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Harvard Lampoon elects African-American woman as president; first black leader in humor magazine's 137 years

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The Harvard Lampoon has elected an African-American as its president for the first time in the 137-year history of the esteemed humor magazine, according to [NPR](#).

Alexis Wilkinson has been elected to lead the publication, while fellow Harvard junior Eleanor Parker has been elected vice president, marking the first time two women will hold the [organization's](#) top two seats, according to NPR.

Many alumni of the magazine have gone on to have successful careers in comedy, writing and entertainment, including: John Updike, Conan O'Brien, B.J. Novak, and the Lampoon's first woman president Lisa Henson.

Wilkinson and Parker were interviewed by NPR's Michel Martin. To listen to the conversation or read a transcript, [click here](#).


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