



**EMILY LAI**  
CLASS OF 1989

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Dear Fellow Classmates:

It is a great honor to be asked to serve you as a member of the Class of '89 Board of Directors. I am humbled and grateful for the nomination and am eager to have the opportunity to play a more active role as a member of the most exceptional CLASS OF 1989!

Since graduating, I have had the opportunity to participate in both leadership and supporting roles for various organizations, civilian and military. I have sailed as Captain (USCG licensed master mariner) on commercial vessels dodging pirates to deliver US Food Aid to western Africa, the middle east and southeast Asia. Most recently, I head the Baltimore office of a maritime organization dedicated to safety of life and cargo at sea, conducting safety & compliance inspections on a multitude of different types of vessels including large cruise ships.

Flexibility, hard work, good organizational skills, ability to complete the mission with limited resources, and willingness to pitch in whatever role and capacity to get the job done right are traits that I have developed from my many years at sea. These are the traits which I hope to take ashore and use in the planning and execution of Class of 1989 events, tailgaters, meet-ups, scholarship foundations, and for whatever else is needed.

We have all traveled diverse paths since our four years by the Bay, but we are nonetheless bonded by common history and common hope for our Alma Mater. There is no greater joy or privilege for me than to be a member of this great Class of 1989, and to serve in whatever capacity I can.

Go Navy! Beat Army!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emily Lai".

Emily Lai