end of it in mind. I hope I will look back to see that, together, we have identified new ways to support our many efforts with alumni. Additionally, I hope to have facilitated clearer communication between our secretaries and treasurers and the HAA and Harvard. The role of class secretaries and treasurers is increasingly critical to help connect alumni to the University and to one another. We are always pleased when you share questions and concerns that arise from classmates about the ever-evolving situation at the University, as hearing them allows us to better provide accurate and timely information. Please reach out to me or Lily if there is any way we may support you this year.

Thank you again for your leadership and camaraderie. You are at the heart of what we do here at AHCCS&T!

Stay up to date with the latest Harvard news and announcements with the following resources:

- President Garber's recent messages to the community
- Harvard Alumni Toolkit
- Harvard's Federal Lawsuits
- Harvard Looks Forward

April Edrington AB '91
AHCCS&T President

Get to Know Your New AHCCS&T President, April Edrington AB '91!

What House were you in?
Lowell House.

What activities did you participate in as an undergraduate?
Undergraduate Council —I was the first female treasurer! PBHA: Food Salvage and UniLu Shelter. I worked overnight shifts and got to know several of our guests quite well.

Where do you live today?
Denver (in an empty nest with my husband, and HR91 classmate, Deacon Turner)

What do you do for work?
I'm a fundraising consultant. I work with higher ed institutions and NGOs.

What's a favorite Harvard memory?
Ringing the Lowell House bells!

What was your favorite dining spot (i.e., restaurant, ice cream shop, etc.) in the Square as a student?
My roommates and I regularly went to Luscious Licks for froyo!

Lastly, what excites you the most about being the new AHCCS&T president?
I'm most excited to work more closely with all of our terrific class secretaries and treasurers. I look forward to learning what more the AHCCS&T can do to support their good work!

Save the Date

HAA Strategic Framework Presentation
Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 2:00–3:00 p.m.
Sarah Karmon joined by Jeff Bartel AB'88 will share an update with AHCCS&T members on the HAA's strategic direction for the next five years. This is the culmination of a yearlong effort where a Strategic Review Working Group comprised of alumni volunteers and HAA staff captured and distilled extensive alumni input (thanks to the many of you who participated in a focus group and/or responded to the alumni survey), peer research, and internal data and analysis. Please let us know if you plan to join.

AHCCS&T Reunion Budget Overview

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 1:00–2:00 p.m.
Please join us for an optional overview of the Reunion budgeting process to share the current budget approach for 2026 reunions. Those who are interested can join us on December 10 on Zoom.

A Conversation with President Garber AB ’77, PhD ’82
Friday, December 5, 2025 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Join us for an off-the-record conversation with President Alan M. Garber about the University’s priorities, progress on campus, and his vision for Harvard’s future. This conversation will be moderated by Overseer Mary Louise Kelly AB ’93. Prior registration is required.

Harvard Alumni Day
Friday, June 5, 2026
Save the date for the fifth annual Harvard Alumni Day celebration! For more information about how volunteers can gather their classmates, check out the Officers Lounge and bookmark the Harvard Alumni Day website for updates on the program throughout the year.

HAA and University Updates

New Danoff Dean of Harvard College, David Deming PhD ’10
Harvard College has a new Danoff Dean: David Deming. The leading economist is the Isabelle and Scott Black Professor of Political Economy at Harvard Kennedy School, professor of education and economics at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and faculty dean of Kirkland House. His new role began July 1—learn more about Dean Deming and his plans as Dean of Harvard College.

Welcome HAA President William Makris EdM ’00!
A big welcome to the next HAA president William Makris, who is serving for the 2026 fiscal year! Get to know Will and read more about his approach to alumni leadership.

Convocation for the Class of 2029!
On Monday, September 1, we welcomed the Class of 2029 to Harvard. Thank you to the roughly 80 Happy Committee members and alumni interviewers who volunteered and spread joy throughout the day as we celebrated the newest Class.



Research Funding Updates

The U.S. District Court ruled that the federal government's freeze on Harvard's research funding is unlawful. In a message to the Harvard community, President Garber emphasized the importance of the decision and affirmed that the University will continue to monitor developments and thoughtfully navigate the changing landscape. The In Focus topic, Research Powers Progress, highlights research at Harvard—from medicine and technology to education and business—that touches countless lives, moving us closer to disease cures, next-generation technology, and a more secure future for millions of people. Learn how you can advocate for Harvard and higher education.

Harvard Task Forces

The University has shared updates on the substantive and ongoing actions it's taking to combat antisemitism and anti-Israeli bias and anti-Muslim, anti-Arab, and anti-Palestinian bias, and to strengthen campus culture.

John P. Reardon Jr. Alumni Award for Outstanding Service

The HAA has announced six recipients of the 2025 HAA Awards, newly renamed for former director of admissions, athletics, and alumni affairs Jack Reardon AB ’60: Alice Abarbanel AB ’66; Siri Chilazi AB ’10, MBA/MPP ’16; Joyce Putnam Curll AB ’65; Vanessa W. Liu AB ’96, JD ’03; Michael Clarence Payne AB ’77, MD ’81, MPH ’82; and Regina Ryan MPA ’04. Read more about the volunteers and their extraordinary service to Harvard.

Treasury and Secretary Spotlight

Class Treasury Inspiration

The Class of 2000 recently celebrated its 25th Reunion. After not having a 20th due to COVID 19, the Class Committee wanted to get as many people to the Reunion as possible. We asked classmates to host pre-reunion parties in their home cities to host parties. The types of parties ranged from a Bay Area brunch and a NYC cocktail party at classmates’ houses; to small restaurant get-togethers in Denver, LA, and Chicago; to even smaller events around the country-including coffee between two former strangers in Missoula, Montana. The class treasury allocated roughly $20 per person for these events. The events were a success and did not break the bank. We heard from classmates that they hadn't planned to go to Reunion, but after attending these casual events, they went! We worked with the HAA to get emails for classmates and promoted them on our class email newsletter and Facebook group.

Class Secretary Inspiration

The Class of 2000 launched a weekly podcast on January 1, 2025, with over 47 episodes published to date. The podcast is an interview series with a different classmate who discusses their journey over the past 25 years and also talks about their time at Harvard. The themes of the podcast are "an audio Red Book" and "everyone has a story." It is hosted by Dara Silverstein, class secretary, and another classmate she recruited to help. There have also been a number of special podcasts, including an overview of each day of Reunion published the day before, a reunion promo episode featuring the class committee, recordings of two panels and the memorial service from Reunion, and a few episodes featuring class couples.

If you have a class treasury or secretary example you would like to include in a future *Quill and Key* newsletter, **please submit your idea**.

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 February:

- **Zelda Kaufman Sokal AB ’50, 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 this past October:

- **Mike Leavell AB ’78, Co-Secretary**

- **John Basbagill SB ’00, Co-Treasurer**
- **Ethan Kelly AB ’25, Secretary**
- **Aneesh Muppidi AB/SM ’25, 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 the *Quill and Key***. Thank you for your service and dedication to your Class!

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