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What might happen if more of us who graduated from Harvard Extension School programs had more pride in our program? (And secretly didn't feel like we're second-class Harvard citizens?)

What if you could more confidently say to employers, colleagues and friends, "I graduated from a particularly unique and wonderful Harvard University program."

My intent in serving as president of HEAA would be to instill pride, specifically:

- I want more of us to know the remarkable work of one another.
- I want more of us to help one another find opportunities and learn from one another.
- I want all of us to become evangelists of not just of the school, but for what the school stands for: truth, lifelong learning, diverse thinking, and the courage and determination to set big goals.

My [background](http://foghound.com/aboutloiskelly/) (<http://foghound.com/aboutloiskelly/>) is as a corporate marketing strategist, author, speaker and author of the best-selling book, "[Rebels at Work: A Handbook for Leading Change from Within.](#)" As a catalyst and public communicator, I've been fortunate to inspire people in the business world to see possibilities and make those possibilities real.

I earned a certificate in management in 1985. (My undergraduate degree is from University of New Hampshire.) My Extension program gave me the business literacy needed to connect with CEOs, the self-confidence to go after ambitious professional goals, and a deep respect for my diverse HES friends who, like me, had the passion and tenacity to go to school at night after working in demanding jobs during the day.

If you want a president to "oversee" traditional alumni programs, I'm not the right person. But if you want someone to help bring HEAA's vision to life in new ways, involving alumni in new ways, I would be honored.

Here's to activating possibilities and celebrating our diverse accomplishments.