how best to curb industrious beavers. “They burrow under the fences and do a lot of damage to the trees,” Amory says. “But in some ways we love having them around, ‘cause their dams slow the water down.”

Spring floods along Otter Creek, which cuts a mile and a half through their acreage, threatened more than usual, given the winter’s snow pack. But flooding is a perennial part of living on the land. In June 1997, “barns were washed away,” Sandi says. “We had just forests of huge old cottonwoods crashing down the creek. That was scary.”

But on a sunny day, the sky blue for as far as anyone could see, as Alex rode by on his horse, herding the cows out of a pasture by the nursery, over the creek bridge that was once held up by a pile of cars, and off on a two-mile trek to fresh grazing grounds, it was hard to imagine the Blakes’ homestead as anything but blissful.

New Harvard Overseers and HAA Elected Directors

The names of the new members of the Board of Overseers and elected directors of the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) were announced during the HAA’s annual meeting on the afternoon of Commencement Day. Five of the new Overseers were elected for six-year terms. The sixth-place finisher, Diego A. Rodriguez, will serve the final two years of the unexpired term of Jane Lubchenco, who stepped down in light of other professional obligations. The new Overseers were elected from a slate of eight candidates, and the HAA directors from a slate of nine candidates, who were nominated by an HAA committee, as prescribed by the election rules.

Harvard degree-holders cast 26,765 ballots in the Overseers election, and 27,537 ballots in the election for HAA directors.

For Overseer:

Geraldine Acuna-Sunshine ’92, M.P.P. ’96, Manila, Republic of the Philippines, and Boston. President, Sunshine Care Foundation for Neurological Care and Research.

Philip Hart Cullom, M.B.A. ’88, Gaithersburg, Maryland. Vice Admiral (retired), U.S. Navy.

Meredith L. “Max” Hodges ’03, M.B.A. ’10, Boston. Executive director, Boston Ballet.

Marilyn Holifield, J.D. ’72, Miami. Partner, Holland & Knight LLP.

Diego A. Rodriguez, M.B.A. ’01, Palo Alto. Executive vice president, chief product and design officer, Intuit Inc.


For elected director (three-year term):

Collette Creppell ’82, M.Arch. ’90, Providence and New Orleans. University architect, Brown University.

Sid Espinosa, M.P.P. ’00, Palo Alto. Director of philanthropy and civic engagement, Microsoft.

Natosha Reid Rice ’93, J.D. ’97, Atlanta. Associate general counsel, real estate and finance, Habitat for Humanity International; associate pastor, historic Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Krishnan Namboodiri Subrahmanian ’03, Minneapolis. Attending pediatrician, Hennepin County Medical Center and the University of Minnesota; maternal child health specialist, Partners In Health (COPE Program).

Bella T. Wong ’82, Ed.M. ’91, Weston, Massachusetts. Superintendent/Principal, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School.


Cambridge Scholars

Four seniors have won Harvard Cambridge Scholarships to study at Cambridge University during the 2018-2019 academic year. Farris Peale, of Washington and Quincy House, a social studies concentrator, will be the Lionel De Jersey Harvard Scholar at Emmanuel College; Christian Schatz, of California and Adams House, an environmental science and public policy concentrator, will be the William Shirley Scholar at Pembroke College; Theresa “Tez” Clark, of Tokyo and Adams House, a philosophy concentrator, will be the Charles Henry Fiske III Scholar at Trinity College; and Ellie Lasater-Guttmann, of Virginia and Eliot House, a philosophy and mathematics concentrator, will be the John Eliot Scholar at Jesus College.