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Celebrating Ten Years of Achieving Change Together



[View Our Timeline Here](#)

In the fall of 1969 as the Class of '73 came to Cambridge, most of us had no inkling of what lay ahead: Vietnam, Civil Rights, Black Power, the Women's Movement, student strikes, Watergate. All of us were influenced to some degree by these times. Out of the values, passions and activism of our undergraduate experiences emerged ClassACT HR73. We became an official non-profit organization on April 2, 2014. As we celebrate our [10th anniversary](#), we are grateful to the small group of classmates who believed that we could come together to develop a still-growing community of women and men that could change the world for the better. It is not too late! Join us!

March 1: Climate Change, Private-Public Partnerships, and Social

Equity: Lessons from Bangladesh

Video Summary

The screenshot shows a registration page for a ClassACT event. At the top left is the ClassACT logo and the text 'Welcome and Introduction'. On the right, there are icons for 'Copy link' and '1/4'. The main content area features a grid of 12 panelist portraits with their names: Dustin Tingley, Nazmul Haque, Leigh Hafrey, Marion Dry, Peter Galbraith, Diego Osorio, Helene Benveniste, Michael Hiscox, James Engell, Kimball Chen, Erum Saitta, and Peter Tufano. To the right of the portraits, the event title is 'CLIMATE CHANGE, PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS, AND SOCIAL EQUITY: LESSONS FROM BANGLADESH'. Below the title, the date is 'March 1, 2024', the time is '9:30am-5:30pm', and the location is 'Fowler Case Study Room (S020) GIS SOUTH, 1730 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA 02138'. A red play button icon is overlaid on the text. A 'REGISTER' button with a QR code is on the right. At the bottom, there are logos for ClassACT, The Salata Institute for Climate and Sustainability at Harvard University, and Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University. A 'Watch on YouTube' button is at the bottom left.

*Click above to view playlist, created by **Rick Brotman '73***

On March 1, ClassACT HR73, in collaboration with Harvard's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs and The Salata Institute for Climate and Sustainability, sponsored **Climate Change, Private-Public Partnerships, and Social Equity: Lessons from Bangladesh**.

We are offering summary recordings of the day. Click on the photo above to view them. There are five videos, based on each of the four segments of the symposium. Additionally, there is a 16-minute compilation of highlights:

- [Welcome and Introductions](#)
- [Case Study: Bangladesh](#)
- [Beyond Bangladesh: Factors for Success](#)
- [Gathering the Global Players](#)
- [Keynote - Kickstarts: How to Unblock Climate Finance](#)
- [Highlights](#)

You can find more information on the panelists by navigating to the symposium [webpage](#).

Upcoming ClassACT HR73 Activities: Dates and Registration

Beyond the Mission Statement... Financial and Marketing Startup Overview

With Martha Stone-Martin

Wednesday, April 24th, 7 - 7:45pm EDT

[Register Here](#)

WED. 4/24 @7PM EDT

CLASSACT WEBINAR SERIES:
Beyond the Mission Statement...
Financial and Marketing Startup Overview

With Martha Stone-Martin



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You are ready to move beyond the idea and the planning meetings for a new nonprofit. In this webinar, we will highlight key next steps, best practices and resources for launching your nonprofit.

Martha Stone-Martin is VP of Marketing and Administration for Charles River CFO (CRCFO). CRCFO provides outsourced CFO, accounting and HR services to nonprofits, biotech and technology firms. She has over 30 years of experiencing developing web presences for small firms.

Missed one of our previous Webinars? Not to worry! **Recordings and slides are available on our website:**

- "[Building an App for Your Nonprofit](#)," with John Noran '73
- "[Six Steps to Promoting Your NonProfit on Social Media](#)" with Katie Marinello

- “[Creating a 501\(C\)\(3\): What You Need To Know](#)” with Leonard Easter '73
- “[A Ten-Point Plan for Building a Board of Directors](#),” with Ron Dieckmann '73

Business and Society: Capitalism Today

May 2, 7pm EDT ClassACT Zoom Forum

[Register Here](#)



*Click above to watch teaser, created by **Rick Brotman '73***

ClassACT HR73 invites you to join us on Thursday, May 2, 7:00-8:30 pm EDT for Business and Society: Capitalism Today. Capitalism has been a remarkable engine for growth and development, creating massive wealth, significant increases in productivity, and powerful new technologies. We should not assume, though, that capitalism will last forever, or always be the world's primary economic system. Wealth and healthcare inequality, climate change, old-age and retirement issues are now often associated with capitalism. Can markets, governmental referees, and civil-society actors ensure the system continues to benefit us all?

Focusing on businesses large and small in the energy and tech sectors, panelists **Roger Ferguson '73**, **Howard Keenan '73**, **Nick Sakellariadis '73** and **Gwill York '79**, led by moderator **Leigh Hafrey '73**, will explore these issues in their global and cultural context.

ClassACTors Learn at Lunch Series with James Engell '73
The Need for Speed: What it will take to Save Our Planet!

Wednesday May 8, 12 -1pm EDT

[Register Here](#)



Featuring [James Engell](#) AB '73, PhD '78, Gurney Professor of English Literature and Professor of Comparative Literature, Inaugural Member of the Faculty Advisory Committee for the Salata Institute

Please join us for the second of ClassACT HR73 Environmental/Climate Change Workgroup's "Learn at Lunch" series of seminars. Classmate Jim Engell will discuss how values from his field, the humanities, are changing traditional environmental economics and altering concepts of international and national energy security. Significant transformations in several fields are needed to avert additional tragic consequences of an energy transition that is too slow.

Slashing emissions, taking carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere, and, yes, geo-engineering are all required, but essential to their success is a broad mass movement of the kind that propelled civil rights, women's rights, and the rights of labor. In addition, central to formulating all climate policies is an awareness of the glaring moral inequalities of climate disruption—wealth

inequalities among and within each nation, as well as issues of intergenerational justice.

Following Jim’s introductory remarks, there will be time for Q/A and discussion.

Here are some resources that Jim recommends:

- [The Climate Book](#) compiled by Greta Thunberg. “I know of no single book more comprehensive and accessible on almost all aspects of the climate crisis.”
- [Laudate Deum](#), a short, pointed 2023 version of the Papal Encyclical of 2015.
- [Article](#) by Nicholas Stern, Joseph Stiglitz & Charlotte Taylor on new approaches to environmental economics
- contact information: jengell@fas.harvard.edu

ClassACTors Learn at Lunch Series with John Kress '73

**To know our trees: A vital task and responsibility
For today and tomorrow**

Wednesday, June 12, 12pm - 1pm EDT

[Register Here](#)

ClassACT ENVIRONMENT
To Know Our Trees:
A Vital Task and Responsibility for
Today and Tomorrow
Wed. 6/12 @12pm EDT

ClassACTors Learn at Lunch

John Kress '73

This discussion, led by **John Kress '73** Ph.D., Distinguished Scientist and Curator Emeritus, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, is aimed at helping us regain a relationship and respect for nature

through our connection to trees. Topics will include the value of trees, the ecology and evolution of trees, the diversity of trees, and the conservation of trees. Details and registration soon.

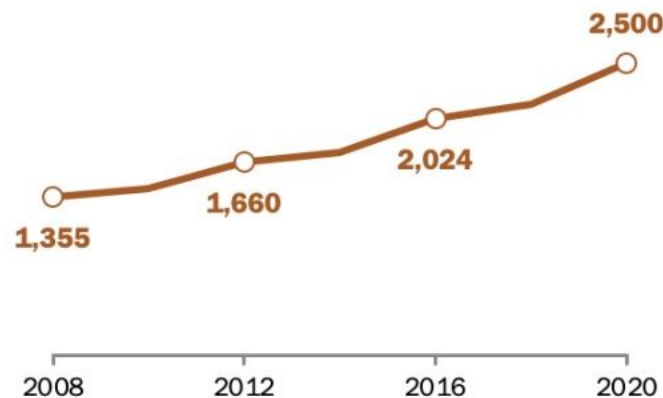
Florida: Could the Abortion Rights Fight Shift a Red State into a Blue Column?

Written by **Jacki Swearingen** and **Vivian Lewis**
Edited by **Jim Harbison**, **Ryan O’Connell** and **Marilyn Go**

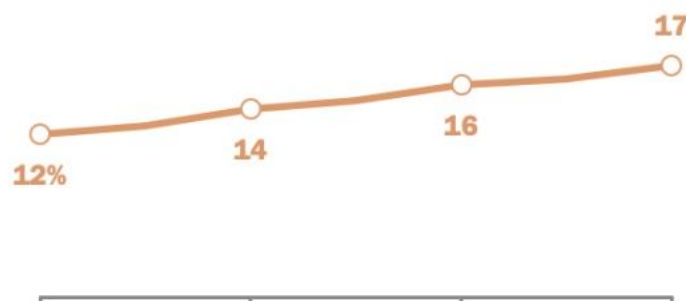
With each election in recent years Florida has turned redder. In 2018 its voters elected one of the nation’s most conservative governors. However, this November’s outcome is a little less certain because of a recent decision by the Florida Supreme Court that allows a proposed amendment to be placed on the ballot this fall to provide greater protection for reproductive rights.

Nearly 2.5 million Latinos are registered to vote in Florida in 2020

Latino registered voters in Florida, in thousands



% of Florida registered voters who are Latino



2008

2012

2016

2020

Note: For 2008 to 2020, data reflects book-closing numbers prior to the November presidential election. Percentages calculated before rounding.

Source: Pew Research Center analysis of Florida Division of Elections data.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

While President Joe Biden is still unlikely to garner Florida's 30 electoral votes, a surge in voters determined to overturn one of the nation's strictest abortion bans could benefit Democratic candidates further down the ballot. The proposed **Amendment 4** needs 60 percent of voters for approval in order to overturn existing law that restricts access to abortion after six weeks' gestation.

Although voter registrations for Democrats now trail those of Republicans by four percent, Democrats hope to convince the state's growing number of independents to vote for their candidates this November. Nonetheless, Democrats still face the possibility of reduced turnout because of restrictive voting laws Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Florida legislature put in place over the last three years.

The election laws enacted in 2021 and 2023 make it harder for voters to rely on ballot drop boxes, especially those who are seniors or are disabled. Florida voters are now required to provide up-to-date photo ID with a signature, a requirement that hits especially hard those who lack a driver's license or the birth certificate essential to acquiring an official Florida photo ID. Former felons who served their sentences and had their voting rights restored in 2018 now must pay fines previously imposed by the courts before they may exercise their right to vote again. Voters also face tougher requirements for using mail-in ballots under the new laws.

For an **in-depth look at voter restrictions and the struggle for abortion rights in Florida** as well as **the ways you can help achieve free and fair elections in the state**, click below:

[Click to read full article](#)

For the full list of articles concerning voting rights in particular

states, click below:

[Click for full list of articles](#)

Bridge Partner Updates

[UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF GREATER BOSTON](#)

(Classmate Sponsor: Richard Golob)

On May 22nd, the United Nations Association of Greater Boston (UNAGB) will convene a panel of speakers for their next [SDG Perspective Series Event](#). The event will focus on SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth. It will feature conversation on "The Future of Work" with a special focus on equity and technology. The event will be hosted at The Foundry in Cambridge from 6:00-7:30 pm. Tickets are free but pre-registration is required - register below!

[Register here](#)



The poster features a dark red background. At the top left is the UNAGB logo, which includes a globe icon. To the right of the logo, the text "SDG Perspective Series" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below this, in a smaller white font, is the text "Join the United Nations Association of Greater Boston for a conversation on SDG 8:". The main title of the event, "Decent Work and Economic Growth", is displayed in a bold white font. Underneath the title is the subtitle "The Future of Work: Equity, Technology, and the Freelance Economy" in a smaller white font. The date and time, "May 22, 2024 6-7:30pm", are listed in white, followed by the location "The Foundry 101 Rogers St. Cambridge, MA". On the right side of the poster, there is a circular graphic composed of various icons representing different Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a central white bar chart icon showing an upward trend.

[UNAGB's Summer Institute in Global Leadership](#)

Registration is open for UNAGB's Summer Institute in Global Leadership!

These are week-long leadership development programs for middle and high school students focused on global issues. During these programs, participants do a deep dive into the week's focal topic; hear from impactful guest speakers; work on their public speaking, negotiation, and problem-solving skills; and participate in Model UN simulations. See below for a list of this year's programs and visit our [website](#) for more information!

Summer 2024 Topics:

- [Human Rights](#) (June 17 - 18 and 20 - 21)
- [Global Health](#) (June 24 - 28)
- [Women in Leadership](#) (July 8 -12)
- [International Security](#) (July 15 - 19)
- [Advanced Public Speaking](#) (July 22 - 26)
- [Wildlife Conservation](#) (July 22 - 26)
- [Emerging Technologies & The SDGs](#) (July 29 - August 2)
- [Climate Resilience](#) (August 5 - 9)

THE CHILDREN'S ORCHESTRA SOCIETY

(Classmate Sponsor: Yeou-Cheng Ma)

The Children's Orchestra Society (COS) is celebrating its 55th performing season. COS held its 19th Annual Masterworks concert on April 7 and on May 22 will hold its 30th Annual Discovery Gala Concert on May 22 at Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center. It has also received a grant from the Gail Alvarez Foundation to support tuition for underprivileged students. COS is grateful to ClassACT for its continuing support.

Featuring the
COS YOUNG SYMPHONIC ENSEMBLE

with



JUSTINE KWAK, viola
COS Distinguished Guest Artist

ER ALIPRANDIS, viola
COS Senior Director

NYC Cultural Affairs
This program is supported in part by public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council.



Links and Tidbits

- [Children's Orchestra Society on News12](#)
- Award-winning video for our 50th Anniversary Gala won Gold at the [NIX Awards](#). (by COS Alumnus Nuby De Leon)
- 2021 Virtual Reality Gala
 - [COS 2021 Virtual Reality Gala](#)
 - [COS Virtual Gala, Part I, Rachmaninov Symph # 2, 3rd movt.](#)
 - [COS Virtual Gala, Part II, "America the Beautiful"](#)
 - [COS Virtual Gala, Part III, Bruch Romanze with 2020 Discovery Winner Joshua Wang](#)
- [Read about COS's 50th Anniversary](#)

[SPORTS ANALYTICS CLUB PROGRAM](#)

(Classmate Sponsor: Robert Clayton)

Hailing from Nogales, AZ, the Nogales High School Sports Analytics Club members presented their research on **March 9** at the **2024** SABR Analytics Conference on Arizona State University's Downtown Phoenix Campus. This three-day event focused on baseball analytics and offered a variety of activities that delve into different aspects of the field. The presentation was given by Erick Figueroa, John Nunez, Renee Brown, and Pamela Carbajal. SABR is the Society for American Baseball Research, which is dedicated to fostering the research and dissemination of the history and record of baseball.



SACP Nogales Students at SABR Analytics Conference

During the presentation, the students illustrated their case for inducting Kenny Lofton into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. They used a variety of sabermetric analyses to assess his career across three key areas: Overall Performance, Defensive Prowess, and Offensive Stats. Despite his outstanding career, Lofton received only 3.2 percent of the vote on his first (and only) Hall of Fame ballot in 2013. The students hope their research will assist in reconsidering Lofton for the Baseball Hall of Fame. The presentation can be viewed [here](#).

The SABR Analytics Conference also allowed the students to network and share ideas with baseball enthusiasts, analysts, and industry professionals.

Reunion Activities May/June 2024



As a continuing part of our multi-class initiative strategy, we have secured an open house slot during the Reunion activities in early June. We will be speaking alongside other ClassACTs on Saturday, June 1st from 3pm-5pm to the reunion classes ending in 4 and 9 as part of the HAA's outreach for alumni engagement given the progress we've made in reaching other Harvard alums (venue TBD). Please join us if you live in the Boston area or will be visiting during the Reunion. If your class has not started a ClassACT, please feel free to stop by to learn more about what we do. If you are a member of a class that has a ClassACT, please join us in sharing your story.

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 are your top bucket list items?**

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3 top Bucket List Items

- Travel, travel, travel
- Spending time with family and friends
- See my kids happy and fulfilled in life
- Digitize a lot of stuff so my kids will have an easier time deleting me eventually; get rid of stuff in our basement and closets so our kids won't go through what we had to go through; stay alive and healthy a few more years (30 more would be nice.)
- Getting off all boards/committees
- Outlive my ex-wife
- Shoot my age on my 120th birthday

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

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](#)

Please add ClassACTHR73@gmail.com to your contacts so future messages don't end up in spam or some other odd spot in your inbox.

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