Harvard College Class of 2024
Class Day Exercises

May 22, 2024 | 2:00 PM
2024 Class Committee

Marshals
Fez Zafar, First Marshal
Chibuikem “Chuby” Uche, Second Marshal
Tarina Ahuja, Program Marshal
Chelsea Baker, Program Marshal
Shikoh Misu Hirabayashi, Program Marshal
Shruthi Kumar, Program Marshal
Madison Pankey, Program Marshal
Micheal Zhang, Program Marshal
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Class Day Program

Opening Remarks
Fez Zafar ’24

Dean’s Address
Rakesh Khurana PhD ’98

Introduction
Audrey Vanderslice ’24

Welcome to the Alumni Community
Moitri Chowdhury Savard AB ’93

Reflections from the Harvard College Fund Marshals
Ellen Deng ’24, Sean Fallon ’24, and Andrea Grace Fernandez ’24

Introduction
Shikoh Misu Hirabayashi ’24

Harvard Oration: “The Stars within Tears”
Ben Elwy ’24

Introduction
Tarina Ahuja ’24 and Shruthi Kumar ’24

Special Remarks: “Unlikely Inseparables”
Jeremy Oliver Sherry Ornstein ’24

Presentation of the Ames Awards
Corbin Lubianski ’24 and Micheal Zhang ’24

Introduction
Madison Pankey ’24

Ivy Oration: “Anyone Hiring Comedians?”
Matthew Winston Cole ’24

Introduction
Chelsea Baker ’24

Featured Guest Speaker
William R. Fitzsimmons AB ’67, EdM ’69, EdD ’71

Introduction
Chibuikem “Chuby” Uche ’24

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Bill Oliverio

Closing Remarks
Chibuikem “Chuby” Uche ’24

2024 Class Ode
Isabella E. Peña ’24 and Brian Cheng ’24

House Representatives
ADAMS HOUSE
Liam De Monaco

CAROT HOUSE
Nia Burch

CURRIER HOUSE
Dan Contreras

DUDLEY COMMUNITY
Jarom Larman

DUNSTER HOUSE
Abia Khan

ELIOT HOUSE
Delaney Jones

KIRKLAND HOUSE
Aurora Avallone

LEVERETT HOUSE
Raina Cohen

LOWELL HOUSE
Zachary Lech

MATHER HOUSE
Carli Cooperstein

PFORZHEIMER HOUSE
Michael Mantello

QUINCY HOUSE
Elizabeth “Liz” Li

WINTHROP HOUSE
Melanie Armella
Lyrics

“Fair Harvard”

Original words by Samuel Gilman, Class of 1811
New last line by Janet Pascal ’84

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.

2024 Class Ode

Lyrics by Isabella E. Peña ’24

Fair Harvard we find ourselves leaving your halls
Wishing well to the friends that we’ve known
Though what happens tomorrow is ours to dream up
We’ll remember this place where we’ve grown.

When we started apart, we all shared the same hope
Felt that dream become splintered and scarred
Though at times we were drifting, we found our way home
And we’ve planted our roots in this yard.

Once we made our return our ambitions were grand
To accomplish our wildest goals
Published studies, filled stadiums, lit up the stage
Made a mark on our hearts and our souls.

So we gather today, with the ones that we love
From now on to be known as alum
For the years that have brought us together as one
Thank you Harvard for who we’ve become.