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JUNE 2017

Upcoming Events

2017 Harvard Club Annual Dinner and Awards

SUN, JUNE 4 @ 5:30PM

UCLA Faculty Center

\$80, members; \$99, non-members

East West Players Presents... *Next to Normal*

FRI, JUNE 9 @ 8:00PM

The David Henry Hwang Theatre

\$60, members; \$70, non-members

Harvard Global Networking Night

MON, JUNE 12 @ 6:00PM

Location E.P & L.P Rooftop

No charge, RSVP requested

Ivy Pride Alliance LA Presents... Hike the Gabrielino Trail

SAT, JUNE 17 @ 10:00AM

Windsor Blvd., Bike Trailhead

No charge, RSVP requested

Family Game Day - Dodgers vs. Braves

SUN, JULY 23 @ 1:10PM

Dodger Stadium

\$31, members; \$41, non-members



Harvard Admissions Update

Harvard College recently finalized its decisions for the Class of 2021 and sent out acceptances on March 30. Including Early Action, 2,056 students were offered a spot in the Class of 2021. With nearly 40,000 applicants, that equates to a 5.2% acceptance rate, slightly below last year's 5.22%. Of the students accepted into the Class of 2021, 938 were accepted during Early Action (46%) and 1,118 were offered acceptance in the Regular period (54%).

William R. Fitzsimmons, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, said, "The Admissions Committee has assembled a class that promises to be one of the best in Harvard's long history. It will be exciting to witness their progress during their Harvard years and beyond." Fitzsimmons also commented on the diversity in the current class, "We have worked very, very hard over many, many years to increase the economic diversity of the student body." Sarah C. Donahue, Griffin Director of Financial Aid, added, "For 90 percent of American families, it costs less to attend Harvard than one of the nation's public universities. Bringing promising students to Harvard is our main objective, and we believe that financial circumstances should never cloud a student's decision to apply. That is why we remain committed to supporting every admitted student with need-based aid."

The Class of 2021 will arrive from cities, suburbs, and small towns throughout the United States, in addition to bringing a strong international presence. Southern California had a total of 101 acceptances out of 2,942 applicants (3.4%). Of these 101 acceptances, 46 were accepted Early Action, and 55 were accepted in the Regular period. Receptions were held in Los Angeles and Newport Beach on April 8th to congratulate these students and their families, and to thank the hundreds of alumni who interviewed candidates. Many of these accepted students were planning on visiting Cambridge for Visitas the weekend of April 21st, and decisions by these students were due on May 1st. If you are interested in being an alumni interviewer, please contact Harry Kim at hhwk@yahoo.com.

Recent Events

Science Pub Series Hits Milestone

With great attendance and an engaged audience, Science Pub #10 celebrated Earth Day with an “Out of This World” presentation by Dr. Jean-Luc Margot, Chair and current Professor of the Earth Planetary and Space Sciences Department at UCLA.

The Science Pub Series was created by Harvard Club of Southern California board member Ethel Laczko EdM '84 to give our members and friends the opportunity interact with STEM scientists and discuss current scientific topics in an intimate environment. Ethel and her co-organizer German Enciso HMS Research Fellow '07-'09 (the Club's secretary) wish to thank the wonderful and generous scientists who have made this series possible since it began in 2015: Science Pub #1: Mathematics: Biology's New Microscope, presented by German Enciso, UCI Professor of Mathematics; Science Pub #2: Current Controversies Surrounding the Diagnosis of Death and the Ethics of Organ Transplantation, presented by Dr. Alan Shewmon, Chief of Neurology at UCLA; Science Pub #3: Climate Change; Warming Up to a Heated Topic, presented by Dr. Hayes from UCI; Science Pub #4: William Shakespeare: Renaissance Neurologist, presented by Dr. Lance Fogan, Professor of Neurology at UCLA; Science Pub #5: Looking for Life on Mars and Other Places, presented by Dr. Max Coleman, Director of Life Detection Center, NASA, JPL; Science Pub #6: A History of Photosynthesis, presented by Dr. Woodward Fisher, Professor of Geological and Planetary Sciences at Caltech; Science Pub #7: The James Webb Space Telescope, presented by Dr. Dressler from the Carnegie Institution; Science Pub #8: Celebrating Our Planet, presented by Dr. Chris Field, Director of the Global Ecology at Carnegie, co-presented with Dr. Katherine Mach, Senior Research Associate at the Carnegie Science Department of Global Ecology; and Science Pub #9: Bats and Echolocation, presented by Dr. Alan Grinnell, UCLA Professor of the Department of Physiology and Associate Dean of Life Sciences.

The HCSC invites all members to participate in this program. Should you be interested in suggesting topics or volunteering to present, please contact etheledu@gmail.com or enciso@uci.edu.

Professor Thomas Forrest Kelley on Mozart's *Don Giovanni*

On May 7, Harvard music professor Thomas Forrest Kelly spoke about Mozart's Don Juan opera *Don Giovanni*. In his fascinating and entertaining lecture, he discussed the history of the opera and its musical structure, presenting many musical examples. “So many attendees told me how much they loved this presentation,” said event organizer Herb Goldman '76. “Professor Kelly gave a fabulous talk, and he is so kind, he helped set up and take down the chairs and food! Sonia Molina [DMD '89, MPH '89] deserves a special thank you for graciously volunteering her beautiful home for this marvelous event.”



Upcoming Events

The 2017 Harvard Club Annual Dinner & Awards

Please join us for the Harvard Club of Southern California's 2017 Annual Awards Dinner, as we celebrate the accomplishments of two incredible individuals, Morgan Chu JD '76 and Priscilla Heim '52. The theme for this year's dinner is James Bond. Best dressed will receive awards.

SUN, JUNE 4 @ Time TBA

UCLA Faculty Center

\$80, members; \$99, nonmembers; \$60, recent grads

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East West Players Presents... *Next to Normal*

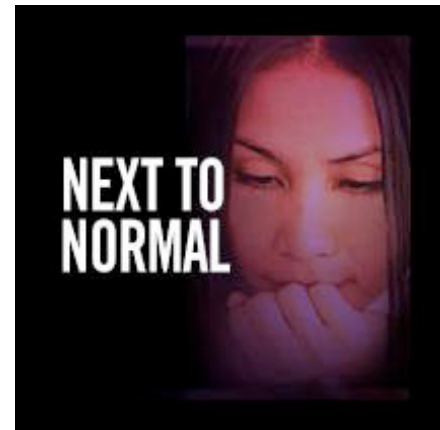
Join the Harvard Club of Southern California at East West Players for Pulitzer and Tony Award-winning musical *Next to Normal*. After-performance discussion led by Harvard-trained TV, film and Broadway actress Kerry O'Malley. Limited tickets.

FRI, JUN 9 @ 8:00PM

The David Henry Hwang Theatre

\$60, members; \$70, non-members

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Harvard Global Networking Night in Los Angeles

Twice a year, thousands of Harvard alumni make new connections at Global Networking Night (GNN) events in cities across the globe. The last GNN drew more than 5,000 alumni in 85 cities worldwide.

MON, JUNE 12 @ 6:00PM

E.P. & L.P. Rooftop

No charge

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GLOBAL
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JUNE 12, 2017
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Family Game Day - Dodgers vs. Braves

Bring your family and friends to enjoy a Sunday at the ballpark cheering on the Dodgers in their game against the Atlanta Braves on July 23. HCSC has reserved a group of seats in the Reserve MVP section of the stadium. This event is hosted by Ben Zauzmer '15 (Analyst, Dodger Baseball Operations, Research and Development).

SUN, JULY 23 @ 1:10PM

Dodger Stadium

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Lisa Watanabe-Peagler, lmwpeagler@gmail.com



Tyler Spitzer '19



Tyler Spitzer '19, a concentrator in economics, was born in Pasadena and graduated from San Marino High School, where he played football and baseball for the Titans. He held a number of leadership positions in Boy Scout Troop 355, including Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and is an Eagle Scout. He also served as team captain of the varsity football team his senior year.

He is currently a sophomore residing in Mather House. At Harvard, he is a cornerback on the Crimson football team. Last summer, he trained locally for the 2016 fall season while also serving as a travel chaperon for Catalina Island Camps. He spent his summer prior to attending Harvard as a Real Estate Market Research Assistant at KW Commercial in Studio City.

HCSC: *What surprised you about being a student at Harvard?*

TS: I was surprised by how helpful students are to one another. Harvard fosters a collaborative environment; outside of the limitless resources and tutoring options that Harvard has to offer, some of the most constructive input I've received has been from fellow students. While there is no doubt the school is competitive, it is not as cut-throat as I expected.

HCSC: *When was the first time you visited Harvard and what were your impressions at that time?*

TS: The first time I visited Harvard was February of my junior year of high school. Although I was blown away by the beautiful brick buildings, state of the art athletic facilities, and the snow-coated, tourist-infested Yard, the one thing I took away from my visit was: "Jeez, this place is cold."

HCSC: *What was your favorite class (or professor) and why?*

TS: My favorite class so far has been my freshman seminar Psychology of Religion. The course material was extremely thought-provoking and our in-class discussions were both stimulating and spirited. The seminar also provided a smooth transition for my classmates and me given our unfamiliarity with small section-based discussions. For this reason, I would strongly encourage all incoming freshman to consider taking a seminar.

HCSC: *What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?*

TS: My funniest moment at Harvard happened early freshman year when my roommates, some of their friends, and I had a heated debate about where to order delivery pizza. After strenuously expressing my distaste for Domino's, I convinced the group to select any other option. We ultimately settled on Pinocchio's buffalo chicken pizza (still my go-to late-night culinary choice). Later that evening, I learned that one of the guys in the room was the son of the majority shareholder of Domino's. I hope I didn't detract from his allowance too much.

HCSC: *If you were President of Harvard, what would change?*

TS: Dining halls would have Korean BBQ on the menu once a week. I still have yet to find a spot around here that is remotely comparable to my grandma's cooking from home.

HCSC: *What do you miss most about Southern California (other than the weather and family)?*

TS: See above answer and take a guess.

HCSC: *How do you think Southern California will figure into your future after Harvard?*

TS: In the words of Arnold Schwarzenegger's Terminator, "I'll be back."

Medina Named Chair of HAA's National Schools and Scholarships Committee



Daniel A. Medina '79, MBA '83, past president of the Harvard Club of Southern California (2010-2012), was appointed in May to serve as chair for the Harvard Alumni Association's National Schools and

Scholarships Committee. Dan, who is currently vice president of the Club's Schools and Scholarship Committee, coordinates over 600 alumni interviewers, who each year meet with over 2,400 applicants to Harvard College. Dan received the Fred Smith Award for Outstanding Service to the Club in 2016, and he has also served as the Club's Vice President for Membership and Vice President for Communications. He and his wife Laura Martin MBA '83, also an alumni interviewer, live in San Marino with their three children.

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To recommend an event or volunteer for one, contact one of our Programs VPs.

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Wed, Oct 11 6:00PM	Harvard Medical School Meet the Dean Event	Four Seasons Hotel	No charge, RSVP Requested