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JANUARY 2019

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Admissions: Early Action

On December 13, Harvard College notified 935 students of their acceptance into the Class of 2023, representing 13.4% of the 6,958 students who applied for early admission. In the Southern California region, 50 students were admitted out of 312 applicants, a higher percentage (15.7%) that reflects “our largesse of amazing young people,” according to Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi EdD '81, Harvard Club of Southern California Executive Vice President. This year's results compared well with last year when 57 students were accepted out of 356 applicants, an acceptance rate of 16%.

The 2018 early application cycle saw the highest number of applicants and the lowest acceptance rate since Harvard reinstated early action admissions seven years ago. The College temporarily shuttered its early action program from 2007 to 2010. This year's rate was lower than last year's, when 964 students were accepted out of 6,630 applicants, a 14.5% acceptance rate. “It really does look like a terrific class,” Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid William R. Fitzsimmons '67 said in an interview the day notifications were sent out.

A majority of the students admitted in this early round to the Class of 2023 were women (51.3%), an increase

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from 47.2% for the Class of 2022. Fitzsimmons noted an unprecedentedly high percentage of female admits indicated an interest in studying computer science or the physical sciences this year. Of those interested in the physical sciences, 53% were women, compared to 33% last year. The proportion of those interested in Computer Science who are women rose to 43% from 29% in 2017. “The gender shift is quite dramatic,” Fitzsimmons said. “I haven’t seen anything like that before.”

There were 67 different countries and 49 American states represented in the newly admitted Class of 2023. International admits rose to 11.2% this year, from 8.2% last year. Demographically, the admitted group is relatively consistent with prior years’ cycles, with Asian Americans comprising 26.1% (up from 24.2% last year), African American admits at 12% (a decrease from last year’s 13.9%), and Latinx admits remaining unchanged at 10%.

Fitzsimmons further stated that Harvard is expecting this year’s regular application pool to be at least as large as last year’s record number. Dan Medina ’79, MBA ’83, the Club’s VP of Schools, stated that the need for alumni interviewers will be critical again this year in helping Admissions with the difficult task of choosing the Class of 2023. If you are interested in interviewing, please contact Dan at dan@capknowledge.com.



Harvard President in San Diego

Lawrence S. Bacow JD ’76, MPP ’76, PhD ’78, made his first west coast public appearance as Harvard’s 29th president on November 29 when he spoke to alumni at the San Diego Museum of Art. Accompanied by his wife, Adele Fleet Bacow, and introduced by HAA Executive Director Philip Lovejoy, Bacow was interviewed by Superior Court Judge Yvonne Esperanza Campos JD ’88. Insisting that he was still just “Larry from Pontiac,”

he answered questions about being president of Harvard, as compared to Tufts (“similar role - bigger stage”), the Harvard admissions lawsuit (“We have the law and the facts on our side”), and even how to raise children in the 21st century (“Ask Adele”). Over 200 alumni attended the interview and reception, including a group of HCSC board members who drove through pouring rain to welcome the president to “sunny” Southern California. Assurances were made that when the president next returns to California, the HAA will schedule an event geographically designed to let more HCSC members meet “Larry from Pontiac.”



First-Generation Harvard Alumni Red Book Project

Are you a first-generation member of your family to attend a university? The First-Generation Harvard Alumni Shared Interest Group welcomes you to share your story in their Red Book project, which is a pilot for university-wide alumni storytelling. Your story, along with those of other first-generation Harvard, Radcliffe, and graduate school alumni, will be compiled in a Red Book and shared with the first-generation Harvard and Radcliffe alumni community and first-gen Harvard students. Learn more and participate by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/harvardredbook>. Questions? Please email HAA_RedBooks@harvard.edu. Deadline to submit is January 18, 2019.

Recent Events

Harvard Serves: DTLA Mini-Maker Faire at the Central Los Angeles Library

On December 1, a gorgeously sunny day, members of the Club joined thousands of others to participate in the third Mini-Maker Faire at the Central Los Angeles Library. Children exhibited their science projects, high school students shared their research through hands-on electronic games, and teachers and library staff helped out, all combining to make an extraordinary event.



In Support of Diversity: A Panel Discussion About The Harvard Lawsuit

On December 2, sixty Harvard alumni attended an informational panel about the Harvard admissions lawsuit. The *In Support of Diversity* panel was sponsored by seven Harvard-affiliated organizations: The Harvard Black Alumni Society of Southern California, Harvard Asian American Alliance, Harvard Latino Alliance, Harvard First Generation Alumni, Harvardwood, Coalition for a Diverse Harvard, and the Harvard Law School Alumni of Southern California. Attorney Michaele Turnage Young JD '06 gave participants an overview of the ongoing lawsuit, while attorney Nicole Gon Ochi analyzed the politics of recent Asian American immigrants. Attorney Angela Sousa JD '80 provided insight into admissions without race consciousness, and Cal State University Northridge professor Dr. David Moguel MPP '90 spoke on what aspects of a student's background are the best indicators for predicting success in college. Maiya Williams Verrone '84, President of the Harvard Black Alumni Society, acted as moderator. Audience members were invited to ask questions for the final forty-five minutes. It was an edifying evening, enjoyed



Holiday Volunteer Lunch Service to the Homeless in the Skid Row Community

On December 7, twenty Harvard alums came together to prepare and serve lunch to the homeless in the Skid Row community in downtown Los Angeles. In addition, volunteers were treated to a tour of the Midnight Mission, the oldest continuously operating human service organization in the Los Angeles region. Thank you to everyone who attended this event and gave back this holiday season! Pictured to the right is Judy Hung Liang '99.



Harvard Club Board of Directors Holiday Party

The Board of the Harvard Club of Southern California held its annual holiday party and board meeting on Wednesday, December 12 in Hancock Park. Twelve prospective new board members joined the current board for an evening of food, drink, and song. A performance by the Harvard Yardbirds, including some traditional carols, capped off the evening. If you are interested in joining the leadership of the Club, send inquiries to HarvardSoCal@gmail.com.



Upcoming Events

The Dins and Kroks Return to L.A. on January 19

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 Friday, January 19.

This will be the groups' third annual Wintersession visit to the Southland. Last year's concert was sold out, with people turned away at the door, so we encourage you to buy your tickets now. Tickets must be purchased in advance on the website.

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. 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.



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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.

WED, JAN 9 @ 6:00PM

The Parlor

No charge, RSVP requested

Madeleine Mejia, Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu



Harvard Global Networking Night in Ontario

The Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance and the Harvard Alumni Association invite you to join fellow local alumni for Global Networking Night in Ontario. Register to reconnect with classmates and make new connections.

WED, JAN 9 @ 6:30PM

Gloria's Cocina Mexicana

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Dr. Gus Frias, dr.gfrias@gmail.com



2019 Lunar New Year Lunch - *Save the Date!*

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California along with the Wellesley-in-Pasadena Club at our annual Lunar New Year event. The event will feature a conversation with Leta Hong Fincher '90, the bestselling author of *Betraying Big Brother: The Feminist Awakening in China*.

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Cost TBA

Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com



2019 Inter-Ivy+ Mammoth Ski Trip

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 8-10

Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort

\$409 before JAN 2; \$469 after JAN 2

Chi Bui, orthochi@yahoo.com



Upcoming Events

Dating and Mating in the Digital Age

Join us for a glass of wine and a fascinating talk by relationship expert April Beyer as she explores how social media and technology have changed the ways we meet, date, and relate. Light refreshments will be served.

SUN, FEB 10 @ 7:00PM

Private Brentwood Residence (address provided to attendees)

\$15 members; \$25 non-members

Gary Barkin, garybarkin@gmail.com



Alumni Talk: How I Became an Architect with Ed Ogosta MAR '01

Please join us for this special event to hear (and see) how Ed Ogosta MAR '01 became an award-winning architect. As a bonus, guests will take a guided tour of the "Rear Window House," which has won local, state, and national awards from the American Institute of Architects. Refreshments will be served. Space is limited.



SUN, FEB 24 @ 2:00PM

Participants will be given address upon registration

\$10, members; \$15, non-members

Albert Chang, AlbertChang@charter.net

2019 Harvard Varsity Club California Golf Tournament

Don't miss out on the 2nd 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 15 @ 10:30AM

MountainGate Country Club

\$200 for HVC members; \$250 for non-members

RSVP at <https://www.harvardvarsityclub.org/article.html?aid=1942>

LA Opera, *El Gato Montés (The Wildcat)* by Manuel Penella, starring Plácido Domingo

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California at the Los Angeles Opera for this very special performance of *El Gato Montés (The Wildcat)* with an optional pre-performance lecture one hour prior to showtime.

THU, MAY 16 @ 7:30PM

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

\$86, members; \$96, non-members

Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com



Q&A from 02138:

Henry Welsh '20



Henry Patrick Welsh '20 was born in Redondo Beach, and graduated in 2016 from Loyola High School Los Angeles. At Loyola he captained the basketball team for two seasons, served as the Student-Athlete Representative on the student government, and helped start the Loyola Bodysurfing Club. A junior at Harvard, he concentrates in Economics with a secondary in Statistics. Henry is an active member and basketball representative on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and he dabbles in the Chess Club and the Harvard Financial Analyst Club. This past summer he interned for Feinberg Investments in Santa Monica, a local equity investment company whose strategy revolves around analyzing and estimating quarterly earnings reports.



HCSC: What surprised you most about Harvard?

HW: What surprised me about being a student at Harvard was the vast infrastructure of academic, mental, emotional, and physical support offered to everyone in the Harvard community. There are so many people who care about offering help or guidance to anyone in the community, and that blew me away when I first arrived on campus.

HCSC: What was your first impression of Harvard?

HW: My first impression of Harvard came on my official recruiting visit, which was in September of my senior year of high school. I was immediately enamored with the history, the academic opportunity, and most importantly the people, particularly my future basketball teammates and coaches. As an athlete, the central aspect of my Harvard experience is “across the river.” I knew Harvard was going to be the place for me because I could feel how well I would fit in with the guys on the team and how well we would all get along.

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

HW: My favorite class that I have taken so far is Statistics 110, an introductory course in Probability Theory taught by Professor Joe Blitzstein. Its rigor both provided me with a sound foundation and intuition in probability, and opened my eyes to its ubiquitous practicality. I was even afforded the opportunity to take Prof. Blitzstein to the Eliot House Faculty Dinner.

HCSC: What have been your most fun experiences at Harvard?

HW: The most fun experiences for me at Harvard have been the moments of laughter, camaraderie, and brotherhood in the basketball team locker room. We get along so well and have forged bonds through grueling workouts, tight games, and long bus rides that will last a lifetime.

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

HW: If I were President of Harvard, I would ensure that all classes were offered before a particular time in the afternoon when athletic activity begins. That way, athletes would not be limited in the number or scope of classes they can take.



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