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Upcoming Events

Sunday, Sep 14, 2014 @ 4:00 PM

Ivy Pride Alliance LA Presents... 8th Annual Singles Extravaganza

Location: Eleven (West Hollywood)
Cost: \$5 for entry, cash bar

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5th Annual Keys to a Winning MBA Application

Location: Blankspaces (Los Angeles)
Cost: \$15, members; \$20, non-members

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Location: Perch LA (Los Angeles)
Cost: No cover, cash bar

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Happy Hour Networking with HBSASC and Harvardwood

Location: Pink Taco (Santa Monica)
Cost: Cash only for food & drinks

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Location: TBA
Cost: No charge (bring an item for potluck)

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Cost: No charge (please RSVP on the club website)

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Please visit www.Harvard-LA.org for a complete list of upcoming events and to register.



President's Welcome

by Kay Park, MD, AB '87

Dear Alumni and Friends!

I started in July as the Club's President for 2014-2016, and reflecting upon the past 9 years of my involvement with the Harvard Club of Southern CA, I wonder where the time has gone! It has truly been a pleasure working with so many enthusiastic volunteers and I look forward to many more years of involvement to come.

The Harvard Club is dedicated to bringing you together for more "Harvard experiences," whether it be a lecture by Harvard evolutionary biologist Dr. Andrew Berry on "What Darwin Didn't Know" or a performance of the Tony-award winning musical "Gershwin's Porgy and Bess" followed by a discussion with the director and Harvard professor Diane Paulus '88. In the past several years we have seen extraordinary growth in the number and variety of events that the Club has put together, providing Club members with opportunities to reconnect with Harvard and each other. I hope that you will join us at the Pageant of the Masters, the LA Opera, the Science Pub series, a recital by Itzhak Perlman, a basketball game with Jeremy Lin '10, or one of the numerous networking evenings we often co-host with other colleges.

But the Harvard Club offers much more than programs: alumni are welcome to assist the Schools Committee in interviewing high school applicants to the College; to mentor a current undergraduate during January break or the summer, when our Club offers stipends to students working in Los Angeles; to tutor students through the Education Committee; to sponsor a Prize Book for a promising high school student; or to volunteer at one of many local organizations during our "Harvard Serves" Global Month of Service.

Our mission is to make our Club reflect you and your interests. I invite you to join us and to make our Club distinctly yours!

RECENT EVENTS...



Pageant of the Masters, *The Art Detective* - 8/15/14

On August 15, 2014, over 40 members of the Harvard Club and the Harvard Business School attended a viewing of the Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach. This traditional annual event is a show of "tableaux vivants", or live representations of dozens of famous paintings and sculptures. This year the theme was The Art Detective, including art involved in mysteries, heists, and wars.

Before the show, our group mingled together in an informal picnic area with food and drinks provided by the Harvard Club. We were also able to visit the Festival of Arts, a show of some of the best fine arts for sale by local artists. One of the club members, Molly Lipsher (pictured on the right), displayed her beautiful pastels.



Left to right: Mark Wilser, HBS '88,
Cindy Schuster, HBS '89, Molly Lipsher,
MLA '83.



Left to right: German Enciso, HMS
postdoctoral fellow '09, Isabella Mafud,
John McHugh, HMS '95.

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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



Volunteer in a School



Here's an opportunity to do your part for education and learn first-hand about Los Angeles public schools. 32nd St./USC Magnet School--a K-12 arts and math-sci magnet-- welcomes volunteers for the coming school year.

Please contact one of the following Board members for further information:

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Beverlee Bickmore at 323-255-6254; beverleeb@earthlink.net

Ethel Seminario-Laczko at 626-462-9420

Upcoming LGBT Events by Ivy Pride Alliance LA



September 24, 2014 at 4:00 PM
- 8th Annual Singles Extravaganza

Come join us for the hottest singles events of the year. Last year we had nearly 300 people, with a great balance between men and women. As always, there'll be a creative way to guarantee that you get to meet EVERYONE you want to meet.



September 30, 2014 at 6:30 PM
- Downtown LA Happy Hour

Looking for a way to blow off some midweek steam and unwind? Head over to the fabulous Perch restaurant and bar for an after work cocktail (or three).

Save the Date - October 11th



Issues in Education

Accountability in education, always an issue, continues to loom as a contentious issue throughout the country right now, with teacher evaluation, student accomplishment, teacher education hot topics for discussion. Harvard IS education, so come add your voice to a discussion of this important matter at the next Educator's Roundtable in October.

The starting point will be a discussion of Elizabeth Green's new book Building a Better Teacher. Watch for further details in the next Newsletter.

Date: Saturday, October 11, 2014 (tentative)
Location: TBA
Cost: No charge
Contact: Priscilla Heim, priheim@verizon.net



5th Annual Workshop: Keys to a Winning MBA Application with Alex Leventhal MBA '98

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Blankspaces (Los Angeles)

Cost: \$15, Members; \$20 Non-members

Contact: Alex Leventhal, alex@prepmba.com

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

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.

Happy Hour Networking Event



with Harvard Business School Association of Southern California, HLS and Harvardwood

Join us for cocktails and network with Harvard Business School Association of Southern California, the Harvard Law School Association and Harvardwood.

Date: Thursday, October 9, 2014

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Pink Taco (Santa Monica)

Cost: No Charge

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

Contact: Madeleine Mejia,
Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu and
Lisa Watanabe-Peagler,
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Itzhak Perlman in Recital at Disney Concert Hall

What more can be said about the violinist of a generation? Experience firsthand why Itzhak Perlman's influence around the world is virtually immeasurable.

The beloved violinist will be performing with his regular recital partner, pianist Rohan De Silva.

Limited tickets, first-come, first-served. Deadline to register is December 12th.

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2015
Time: 8:00 P.M.
Location: Walt Disney Concert Hall
Cost: \$86 (Orchestra East section)
Contact: Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com



Jet Propulsion Laboratory Tour (EVENT FULL)

Join the Harvard Club on a tour of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. JPL is a federally funded research and development facility managed by CalTech for NASA. Meeting the challenges of robotic space exploration has resulted in new knowledge that has kept JPL a world leader in science and technology. The ongoing invention of ever more-sensitive space sensors has also resulted in a myriad of applications widely used for medical, industrial and commercial uses on Earth. Guests may also visit the von Karman Visitor Center, the Space Flight Operations Facility, and the Spacecraft Assembly Facility. **Advance registration required.**

Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2014
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Jet Propulsion Laboratory (Pasadena)
Cost: No Charge
Contact: Jonathan Baskin, jnbaskin@pacbell.net



Save the Date - November 13, 2014

A Conversation with Morgan Chu JD '76

Join us for this very special opportunity to hear from Morgan Chu JD '76, president of the Harvard Board of Overseers

Recognized as one of "The Decade's Most Influential Lawyers" by *The National Law Journal*, Morgan Chu JD '76 will talk about his life as a trial lawyer, managing a national law firm, developments and trends in the law and the legal profession, and his role on Harvard's governing board since 2009, and his recent elevation to serve as president of Harvard's Board of Overseers.

Join us for an optional dinner following the conversation at the UCLA Faculty Center.

Date/Time: Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 5:30 P.M.
Location: UCLA Law School (Room 1314), 385 Charles E. Young Drive East, Los Angeles, CA 90095
Talk : No charge for the talk but space is limited (RSVP required)
Dinner: Optional, as long as seating is available. Online credit card payment through registration prior to the event is required.
Contact: Steven Arkow, stevenarkow@sbcglobal.net
Register: www.Harvard-LA.org



Q&A from 02138... Denis Nguyen '15

(These interviews are a regular contribution to the HCSC Newsletter and will spotlight students enrolled at Harvard who are from Southern California. Nominations to profile students from our region are invited.)

Denis Nguyen '15, a concentrator in Organismic Evolutionary Biology, was born in Fullerton, CA and graduated from Canyon High School in June 2011. At Canyon, he competed on the varsity tennis team for 4 years, served as captain and led his team to CIF competition. He garnered High School All-American status twice as well as the Southern California Male Tennis Player of the Year 2010-2011 award. He was ranked #30 (nationally) and #1 (Southern California) in the Boys' 18 singles.

At Harvard, he is a rising senior and resides in Winthrop House. A science major on the pre-med track as well as a student-athlete, his time is spent mostly in the library or on the tennis court. He has played all three years on the squad, which ended last season ranked #28 nationally, and he has earned First-team All-Ivy League selection status in both singles and doubles competition. This past spring, he made it to a semifinal appearance in the NCAA D1 Singles Tennis championships, earning him All-American accolades. He has been elected to serve as captain for Harvard Men's Tennis team of 2014-2015. Off the court, he is an undergraduate researcher in the Skeletal Bio Lab, headed by Principal Investigator Dr. Dan Lieberman and is beginning work on his senior thesis project involving head balance during locomotion.

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

DN: The incredible diversity of student's background and experiences is astounding. Everyone has their own amazing story about how they earned admission to the university and I am so humbled to be able to go to school alongside them.

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

DN: The first time I visited Harvard was in the spring of my junior year of high school and I remember it like it was yesterday. It was a gloomy, rainy day and I had to meet Harvard Assistant Coach Andrew Rueb '95 [a former No. 1 singles and doubles player and two-time Ivy League Player of the Year] in the middle of Harvard Square at the "Out of Town" newsstand. Upon stepping on campus, the university had a mystical feel to it, like I had walked into a page of a fantasy novel or something. I had seen pictures but was so in awe of the campus and surroundings. I saw students roaming the grounds and they had this quick pace about them; everyone seemed so busy and had somewhere to go. I realized that going to school here would not be a walk in the park yet I immediately knew it was where I wanted to be.

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

DN: My favorite class I have taken at Harvard was my Organic Chemistry class taken in my summer of 2013 taught by Dr. Logan McCarty. It is not traditional for students at Harvard to take classes over the summer but organic chemistry is an exception. Being a pre-med athlete, it would have been difficult to fit the class into my schedule during the normal semester. I elected to take it during the summer, which is one of the best decisions I have ever made. As we were out of season, I was able to focus my full efforts on the course and really delve deep into the material. The topics were difficult and it took hours and hours of practice to understand them. Yet, I can happily say it was one of my most challenging yet most rewarding academic experiences I have had at the university. Upon completing and doing well in the course, it gave me confidence to succeed both in the classroom and in my every day life.

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HCSC: Unlike professional tennis where coaching during the match is not allowed, how is coaching a factor for you in collegiate tennis?

DN: There have been many times during a match where I have received advice from Coach [David] Fish, [the Scott Mead '77 Family Head Coach for Harvard Men's Tennis, who enters his 39th season with the Crimson after coaching the men's tennis team to the second round of the NCAA tournament for the third straight season] or Rueb.

Generally it's more on-court strategy or tactics, or to calm me down as I tend to get a little hyper on the court at times. They are unbelievable mentors both on and off the court and generally care about my life and success after college, truly the best college coaches a player could ask for.



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

DN: Ideally, I would like to eventually return to work in Southern California. I have enjoyed three years of Boston now and would not mind going to professional school out here. However, ultimately, I would like to go back to Southern California and be established close to where I grew up and where my family is.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

DN: I can't think of a specific funny moment but my experiences with my current roommates have been nothing short of comedy central. We are such a tight-knit group of individuals that every moment spent with them is filled with so much laughter and good feeling.

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

DN: If I were the Athletic Director, I would increase funding for the Harvard Men's Tennis team so that we would be able to have a better locker room. It is literally the size of a closet!

HCSC: What did you do this summer?

DN: This summer was split into two parts. The first half I was conducting science research for my senior thesis in the biomechanics lab I am part of on campus. The second half I travelled to the UK with a combined Harvard/Yale tennis team and competed in various tournaments and matches. The trip culminated in the bi-annual Prentice Cup match against a combined Oxford/Cambridge team in which we (Harvard/Yale) were victorious.

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

DN: My life in Boston right now is great filled with new friends and people I can call family. However, I do miss being around my immediate family the most, as we were always a very close growing up.

HCSC: Do you want to play competitive tennis after college?

DN: I plan to play professionally upon graduation. I just would like to give the tour a shot and if that doesn't work out I will go into medicine or business.

The Harvard Club of Southern California

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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.

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