

# HARVARD COLLEGE



## FRESHMAN CONVOCATION CLASS OF 2013

Tercentenary Theatre  
September 1, 2009  
4:30 p.m.

## HISTORY AND GOVERNANCE OF HARVARD COLLEGE

Harvard College is named for John Harvard, an early benefactor from Emmanuel College, Cambridge University, England, who in 1638 bequeathed his library to the new college in New England.

Since the seventeenth century, Harvard has been governed by the Board of Overseers (1637) and the President and Fellows (1650), also known as the Harvard Corporation—the oldest such body in North America. The latter is made up of the president and treasurer and five fellows; it is responsible for the day-to-day oversight of University business, with final executive authority within the University for decisions on major academic, financial, and policy matters. The Overseers (thirty in number) have responsibility for providing counsel to the Corporation through regular visits and granting consent on major policy decisions by the Corporation. (Harvard University: Records of the Governing Boards of Harvard: A Guide, 2006).

The first Commencement was in the fall of 1642, with nine graduates. Commencement continued to be at the beginning of the academic year throughout the seventeenth century. Now at the end of the year, Commencement is the culmination of a scholar's work at Harvard.

It has been estimated that there have been 372 opening days since the founding of Harvard College. While most of these have been marked with a ceremony, it is the Class of 2013 that establishes an official Convocation. The next time the class will be together will be at Commencement in four years' time.

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

At many formal university ceremonies, professors, institutional leaders, and graduates typically wear what is known as academic regalia. The color, length, and shape of each academic hood represent a particular institution and the subject in which the degree was awarded. Harvard's practice is unique, in that just two types of gowns are used: black for both Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degree recipients, and crimson for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy and other advanced degrees. Hoods signifying Harvard degrees are black with crimson silk linings, differing only in length for master's and doctoral recipients. Embroidered crow's feet on the lapels of their gowns are colored according to the faculties they represent, with white for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, including Engineering and Applied Science, and the Extension School; dark blue for Doctor of Philosophy; medium grey for Business; lilac for Dental Medicine; yellow for Design; scarlet for Divinity; light blue for Education; peacock blue for Government; purple for Law; green for Medicine; and salmon for Public Health. Crow's feet are double for earned degrees, triple for honorary.

## PROCESSION

### Student Procession

Class of 2013, Alumni Marshals, and Proctors  
*The Memorial Church Bell ring to begin procession.*

### Academic Procession

Student Leaders, House Masters, Faculty Council, the Reverend Professor, Deans, Provost, Vice Presidents, and President.  
*If you are able, please stand for the Academic Procession and Fanfare.*

## PROGRAM

### Fanfare for the Class of 2013

An original composition by Hannah Horowitz  
*Harvard College Class of 2011*  
Harvard University Band  
Thomas G. Everett  
*Director of Bands*

### Welcome

**Recognition of Faculty, Freshman Advisers, Alumni Marshals,  
College Officers, Proctors, and Student Leaders**  
Thomas A. Dingman  
*Dean of Freshmen, Harvard College*

### Invocation

Peter J. Gomes  
*Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and  
Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church and  
Member of the Faculty of Divinity*

### Musical Interlude

*Be Like Him* by Kirk Franklin  
The Kuumba Singers  
Sheldon K.X. Reid  
*Director*

### Introductory Remarks

Evelynn M. Hammonds  
*Barbara Gutmann Rosenkrantz Professor of the History of Science  
and of African and African American Studies*  
*Dean of Harvard College*

### Greetings

Walter B. Klyce III  
*Harvard College Class of 2010*

### Musical Interlude

Bogoróditse Dévo Ráduysya  
From *All-Night Vigil, Op. 37* by Sergei Rachmaninoff  
The Holden Choruses:  
Harvard Glee Club, Radcliffe Choral Society,  
Harvard-Radcliffe Collegium Musicum  
Jameson N. Marvin  
*Senior Lecturer on Music, Director of Choral Activities*

### Remarks

Michael D. Smith  
*John H. Finley Jr. Professor of Engineering and Applied Sciences*  
*Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences*

### Convocation Address

Drew Gilpin Faust  
*Lincoln Professor of History*  
*President of Harvard University*

### Presentation of Class Banner

Andrea R. Flores and Kia J. McLeod  
*President and Vice President of the Undergraduate Council*  
*Harvard College Class of 2010*

### Closing Remarks and Recognition of Freshman Dorms

Thomas A. Dingman  
*Dean of Freshmen, Harvard College*

### Recessional

Music by the Harvard University Band

*At this time, the Class of 2013 should follow the Undergraduate Council President and Vice President to the steps of Widener Library for a class photo.*

