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JANUARY 2020

Upcoming Events

Harvard Club's 2020 Rose Bowl Tailgate

WED, JAN 1 @ 11:00AM

Private residence overlooking Arroyo/Rose Bowl
\$100, adults; \$60, children

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SUN, JAN 5 @ 5:30PM

The Colburn School, Thayer Hall
No charge, RSVP required

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SAT, JAN 11 @ 1:00PM

Artshare LA
\$20, members; \$30, non-members

Beyond the High -- Opportunities Across the Cannabis Spectrum

SAT, JAN 11 @ 2:30PM

Cross Campus - Santa Monica
\$25, members; \$35, non-members

Harvard Global Networking Night

WED, JAN 15 @ 6:00PM

Westside: The Parlor
Eastside: Pasadena City College
No charge, RSVP required



The Dins and Kroks Return to L.A.

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California in welcoming two of Harvard's most prestigious a cappella groups as they return to Los Angeles. The Harvard Din & Tonics and the Harvard Krokodiloes will be performing at the Westwood Presbyterian Church at 7:30PM on Thursday, January 16.

This will be the groups' fourth annual Wintersession visit to the Southland. The past three concerts were completely sold out, with people turned away at the door, so we encourage you to buy your tickets now. All tickets MUST be purchased in advance.

The cost is \$15 for members, \$30 for non-members. If you are not a member of the Club, this is an excellent opportunity to join us. Annual membership is just \$25 for recent graduates, and as low as \$45 a year for everyone else (with purchase of a three-year membership), so if you buy three tickets, it's like getting your membership for free. Tickets and Club membership can be purchased on our website.

The Harvard Yardbirds, L.A.'s Harvard alumni a cappella group, will be opening the concert with a few songs. We will also host a post-concert wine and cheese reception at which you'll be able to meet the singers and purchase copies of their latest CDs.



Admissions: Early Action

On December 12, Harvard College notified 895 students of their acceptance into the Class of 2024, representing 13.9% of the 6,424 students who applied for early admission. In the Southern California region, Harvard admitted 37 students out of 225 applicants, an acceptance rate of 16.4%. This year's results compare well with last year's, when 50 students were accepted out of 312 applicants, an acceptance rate of 16%.

Women comprise 51.7% of those admitted thus far, compared with 51.2% last year and 47.2% two years ago. "This is an encouraging result, and certainly a long way from the 4-to-1 male-to-female ratio of decades ago," said William R. Fitzsimmons, dean of admissions and financial aid. So far, the incoming class includes students from a range of ethnic backgrounds. African Americans constitute 12.7% of those admitted (12% last year), Asian Americans 24% (26.1% last year), Latinx 11.1% (10.1% last year), and Native Americans and Native Hawaiians 1.3% (1% last year).

Thank you to all the alumni who have volunteered as alumni interviewers. If you are interested in interviewing, please contact Harry Kim '86, HCSC's Vice President of Schools, at hhwk@yahoo.com.

Recent Events

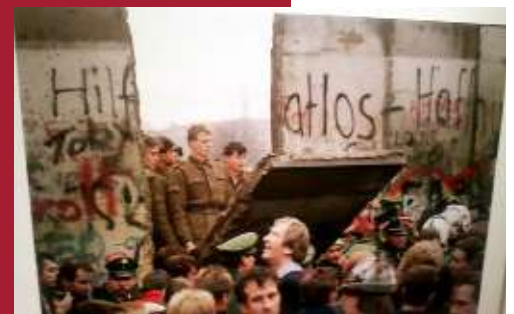
"The Game" Viewing Parties - L.A. and O.C.

On November 23, over 100 alums of Harvard and another school located in New Haven gathered at two locations to view the Harvard-Yale Game telecast. In Los Angeles, the crowd filled Barney's Beanery to watch an epic matchup with an epic finish, with Yale winning in double overtime. A highlight of the event was a raffle of Harvard-Yale Game memorabilia, such as a photo of President John F. Kennedy at Harvard Stadium, and a twelve-year-old program that was won by a Harvard football alum who actually played in that game. In Orange County, the alums took over the Newport Beach Elks Club, overlooking the water. While there was no raffle, the "first to arrive" award went to Andy Kim.



Annenberg Photo Space Tour and Lunch

On December 12, 2019, a group of alumni and friends gathered at the Annenberg Photo Space in Century City for a private tour of its current exhibit, *W|ALLS: Defend, Divide, and the Divine*. The exhibit showcased several photographs of the many walls — real and imagined, visible and invisible — that have been built throughout human history. The curated event concluded with attendees participating in an interactive public art experience, *Light the Barricades*, where they reflected and examined inner walls and obstructions. Contributions to the interactive experience will be part of the exhibit.



Upcoming Events

The Harvard Club/Varsity Club's 2020 Rose Bowl Tailgate

Join fellow alumni and Harvard Varsity Clubbers for a special tailgate as we celebrate the 100-year anniversary of Harvard's 7-6 1920 Rose Bowl victory. Game tickets in a special block of "Harvard Fans" may be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact George Newhouse for details.



WED JAN 1 @ 11:00AM

Private residence overlooking Arroyo and Rose Bowl (walking distance)

Cost: \$100, adults; \$60, children

George Newhouse, gnewhouse@post.harvard.com

Recital/Film Screening: LA Phil Cellist Ben Hong and Emmy Winner Ty Kim MBA '00

Listen to the staggering beauty of Associate Principal Cellist of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Ben Hong, and watch inspiring short films by Los Angeles Emmy Award winner Ty Kim MBA '00. Honoring Cellist Lev Aronson who survived the Holocaust and transformed so many lives through music. Seating is limited.

SUN, JAN 5 @ 5:30PM

The Colburn School, Thayer Hall

No charge (RSVP required)

Ty Kim, tkim@mba2000.hbs.edu



Love Boat: Taiwan Film Screening with Director Valerie Soe & Book Signing of Loveboat, Taipei

Join us for an exclusive screening of award-winning documentary *Love Boat: Taiwan*, followed by a discussion with the director. A novel entitled *Loveboat, Taipei*, will be released the same week, and its author Abigail Wen '99 will join us for a Q&A and a book signing immediately following the screening.

SAT, JAN 11 @ 1:00PM

Artshare LA

\$25, members (advance); \$35, non-members

Joanna Chan, docjochan@gmail.com



Beyond the High (More than Marijuana): Opportunities Across the Cannabis Spectrum

What opportunities exist in this \$2 billion sector, projected to reach \$130 billion globally by 2025? Join us as Harvard-educated venture capitalists, doctors, and financial and legal experts share their opinions on this emerging market. Light refreshments will be served.

SAT, JAN 11 @ 2:30PM

Cross Campus - Santa Monica

\$25, members (advance); \$35, non-members/all at the door

Maurice Levin, mauricelevin@post.harvard.edu



Upcoming Events

A Good Woman with a Gun: Race, Gender, and Mythologies of Self-Defense

Senior Lecturer Caroline Light, who is Director of Harvard's Undergraduate Program in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, will give a historical view on visual depictions of armed femininity and discuss her writings on "America's love affair with lethal self-defense." Light refreshments will be served.

TUE, JAN 14 @ 7:00PM

Check HCSC website for location

\$5 members, \$10 non-members

Eva Plaza, evisland@aol.com



Harvard Global Networking Night in Los Angeles - Two Locations, East and West

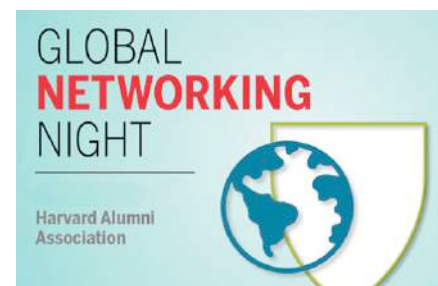
Twice a year, thousands of Harvard alumni make new connections at Global Networking Night (GNN) events in cities across the globe. The last GNN drew more than 5,000 alumni in 85 cities worldwide.

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Pasadena City College (East) and The Parlor (West)

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Madeleine Mejia, Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu



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THU, JAN 16 @ 8:00PM

Westwood Presbyterian Church

\$15 members, \$30 non-members

Ken Williams, kenneth_s_williams@hotmail.com



2020 Inter-Ivy+ Mammoth Ski Trip

POWDER ALERT - there is plenty of snow this year! Get ready for another fun-filled weekend of snow sports at Mammoth Mountain with alums and friends from all the Ivy schools. Adults of all skill levels are welcome.

FRI-SUN, FEB 7-9

Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort

\$419 before JAN 8; \$479 after JAN 8

Chi Bui, orthoichi@yahoo.com



Upcoming Events

LA Phil, Colburn Celebrity Recital with Yuja Wang

Witness the fiery pianist, Yuja Wang, perform with the LA Phil. “...a phenomenon, a virtuoso of staggering abilities who can take one’s breath away with the shape of a gentle phrase or with unbelievable power at supersonic speed...”



TUE, FEB 18 @ 8:00PM (*deadline to register is January 4th*)

Walt Disney Concert Hall

\$95 members, \$105 non-members (Terrace section)

Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com

Piano Concert and Dinner Featuring Murray Perahia

Please join us for this rare and undoubtedly thrilling musical event sponsored by Dr. Kenneth and Sandra Tokita and the Parnassus Society, with a pre-concert private dinner and reception co-sponsored by the Harvard Club of Southern California and Soka University of America. Seating is limited.



SAT, MAR 7 @ 6:00PM

Soka University

\$112 per person (includes dinner and concert)

Malcolm Mitchell, malcolmsmitchell@yahoo.com

Third Annual Harvard Varsity Club California Golf Tournament - Save the Date!

Don’t miss out on the third annual Harvard Varsity Club California Golf Tournament at MountainGate Country Club in Los Angeles. All Harvard alumni, family, friends, and golfing buddies are welcome.



MON, MAR 9 @ 10:30AM

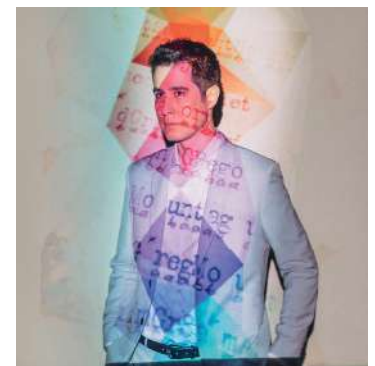
MountainGate Country Club

Cost TBA

Registration through the Harvard Varsity Club will open soon

The Enigmatist and Special Post-Show Conversation with Magician David Kwong '02

Can you solve the enigma? Prepare for an immersive experience of puzzles, cryptology, and illusions by renowned magician, *New York Times* crossword constructor, and Harvard graduate David Kwong '02. Clues will be everywhere, so keep your eyes open and be ready for surprises.



SAT, JUN 13 @ 3:00PM

Geffen Playhouse

Premium Seats: \$125 members, \$135 non-members

Regular Seats: \$75 members, \$85 non-members

John Luna, john.luna@gmail.com

Q&A from 02138:

Matthew Hatfield '20



Matthew Hatfield '20, a concentrator in Applied Mathematics, was born in Los Angeles and graduated from Arcadia High School, where he was in the marching band and on the varsity basketball team. He is a senior residing in Currier House. At Harvard, he is part of the Harvard Political Review, Leadership Institute at Harvard College, and Latino Men's Collective. He spent his most recent summer at REX Real Estate, based in Woodland Hills.

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

MH: I am surprised about the amount of academic and career development resources available for all students as well as the unique opportunities that allow students to pursue their passions. The interesting part is that some of the resources are "to be found" and discovered, meaning, students have to be curious in order to find them.

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

MH: The first time I visited Harvard was on the first day of Freshman Orientation Week, the week before school started. At the time, I was surprised with how old and majestic the buildings were, but at the same time, their interiors were incredibly modern.

HCSC: What was your favorite class and why?

MH: My favorite class was Advanced Microeconomics (Economics 1011a). The professor, Edward Glaeser, was phenomenal and every class was a remarkable show in which we would learn about big picture concepts as well as about interesting, smaller details. In the end, the professor made the class and was extremely receptive as he, on a weekly basis, asked for teaching and lecture feedback.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

MH: Realizing that Harvard has some pass/fail classes and that some of these classes automatically enroll you as a pass/fail. In my junior year, I took one of those classes and didn't realize my mistake, which was failing to request for the letter grade distinction (for the class) until after the deadline had passed. It ended up being a slightly funny and embarrassing administration issue but it worked itself out with the help of my academic dean.

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

MH: I would definitely make it a priority to encourage better dialogue and more respectful conversations

around sensitive topics, especially in academic settings and sections. Its need is evident and I can definitely see the impact it has on students who are trying to explore their interests, tastes, and overall understanding of the world.

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

MH: The beach and In-N-Out. The beaches are not the same on the East Coast and Shake Shack does not come close to In-N-Out.

HCSC: Any good alumni advice you were given?

MH: 1. Get out into Boston as much as you can; 2. Don't be afraid to ask for help; and 3. Try your best to shut out the "noise" of others.

Welcome to New Members...

The Harvard Club of Southern California welcomes the following new members:

David Albert '77

Niya Avery '17

Tahra Goraya MPA '19

Anna Joo Fee '04, JD '07

Julia Lu '19

Michael New '15

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John Luna '03

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