



THE HARVARD CLUB of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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MAY 2012

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 5, 2012 @ 10AM

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Cost: \$35, members; \$40, non-members
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Cost: \$10 Members, \$15 non-members
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Location: Music Center (Los Angeles)
Cost: \$75 Members/guests, \$80 Non-Members,
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Please visit www.Harvard-LA.org for a complete list of upcoming events and to register.

Harvard College Admissions Update:



Record Number Accepted from Southern California

The Harvard Club of Southern California's local Schools and Scholarships Committee experienced a banner year, with a record 2,606 applicants, and an unprecedented 148 local students admitted to Harvard College. Our region's local admit rate of 5.7% inched closer to the national rate (5.9%) than in previous years.

According to Jonathan Baskin, the Club's Schools and Scholarships Chair, the local admit rate is a "reflection of the growing importance of California to the Harvard student body." He added that credit is due to "our army of interviewers on the Schools Committee who accomplished the gigantic task of interviewing nearly all of these applicants." The Harvard Club has more than 1,000 alumni interviewers.

Nationally, Harvard College experienced a slight drop in the applicant pool, to 34,302 students, a decline of 1.9% from last year. Harvard revived Early Action admissions this year, which had been discontinued in 2006.

More than 60% of students accepted this year will benefit from financial aid, with scholarships averaging more than \$40,000. Under the recently modified guidelines of the Harvard Financial Aid Initiative, students from families that earn less than \$65,000 will attend Harvard at no cost. Harvard's financial aid budget for next year will be \$172 million, a record.

RECENT EVENTS...



April 2012: Class of 2016 Admit Parties Pasadena and Santa Ana

Harvard's newest crop of Harvard College admits and their parents attended admit parties held in Pasadena and in Santa Ana on April 14 and 15. The Club is grateful for the gracious hospitality of alumni hosts Molly Munger and Steven English in Pasadena, and Dryden and Leila Pence in Santa Ana. Thank you to the alumni interviewers and board members who attended the events to welcome the students into the Harvard community.



February 2012: Lunar New Year Event at Hsi Lai Temple

Despite the onset of inclement weather, families of the local Harvard and Wellesley clubs enjoyed an enlightening, informative behind-the-scenes family visit to the Hsi Lai Temple in Hacienda Heights. The tour of the grounds revealed the temple to be a hidden gem in the Eastern San Gabriel Valley area, replete with traditional Chinese architecture and Buddhist statuary of a quality not often seen outside Asia. Followed by a visit to the temple's artifacts center and lunch, the group was then treated to an instructional session conducted by an energetic, charismatic, resident monk -- a fitting event with which to welcome the Year of the Dragon!

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This newsletter accepts items for publication. Materials must be submitted by the 12th of the prior month to appear in the following newsletter. Please include a phone number or email address with all submissions. Email submissions to: HarvardSoCal@gmail.com



Visit Our Neighborhood: Malibu

Visit and experience an ecological wetland project, wine tasting at Rosenthal Winery, and the Getty Villa.

The group will meet at the Malibu Civic Center parking lot. Instructions will follow after registration. Limit of two tickets per person on a first-come, first served basis. Ticket cost includes a picnic lunch.

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Register: <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>



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Are you considering applying to business schools? The competition for a spot at one of the top MBA programs is intense. With GMAT scores and GPAs coming in a tight band, the essays and interviews are where candidates distinguish themselves. Learn from an experienced admissions consultant what it takes to set your application apart.



Issues in Education - Educators' Roundtable - Teacher Evaluation (Potluck Luncheon)

EDUCATION ALERT!--Teacher Evaluation, an Educators' Roundtable for all concerned with education, and that means Harvard alums, not just teachers!

Teacher evaluation is a hot issue, but what exactly is the issue? Who evaluates? What is to be evaluated? What are the standards, and how can they be assessed?

Come to a roundtable gathering (and potluck luncheon) of Harvard alumni. Air your views and learn the views of others, meet for informal discussion with spirits kindred and opposing, expand your knowledge of education public and private.

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Cost : No charge (bring an item for the potluck lunch; drinks & utensils provided)
Contact: Priscilla Heim, priheim@verizon.net
Register: www.Harvard-LA.org



HGLC
HARVARD GAY & LESBIAN CAUCUS

Ivy Pride Alliance LA and GLIvyN Present...

...an LGBT Alumni Terrace Party. On a shady, secluded private terrace in the heart of West Hollywood, there'll be beer, wine, the host's signature Cosmos, snacks, and tons of Pride Alliance and GLIvyN members and guests having a good time. Will you be one of them?!? If you have a friend who hasn't attended a GLIvyN or Pride Alliance event before, why not invite him or her to come with you? The party only costs \$10 per person – a deal like that is hard to beat!

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Time: 4:00 P.M.
Place: W. Hollywood. Address sent after RSVP
Cost: \$10 per person
Contact: Dan at ICIMEDIA@aol.com



The Radcliffe Pitches in LA

Come join **The Radcliffe Pitches** for a night of jazz a cappella as they start off on their biannual summer tour! The group, composed of 12 undergraduate women, is the oldest all-female a cappella group at Harvard, founded in 1975 at the historic Hasty Pudding Club. The Pitches are well known for their sophisticated musicality and timeless repertoire inspired by artists like Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra. As an added attraction, **The Harvard Yardbirds** will open the show.

Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2012
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Westwood Presbyterian Church
Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door
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 kenneth_s_williams@hotmail.com
Register: <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>



Visit Our Neighborhood: Chinatown

Join us for a tour of LA's Chinatown. The event includes a visit to the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California (415 Bernard Street), Dim Sum (at CBS Seafood Restaurant, voted one of LA's Best Chinese restaurants), and a visit to the Chinese American Museum (Exhibit "Breaking Ground: Chinese American Architects in Los Angeles 1945-1980")

Limited registration, first-come, first-served. Deadline to register: May 31, 2012.

Date: Saturday, June 2, 2012
Time: 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Location: Chinese Historical Society of SoCal
Cost : \$20, members; \$25, non-members
 (includes Dim Sum lunch)
Contact: Albert Chang,
 AlbertChang@charter.net



2012 Friends of Harvard Football Dinner - Los Angeles

With Coach Tim Murphy



Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2012
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: City Club on Bunker Hill, Downtown Los Angeles
Cost*: \$225 per person, includes Harvard Football Nike pullover and recognition; \$125, classes of 2006 and prior; \$75, 2007-2012
Contact: Scott Lukas, slukas@fas.harvard.edu or 617-496-3863
 * all prices dinner and open bar

Join Harvard Football Coach Tim Murphy and fellow Harvard football alums, fans and Friends of Harvard Football for the sixth annual (or biennial) Friends of Harvard Football Dinner in Los Angeles. The dinner is co-hosted by the Harvard Club of Southern California and Friends of Harvard Football. We are privileged, once again, to welcome Coach Murphy to Los Angeles where we will hear him speak on the following topics:

- 2011 Ivy Championship Review
- Update on Class of 2016 Recruits
- 2012 Season Preview
- Harvard Football Gear

Special thanks to our Los Angeles Dinner underwriters and cochairs:

Willie Alford '02 • George Newhouse '76 • David Scheper '80 • Robert Woolway '81

Bolshoi Ballet's "Swan Lake"



Join us for the performance of the classic "Swan Lake" by the legendary Bolshoi Ballet Company at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion's Music Center. We have a limited number of discounted tickets in the Founders Circle section. Limit of 2 tickets per purchase. First-come, first-served. There will be an optional pre-event dinner at Kendall's Brasserie at 6 PM.

Date: Saturday, June 9, 2012
Time: 7:30 P.M.
Location: Music Center, Los Angeles, CA
Cost: \$75.00 members, \$80 non-members
Contact: Albert Chang, AlbertChang@charter.net
Register: <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>

2012 Pageant of the Masters: *Where Art Comes to Life* July 14, 2012



Date: Saturday, July 14, 2012
Time: 8:30 P.M.
Place: Festival of Arts, Laguna Beach, CA
Cost: \$90 (Main Tier Center);
 \$50 (Director's Tier Center)
Contact: Ryan Probasco, rprobasco7@gmail.com

Please join us for our annual trip to see the beautiful and memorable Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach. We have fantastic seats in the center section this year - sign up early, as these seats will sell out quickly.



2012 Los Angeles Tennis Open at UCLA

Date: Thursday, July 26, 2012

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Location: Los Angeles Tennis Center at UCLA, Straus Stadium

Cost: \$40, Members; \$45, Non-members/Guests
(same prices as last year)

Contact: Steven Arkow, stevenarkow@sbcglobal.net

Register: www.Harvard-LA.org

The best in men's tennis comes to Los Angeles for the 2012 LA Tennis Open (Farmers Classic) at UCLA, celebrating its 85th year. The event is expected to feature 2009 and 2010 champion Sam Querrey from California, and 28 of the 100 top-ranked men players. Past competitors have included Andy Roddick, Andy Murray, John Isner, and doubles champions Mike and Bob Bryan.

Join us for an optional pre-match dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Food Court. (You can pay on site for your meal as the meal is not included in ticket price. Meet at Display Booth 12, which is nearest the southeast corner of the Grandstand court, and is towards the northwest section of the Food Court).

Tickets are limited. Deadline to register and rsvp for pre-match dinner is June 29, 2012.

3-Month Countdown...



A Night at the Mt. Wilson Observatory

Date: Saturday, August 11, 2012

Time: 4:00 P.M. - Midnight

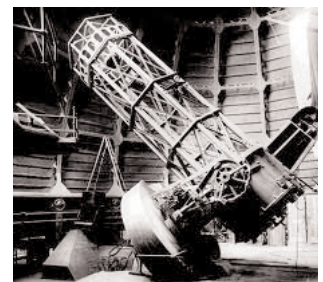
Location: Mt. Wilson Observatory - Pasadena, CA

Cost : \$80, members; \$85, non-members
(includes a box dinner)

Contact: Albert Chang, AlbertChang@charter.net

Join us for an unforgettable evening exploring the Universe through the famous telescopes used by Einstein and Hubble. Professor Edo Berger from Harvard will guide us in the exploration. Factoid: Pluto was discovered as the 9th planet of the Solar System in 1930 but was recategorized a dwarf planet or plutoid: in 2006. Moral of the story: Everything changes under the sun...

This event is sold out! Please contact Albert Chang to be added to the wait list.



The Harvard Club of Southern California

Membership Registration Form

Stay involved with the local Harvard community:

Southern California residents who have been connected for at least one academic year with any department of Harvard University as a student or instructor are eligible for membership in the Harvard Club of Southern California. Member benefits include a monthly newsletter, reduced fees for Club events, electronic updates, and inclusion in the annual directory. Reciprocal benefits with other Ivy League clubs are also available, as determined by each respective organization.

For your added convenience, you are welcome to renew on-line on our website: www.harvard-la.org

Please fill out and return to:

**The Harvard Club of Southern California
c/o Membership Vice President
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Make checks payable to Harvard Club of Southern California

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ H-R Class & Degree: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Occupation: _____ Gender (circle): Male Female Mail Location (circle): Home Work

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Home Fax: _____

Work Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Work Phone: _____ Work Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Membership

(check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Regular (12 months) | \$ 55 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sponsor | \$ 100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Three-Year (36 months) | \$ 135 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lifetime Membership | \$1,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Second Graduate in same household | \$ 25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Recent Graduate (Classes of 2008-2010) | \$ 20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Complimentary (Undergrad & Class of 2011) | N/C |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Special <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Widow(er) | \$ 50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Joint Membership with Harvard Business School Assn (SoCal) | \$ 20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Joint Membership with Harvard Business School Assn (OC) | \$ 20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Prize Book Sponsorship(s) | \$ 37.50 each |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Scholarship Donation | \$ _____ |

Additional

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

Credit Card payments are accepted on our website, <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>. Joint membership discounts are for new members only: if you are now, or previously were, a member of any of our sister clubs this offer does not apply.

Involvement Interest:

- Membership Interviewing Applicants
 Latino Asian-American African-American
 Programs Recent Grad

Program Preferences:

- Lectures Networking Wine Tastings
 Art/Music Book Club Family
 Behind the Scene Mixers Dances
 Outdoors Community Service



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 LOS ANGELES
 ~ MAY 29, 2012 ~**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS AND GENERAL CLUB NEWS, VISIT THE CLUB WEB SITE AT
www.harvard-la.org

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

To recommend an event or volunteer for one, contact one of our Programs VPs. Contact information can be found on page 2.

*All checks for events are non-refundable unless explicitly stated otherwise. Unless specifically noted, RSVPs are not confirmed.

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