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DECEMBER 2019

Upcoming Events

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Harvard LA Always Serves - Get Involved Today!

The Harvard Club of Southern California offers our alumni many opportunities to get involved with our local community.

Volunteer to Organize an HCSC Event

We're always looking for new fun and educational events to give our members opportunities to get together and enjoy what Southern California has to offer. If you have an idea for an event, please email Madeleine Mejia, EdM '00 at madeleine_mejia@post.harvard.edu or Lisa Watanabe-Peagler '02 at lisawatanabe@post.harvard.edu.

Admissions Interviewing

Each year, members of our Schools & Scholarships Committee recruit and evaluate applicants to Harvard College. In the process, they cultivate critical relationships with parents, guidance counselors, other alumni/ae, and the general public. As the competition among colleges for the best students increases, so does our need for your help. We are grateful that you are interested in joining our efforts. Please email your name, school, class year, address, home and work phone numbers, and preferred email address to Harry Kim at hhwk@yahoo.com.

Volunteer to Be a Speaker

We are looking for speakers for our Science Pub series, where we want to know everything STEM. If interested, or if you have someone to recommend, please contact Ethel Laczko at Etheledu@yahoo.com or German Enciso at enciso@uci.edu.

Award Prize Books

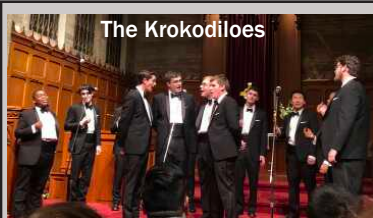
The Prize Book continues to serve a number of valuable functions for Harvard and the Harvard community. First and foremost, the Book introduces Harvard to high schools and their

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students throughout the area – Prize Book winners who initially do not consider applying to Harvard or other schools outside of California often do so after receiving the award from their high schools. Also, as part of the recruitment process, the Prize Book identifies and recognizes accomplished juniors in the area. As a collection of assorted essays from past Harvard and Radcliffe community members, the Prize Book gives young future leaders insight into life, academia, and tradition at Harvard. Please take a moment to donate a Prize Book by contacting Sonia Molina at soniamolin@aol.com.

Volunteer to Speak in a Public High School

You will be the guest of Cabrillo High School in Long Beach Reach to the Stars Program to inspire and mentor high school students. If interested, please contact Ethel Laczko at etheledu@yahoo.com.



The Krokodiloes



The Din & Tonics

Save the Date, January 16, 2020 A Cappella Double Feature Returns to L.A.!

For the fourth year in a row, two of Harvard's most prestigious a cappella groups will be coming to Los Angeles to perform for the Harvard Club of Southern California. The Harvard Din & Tonics and the Harvard Krokodiloes will perform at the Westwood Presbyterian Church on Thursday, January 16. Look for details later in the month.

Susan St. Louis '81 Wins HAA Miller-Hunn Award



Susan St. Louis '81 proudly accepts HAA's Miller-Hunn Award from William Fitzsimmons '67, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid

Susan St. Louis '81, Schools & Scholarships Committee Area Chair for San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, was awarded the Miller-Hunn Award by the Harvard College Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at the Cambridge Admissions Conference held on October 25, 2019. Susan was one of eight alumni who received the award, which recognizes alumni who have been especially effective in their interviewing and club work.

In presenting the award to Susan, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, Harvard College, William R. Fitzsimmons noted that Susan was a varsity athlete in soccer, lacrosse, and track, and she was inducted into the Harvard Varsity Club Hall of Fame in 1997. In accepting the award, Susan expressed her gratitude that the Admissions Office accepted a girl from a small town in Connecticut, who went to a small Catholic regional high school, who was not a polished or packaged candidate. She never took an SAT study course, her high school didn't even have AP classes, and she even handwrote her application to Harvard with a blobby black Bic pen. Being a good Area Chair requires diligence, attention to detail, and the ability to persuade and motivate other people to help, and Susan relies on these traits to do right by the young students in her area, so that they will have a chance to shine during their interviews.

Susan has been an alumna interviewer since 1998 and has been Area Chair for 15 years. Past awardees from Southern California include Jonathan Baskin '61; Jody Cukier Siegler '79, MBA '83; Daniel A. Medina '70, MBA '83; Miguel M. Palos '76 and his wife Claudia Friederichs Palos; Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi EdD '81; and Hanna J. Jackson '76.

Calling All Crimson in Finance!



In January 2018, David M. Reese '85 hosted a group of Winternship students at Amgen.

For the third year we are hosting a Harvard Wintersession Finance Trek at which undergraduates will visit three to four investment banks, private equity firms, venture capital firms, and asset managers. John Wang '87 will be leading the Pasadena trek on January 14th and Corey Mazza '07 will lead the West LA trek starting at J.P. Morgan's offices in Century City on January 15th. Last year more than twenty undergrads showed up in their best business attire to learn about career paths across all areas of financial services. It was a fantastic experience that led to multiple students gaining interviews with the firms they visited. It is a great way for alums to give back and just share advice for current Crimson on their future internship decisions.

We are asking anyone interested in hosting students or just coming to speak at one of the panels during a visit to another office to contact Corey at corey.mazza@jpmorgan.com or John at johnwang17@gmail.com.

Let's help pay forward the helpful hand the Harvard community provided for so many of us as we started our careers in finance.

Recent Events

H4A Holiday Party - Harvard Asian American Alumni Alliance

On Saturday, November 2nd, the Harvard Asian American Alumni Alliance (H4A) held its first annual holiday party, graciously hosted by alumna Jean Huang '84 at her lovely home. Thirty-three attendees enjoyed camaraderie and delicious Chinese food, drinks, and desserts, organized by Jennifer Kim Zeller JD '93. The partygoers discussed ideas for exciting upcoming events, and also reflected on several engaging events held this past year. Thanks for all who attended, including friends from SAPAAC (Stanford Asian Pacific American Alumni).



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Join us for a guided tour of the current exhibit showing the best of classical art from China and Japan. Our guide will be Professor Bruce Coats PhD '85, the Director of the Humanities Program at Scripps College. The tour will be followed by lunch at Walter's, a popular eatery in Claremont.

SAT DEC 7 @ 10:00AM

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Albert Chang, AlbertChang@charter.net



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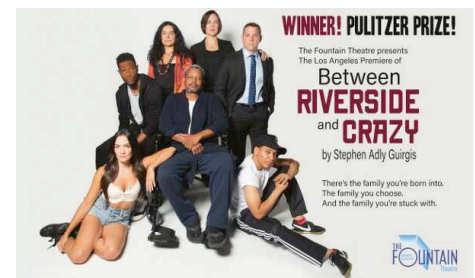
Join HCSC for the Los Angeles premiere of this Pulitzer Prize winning play, with a post-show talkback with *Los Angeles Times* reporter Angel Jennings about gentrification in Los Angeles. Limited seating!

SAT DEC 7 @ 2:00PM

Fountain Theatre

Cost: \$22, members; \$32, non-members

Peter Shimamoto, pshimamoto2@gmail.com



Annenberg Photo Space Tour and Optional Lunch (Members Only)

Join us for a members-only group tour of the Annenberg Photo Space's new exhibit *W|ALLS: Defend, Divide, and the Divine*. The photo exhibit provides a historical look at civilization's relationship with barriers, both real and imagined. Space is limited.

THU DEC 12 @ 12:00PM

Annenberg Photo Space

No charge, RSVP required

Pooja Nair, pnair@troygould.com



Annual Harvard-Yale Holiday Salon

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FRI, DEC 13 @ 6:30PM

The Home of a Club Member near Larchmont Village

\$10 per person

Sonia Molina, soniamolin@aol.com



Upcoming Events

The Harvard Club/Varsity Club's 2020 Rose Bowl Tailgate

Join fellow alumni and Harvard Varsity Clubbers for a special tailgate as we celebrate the 100-year anniversary of Harvard's 7-6 1920 Rose Bowl victory. Game tickets in a special block of "Harvard Fans" may be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact George Newhouse for details.



WED JAN 1 @ 11:00AM

Private residence overlooking Arroyo and Rose Bowl (walking distance)

Cost: \$100, adults; \$60, children

George Newhouse, gnewhouse@post.harvard.com

Recital/Film Screening: LA Phil Cellist Ben Hong and Emmy Winner Ty Kim MBA '00

Listen to the staggering beauty of Associate Principal Cellist of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Ben Hong, and watch inspiring short films by Los Angeles Emmy Award winner Ty Kim MBA '00. Honoring Cellist Lev Aronson who survived the Holocaust and transformed so many lives through music. Seating is limited.

SUN, JAN 5 @ 5:30PM

The Colburn School, Thayer Hall

No charge (RSVP required)

Ty Kim, tkim@mba2000.hbs.edu



Beyond the High (More than Marijuana): Opportunities Across the Cannabis Spectrum

Harvard Medical School recently announced sharing a \$9 million grant to conduct neuroscientific and biomedical research on cannabis-based treatments, based on clinical evidence. Harvard-educated venture capitalists, doctors, financial, and legal experts will share their opinions on this emerging market.

SAT, JAN 11 @ 2:30PM

Location in Santa Monica TBA

\$25, members (advance); \$35, non-members/all at the door

Maurice Levin, mauricelevin@post.harvard.edu



Harvard Global Networking Night in Los Angeles - Two Locations, East and West

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 15 @ 6:00PM

Locations TBA

No charge, RSVP requested

Madeleine Mejia, Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu



Q&A from 02138:

Matthew Chang '22



Matthew Chang '22, a concentrator in Art, Film, and Visual Studies, was born in Palm Springs, California and graduated from Palm Desert High School where he participated in Academic World-Quest and the National Honor Society. He was president of his high school's Botball Club, which won many international victories. He also served as a statewide officer in the California Youth and Government program. He is a sophomore residing in Winthrop House. He is the Event Coordinator for the Harvard College Film Festival, the student-led film festival on campus that receives submissions from all over the world. He also volunteers for Phillips Brooks House Association's Mission Hill that works with elementary school students in Boston. Matthew is working with others to found a food magazine on campus, called *The Harvard Edible*. Last summer, he spent time with friends and family while working on independent, creative projects.

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

MC: The most surprising thing about being a student is how many awesome/influential speakers give talks here. I've had the opportunity to see Tommy Hilfinger discuss his humble beginnings, Park Chan-wook describe his creative style in directing *The Handmaiden*, and so much more.

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

MC: The first time I visited Harvard was a one-week trip of the entire East Coast that I took with my family when I was 12. All I can remember from that trip was this really cool turquoise hat that I bought. The second time I visited Harvard was at my admitted student's weekend, where I fell in love with the campus. I also loved how many awesome clubs were available on campus, as well as the really funny and cool people that I met. I loved Visitas so much that I decided to attend instead of staying in California.

HCSC: What was your favorite class and why?

MC: My favorite class has to be AFVS 60x: Approaching Narrative, taught by visiting professor Anocha Suwichakornpong. In it, I had the chance to write, direct, shoot, and edit my own short film, something that would have been very difficult to do without the class. I actually think I might be interested in pursuing something related to filmmaking now, so I thank this class for giving me a clearer grasp on what I want to do in the future.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

MC: Probably getting rejected by most organizations I've applied to on campus, but then laughing about it. I can't really think of anything specific though, except that time I locked myself out of my room five times in the first week of freshman year.

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

MC: I would definitely change the brutal winter weather.

er. Just kidding, unless that's an option. In reality, I would try to make creative classes on campus more accessible/open. If the amount of creative classes (like my film class) were increased, more people would be able to try out something new and possibly reconsider their concentrations/career aspirations.

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

MC: The environment. Most people from SoCal are pretty laid-back, which is pretty uncommon here. I've found that a lot of people seem stressed/tense even when they are doing the most relaxed thing ever, like eating dinner or playing high-stakes poker. It's definitely reinvigorated my connection to Southern California.

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

MC: I'm certain that I will move back after college. I went to the East Coast to try something new, and it has helped me realize how much I love the West Coast. Also, I'm hoping to find a job/internship in the film industry, so I will most likely move to Los Angeles after college.

Welcome to New Members...

The Harvard Club of Southern California welcomes the following new members:

James Alver '15	Michael Kline '88
Robert Catalano JD '05	Thomas Magana JD '18
Suzanne Flinton '55	Lauren Simmons ALM '19
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John Luna '03
Corey Mazza '08
Jaime Mendez '04, MBA '09
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