Friday, June 2, 2023
Harvard Yard

Allyson Mendenhall AB ’90, MLA ’99, President, Harvard Alumni Association

Sarah C. Karmon, Associate Vice President and Executive Director, Harvard Alumni Association

ORDER OF PROGRAM

Alumni Parade from Old Yard and Sever Quadrangle

Welcome Remarks and Introductions
Allyson Mendenhall AB ’90, MLA ’99

Volunteer Recognition
Sarah C. Karmon

“Radcliffe, Now We Rise to Greet Thee”
The Kuumba Singers of Harvard College

Report to the Alumni by the President of Harvard University
Lawrence S. Bacow JD ’76, MPP ’76, PhD ’78

“Don’t You Worry ’Bout a Thing” (by Stevie Wonder)
Don Braden COL ’85

Presentation of Harvard Medals
Lawrence S. Bacow JD ’76, MPP ’76, PhD ’78

Address by the Harvard Alumni Day Speaker
Mary Louise Kelly AB ’93

“Fair Harvard”
The Kuumba Singers of Harvard College
HARVARD MEDAL RECIPIENTS

The Harvard Medals have been bestowed by the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) since 1981 in recognition of extraordinary service to the University.

PAULA A. JOHNSON AB ’80, MD ’84, MPH ’85
A world-renowned physician-scientist and college president who has shattered gender and racial barriers in medicine and academia, you have poured your heart into improving the well-being of women globally through your groundbreaking contributions to medical research and your steadfast advocacy for health care reforms and inclusive educational opportunities for scholars in all fields.

PHILIP W. LOVEJOY
Beloved leader of the Harvard Alumni Association, you have earned a resounding tip of the Harvard hat from staff and alumni across the world, serving the University with distinction for 25 years, building authentic relationships with trademark thoughtfulness and humor, and blending tradition with innovation to find new ways to engage and celebrate a diverse alumni community.

ANTONIO MADERO MBA ’61
Fueled by a deep love for Harvard and your home country of Mexico, you have engineered enduring bonds between these two communities, serving as a confidant to Harvard presidents, deans, and faculty; expanding possibilities for Mexican scholars to study and teach at Harvard; and catalyzing knowledge of a region rich in culture and history.

RYA W. ZOBEL AB ’53, LLB ’56
In a distinguished legal career marked by many firsts, you surmounted extraordinary obstacles—as a teenage émigré escaping oppression and as a woman in a historically male-dominated field—with a tenacity that forged a path for generations to come and a commitment to civic values that shines as an outstanding example to all citizens of the world.

HARVARD ALUMNI DAY SPEAKER

MARY LOUISE KELLY AB ’93
Mary Louise Kelly is a co-host of All Things Considered, NPR’s award-winning afternoon newsmagazine.

Previously, she spent a decade as national security correspondent for NPR News, and she’s kept that focus in her role as anchor. That’s meant taking All Things Considered to Russia, North Korea, and beyond (including live coverage from Helsinki for the infamous Trump-Putin summit). Her past reporting has tracked the CIA and other spy agencies, terrorism, wars, and rising nuclear powers.

Kelly’s assignments have found her deep in interviews at the Khyber Pass, at mosques in Hamburg, and in grimy Belfast bars.


Kelly’s writing has appeared in the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the Washington Post, Politico, The Atlantic, and other publications. She created and taught a course on national security and journalism at Georgetown University. In addition to her NPR work, Kelly serves as a contributing editor at The Atlantic, moderating newsmaker interviews at forums from Aspen to Abu Dhabi.

A Georgia native, Kelly’s first job was pounding the streets as a political reporter at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. In 1996, she made the leap to broadcasting, joining the team that launched BBC/Public Radio International’s The World. The following year, Kelly moved to London to work as a producer for CNN and as a senior producer, host, and reporter for the BBC World Service.

Kelly graduated from Harvard College in 1993 with degrees in government and French language and literature. Two years later, she completed a master’s degree in European studies at Cambridge University in England.
SEWELL CHAN AB ’98

Sewell Chan joined the Texas Tribune as editor in chief in October 2021. Previously, he was deputy managing editor and then editorial page editor at the Los Angeles Times, where he oversaw coverage that was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing in 2021. Chan worked at the New York Times from 2004 to 2018 as a metro reporter, Washington correspondent, deputy op-ed editor, and international news editor. He began his career as a local reporter at the Washington Post in 2000. At Harvard, he was a social studies concentrator and an executive editor of the Crimson. He received an MPhil at Oxford on a British Marshall scholarship. Sewell serves on the boards of the Columbia Journalism Review, Freedom House, and Harvard Magazine. He is a member of PEN America, the Council on Foreign Relations, and numerous journalism organizations. In 2022, he was elected to the board of the Pulitzer Prizes.

DON BRADEN COL ’85

Don Braden is a jazz musician of the highest caliber. For over 35 years, he has toured the world, leading his own ensembles on saxophone and flute, as a special guest, and as a sideman with jazz greats Betty Carter, Wynton Marsalis MusD ’09 (hon.), Freddie Hubbard, Tony Williams, Roy Haynes, and many others. He has composed music in many styles for ensembles ranging from duos to full symphonic orchestras for recordings (including 24 albums as a leader and over 100 as a sideman), film, and the television networks Nickelodeon and CBS. Braden is a leading arranger of contemporary standards and has built a solid collection of newer American songs into his jazz repertoire. He is also a world-renowned educator, having spent over three decades giving master classes at countless schools and universities and running first-class educational programs such as the Litchfield Jazz Camp, NJPAC’s Wells Fargo Jazz For Teens, the Harvard Monday Jazz Band, and most recently, the Harvard Jazz Combo Initiative (funded by the Thomas G. Everett Jazz Innovation Fund).

He is an imaginative, technically excellent, soulful saxophonist, and his harmonic and rhythmic sophistication give him a unique approach to improvising as well as composing and arranging. Most important of all: he has a beautiful sound, and he swings! All this combines with his joyous yet disciplined personality to make him one of the most important musicians working today.
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