

Harvard grads cheer commencement speakers who urge the school to stand strong

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—Harvard graduates celebrated commencement on Thursday at a pivotal time for the Ivy League school, cheering speakers who emphasized maintaining a diverse and international student body and standing up for truth in the face of attacks by the Trump administration.

Harvard’s battles with Trump over funding and restrictions on teaching and admissions presented another challenge for the thousands of graduates who started college as the world was emerging from a pandemic and later grappled with student-led protests over the war in Gaza.

“We leave a campus much different than the one we entered, with Harvard at the center of a national battle of higher education in America,” Thor Reimann told his fellow graduates. “Our university is certainly imperfect, but I am proud to stand today alongside our graduating class, our faculty, our president with the shared conviction that this ongoing project of veritas is one that is worth defending.”

Other schools face the loss of federal funding and their ability to enroll international students if they don’t agree to the Trump administration’s shifting demands. But Harvard, which was founded more than a century before the nation itself, has taken the lead in defying the White House in court and is paying a heavy price.

A school under threat

Among the Trump administration’s latest salvos was asking federal judges to cancel about \$100 million in contracts with the university. The government already canceled more than \$2.6 billion in federal research grants, moved to cut off Harvard’s enrollment of international



students and threatened its tax-exempt status.

Visa interviews for international students admitted to schools nationwide were halted on Tuesday, and Trump said Wednesday that Harvard should reduce its international enrollment from 25% to about 15%.

Sustained by a \$53 billion endowment, the nation’s wealthiest university is testing whether it can be a bulwark against Trump’s efforts to limit what his administration calls antisemitic activism on campus, which Harvard sees as an affront to the freedom to teach and learn nationwide.

Cited campus protests against Israel as proof of “antisemitic violence and harassment,” the Trump administration has demanded that Harvard make broad leadership changes, revise its admissions policies, and audit its faculty and student body to ensure the campus is home to many viewpoints.

In response to the administration’s threats, Harvard has sued to block the funding freeze and persuaded a federal judge to temporarily halt the ban on enrolling international students. During a hearing in Boston on Thursday, the judge extended her order blocking the ban.

Calls for Harvard to stand strong

Harvard President Alan Garber, who has repeatedly defended the school’s actions, didn’t directly touch on the Trump administration threats Thursday. But he did get a rousing applause when he referenced the university’s global reach, noting that it is “just as it should be.”

Several of the graduating speakers spoke more directly about the challenges facing the school and society.

Speaking in Latin, salutorian Aidan Robert Scully delivered a speech laced with references to Trump policies. “I say this: ... Neither powers nor princes can change the truth and deny that diversity is our strength,” Scully said.

It was a sentiment echoed by Yurong “Luna” Jiang, a Chinese graduate who studied international development. She said she grew up believing that the “world was becoming a small village” and that she found a global community at Harvard.

“When I met my 77 classmates from 32 different countries, the countries I knew only as colorful shapes on a map turned into real people, with laughter, dreams and the perseverance to survive the long winter in Cambridge,” she said

of the other students in her program. “Global challenges suddenly felt personal.”

Now, though, she said she wonders whether her worldview is under threat.

“We’re starting to believe those who think differently, vote differently or pray differently, whether they are across the ocean or sitting right next to us, are not just wrong — we mistakenly see them as evil,” she said. “But it doesn’t have to be this way.”

Others weigh in

Dr. Abraham Verghese, a bestselling author and Stanford University expert on infectious diseases, opened his keynote address by saying he felt like a medieval messenger “slipping into a besieged community,” with more attention focused on the university than perhaps anytime during its history. He praised Harvard for “courageously defending the essential values of this university and indeed of this nation,” and told students that more people than they realize have noticed the example they’ve set.

“No recent events can diminish what each of you have accomplished here,” Verghese said.

On Wednesday, basketball Hall of Famer

Harvard President Alan Garber acknowledges an extended round of applause during Harvard University’s commencement ceremonies in Cambridge, Mass., on Thursday.

and activist Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was the “Class Day” speaker, praising Harvard for standing up to the Trump administration and comparing Garber’s response to Rosa Parks’ stand against racist segregation.

“After seeing so many cowering billionaires, media moguls, law firms, politicians and other universities bend their knee to an administration that is systematically strip-mining the U.S. Constitution, it is inspiring to me to see

Harvard University take a stand for freedom,” he said.

Brynn Macaulay, who received a master’s degree in public and global health, said most of her closest friends at Harvard have been international students, and she hopes such students will keep enrolling because they bring a wealth of knowledge and perspective.

“On a personal level, it feels like somebody is attacking people that I love and that I consider to be family,” she said.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOYD CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00269

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR SPECIALTY UNDERWRITING AND RESIDENTIAL FINANCE TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-BC5, PLAINTIFF,

vs. ADVERTISEMENT

CHRISTOPHER PERRY, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF NANCY E. PERRY; CHRISTOPHER PERRY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF CHRISTOPHER PERRY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NANCY E. PERRY; UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSIGNS AND THEIR SPOUSES, IF ANY, OF NANCY E. PERRY; COUNTY OF BOYD, KENTUCKY; and CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to Order to Reschedule Sale entered on May 16, 2025, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, June 20, 2025**, at **11:50 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder’s bond**, a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **3.125% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. **Address of Property:** 2128 Mantz Street, Ashland (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 695, Page 101, Boyd County Clerk’s Office) **Map/Parcel ID Number:** 031-12-05-006.00

NOTE - Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

/s/ Kenneth Williams, Jr.
KENNETH WILLIAMS, JR.
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BOYD CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00730

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, AS SUCCESSFUL-INTEREST TO U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE CIM TRUST 2021-R1, MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2021-R1, PLAINTIFF,

vs. ADVERTISEMENT

JONATHAN MCCALLISTER; SAMANTHA MCCALLISTER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF SAMANTHA MCCALLISTER JASON LITTLETON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF JASON LITTLETON; UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEGATEES AND DEVISEES OF GARY MCCALLISTER; TANA JO MCCALLISTER; CHECKERED WHEELS, LLC, DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to Judgement Order of Sale entered on April 25, 2025, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, June 20, 2025**, at **11:25 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at the time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check or money order. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety for a bidder’s bond**, a down payment of ten-percent of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **8.790% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. **Address/Short Description of Property:** 115 HillCrest Court, Ashland (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 647, Page 457, Boyd County Clerk’s Office) **Map/Parcel ID Number:** 030-04-03-003.00

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BOYD CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION NO. 18-CI-00709

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ESTATE OF SUSAN T. BROWNSTEAD; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) NA; MTAG AS C/F MGD-KY, LLC; BOW STREET PROPERTIES, LLC; PAUL W. BLAIR; LIGHTSTORM PROPERTIES, LLC; MTAG AS C/F CAZ CREEK KY, LLC; US BANK AS C/F MGD-KY, LLC; CHECKERED WHEELS LLC; RTLF II-KY, LLC; THOMAS RYAN BROWNSTEAD, AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF SUSAN T. BROWNSTEAD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF THOMAS RYAN BROWNSTEAD, AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF SUSAN T. BROWNSTEAD; LUCAS BROWNSTEAD, AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF SUSAN T. BROWNSTEAD; CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY; BOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to Order to Amend Judgment and Order of Sale entered on April 14, 2025, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, June 20, 2025**, at **11:00 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder’s bond**, a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **12% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. **Address of Property:** 1924 Ashland Avenue, Ashland (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 119, Page 118, Boyd County Clerk’s Office) **Map/Parcel ID Number:** 031-05-09-008.00

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BOYD CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00600

LONGBRIDGE FINANCIAL, LLC, PLAINTIFF,

vs. ADVERTISEMENT

LAUREN LAZELL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF LAUREN LAZELL; MALLORY LAZELL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF MALLORY LAZELL; UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEGATEES, AND DEVISEES OF DIANE G. LAZELL; CITY OF CATLETTSBURG, KENTUCKY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS AGENCY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to Judgement Order of Sale entered on May 5, 2025, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, June 20, 2025**, at **11:35 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at the time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check or money order. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety for a bidder’s bond**, a down payment of ten-percent of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **4.750% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. **Address/Short Description of Property:** 3120 Oakland Avenue, Catlettsburg (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 713, Page 134, Boyd County Clerk’s Office) **Map/Parcel ID Number:** 040-04-15-005.00

(This Property will be sold subject to the statutory redemption rights of the United States of America under 28 U.S.C. 2410).

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