In Memoriam
Ignacio “Nash” D. Flores III, M.B.A. ’67
1943 - 2013

Early Sunday morning, we lost a tireless advocate for education in Dallas. Nash Flores served for more than 25 years as co-chair of the Harvard Club of Dallas’s Schools and Scholarships Committee, tirelessly spreading the word about Harvard and ensuring that all of our North Texas applicants got their fair shot in Cambridge.

Nash served Harvard both locally and nationally. In Dallas, he served terms as President for both the Harvard Club and the Harvard Business School Club of Dallas, while nationally he served on the Nominating Committee for the Board of Overseers, as a Director to the Harvard Alumni Association and as National Chairman of the Schools and Scholarships Committees. He has been honored by the University and the HAA in numerous ways over the years, including with the Harvard Leadership Association Award in 2010.

A partner in Ceres Capital Partners, Nash was also a titan in the community here at home in Dallas. A long-time lover and supporter of the arts, Nash was instrumental in the transformation of what is now the Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing Arts. In a perfect melding of his profession and his avocation, he led a fundraising effort that is unparalleled for a US public high school.

Nash represented so much that’s good about our city and Harvard, and was a model for how alumni of Ivy League schools can serve both their alma maters and their communities. He was an extraordinarily kind, generous and thoughtful man. He will be deeply missed by all of us. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Marion, and daughter, Whidden.

In honor of Nash’s contributions, the Club renamed our scholarship fund the Nash Flores Harvard Club of Dallas Scholarship Fund, which supports Harvard students from the Dallas area. Anyone wishing to make a donation in Nash’s memory can send a check made payable to Harvard Club of Dallas, 3817 Yellowstone Street, Irving, TX 75062, with a notation in the memo line.
October 28, 2013

Ms. Marion Flores
4218 Fairfax
Dallas, Texas 75225

Dear Ms. Flores:

I am writing to extend my condolences to you on Nash’s passing. While I know that there is very little that can be of real consolation at such a time, I hope you know that you are very much in my thoughts and prayers.

Nash was one of Harvard’s most important leaders. His influence has extended for many decades, and he made an enormous difference to our efforts in Texas and on Harvard nationally and internationally.

Beyond his leadership, Nash was a remarkable human being who was loved by everyone he met. His personal qualities and character made a difference to me, personally. Time and again he led us by strength of intellect and character to be better at what we do – and to be better people as well.

Nash will continue to guide us in the years ahead. I hope you will let us know if there is anything we can do to be helpful to you and the rest of the family.

Sincerely,

William R. Fitzsimmons
Dean of Admissions and
Financial Aid
Remarks by Dulany Howland
All Ivy Reception, Nasher Sculpture Center
October 23, 2013

Ray Nasher and Nash Flores were good friends and kindred spirits, so I think it’s very appropriate that we dedicate this evening to Nash.

Both Nash and Ray attended the Harvard Business School; both had a love for the arts and both had a major impact on the Arts District. Ray, of course, through this magnificent Center and Nash through the reconstruction and rejuvenation of the Arts District Magnet high School.

Ray was an enthusiastic supporter of Harvard and I asked him one day why Harvard meant so much to him. He told me that when he was at the Business School, he had asked his professor how to make money. His professor told him that a person could make money in art and real estate – so he decided to do both and Dallas and the world are better places for it.

Ray’s friend Nash Flores was an extraordinary human being. All of us who had the privilege of knowing Nash loved him. As Richard Fisher told me, and I think all of us will agree “Nash was caring and kind and inspired all of us with his nobility.”

Nash was involved with Harvard on both the local and national levels. He served as President, Chairman and as Director Emeritus of the Harvard Club of Dallas, In addition, he served for many years as co-chair of our Schools and Scholarship Committee helping to attract the best and brightest students.

On a national level, he was honored by the National Harvard Alumni Association in 2010 with the Leadership Award for his many hours of dedication to the board – where he served most recently as chair of the National Schools and Scholarship Committee. You can imagine how many calls Nash had to fend from anxious parents.

Getting Nancy Hamon to make a Cornerstone gift of $10 million, Nash single handedly set out to turn the Arts District Magnet High School into the finest educational experience of it kind in the nation, and he succeeded. There is no telling how many student lives will be influenced by his foresight and compassion. He will be missed by all. Dallas and Harvard are better places because of him.