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SEPTEMBER 2022

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Class of 2026 Send-Off Party and Call for Interviewers

On Saturday, August 13, 2022, Dr. Jennifer Lee '95 hosted approximately 40 incoming freshmen and their family members at a send-off party before the students' departure to Cambridge for pre-fresh orientation events.

HCSC Schools Vice President Harry Kim '86 said that the Club needs to recruit many additional alumni interviewers. "Harvard is expecting another record year for applications," he said. "We anticipate Southern California will exceed last year's level of interview requests, especially since SAT and ACT tests are again optional this year. Harvard 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 added.

Alumni interested in serving as interviewers should contact Mr. Kim at areachairsfvharvard@gmail.com. Both undergraduate and graduate school alumni of Harvard University are eligible to serve as interviewers. Interviews may be conducted in person or on Zoom, at the option of the interviewer. Harvard admissions officers will be in Los Angeles in October to conduct in-person interviewer training workshops.



Harvard Club SoCal Adopts New Mission and Values Statements

At the Club’s Annual Meeting and picnic on June 26, Harvard Club President Joan Chu Reese ’85 announced that the Club’s Board has adopted a new mission statement and an inaugural set of values statements.

Reese called the Board’s support for the new mission and values statements “gratifying.” She said the Board is “unified in its desire to offer a spectrum of opportunities for members to engage constructively on topics relevant to the times we live in, while constantly striving to ensure all feel respected and included.” She added that the Board is working to add more service-oriented events.

Programs Vice President Madeleine Mejia EdM ’00 and Past President Cynthia Torres ’80, MBA ’84 discussed the board’s efforts to renew the Club’s stated purpose and to agree upon a set of values that reflect the Club’s role in the Southern California Harvard alumni community.

“Our Club is more than simply a set of functions,” Torres said. “What became clear during the board’s discussions is that we are a highly social community – we want to build engagement, have fun together, and support Harvard.” “We have good work ahead of us,” Mejia said. “We look forward to continuing to build relationships with one another and bringing the Southern California Harvard community closer together.”

The Board’s Mission Statement Committee met for several months and included Reese, Mejia, Torres, Laura Gomez ’86, Karen Hernandez MBA ’00, George Newhouse ’76, and Lisa Watanabe-Peagler ’02. The Committee consulted with Matt Hegarty ’82, President of the Harvard Club of Boston, who led the Boston Club through a two-year examination of its own mission and values.

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HCSC MISSION STATEMENT

The Harvard Club of Southern California is a social community serving alumni, students, and friends to advance the Club's VERITAS values supporting lifelong learning and leadership.

HCSC VERITAS VALUES

Visionary

We build for tomorrow while treasuring our traditions.

Engaged

We promote connection through fun and interesting programs that add to our members' lives and support Harvard's mission.

Relevant

We offer our members meaningful experiences and timely conversations.

Inclusive

We are a respectful community where everyone belongs and is welcome.

Thoughtful

We strive to deliver an exceptional member experience for all.

Active

We take initiative as learners and leaders, fostering bonds with one another.

Service

We are a community of volunteers who enjoy contributing to our world.

Recent Events

The Return of the Radcliffe College Alumnae Luncheon

On July 16, 26 alumnae gathered at Mountaingate for the Return of the Radcliffe Luncheon. Isabelle Fox '47 and Patricia Greenfield '62 spoke about their participation in the Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project, while others shared anecdotes about attending Radcliffe.



HACE Green Investing Event

On July 27, Harvard Alumni for Climate and the Environment hosted a Zoom panel on green investing. Panelists included Robert Klaber MBA '12, Portfolio Manager and Director of ESG Research at Parnassus Investments, Shaun Chaudhuri '15, Senior Associate at the Westly Group, and Lucille Hu '11, Financial Advisor at Morgan Stanley. The panel discussed what represents green investing, best practices, and perspectives from the public and private sides of the market.

Individual Climate Action: Green Investing

Wednesday, July 27, 5pm PT / 8pm ET



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Shaun Chaudhuri (BA '15)
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The Westly Group

Lucille Hu (BA '11)
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2022 Pageant of the Masters: Wonderful World

On Friday, July 29, a group of 20 alumni and friends attended the traditional Pageant of the Masters event in Laguna Beach. We talked over wine at the picnic tables before watching the performance which re-created paintings and statues from around the world. A family of Harvard alumni attended this event per invitation of a generous alumnus who donated the tickets to them. Pictured to the right are Santiago Morales PhD '06, Claudia Pineda EdD '07, and their children Nico and Marco Morales.



Brunch at True Food Kitchen in Pasadena

On July 31, 21 people enjoyed Sunday brunch with Alumnae-i Network for Harvard Women (ANHW) at True Food Kitchen in Pasadena. We hope to meet quarterly. If interested in joining ANHW events, register at harvardwomensig.com.



Summer Soirée: A Special Edition of the Recent Grads First Mondays Happy Hour

On August 1, the Recent Grads of LA came together to enjoy hot and fresh Chick-Fil-A chicken nuggets, wraps, fruit, desserts, and best of all - craft beer, wine, and mixed drinks! We talked the night away at the swankiest coworking space in Sawtelle, Village Workspaces. We enjoyed the intimate environment and the great company. We will be convening again on September 29th for our annual Welcome To Your City event. Join our WhatsApp group for more direct communication. <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FpRAeL1m6HDCyUCZ76j6mn>



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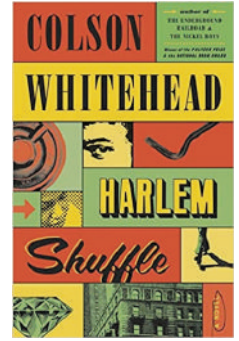
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A family saga masquerading as a crime novel, *Harlem Shuffle* is set against a backdrop of the 1964 Harlem race riots, looting, gentrification, and corrupt Black capitalists, a story about property and the vexed relationship that African Americans have with it. Author Colson Whitehead '91 is a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner.

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Join your fellow Harvard alumni along with alumni from the Top 20 schools from *US News & World Report's* National University Rankings for this year's Top Colleges Mixer.

THU, SEP 22 @ 6:30PM

Club Equinox (Irvine)

No charge. Cash bar with Happy Hour specials. Complimentary parking.



End Poverty Make Trillions

End Poverty Make Trillions is a fiscally and socially responsible movement to eradicate poverty in America. Join the Harvard Club of Southern California and the Harvard Black Alumni Society LA Chapter as we explore and discuss this intriguing proposal with its founder, Darryl W. Finkton Jr. '10.

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Myron Kayton Science Pub #22 - A Unifying Theory for Lifestyle Medicine

Dr. Dean Ornish, one of the most well-known faces of lifestyle medicine, will give a presentation about the impact of a healthy lifestyle in treating multiple chronic diseases, with a focus on biological mechanisms and the use of rigorous scientific evidence.

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Q & A from 02138:

Mustafa Ansari '23



Mustafa Ansari '23, a concentrator in Computer Science, was born in Pasadena, CA and graduated from Polytechnic High School where he was Director of Finance for the school newspaper and Captain of the Varsity Tennis Team. He is currently a junior residing in Currier House. His father is Mohsin Ansari MBA '00, and his younger brother Kareem '25 is a freshman in Grays Hall. At Harvard, Mustafa has represented Currier House on the Undergraduate Council, helps lead the Harvard Undergraduate Data Analytics Group (HDAG), and is a teaching fellow for Applied Math 120. He also plays on the club tennis and golf teams. This past summer he worked as a software engineering intern at an AI startup founded by a Harvard postdoc.

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

MA: I was surprised by how open and collaborative the academic environment is. I was expecting a culture of academic competition but in my three years at Harvard I haven't encountered anything like it. I've lost track of the number of times a classmate has helped me with a problem set or explained a concept in everything from computer science and statistics to philosophy and sociology.

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

MA: I first visited campus the summer before my senior year of high school. I remember thinking it was so cool how the restaurants and shops in the Square were so integrated into the area around campus.

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

MA: My favorite class has been AM120: Applied Linear Algebra and Big Data. I liked that class so much that now I am a teaching fellow helping other undergraduates. The class's balance between theory and application and its exploration of a broad set of AI topics applied to everything from medicine to climate modeling is really interesting.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

MA: Pranking one of my blockmates by convincing him that we got the results of the housing lottery a night early.

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

MA: The dining hall food.

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

MA: I miss driving. I didn't realize how much of a bonding experience hopping into a car, driving around, and listening to music with friends was.

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

MA: I'm interested in working in tech, so California is definitely on the table. If a few more startups get off the ground in SoCal, I might have to join the scene.

HCSC: How did you manage the transition to virtual classes?

MA: I was lucky to be able to make the transition to virtual classes pretty smoothly back in March 2020. There ended up being some positives like getting to spend more time with my younger brothers and also being able to watch recorded lectures at 2x speed. And then over my sophomore year, my blockmates and I spent our fall semester in Lake Tahoe and the spring semester in Palm Springs in an Airbnb as we took classes virtually, which ended up being a great experience.

HCSC: How do you intend to spend the summer?

MA: This summer I'll be in Seattle working as a Program Manager Intern at Amazon.

Welcome to New Members...

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

Samuel Adams '14	Eran Gilad OPM '22	Geraldine O'Bannon ALM '21
Juan Alban JD '01	Adam Gold '11, MBA '17	Shalini Pammal '13
Kemi Ashing-Giwa '22	Arthur Goldman '86	Eudelia Pena EdM '22
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Blake Bilstad JD '96	Andrew Han MPP '01	Levi Richards '11
Carlton Burrell MBA '22	Sammy Jo Hester NF '22	Weston Ruths MBA '22, SM '22
Maria Veronica Cardenas Vignes MAUD '19	Yuhong Hu SM '22	Christo Savalas ALB '22
Brian Carpenter '70	Nicholas Hutzler '09, PhD '14	Robert Schittko '18. PhD '21
Abraham Castaneda '22	Bianca Janosevic '94	Tricia Schumann GMP '15
Suny Chang '98	Kasley Killam MPH '20	Jonathan Schwank MD '13, MMS '14
Priyanka Chaurasia MBA '21	Heidi Lai '22	Kacey Short MPA '22
Irene Chen '99, MD '03, PhD '05	Linda Lai MBA '99 EXED '04	Charles Sims '98
Stephen Cox '23	Donald Law MBA '96	Olav Sorenson '91
Efren Dato KSGEE '00	Tami Lefko JD '94	Majd Steitieh MPP '22
Andrew Davis '98	Joshua Levin EdM '22	Saeed Taheri MD '09
Sara Du '22	Cristina Longoria '05	Ricardo Torres '92
Christopher Fields ALB '22	Tr'vel Lyons EdM '16	Charlene Viola EdM '14
Elizabeth Fields MBA '83	Patrick Manning MBA '94	Georgiy Volevach MBA '22
Daniel Fong '80	Anthony Mohr ALI '21	John Wasylenko OPM '22
Spencer Freedman '22	Anh Nguyen MBA '21	Stephen Wilson MBA '74
	Felipe Nunez MBA '22	Shau Yehezkel DMD '97, PD '99



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