The Senior Alumni

The oldest graduates of Harvard and Radcliffe present at Commencement were 94-year-old Evelyn Richmond ’41, of Nashville, Tennessee, who was accompanied by her son, Clifford Richmond ’75, and 97-year-old Robert F. Rothschild ’39, of New York City, who came with his wife, Margaret Rothschild ’65. Both were recognized during the afternoon ceremony by HAA president Cynthia A. Torres ’80, M.B.A. ’84. Richmond, basking in what she called “a welcoming and friendly” crowd, added that her husband, the late Samuel B. Richmond, “was also the class of 1940—so Harvard is a family thing.” Last on campus for her tenth Radcliffe reunion in 1951, Richmond was drawn back this year by the special events of Radcliffe Day and the chance to hear President Drew Faust and Commencement speaker Deval L. Patrick. “I came through the procession with everyone clapping and the band playing all the old songs I know so well,” she said. “Harvard does it right. It was a great place when I was here, and it’s still a great place.”

According to the active University alumni records, the oldest alumni include: Edith M. Van Saun ’29, 108, of Sykesville, Maryland; Mary Anglemyer ’31, 105, of Medford, New Jersey; Louise J. Wells ’32, 105, of Harvard, Massachusetts; Helena W. Phillips ’33, 103, of West Palm Beach; Clarence M. Agress ’33, 103, of Santa Barbara; Mary Grossman MacEwan ’33, 102, of Tucson; Anne Sharples Frantz ’33, 103, of Peterborough, New Hampshire; William Peters Blanc ’34, 102, of Sag Harbor, New York; Marian Cannon Schlesinger ’34, 102, of Cambridge; and Jacob (Jack) Chartoff ’35, 102, of Boston.

Election Results

The names of the new members of the Board of Overseers and of the new elected directors of the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) were announced during the HAA’s annual meeting on the afternoon of Commencement day.

For Overseer (six-year term), voters chose:
Fernande R. Duffy, J.D. ’78, Boston. Associate Justice, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.
Brian Greene ’84, New York City. Professor of physics and mathematics, Columbia University.
Beth Y. Karlan ’78, M.D. ’82, Los Angeles. Director, Women’s Cancer Program, Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute; director, division of gynecologic oncology, department of obstetrics and gynecology, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center; and professor of obstetrics and gynecology, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.


For elected director (three-year term), voters chose:
Andrew Herwitz ’83, J.D. ’90, New York City. President, The Film Sales Company.
Sharon E. Jones ’77, J.D. ’82, Chicago. President and CEO, OH Community Partners.
Tracy “Ty” Moore II ’06, Oakland, California. Co-founder, MindBlown Labs.
Ariel Zwang ’85, M.B.A. ’90, New York City. CEO, Safe Horizon.

Cambridge Scholars

Four seniors have won Harvard Cambridge Scholarships to study at Cambridge University during the 2014-2015 academic year. Gregory Kristof, of Scarsdale, New York, and Kirkland House, a philosophy concentrator, will be the Lionel De Jersey Harvard Scholar at Emmanuel College; Debbie Onuoha, of Accra, Ghana, and Quinney House, a joint concentrator in anthropology and history and literature, will be the Charles Henry Fiske III Scholar at Trinity College; Eleanor Parker, of Bernardsville, New Jersey, and Eliot House, an organismic and evolutionary biology concentrator, will be the William Shirley Scholar at Pembroke College; and Christopher Magnani, of Havertown, Pennsylvania, and Leverett House, a joint concentrator in chemistry and astrophysics, will be the John Eliot Scholar at Jesus College.