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**Achieving Change Together**

## February 2024 ClassACTions Newsletter

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Be Our Valentines? In these difficult days, it's hard to focus on love. There is much in this world, our nation, our local communities and even Harvard to be deeply concerned about. Will the Middle East conflicts become a conflagration? Will our country heal the divisions? What will happen to Harvard and other higher education institutions? ClassACT HR73 is dedicated to promoting positive change and fostering respect and positive relationships within our community of classmates and all others who have been touched by our programs and other efforts. To that end ClassACT HR73 sends its love, respect and gratitude to all – and yes, it's love.

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### Upcoming ClassACT HR73 Activities: Dates and Registrations

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#### 6 Steps to Promoting Your NonProfit on Social Media With Katie Marinello

Wed. February 21 @7pm EST

[Click to Register](#)



Social Media is an essential communication tool for nonprofits looking to raise awareness, build community, and even engage donors. But how to break through the noise to get an accurate and compelling story across? Join ClassACT HR73's social media manager **Katie Marinello**, owner of KT World Communications LLC, to learn the basics of creating a digital strategy that bolsters your nonprofit's mission. If you've found yourself confused or intimidated when posting on Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, and more, this is the webinar for you!

**Missed our previous webinars?** Not to worry! Click the links below to watch:

- [A Ten-Point Plan for Building a Board of Directors](#) by **Ron**

Dieckmann '73, December 12, 2023

- [Creating a 501\(C\)\(3\)](#) with Leonard Easter '73, January 17, 2024

**Climate Change, Public-Private Partnerships, and Social Equity:  
Lessons from Bangladesh**

TIME: Friday, March 1, 9:30am-5:30pm

PLACE: Belfer Case Study Room (S020)  
1730 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA, 02138

[Click to Register](#)

The graphic is a dark-themed rectangular box. On the left, there is a 3x4 grid of 12 small portrait photos of the participants, each with their name printed below it. The names are: Dustin Tingley, Nazmul Haque, Leigh Hafrey, Marion Dry, Peter Galbraith, Diego Osorio, Hélène Benveniste, Michael Hiscox, James Engell, Kimball Chen, Erum Sattar, and Peter Tufano. To the right of the grid, the event title is written in white capital letters. Below the title, the date, time, and place are listed. A QR code labeled 'REGISTER' is positioned to the right of the event details. At the bottom, logos for ClassACT, The Salata Institute for Climate and Sustainability at Harvard University, and Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University are displayed.

CLIMATE CHANGE, PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS,  
AND SOCIAL EQUITY: LESSONS FROM BANGLADESH

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REGISTER

ClassACT THE SALATA INSTITUTE FOR CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY at Harvard University Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University

ClassACT's [Benazir Bhutto Leadership Program](#) with [Weatherhead Center for International Affairs](#) (WCFLA) and the [Salata Institute](#), both at Harvard, will host a daylong in person Symposium focused on mitigating climate change and its concomitant social inequities through public-private partnerships. We hope you will join us for all or part of the day. Refreshments and lunch will be provided for attendees and there will be a reception at the end of the day.

The participants include:

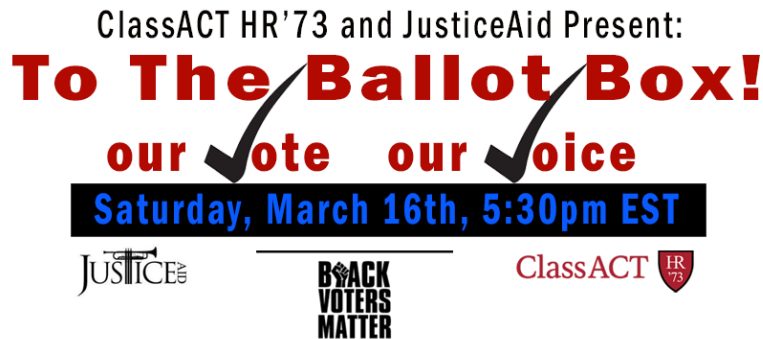
- Ambassador [Peter Galbraith](#) AB '73, Senior Diplomatic Fellow, Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation
- [Marion Dry](#) AB '73, Chair, ClassACT HR73
- [Dustin Tingley](#), Professor of Government, Deputy Vice Provost, Advanced Learning, Harvard University
- [Nazmul Haque](#), Fellow, Benazir Bhutto Leadership Program, HKS
- [Leigh Hafrey](#) AB '73, Senior Lecturer, Communication and Ethics, MIT Sloan School of Management
- [Diego Osorio](#), MC/MPA '09, Fellow, Weatherhead Scholars Program
- [Hélène Benveniste](#), Postdoctoral Fellow at the Salata Institute for Climate and Sustainability
- [Michael Hiscox](#) PhD '97, Clarence Dillon Professor of International Affairs, FAS

- [James Engell](#) AB '73, PhD '78, Gurney Professor of English Literature and Professor of Comparative Literature
- [Erum Sattar](#) LLM '10, SJD '17, Former Program Director and Lecturer, Sustainable Water Management Program (SWM), Tufts Institute of the Environment
- [Kimball Chen](#) AB '73, MBA '78, Chairman, The Global LPG Partnership
- [Peter Tufano](#) AB '79, MBA '84, PhD '89, Baker Foundation Professor, HBS

**To The Ballot Box! Our Vote, Our Voice**

A ClassACT HR73/ JusticeAid ZOOM Public Forum  
Saturday, March 16 @ 5:30pm

[Click to Register](#)



A ZOOM Forum in partnership with Black Voters Matter.

Nothing is more fundamental to the U.S. Constitution and our democracy than the right of every citizen to vote. While approximately 66% of those eligible turned out to vote in 2020\*, the one-third (approximately 77 million) who did not vote represent the highest proportion of non-voters in a presidential election in one hundred years.\*\* How do we change this dynamic and convince citizens that their vote and their voice matters and is a tool for change?

On Saturday, March 16th at 5:30pm, ClassACT and Justice Aid are proud to present **To The Ballot Box! Our Vote, Our Voice**, a ZOOM public forum with Black Voters Matter (BVM) co-founders **LaTosha Brown** and **Cliff Albright**.

The right to vote and participate in elections should not be a controversial issue, but it has become one. The forum will explore issues related to these rights, voter apathy and voter suppression. It also will discuss how to engage and motivate citizens in local communities and across the country to have a

voice, register and vote.

Join us for this vibrant and timely discussion.

[Cliff Albright](#), Panelist, the Co-Founder Black Voters Matter, is a political economist, speaker and activist. He is a 2020 Soros Equality Fellow.

[LaTosha Brown](#), Panelist, the co-founder Black Voters Matter, is an organizer, social justice activist and jazz singer. Ms. Brown was a 2019 Resident Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School.

[Black Voters Matter Fund](#), the 2024 grantee-partner of JusticeAid, works to increase civic engagement and power building in predominantly Black communities.

\*[Pew Research Center](#)

\*\* [The Hill](#)

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### Justice & Civic Engagement Volunteer ClassACT-ion

ClassACT's [Justice & Civic Engagement initiative](#) will be offering different volunteer opportunities leading up to the 2024 election. First out of the gate...

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### CALLING ALL LAWYERS!

**Black Voters Matter: Assistance for local organizations seeking non-profit status**



Legal Skills Wanted! **Black Voters Matter (BVM), JusticeAid's 2024 grantee-partner, is recruiting volunteer attorneys who can walk BVM's community partners through incorporating and then filing their 501(c)(3) applications.** There are currently over 20 groups needing immediate support, but the list grows each week. These groups are located mainly in the southeast region and are at various stages of the incorporation process. Some groups may need state level assistance (e.g. registering with the secretary of state) in addition to filling out the federal paperwork. These are grassroots organizations that provide all types of critical services to their communities, including affordable housing, food drives, elderly care, therapy, and more.

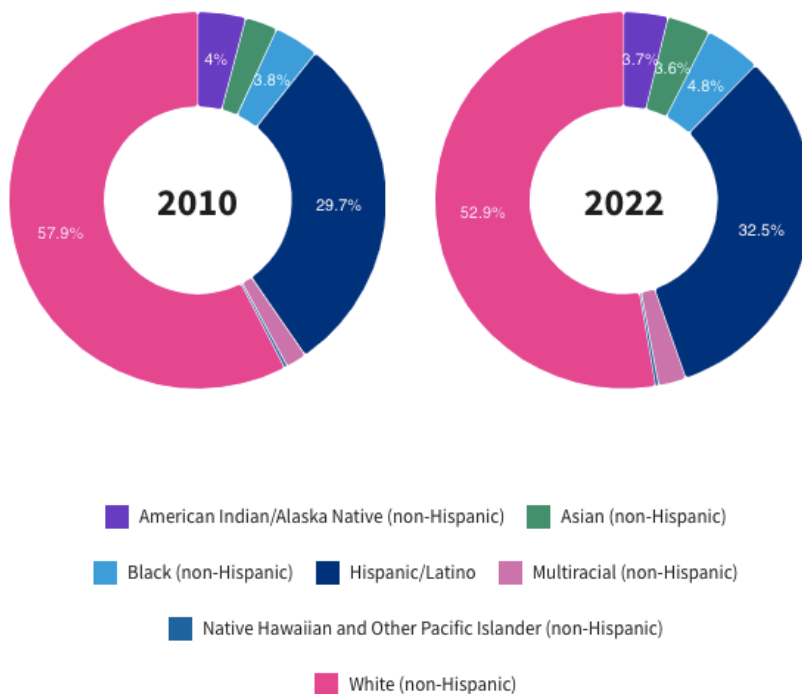
ClassACT Lawyers will meet via ZOOM for a one-hour training session with BVM and then be paired with a local organization. The time commitment is an estimated 1-10 hours to be worked out between the ClassACT volunteer lawyer and the organization itself. Lawyers can perform this work on a remote basis. ClassACT will organize a webinar to teach volunteers what they need to know about filing a 501(c)(3) application with the IRS. **Be on the lookout for more information!**

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### **Voter Intimidation Could Be a Threat in Arizona**

By **Jim Harbison**

Edited by **Marilyn Go, Ryan O'Connell, and Jacki Swearingen**



#### [Arizona Demographic Shifts, 2010 - 2022](#)

Arizona has emerged once again as a key battleground state in the 2024 Presidential election. Outcomes in the Grand Canyon State are likely to be even more unpredictable this election cycle because of changing demographics and a surge in voter suppression tactics like intimidation at the polls.

Until the last presidential election, Arizona had been considered solidly Republican. But the Latino share of the population increased by 16 percent from 2010 to 2020, and Latinos tend to vote Democratic. The result is a state that pundits now label “purplish.”

Along with the uncertainty of the presidential race in Arizona is the question of whom voters will choose for a US Senate seat this November. Incumbent

Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, formerly a Democrat, opted to become an independent in December 2022. If she runs for reelection, her Democratic opponent is likely to be Phoenix Rep. Ruben Gallego '04, a U.S. Marine who served in Iraq. Kari Lake, an election denier who lost her gubernatorial campaign in 2022, is the front-runner on the Republican side. The Cook Report calls the race a toss-up at this point.

Adding to the volatility of Arizona politics are fears that some of the voter suppression and intimidation tactics of the last two election cycles may resurface. The courts have prohibited right-wing extremist intimidation tactics like harassing voters at ballot drop boxes. However, many election officials who worked to maintain fair elections in 2020 and 2022 have resigned because of such tactics.

[Click for full article](#)

[Click for full series of voter protection articles](#)

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## State's Abortion Laws Key to Arizona's Election

Written by **Susan Okie** and **Vivian Lewis**

According to [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#), Arizona could be center stage in the battle over reproductive rights. Republicans passed a law in 2021 banning elective abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, and the state imposes additional requirements upon pregnant women that create barriers to obtaining a timely abortion. In fact, the Arizona Supreme Court is considering the status of [an 1864 law, still on the books](#), that could, if reactivated, result in a near total ban.



*AP Photo/Ross D. Franklin, File*

Regardless of the court's decision, efforts are underway to amend the state constitution through a ballot initiative, likely to occur in the November 2024 election. [That amendment would establish the right to abortion up until fetal viability \(typically 24 weeks\)](#). American Civil Liberties Union and Planned Parenthood of Arizona are among the groups sponsoring the effort to collect the signatures required to get the proposal on the ballot. As of December 2023, there were 384,000 signatories out of the 400,000 needed by July 2024, and [sponsors](#) hope to reach 600,000 by July. Conservative groups, including the Heritage Foundation, Catholic Church organizations and others are countering the effort with a planned March for Life rally in

Phoenix. There is also an ad campaign and outreach to students on college campuses, backed by Students for Life of America in Arizona and 5 other states, which is designed to appeal to young conservative voters.

Multiple candidates have filed to run for Arizona's nine Congressional seats, but which ones will remain on the ballot for the general election will depend on results of the state's August 6 primary. Of those who filled out a Ballotopedia survey on their political priorities, three Democrats —Cody Newman, Kirsten Engel, and Bernadette Placentia—listed abortion rights as one of their key issues.

**New voters in Arizona must register by February 20 in order to vote in the presidential primary election.**

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### **ClassACT HR73 @50 Video Project:**

#### **Bill Kristol '73**



In a new @50 video, Classmate **Bill Kristol** discusses how the influence of his parents, along with his undergraduate experience, fueled his career and passion for politics and politicians. Having had the chance to look at the workings of our government from “five to 30,000 feet,” he provides a steady and important view of the state of liberal democracy in our country.

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### **Retreat and Dinner with Benazir Bhutto Leadership Fellow (and Top Chef) Nazmul Haque**

In late January the ClassACT HR73 Board met in person and via Zoom for our annual meeting and planning retreat. **Leigh Hafrey** and his wife, Sandra Naddaff, graciously opened their home for the gathering on Saturday and Sunday January 27 and 28. In addition, several members met on Friday the 26th with leaders of the Harvard Alumni Association to explain ClassACT HR73 in depth and discuss the growing movement towards “outward facing” alumni engagement. This meeting was followed by a delicious dinner with our



current BBLP Fellow, [Nazmul Haque](#). We learned that, on top of his many other talents, he is an accomplished chef!



***Nazmul Haque** with Board and Staff Members, January 2024*

Over the weekend, we reviewed the accomplishments of 2023, but most of the lively conversation and collaboration focused on enhancing current programs and planning for 2024 and beyond. In addition to our ongoing efforts, in 2024 we will celebrate our official 10-year anniversary, introduce a new Class ACT, and emphasize the continued development of the “multi class” movement. It is hoped that the legacy of ClassACT HR73 will be an ongoing emphasis on alumni collaboration at Harvard and other institutions in order to utilize their expertise, connections and talents to foster positive change in the world. As **Marion Dry** said, all participants “left with our ‘youthful’ aspirations to change the world still in the forefront of our lives. ClassACT is stronger, larger, more vibrant, more active and more impactful than we have ever been.”



The attending ClassACT HR73 Board Members at the 2024 Retreat

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### Call For ClassACT photos!



*Classmates at our 50th Reunion in June 2023*

This spring ClassACT HR73 will be celebrating our 10th year of incorporation with a special edition of the ClassActions Newsletter! **If you have photos related to ClassACT over the past 10 years, please forward them to [classacthr73@gmail.com](mailto:classacthr73@gmail.com).**

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### Multi-Class News



The ClassACT HR73 Multi-Class initiative is in high gear. A Zoom meeting with Travis Lovett, Assistant Dean of Civic Engagement and Service, has identified potential ways that ClassACT HR73 and all the other Harvard alumni could work with Travis and his team of enthusiastic undergraduates. Over 50 attendees interacted with Travis as we made a giant step forward to get other classes as well as undergraduates to participate in positive civic and service activities. Second, we met with HAA representatives Kristen DeAmicis and Lily Gillespie to explore ways that we can reach Reunion Classes to acquaint them with the ClassACT concept. In addition, our new webinar series offered to our Bridge Partners has attracted many other organizations from several other classes. Finally, we continue to explore ways to involve the other classes in the APP we have developed.

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## Bridge Partners Updates

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### United Nations Association of Greater Boston



[Click to register](#)

The United Nations Association of Greater Boston (UNAGB) has had a busy start to 2024! Their first Model UN Conference hosted 200 students at Tufts University on Saturday, February 10th and their in-class programming has had them in classrooms all around the Boston area. Additionally, they are preparing for one of their core community programs, [International Women's Day](#) in March. This year, their International Women's Day event will bring together a panel of experts for a discussion on "Financial Security and Independence for Women Worldwide" at the Central Branch of the Boston Public Library in Copley Square. The event is free to the community, but pre-registration is required. [Sign up for their email list](#) and follow them on social media for upcoming announcements about the panelists!

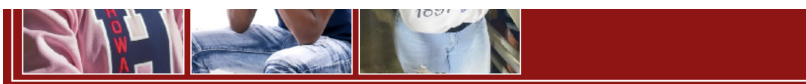
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### The Editorial Freelancers Association

The Editorial Freelancers Association (EFA) has announced that Gabrielle Heyward of Rock Hill, SC, and Makiyah Berry of Hartford, CT, are the recipients of the second annual EFA Ruth Mullen Memorial Scholarship in the undergraduate category, and Jordan Turner of Lawrenceville, GA, is the recipient in the graduate category. Read all about the EFA scholarship program [here](#), and this year's recipients [here](#).







*Makiydah Berry, Jordan Turner, and Gabrielle Heyward*

For the upcoming 2024–2025 cycle, the EFA has set a goal of providing four scholarships, three funded by the EFA and one by voluntary contributions. As of the first week of February, they have raised \$3,950 of the \$5,750 required to fund this fourth scholarship. They are working hard to raise the additional \$1,800 by the funding deadline of MARCH 1. To contribute, click [here](#). The EFA will be very grateful for any and all donations—and so will the scholarship recipient, whose future will be so positively impacted!

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### **Sports Analytics Club Program**



*Crenshaw HS Student Body President, Rickia Latchman, Sports Analytics Club Program founder Robert Clayton, Esq., five-time NBA All-Star and former NCAA champion Marques Johnson, and Crenshaw HS Sports Analytics Club Moderator Jim McElroy IV. Photo from SACP.*

The Crenshaw High School STEM Magnet Sports Analytics Club members in Los Angeles, CA, designed and formulated a [research project](#) to present Marques Johnson to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. The five-time NBA All-Star and former NCAA champion is one step away after being a Finalist in 2019 and 2021.

In the portfolio submitted to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, numerous career statistics of Marques Johnson were analyzed and compared to six other existing Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame members. This project gave the students real-world experience in developing math, reading, collaborative research, and critical thinking skills.

At their second annual Fall Festival, Crenshaw High School Student Body President and Sports Analytic Club member Rickia Latchman presented the Club's project to Board District 1 community members.

Marques Johnson was in attendance and thanked the Sports Analytics Club for their hard work, and shared how meaningful it is to him.

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### **New ClassACT HR73 Health and Healthcare Projects**



The Healthcare Working Group's six 2024 Projects are beginning to take shape. The six areas are: Vaccines, Global Health, Reproductive Health, Ageism, Mental Health, and Inequities in the Healthcare System. Please see below an important message from the Reproductive Health group. We are still looking for volunteers to serve on all subgroups. If you want more information please email us at: [Classacthr73@gmail.com](mailto:Classacthr73@gmail.com). You do not have to be in the healthcare field to participate.

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### **Call to Action: Reproductive Issues And the 2024 Election**



*Photo by Brandon Bell/Getty Images*

In the aftermath of the demise of Roe v Wade, access to abortion has energized voters of both parties through ballot initiatives, state and local elections, policies initiatives and judicial appointments. Although most ClassACT HR73 members are well beyond reproductive age, the issue has had a profound impact on all of us including healthcare providers, patients and communities - regardless of party affiliation or religious persuasion.

Physicians and others who practice obstetrics and gynecology are often torn between their duty to uphold the Hippocratic oath and their attempts to navigate a complicated and confusing set of rules and regulations written in language that is at odds with medical definitions. A [recent survey](#) of OB-GYNs in states with the most restrictive laws found that 42% were concerned about legal risk in making medical decisions and 40% felt constrained in their ability to manage any pregnancy-related emergency. Faced with potential imprisonment, many are looking to relocate to parts of the country with fewer restrictions, causing or exacerbating physician shortages. Nationally, the majority of OB-GYNs believe that the Dobbs decision has worsened maternal mortality rates; 70% believe it has increased disparities based on race. For patients, it can mean traveling great distances for care, and this is not limited to abortion access if a community loses its OB-GYN. Communities without adequate women's health care have higher mortality rates (especially maternal), which has implications for the ability to attract a younger workforce (including healthcare providers) and the overall quality of life.

Recognizing and respecting that abortion is a deeply personal and moral issue, we seek to create opportunities for meaningful conversations that are informed by facts with our elected representatives, community members and other voters. The ClassACT HR73 subgroup on reproductive issues plans to create a resource guide for those seeking to learn more or to volunteer with non-partisan organizations dedicated to reproductive issues including abortion access. This month's newsletter article on Arizona (see above) illustrates how access to abortion has become an important issue for voters. We have a starting list of relevant non-profit, non-partisan organizations. We are eager to engage more classmates in making these resources robust and useful.

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### **ClassACT HR73 in the International News**

The Dispatch News Desk, an award-winning publication in Pakistan, published an op-ed by Sara Arshad entitled, "ClassACT HR73 Continues with Benazir Bhutto's Legacy." To read the piece, click on the link below.

[Click for full article](#)



**An Invitation From Harvard Alumni for Climate and the Environment (HACE):**

**Personal Investment Event: Climate-Conscious Retirement Planning, Part 3**

Thursday, February 22, 12:00pm ET

[Click to register](#)

**Personal Investment Series:  
Climate-Conscious  
Retirement Planning, Part 3**

*Thursday, February 22  
12:00pm ET / 9am PT*



Co-Founder  
[Arnie](#)



CEO  
[Just Futures](#)



Harvard Alumni  
for Climate and the Environment

Join us for our third and final installation in the retirement planning series to learn about how you can take climate action with your 401(k), 403(b), Roth IRA, or other retirement plans. Please note that HACE does not provide financial advice or recommendations.

If you missed Parts 1 and 2 and are interested in social and climate-conscious retirement planning for yourself or for your workplace, please email [events@harvardclimate.com](mailto:events@harvardclimate.com).

Register today and send your questions [at this zoom link](#).

Please join Harvard Alumni for Climate and the Environment for the third and final installation in the retirement planning series to learn about how you can take climate action with your 401(k), 403(b), Roth IRA, or other retirement plans. HACE will be joined by leadership from two additional innovative retirement solutions providers: Eliza Arnold from [Arnie](#) and colleagues from [Just Futures](#). Please note that HACE does not provide financial advice or recommendations. This series has worked to expose attendees to different providers who can align fiduciary duty in retirement planning with social and environmental values. The event is geared both to individuals as well as those looking to promote change in their organizations' retirement alternatives.

As a reminder, HACE's previous event featured Timothy Yee from [Green Retirement](#) and James Regulinski of [Carbon Collective](#). If you missed this event and are interested in supporting social and climate-conscious retirement planning in your workplace, email [events@harvardclimate.com](mailto:events@harvardclimate.com) to obtain the event resources.

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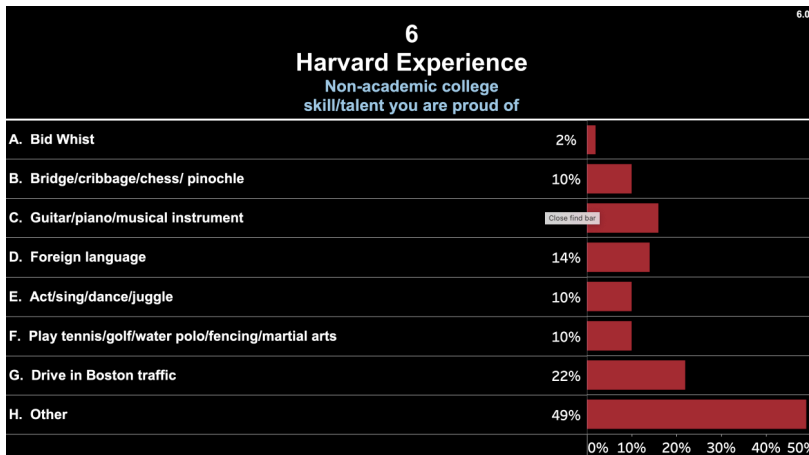
**And The Survey Says....**

The Class of 1973 survey was sent to all classmates prior to the reunion. Asking about everything from demographics to hobbies to the Harvard experience, it provides insight into our classmates, both funny and poignant.

Now, every month we will send out aggregated, anonymous results to one question from the survey so you can see how you stack up compared to your

classmates!

This month's question: **What non-academic college skill/talent are you proud of?**



\*If you would like to view all the aggregated results, click [here](#).

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### The ClassACT HR73 App is Up and Running!

ALL of ClassACT HR73's events, publications and other activities are on the ClassACT APP. Join our growing number of users and download it today! Just scan the QR code below.



Need help? Or want to provide us with feedback/suggestions for the app? Email: [classacthr73@gmail.com](mailto:classacthr73@gmail.com).

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### Interested in helping ClassACT HR73?

ClassACT HR73 is built on classmate participation and we are interested in having every classmate as a member of our ClassACT community. If you are interested in learning more about ClassACT HR73 and how you can be involved, please visit our [website](#) or send us an [email](#).

While encouraging the sharing of time and willingness to work together, ClassACT HR73 also welcomes financial support. To support our work in this way you can donate below.



[Donate Here](#)

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