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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Sep. 15, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.

6th Annual Keys to a Winning MBA Application

Location: Blankspaces (Los Angeles)

Cost: \$15, members; \$20, non-members

Sunday, Sep. 20, 2015 @ 4:00 P.M.

Alumni Talk with California State Senator Ben Allen, AB '00

Location: Private Residence (Brentwood)

Cost: \$20, members; \$25, non-members

Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015 @ 10:00 A.M.

Private Tour of LA's Arts District

Location: LA's Art District (Los Angeles)

Cost: \$20 per person

Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015 @ 10:00 A.M.

Hike at the Top of the World in Laguna Beach

Location: Top of the World Trailhead (Laguna Beach)

Cost: No charge, RSVP Requested

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016 @ 8:00 P.M.

Itzhak Perlman and Emanuel Ax in Recital at the Disney Concert Hall

Location: Walt Disney Concert Hall (Los Angeles)

Cost: \$54, members; \$63, non-members

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Send-Off Party for Class of 2019

On Saturday, August 1, 2015, HCSC Past President and current Vice President for Schools, Daniel A. Medina, AB '79, and his wife Laura Martin, MBA '83, along with their daughter, Laura Medina, Class of 2019, hosted approximately 40 incoming freshmen at a send-off pizza party before their departure to Cambridge for pre-fresh orientation events. The students acquainted themselves with each other and compared notes about their freshmen housing assignments, about which they were notified earlier in the week. Move in day for the Class of 2019 was August 25, with Convocation held September 1, followed by classes the next day.



"Harvard is expecting another record year for applications this year, and we anticipate Southern California to exceed last year's level of interview requests," said Mr. Medina. "Admissions views the alumni interview as a critical component of a candidate's application, making it crucial for our area to have sufficient numbers of interviewers to meet the demands of the applicant pool," he said.

Alumni interested in serving as interviewers should contact Mr. Medina at dan@capknowledge.com. Both undergraduate and graduate alumni of Harvard University are eligible to serve as interviewers.



German Enciso, HMS fellow '07-'09 and club secretary, holding a baby.



Standing from left to right: Isabella Mafud; John McHugh, HMS '95; German Enciso, HMS fellow '07; Sitting left to right: Maral Nigolian-Kirschenmann; Aran Kirschenmann (current Harvard student); Loyd Sargeant, HC '74; Alberta Sargeant.

Pageant of the Masters - July 24, 2015

On July 24, 2015, more than 20 Harvard alumni met in Laguna Beach for a performance of the traditional Pageant of the Masters. We met at the picnic tables over live music, surrounded by the exhibits of the Festival of Arts before attending the show. The Pageant consists of multiple pieces of tableaux vivants, or living pictures recreating famous works of art. This year the topic was "The Pursuit of Happiness".

This year the sitting Harvard Club secretary, German Enciso, was one of the participants of the show, pictured holding a cardboard baby during the press night.

After the show, some of the alumni attendees stayed for a tour of the back stage and were able to see the scaffolds, costumes, hairpieces and make up for the pieces.



Pictured above: Professor Woodward Fischer (Harvard PhD '07) teaches Harvard alumni on the geological record of photosynthesis.

Science Pub Series

The Science Pub event held on March 22, 2015 featured Woodward Fischer, Caltech professor of Geological Sciences, who explained photosynthesis and how ancient geological records shed light on its evolution. This event took place at the Du-Par's Restaurant in downtown Pasadena and was attended by fifteen Harvard alumni and family members.

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Alumni Talk with California State Senator Ben Allen, AB '00

Elected by a wide majority to the California State Senate in November 2014, Ben Allen has already been overwhelmingly chosen for several important posts. Join us for an intimate talk with Ben, who will share what he is learning about the process of governing, and will focus on the latest developments in Sacramento in the area of education policy.

Date: Sunday, September 20, 2015
Time: 4:00 P.M.
Location: Private Residence (Brentwood)
Cost: \$20, Members; \$25 Non-members
Contact: Madeleine Mejia
Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu
Register: <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>

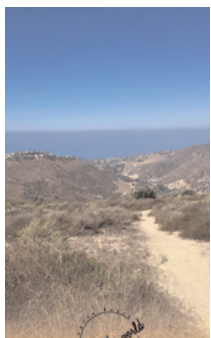


Private Tour of LA's Arts District

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California for a private tour of LA's Arts District. Your registration comes with a complimentary 1-year membership to the Mural Conservancy Los Angeles (MCLA); you will have access to exclusive MCLA events, workshops, and unlimited entry to all tours throughout the year.

Limited to the first 15 attendees - first-come, first-served.

Date: Saturday, October 10, 2015
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Location: LA's Arts District (Los Angeles)
Cost: \$20 per person
Contact: Madeleine Mejia
Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu



Hike at the Top of the World in Laguna Beach

All are welcome for a hike at Top of the World in Laguna Beach on 10/17. Meet at 10 am sharp, bring water, a hat, and sunscreen

After the moderate-paced hike, anyone interested can join the group for lunch at Lumberyard.

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2015
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Location: Top of the World Trailhead
Cost: No charge, RSVP requested
Contact: Chi Bui, orthochi@yahoo.com



Itzhak Perlman and Emanuel Ax in Recital

Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2016
Time: 8:00 P.M.
Location: Walt Disney Concert Hall
Cost: \$54, Members; \$63 Non-members
Contact: Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com

Join the Harvard Club to hear two of the most beloved and accomplished artists of our time team up for an exquisite violin and piano recital.

Program includes:

Mozart: Sonata for Violin and Piano No. 17 in C major
Fauré: Sonata for Violin and Piano No. 1 in A major
Strauss: Sonata in E-Flat major for Violin and Piano

Additional works to be announced from the stage



Q&A from 02138... Christopher Holthouse '15

Christopher Holthouse '15, recently graduated as a concentrator in Social Studies. He was born in Los Angeles, California and graduated from Harvard-Westlake High School in Studio City, California. At Harvard-Westlake, he served as Head Prefect, played trumpet in Jazz Band, and was a catcher for the baseball team. At Harvard, he worked for Let's Go Travel Guides and Harvard Student Agencies and participated on many of Kirkland House's intramural sports teams.

Holthouse spent the summer after graduation traveling and spending time with his family in Los Angeles. He returns to Boston in September to start work full time at a consulting company downtown, but says he plans on leaving enough room in his schedule to remain an active member of the Kirkland Intramural roster.

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

CH: I think what has surprised me most over the years is how cool it still feels every time I land in Boston or take the T to Harvard Square. This place has been my home for the last four years and I was so comfortable there – my friends, my classes, my routines – but at the same time it also never stops feeling new and exciting.

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

CH: The first time I visited Harvard was in fifth grade when I came with my class during a field trip to Boston. [In preparation for secondary school, he attended Curtis School for elementary school]. I remember thinking how old and tall every college student looked. I actually still have two pictures from that trip: one of me and a few friends (one of whom was actually my senior roommate at Harvard, a fellow Southern Californian who also attended Curtis School) touching John Harvard's golden shoe and another of us on the steps of Widener Library.

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

CH: My favorite class at Harvard was called Free Will, Responsibility, and the Law. I really liked how this course combined elements of psychology, neuroscience, ethics, and the law and allowed us to investigate theoretical questions in practice. We explored how new discoveries in the field of moral cognition and genetics are affecting things like the criminal justice system, medicine, and business. This class really influenced the topic I decided to write my thesis on, which was the use of personality, intelligence, and genetic tests in hiring practices in the United States.

HCSC: Describe your senior thesis topic:

CH: Over the course of writing my thesis I found that scientific tests are commonly used in hiring practices across many industries -- from the military to private hedge funds. Society is generally accustomed to a lot of these tests (e.g. the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, IQ tests, etc.) but the prospect of the use of genetic testing in these capacities raises a ton of different ethical and philosophical questions about the role of science in everyday life. I concluded that the use of genetic testing was expanding, raised some central issues that society would need to confront if genetic testing were to be put to use in hiring practices, and talked about certain industries where genetic testing of potential hires might be useful.

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

CH: If I were President of Harvard I would consider making the three quad houses sophomore housing. When friends get split up between the river and quad houses, it often means not seeing them more than once or twice a week. By turning the quad into a housing community for a single grade (much like how all freshmen live around Harvard Yard), you make the quad something that everyone can share in common.

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HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

CH: In retrospect, my funniest moment at Harvard happened on my second night of school, freshman year. I had a single in Greenough and, in nothing but my boxers, I managed to lock my keys in the hall bathroom at around two in the morning. Knowing this would be a bad first impression to make on my hall mates, I opted instead to walk to the Barker Center emergency phone and call security let me back in. I like to think that I was not the only mostly naked, totally embarrassed freshman that security had to let back in to their dorm that night.

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

CH: Other than the weather, one thing I miss a lot about Southern California is the mountains. On the flight back to the west coast the moment where I start feeling “back home” is when the plane crosses over the Sierras. Especially when flying back for winter break in January, the mountains are really beautiful with their snowy caps. I love driving through hills, I love the way they look, and although I do not do it as much as I would like, they are fun to hike in as well.

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

CH: Southern California is and always will be home. I loved growing up in Southern California and could very easily see myself settling down back there to raise kids of my own someday. For the time being I am really enjoying being a young adult on the East Coast, but I don't think I will be able to resist the West for that much longer.



From left to right: Harry Kim AB '86, Priscilla Heim AB '52, Kay Park AB '87, Isabelle Fox AB '47, Madeleine Mejia EdM '00, Curtis Jang AB '87, Albert Chang, MD, AB '63, Isabel Jang, Ethel Seminario-Laczko EdM '84, Myron Kayton SM '56 and Herb Goldman AB '76.

Club Honors Curtis Jang - August 21, 2015

On August 21, 2015, Harvard Club Board members, past Club Presidents and friends gathered at Taix restaurant to honor past Board member, Curtis Jang AB '87, to recognize him for his many years of service. Curtis was Club secretary and co-chaired the Club's annual Lunar New Year banquet which has recently been co-sponsored with Wellesley alumni. He also headed the Harvard Prize Book program for 14 years, distributing up to 220 books each year to local high schools. Stepping up to take over the Prize Book program will be Board member, Sonia Molina. Alumni interested in sponsoring a Prize Book may contact her at soniamolin@aol.com.



From left to right: Emmett, Kayla, Isabel and Curtis Jang.



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Sep 15, Tuesday 7:00 P.M.	Keys to a Winning MBA Application w/Alex Leventhal	Blankspaces Los Angeles, CA	\$15, members \$20, non-members	Alex Leventhal, alex@prepmba.com
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Ongoing	Volunteer in a School	32nd Street/USC Magnet School Los Angeles, CA	N/A	Priscilla Heim, priheim@verizon.net