



HARVARD ALUMNI DAY 2026

Friday, June 5, 2026

Harvard Yard

Will Makris EdM '00, President, Harvard Alumni Association

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

ORDER OF PROGRAM

Alumni Parade from the Old Yard

Call to Order

Peter J. Koutoujian MPA '03, High Sheriff of Middlesex County

Welcome Remarks and Introductions

Will Makris EdM '00

Volunteer Recognition

Sarah C. Karmon

"Radcliffe, Now We Rise to Greet Thee" by Floretta Elmore AB 1909 and Emily Coolidge AB 1908

Performed by alumni members of the Harvard Din & Tonics, Harvard Glee Club, Harvard-Radcliffe Collegium Musicum, Harvard University Choir, Kuumba Singers of Harvard College, Radcliffe Choral Society, and Radcliffe Pitches

Report to the Alumni by the President of Harvard University

Alan M. Garber AB '77, PhD '82

"What a Wonderful World" by George David Weiss and Bob Thiele for Louis Armstrong

Max Jepsen AB '26

Presentation of the Harvard Medals

Alan M. Garber AB '77, PhD '82

Address by the Harvard Alumni Day Speaker

Jonny Kim MD '16

"Fair Harvard" by Samuel Gilman AB 1811 and Janet Pascal AB '84

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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.

THOMAS A. DINGMAN AB '67, EDM '73

Compassionate, energetic, and widely beloved, Thomas Dingman has been at the heart of Harvard College for 45 years, shaping the undergraduate experience with his generous spirit and steady guidance. As dean of freshmen for 13 years, he fostered a deep sense of belonging among first-year students—often seen in his bright-red jacket in the Yard or sharing meals in Annenberg. He created Convocation, now the ceremonial start of each College journey, and the Reflecting on Your Life program, which invites students to consider their values, purpose, and plans. He also strengthened the Freshman Dean's Office to better support the transition to college. Beginning at Harvard as an assistant director of admissions, Dingman went on to serve as assistant and associate dean of the College, resident dean in Leverett and Dudley Houses, director of the Parents Association, and coordinator of disability services, earning the FAS Administrative Prize in 1996. In retirement, he continues to advise students, support House Renewal, and serve the HAA as a College Director on the HAA Board, a mentor to first-year directors, and an alumni interviewer.

DEBORAH KAUFMAN GOLDFINE AB '85

A three-time captain of the women's tennis team, Deborah Kaufman Goldfine has devoted decades to strengthening Harvard athletics, engaging alumni, and supporting students. A tireless champion of women's sports, she has been a key volunteer and philanthropic leader for Harvard. As executive chair of the Harvard-Radcliffe Foundation for Women's Athletics and longtime member and co-chair of the Friends of Harvard Tennis, she has advanced resources and visibility for women's athletics. In 2024, she spearheaded the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Harvard Women's Tennis, raising more than \$1 million and reconnecting generations of alumnae. She has served as a volunteer assistant coach for women's tennis, created a mentoring program linking student-athletes and alumni, and was a member of the Harvard Visiting Committee for Athletics. Beyond athletics, Kaufman Goldfine has co-chaired every Reunion since her 10th, volunteered with the Harvard College Fund for 35 years, and co-chaired the Newton Schools and Scholarships Committee for 20 years. Her service has been honored with the Hiram Hunn Award, the John P. Reardon Jr. Award, the Albert H. Gordon '23 Award, and multiple tennis program recognitions.

WALTER H. MORRIS JR. AB '73, MBA '75

A valued and steadfast member of the Harvard community, Walter Morris has worked for decades to strengthen alumni engagement and foster lifelong learning through the HAA. As HAA president from 2008 to 2009, he focused on building vibrant alumni communities around the world. He championed the expansion of Shared Interest Groups—"clubs without walls" that connect alumni by interest and background—and helped launch Global Networking Night, now an annual program that brings thousands of alumni together across the globe. Morris first became involved with the HAA in 1995, serving on the Graduate Schools Committee at the invitation of then-executive director Jack Reardon AB '60, his first-year proctor and lifelong mentor. He has since served as an HAA Elected Director, chair of the HAA Awards Committee, a member of reunion committees, and on the Committee for the Happy Observance of Commencement, and he received the John P. Reardon Jr. Alumni Award in 2011. A former banker and retired principal at Ernst & Young LLP, he remains active in Harvard alumni communities, including the Harvard Black Alumni Society and the Harvard Business School African-American Alumni Association.

HARVARD ALUMNI DAY SPEAKER

JONNY KIM MD '16

Lieutenant Commander Jonny Kim, U.S. Navy, is a former NASA astronaut, dual-designated Naval Aviator and Flight Surgeon, and Navy SEAL. Born and raised in Los Angeles to Korean American immigrants, he enlisted in the Navy in 2002 after high school. Following training as a hospital corpsman and Special Operations Combat Medic, he joined SEAL Team THREE, serving on more than 100 combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His military decorations include the Silver Star, Bronze Star with Combat "V," and the Combat Action Ribbon. Through the Navy's Seaman to Admiral-21 program, Kim earned his degree summa cum laude from the University of San Diego, then received his MD from Harvard Medical School. He completed his internship in emergency medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital

and Brigham and Women's Hospital. Selected by NASA in 2017, he completed astronaut training and served in multiple leadership roles within the astronaut office. On April 8, 2025, Kim launched to the International Space Station aboard Soyuz MS-27 and spent eight months as an Expedition 72/73 flight engineer, conducting scientific research and maintaining station operations. He returned to Earth on December 9, 2025, having logged 245 days in space, orbiting the Earth 3,920 times, and traveling nearly 104 million miles. Beyond his professional achievements, Kim enjoys spending time with his wife and their three children, as well as outdoor activities, strength training, video games, and lifelong learning.

CHIEF MARSHAL OF ALUMNI

ALEJANDRA CASILLAS AB '01, MD '05

Alejandra Casillas is the associate professor of medicine and associate vice chair for community impact at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, where she focuses on health care quality and expanding access in historically underserved communities. Elected by her classmates as chief marshal for this year's Harvard Alumni Day, she will lead the alumni parade through Tercentenary Theatre and host a luncheon for University and alumni leaders, dignitaries, and Harvard Medalists. After Harvard Medical School and residency at UCSF,

Casillas became a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at UCLA, earned an MPH from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, and later practiced at university hospitals in Geneva and Lausanne, collaborating with the Swiss Office of Public Health to develop culturally sensitive care for refugees. A first-generation college graduate, she is a nationally recognized advocate for first-generation students and was named an Emerging Leader in Health and Medicine by the National Academy of Medicine.

MUSICAL PERFORMERS

In appreciation of the Office of the Arts and the Jazz Combo Initiative

MAX JEPSEN AB '26

A 2026 graduate, Max Jepsen was a student in Pforzheimer House and studied history and literature with a focus in Latin American studies. A four-year member of Harvard Jazz Combo Initiative, he volunteered extensively with the Phillips Brooks House Association

in the Cambridge After School Program and the Cambridge Youth Enrichment Program. He was also a member of the student rock band The Hat Party. Max will soon begin teaching at a public middle school through Teach for America.

Additional musical performances will be provided by alumni members of the:

Harvard Din & Tonics Harvard Glee Club Harvard-Radcliffe Collegium Musicum Kuumba Singers of Harvard College
Harvard University Choir Radcliffe Choral Society Radcliffe Pitches

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LYRICS

Lyrics to “Radcliffe, Now We Rise to Greet Thee” and “Fair Harvard” are provided for anyone who would like to sing along.

RADCLIFFE, NOW WE RISE TO GREET THEE

Radcliffe, now we rise to greet thee,

Alma Mater, hail to thee!

All our hearts are one in singing

Of our love and loyalty.

We have learn'd to know each other

In thy light, which clearly beams,

Thou has been a kindly Mother,

Great fulfiller of our dreams.

Radcliffe, now we rise to greet thee,

Alma Mater, hail to thee!

Alma Mater, give thy daughters

Each a spark from Truth's pure flame;

Let them when they leave thy altars

Kindle others in thy name.

For our strength and joy in living,

Love and praise to thee belong;

Thou whose very life is giving,

From thy daughters take a song.

Radcliffe, now we rise to greet thee,

Alma Mater, hail to thee!

FAIR HARVARD

Fair Harvard! we join in thy Jubilee throng,

And with blessings surrender thee o'er

By these Festival-rites, from the Age that is past,

To the Age that is waiting before.

O Relic and Type of our ancestors' worth,

That hast long kept their memory warm,

First flow'r of their wilderness! Star of their night!

Calm rising thro' change and thro' storm.

Farewell! be thy destinies onward and bright!

To thy children the lesson still give,

With freedom to think, and with patience to bear,

And for Right ever bravely to live.

Let not moss-covered Error moor thee at its side,

As the world on Truth's current glides by;

Be the herald of Light, and the bearer of Love,

Till the stars in the firmament die.