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JULY/AUGUST 2017

## Upcoming Events

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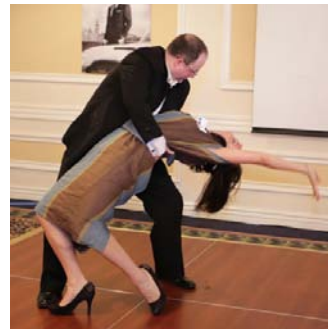
\$5 per person

### 7th Annual Tennis Interclub Event

SUN, AUG 27 @ 2:00PM

Pacific Palisades Tennis Center

\$15, members; \$25 non-members



*Guests were treated to private dance lessons from the Arthur Murray School of Dance*

classic movie villains, others as Bond women, and even a few dared to mimic 007 himself.

The tables of the UCLA Faculty Center were decorated with centerpieces of red and white carnations, playing cards, casino chips, roulette wheels, and gold bullion. Both young and older Harvard grads vied for the many prizes given to the best-dressed men and women and best male and female dancers.

The night started with a reception in the outdoor patio of the UCLA Faculty Center on a beautiful afternoon. Music from James Bond movies accompanied the martini hour. Instructors from the Arthur Murray School of Dance treated willing dancers to a tango lesson, emulating Sean Connery and Kim Basinger from *Never Say Never Again*.



*Emcee Patric M. Verrone '81 presented a humorous Powerpoint on the "History of Harvard and James Bond."*

## Dinner, Annual Dinner

The Harvard Club of Southern California held its Annual Dinner and Awards on June 4, 2017, this year with a James Bond theme. About 100 guests attended, some dressed in James Bond attire, some as

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*Priscilla Heim '52 (left) accepts her award from Dr. Albert Chang '63.*



*Morgan Chu JD '76 (left) accepts his award from Harvard Club President Steven Arkow '84.*



*Event organizers Maiya Williams Verrone '84 (left) and Eva Plaza '80 address the crowd.*

Board Member Patric M. Verrone '81 emceed the event and recognized Eva Plaza '80 and Maiya Williams Verrone '84 for their hard work organizing the event. Following dinner, Verrone presented a humorous PowerPoint on the "History of Harvard and James Bond." Club President Steven Arkow '84 followed with a State of the Club address and former President Dr. Kay Park '87 announced the election of new officers and directors. Dr. Park also thanked Bill Glass MBA '60 for his five years of service to the Club as treasurer.

The Frederick Smith Award for Outstanding Service to the Club was given to Priscilla Heim '52. A long-standing member of the Club, Priscilla served as Secretary, Vice President for Radcliffe, and Vice President for Education. Following the 1992 L.A. riots, Priscilla developed "Adopt a School," a joint tutoring program at the 32nd Street Elementary School that continues to this day. Since 2008 she has chaired quarterly roundtable discussions on "Issues in Education" to provide a forum for Club members.

The John Harvard Award for Distinguished Community Service was given to Morgan Chu JD '76, and presented by Arkow (with congratulations sent from Cambridge by Harvard President Drew Faust and Harvard Law School Dean Martha Minow). Chu was the elected President of the Harvard Board of Overseers from 2014 to 2015. He is a partner at Irell & Manella, LLP and has been honored as one of the country's leading patent trial attorneys. The irony of his receiving the John Harvard Award at a ceremony at UCLA did not go unnoticed as the story was told of how he convinced UCLA to admit him as an undergraduate despite not having graduated from high school.

Club members and guests left the event stirred, if not shaken.



*Joan Chu Reese '85 displaying her Harvard pride.*



*Dr. Kay Park '87 (left) and Dr. Albert Chang '63 (right) thank Bill Glass MBA '60 for his many years of service to the club.*

## Recent Events

### Spring Back to Harvard — The Getty Center Private Tour with Assistant Curator John Tain

Spring Back to Harvard is a new series of events sponsored by the HAA and taking place across the globe during Spring. These events aim to reconnect Harvard grads and their families with local Harvard alumni through fun, family-friendly activities. On May 7, 2017, Allen Soong '96 organized a private tour of 40 alumni, led by John Tain '96, The Getty Research Institute's (GRI) Assistant Curator. John led the group through highlights from the Research Institute's collections, which included photographs, artist's books, prints and drawings, and manuscripts from Olafur Eliasson, Anselm Kiefer, Ed Ruscha, Robert Mapplethorpe, Wassily Kandinsky, and Jacques-Louis David. Alumni and their families enjoyed a thoroughly curated tour of the unique collections at GRI. John Tain '96 is pictured to the right.



### Bringing the Olympics to Los Angeles in 2024

On May 18, 2017, about 50 alumni gathered at UCLA to hear Gene Sykes '80, the chief executive of LA2024, share a behind-the-scenes perspective on Los Angeles' bid to host the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2024 or 2028. One week prior to this alumni talk, the International Olympic Committee delegation visited UCLA and toured the facilities in anticipation of its decision. Sykes gave an insider's account of his group's work and Los Angeles' prospects for winning the bid.



### East West Players Presents *Next to Normal*

On June 9, 2017, 15 Club members met for drinks and snacks at FarBar in historic Little Tokyo before being drawn into the intimacy, musical artistry, and pain of *Next to Normal* at the David Henry Hwang Theater. Many thanks to the East West Players and to Peter Shimamoto JD '85, an East West board member, for helping arrange the event as well as an exclusive after-performance question-and-answer session with the actors, led by actress Kelly O'Malley. Pictured to the right — Back row: Harry Kim '86, Margot Morrison, George Wolkon '56, Sophie Kim, Jonathan Yang HLS '19, Meredith Harewood '02, Mitch Blumberg MBA '73 — Front row: Thomas Nakanishi KSG '07, Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi EDD '81, Madeleine Mejia EDM '00, Kay Park '87.



### Global Networking Night in Los Angeles

On Monday, June 12, 2017, the Harvard Club of Southern California hosted the bi-annual Global Networking Night at the beautiful rooftop bar E.P. & L.P. in West Hollywood. With over 400 alumni and current students in attendance, the event was a great success. Alumni participated in a business card exchange while enjoying the beautiful sunset over the hills of Hollywood. A special thanks to Kelly Shapiro JD '05, who took over the Harvard Alumni Association's Snapchat account and recorded the event, complete with panoramic views of the venue and short interviews of those who attended. To view the video, please visit the Club's Facebook page at HarvardSoCal.



## Upcoming Events

### Family Game Day - Dodgers vs. Braves

Bring your family and friends to enjoy a Sunday at the ballpark cheering on the Dodgers in their game against the Atlanta Braves on July 23. HCSC has reserved a group of seats in the Reserve MVP section of the stadium. This event is hosted by Ben Zauzmer '15 (Analyst, Dodger Baseball Operations, Research and Development).



**SUN, JULY 23 @ 1:10PM**

Dodger Stadium

\$31, members; \$41, non-members

Lisa Watanabe-Peagler, [lmwpeagler@gmail.com](mailto:lmwpeagler@gmail.com)

### Summertime Happy Hour at Pelican Hill

Join Fellow Harvardians at this networking event at the Pelican Hill Resort in Newport Coast. Watch the sun slide into the Pacific while making new acquaintances. No host bar, but Club members get one glass of wine included with RSVP. A live vocalist will perform from 5:00PM - 7:00PM.



**WED, JUL 26 @ 5:00PM**

The Resort at Pelican Hill

No charge, members; \$10, non-members

Matthew Stasior, [mstasior@gmail.com](mailto:mstasior@gmail.com)

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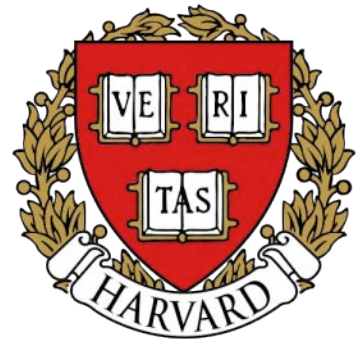
This event recognizes the achievements of Latino students who were recently admitted to Harvard University. We also hope to connect these students to the support services of our Harvard Latino Alumni community.

**SUN, AUG 13 @ 8:00PM**

Private residence in Altadena, CA

No charge

Dr. Gus Frias, [dr.gfrias@gmail.com](mailto:dr.gfrias@gmail.com)



### Beyond Blockbuster: The Present & Future of Hollywood

Ben Sherwood '86 (Co-Chairman, Disney Media Networks) and Modi Wiczynski '93, MBA '99 (Co-CEO, Media Rights Capital), two leaders responsible for some of the biggest hits in TV and film, discuss their careers, their lives, and the future of the media and entertainment industry.



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Disney ABC

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Shilla Kim Parker, [Shilla.KimParker@disney.com](mailto:Shilla.KimParker@disney.com)

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### 7th Annual Tennis Interclub Event

Calling all Harvard Club members, alumni, students, parents, spouses, etc. who are non-professional tennis players to play with the Pacific Palisades Tennis Club at the beautiful Pacific Palisades Park.

**SUN, AUG 27 @ 2:00PM**

Pacific Palisades Tennis Center

\$15, members; \$25, non-members (includes picnic dinner)

Albert Chang, AlbertChang@charter.net



### Question + Create - A Harvard Alumni Gathering on the Arts

The arts ask us to look closely. To slow down. To reflect. To question. To imagine. Please join us at the Alumni Arts weekend, September 14-16, 2017 at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA.

**Thursday, SEP 14 @ 4:00PM thru SAT, SEP 16 @ 7:00PM**

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

\$140, alumni; \$100, recent grads; \$25, current students

Harvard University, haa\_alumniartsweekend@harvard.edu



### Harvard Medical School Meet-the-Dean Event

Meet the 22nd Dean of Harvard Medical School, George Q. Daley '82, MD '91, PhD, and hear his vision for HMS, its reach, and our collective impact.

**WED, OCT 11 @ 6:00PM**

Four Seasons Los Angeles at Beverly Hills

No charge

RSVP requested: [hms.harvard.edu/meet-the-dean](https://hms.harvard.edu/meet-the-dean)



Q&A from 02138:

## Diana Im '17



Diana Im '17, a concentrator in Sociology with a focus on inequality in urban America and women's issues, was born in South Korea and graduated from the California Academy of Mathematics and Science in Carson, CA, where she was the president of her class for 4 years and co-captained the varsity tennis team. Additionally, she led the Los Angeles region in the California Association of Student Councils. She is a senior proudly residing in Kirkland House. Her sister, Dana Im, is a graduate of Harvard Medical School and Harvard Kennedy School '16. At Harvard, Diana is a member of the Senior Class Committee, the Social Innovation Collaborative, the Undergraduate Council, and is an ambassador for the Harvard Advanced Leadership Initiative. She led a team at Harvard, the Triumph Project, to Guatemala to do work in NGO consulting over her sophomore and junior years. Last summer, Diana worked as a product marketing manager intern at Microsoft in Seattle, Washington, where she will be returning post-grad. She hopes to pursue her interests in addressing social inequality through leveraging technology and innovation. She will be backpacking across Asia and Europe before starting work in August.

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

DI: I'm still surprised (even as a senior!) at how every single person I meet has done, achieved, or created something amazing -- from curing life-threatening diseases to creating an NGO dedicated to bringing clean water to Burkina Faso to convincing Harvard to give them a fellowship to pursue folk dance -- I am surrounded by an incredible community of very inspiring people. It's been a surprising adventure here at Harvard!

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

DI: I visited Harvard for the first time as a seventh grader, and I remember walking in to the Yard and feeling like, "wow, it's really pretty." It was a simple thought, but it's a recurring thought, especially now as I'm preparing to leave, that I'm having each day I walk through the Yard.

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

DI: My favorite classes have been in the Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality department at Harvard, which is by far the best department full of the most inspiring and intellectually engaging faculty I've met on campus! The learning I've done in this department has been so empowering and challenging, pushing me to make my education my own. By far, the most inspiring professor has been Professor Phyllis Thompson, who has shown my classmates and myself so much compassion and fostered a deep desire to learn in every one of her students. It's unheard of!

*HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?*

DI: Hands down, realizing that as much as Primal Scream is a sport to take part in, it's a sport to spectate. Agh! So many tourists, faculty, and students in Yard on the hallowed evening of Primal Scream...

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

DI: One major thing that's lacking at Harvard is better collaboration between the undergraduate and graduate campuses. Right now, there's such a severe lack of any communication or collaboration and, as undergrads, we're just starting to get to be able to take classes at the graduate schools. Harvard's students, irregardless of age or affiliation, could benefit immensely from learning from each other, and as President of Harvard, I'd work on facilitating that.

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

**DI:** I'm undecided on this one, but if I were to say something, it would be the pace. You can never get by in Cambridge with the slow saunter that Southern Californians have mastered.

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

**DI:** Southern California will always be home. You can't get beaches better than ours anywhere else on the continental U.S. (at least, I haven't been anywhere else that has proven me wrong), and you can't get the incredible mix of cultures and foods I grew up with in SoCal (Mexican street tacos, Filipino halo-halo, you name it!) anywhere else. For the sake of keeping my heart and stomach happy, I'm sure I'll be back in Southern California many times in the future.



## Send-Off Party for Class of 2021

On Sunday, July 9, 2017, former HCSC president and current Vice President for Schools, Daniel A. Medina '79, MBA '83, and his wife Laura Martin MBA '83, hosted approximately 30 incoming freshmen at a send-off pizza party before their departure to Cambridge. President Steven Arkow '84, Executive Vice President Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi EdD '81, and Schools Committee Area Chair Harry Kim '86 also attended the event. The students acquainted themselves with each other in air-conditioned comfort.

"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. Kim. "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 Harry Kim at [hhwk@yahoo.com](mailto:hhwk@yahoo.com). Both undergraduate and graduate alumni of Harvard University are eligible to serve as interviewers.

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