Classes of 1956 Reunion Week Schedule of Events
Thursday, May 27–Friday, June 4, 2021

*All meeting links will be sent via email. If you don’t receive the links directly, send an email to 65threunion_haa@harvard.edu.*

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**Thursday, May 27**

**10:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. EDT**  
**Honoring the Harvard Class of 2021**

[Watch the livestream](#)

We will gather online to award degrees and celebrate the achievements of our graduates. The principal address will be delivered by [Ruth Simmons PhD ’73](#). President Simmons—now at Prairie View A&M University after serving as president at both Smith College and Brown University—is among America’s foremost advocates for higher education.

**1:00–2:00 p.m. EDT**  
**Virtual Tree Spread (Classes of 1940–1959)**

Join us for a time-honored and beloved tradition! Each class year (or group of class years) will be placed into a Zoom group for you to reunite with classmates and friends and reminisce on your time at Harvard and Radcliffe. In order to best serve you, the Classes of 1940–1959 are invited to attend from 1:00–2:00 p.m. EDT and the Classes of 1960–1970 are invited to test from 2:30–3:30 p.m. EDT.

**Friday, May 28**

**12:00–2:30 p.m. EDT**  
**Radcliffe Day**

[Register now](#)

Please join Dean Tomiko Brown-Nagin as she welcomes 2021 Radcliffe Medalist Melinda Gates, philanthropist, businesswoman, and best-selling author. Her work at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which she founded two decades ago, has led her to focus on improving the lives of women and girls as a means to accelerate positive change. The program will explore how best to increase women’s power and influence in the United States with participants Iris Bohnet, Thasunda Brown Duckett, Drew Gilpin Faust, David Rubenstein, and Nikema Williams.

**3:30–5:00 p.m. EDT**  
**Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project**

Join Alice Abarbanel, Julie Cheever, Connie Gibb, and Diane Franklin from the Class of 1966 for an update on the [Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project](#), including several excerpts from oral history interviews with alumnae from classes from the 1940s to the early 1960s. This project was initiated in 2019 by the Radcliffe Club of San...
Francisco; in April 2020, the Schlesinger Library awarded the project one of four honorary Schlesinger Library Oral History Grants. Interviews are conducted by alumnae volunteers and the recordings and transcriptions are sent to the Radcliffe College Archives at the Schlesinger.

**Wednesday, June 2**

**2:00–3:00 p.m. EDT**  
**Inside the Harvard Art Museums: Talk and Tour**

Join Martha Tedeschi, Elizabeth and John Moors Cabot Director of the Harvard Art Museums, and a student guide for an opportunity to explore the collections of the Harvard Art Museums through the eyes of a Harvard College student. The tour is part of the Ho Family Student Guide Program which trains students to develop original, research-based tours of the collections.

**Thursday, June 3**

**3:00–4:00 p.m. EDT**  
**Classes of 1956 Memorial Service**

Join us as we honor our classmates we’ve lost since our 60th Reunion.

**4:00–5:30 p.m. EDT**  
**Classes of 1956 Social Hour**

Time for us to gather as a class, see old friends, and meet new ones as we would if we were together in person.

**Friday, June 4**

**11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m. EDT**  
**151st Annual Meeting of the Harvard Alumni Association**

[Watch the livestream](#)

This year’s historic Annual Meeting will kick off with a special preprogram hosted by the 25th Reunion Chief Marshal Anurima Bhargava AB ’96, followed by the main program, hosted by HAA President John J. West Jr. MBA ’95. The program will include remarks by Harvard University President Lawrence S. Bacow JD ’76, MPP ’76, PhD ’78 and featured speaker Kevin Young AB ’92, the Andrew W. Mellon Director of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture. The program will also include recognition of the 25th Reunion Chief Marshal and the incoming HAA President, and a celebration of the 2020 and 2021 Harvard Medalists.
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2:00–3:15 p.m. EDT  A Conversation with Michael Sandel

We were fortunate to have Professor Sandel speak to our Class in March regarding his book *The Tyranny of Merit: What’s Become of the Common Good?* If you missed it or want to hear more, join fellow classmates, Crimson Society members, and other Harvard and Radcliffe alumni celebrating their reunions for a virtual program featuring Michael J. Sandel, Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Professor of Government. Class of 1956 alumni can request a free copy of the book through this link.

3:30–4:30 p.m. EDT  'Til Next Time Happy Hour

Join the members of the Crimson Society for a fun and casual closing virtual happy hour. You will be broken into small groups on Zoom so that you can reunite with classmates and friends and reminisce on your time at Harvard and Radcliffe.