billionaire), and the College’s Class Day orator Sheryl Sandberg ’91, M.B.A. ’95 (whose own first billion came via Facebook’s IPO).

Amid these mind-numbing sums, it was not hard to fathom a finding in the Crimson’s senior survey: 31 percent of respondents entering the workforce have jobs in finance and consulting, and another 15 percent in technology and engineering. Ten years hence, those same seniors expect finance and consulting to exist only in their rear-view mirrors (just 6 percent in toto), with the academy, health, arts, government, and entrepreneurship looming much larger. Time will tell.

For now, two very different students issued effective calls to service on Commencement morning. Senior English speaker Sarah Abushaar ’14 (a Leverett House resident born in the United States but raised in Kuwait City, an economics concentrator who has worked in several finance-industry positions) recalled being shushed by her parents as a child, lest her prattle in Syria cause trouble: “‘You’ll get taken by secret service if they hear you.’ The walls everywhere, we were told, could hear our revolutionary ideas and would send us to prison.” How different things are in Cambridge, she found. In place of an Arab spring, “[T]his graduation is sending 6,000 revolutions into the world in the 6,000 revolutions graduating as part of the class of 2014... if we take those waiting revolutions, those great ideas...out with us into the real world, into the real Tahrir Squares, and make something of them! Revolutions not in arms but in minds...more powerful and permanent... and pervasive. For, this isn’t a Ukrainian revolution or an Arab Spring, but a global revolution.

“This is the Harvard Spring of 2014. This is the Harvard Spring!”

Graduate English speaker Philip Harding, M.P.P. ’14 (headed for work on government innovation in Washington, D.C.), recalled George Washington coming to Harvard “uncertain of his future and his

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**Honoris Causa**

Five men and three women received honorary degrees at Commencement. University provost Alan M. Garber introduced the honorands in the following order, and President Drew Faust read the citations, concluding with the recipient’s name and degree. For fuller background on each honorand, see [http://harvardmag.com/degrees](http://harvardmag.com/degrees).

Seymour Slive. Cabot founding director of the Harvard University Art Museums emeritus and Gleason professor of fine arts emeritus, an authority on seventeenth-century Dutch art. Doctor of Arts: A living portrait in ebullient erudition and humane inspiration, he has masterfully illumined the works of Dutch masters, his own career a rare work of art.

Patricia King, J.D. ’69, Car- mack Waterhouse professor of law, medicine, ethics, and public policy, Georgetown Law Center, and fellow of the Harvard Corporation, 2005–2012. Doctor of Laws: Bridging disciplines and overcoming barriers, elucidating ethics and embracing beneficence, a trusted trustee whose sagacity and tenacity always bend the arc toward justice.


Peter H. Raven. President emeritus, Missouri Botanical Garden, and Engelman professor of botany emeritus, Washington University, a scholar of biodiversity, species evolution, and conservation. Doctor of Science: A grand sycamore in the garden of science, he has nourished our knowledge of the phyla of flora and cultivated care for the precious diversity of life.

Isabel Allende. Author of 20 books, including The House of the Spirits. Doctor of Letters: Conjuring memories blown by winds of exile, leavening realism with dashes of magic, she fills her splendid house of stories with spirits and shadows, anguish and love.

Aretha Franklin. The “Queen of Soul,” winner of 18 Grammy Awards. Doctor of Arts: With sweet passion, almighty fire, and amazing grace, she reigns sublime as the electrifying empress of soul; for this, our highest honor, she is a natural woman.

Michael R. Bloomberg, M.B.A. ’66. Entrepreneur, philanthropist, and 108th mayor of New York City. Doctor of Laws: From Hopkins to Harvard, Wall Street to City Hall, a resolute leader and fervent philanthropist whose entrepreneurial spirit and zeal for innovation have helped our nation’s biggest burg to bloom.

George H.W. Bush. Forty-first president of the United States. Doctor of Laws: With faith, courage, and service true, his eyes ever fixed on points of light, he piloted our nation through changeful skies; his cap was Blue, his house was White, and now his robe is Crimson.