



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,

The leaves are starting to turn, pumpkin spice is in the air, and football is back on TV—telltale signs that a new academic year is kicking off at Harvard! Whether you were chasing Taylor Swift's Eras Tour around the globe or just trying to beat the heat at home with a relaxing staycation, the AHCCS&T Executive Committee and I hope your summer was a restful one. Fall is now upon us and with it the latest edition of our Association's quarterly newsletter, the *Quill and Key*, which is celebrating its fifth year of publication thanks to your continued contributions and the tireless work of our HAA partners. Please enjoy!

Brad M. Paraszczak '11
AHCCS&T President

Save the Date

Harvard Moves: 5K Your Way 2024

Harvard Moves is a 5k—your way, anywhere—between Thursday, November 7, and Sunday, November 10, in support of financial aid for Harvard College students. Participating is easy: You decide how you want to be active and the distance you want to go. Whether it's walking in your neighborhood, hiking a favorite trail, swimming laps, or going for a bike ride with friends. For more information and to register, visit (and share!) the [Harvard Moves](#) website. Registration is free, so this is a great opportunity to gather a group of classmates and celebrate your global Harvard community!

The 140th Harvard-Yale Game

Get ready to cheer on the Crimson with fellow alumni and friends during the 140th Harvard-Yale football game, which will take place at Harvard Stadium on Saturday, November 23, 2024! Buy tickets at gocrimson.com.

Harvard Alumni Day

Friday, June 6, 2025

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

HAA and University Updates

Convocation for the Class of 2028!

On Monday, September 2, we welcomed the College Class of 2028 to Harvard. Now in its 15th year, this year's Convocation program featured remarks by Deans Rakesh Khurana, Amanda Claybaugh, and Tom Dunne, as well as performances by the Harvard Choruses, the Kuumba Singers, and the Harvard

Band. Thank you to the Happy Committee members and alumni interviewers who volunteered and spread joy throughout the day.



Welcome Moitri Chowdhury Savard, HAA President!

A big welcome to the next HAA president, Moitri Chowdhury Savard '93, who is serving for the 2025 fiscal year! [Get to know Moitri](#) and [read more about her approach to alumni leadership](#).

VP of Harvard Alumni Affairs and Development retiring in 2025

Brian Lee will step down as VP for alumni affairs and development at the end of the academic year. [Learn more about Brian's work with Harvard](#) since 2018.

The Open Inquiry and Constructive Dialogue Working Group

In spring 2024, President Alan Garber and Provost John Manning created the [Open Inquiry and Constructive Dialogue Working Group](#) to explore the question of how best to reinforce and nurture a culture of open inquiry and constructive dialogue at Harvard. For the past six months, they have explored the classroom experience, the broader campus environment, how Harvard teaches and learns, and assessed how various tools and techniques support robust debate and rigorous discourse. On October 1 the group released their [report and recommendations](#).

News You Can Use

As you engage with your classmates about what's happening at Harvard today, we hope these resources will be helpful in highlighting key updates from around the College and the University.

[Harvard Looks Forward](#)

[The Gazette — Campus & Community](#)

[HAA — Programs & Events](#)

[College News](#)

Treasury Spotlight

In 2022, the Class of 2005 was looking for innovative ways to create community amongst classmates, especially given they had missed out on celebrating their Reunion in 2020. With that in mind, the class leadership decided to leverage their \$63,000 treasury to finance mini-reunions, and any gathering of approximately five or more classmates was eligible for a reimbursement of up to \$1,000. The class response was enthusiastic and treasury funds were used to fund ~30 classmate outings across the country, ranging from dinners to mini golf to a fishing excursion. Although less than 10 percent of the Class ultimately participated and 37 percent of the treasury was deployed (~\$24k), it provided a

valuable opportunity for all classmates to connect face-to-face. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to Treasurer Shane Dinneen AB '05 (shane.dinneen@gmail.com).



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](#).

Class Spotlight

Joan Porter MacIver AB '75, Secretary

The Radcliffe Class of '75 Oral History Project has over 100

interviews/transcripts from the last small Radcliffe class to be donated to the Schlesinger Library at our 50th Reunion, with more classmates to be interviewed before next June. This project has been a very important bonding process for this class of women. Marni Sandweiss, Alison Graham, and I (Joan Porter MacIver) are the project team members, having sadly lost Avarita Hanson (former treasurer) in January. The work has been continuous since our 45th Reunion. The Radcliffe Class of 1975 holds three or four Zoom gatherings a year.

Rachel Virginia Kemp AB '79, Secretary

The Class of 1979 recently had its 45th Reunion. It was a success. The Class of 1979 broke the record for the number of attendees for a 45th Reunion. We memorialized those classmates who are no longer with us. We showcased classmates whose passions are creating a positive and lasting ripple effect in society. Finally, we had the opportunity to hear about influences driving change in the media. We closed out our celebration by dancing the night away.

Judith Dollenmayer AB '63, Secretary

Up to 15 women of Radcliffe/Harvard '63 gather monthly on Zoom to share memories, experiences, political thoughts, and books. The group originated in a live monthly lunch or tea among Rad '63 women in the D.C. metro area. We encourage other classes to do similar meetups!

Thank you for sharing your class activity and engagement! If you have news to share, [submit it 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 January:

[David Silverman AB '53, 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 January:

- [Louise Gessel AB '75, Radcliffe Co-Treasurer](#)
- [Audrey Vanderslice AB '24, Secretary](#)
- [Corbin Lubianski AB '24, 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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