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This will be the groups' third annual Wintersession visit to the Southland. The past two concerts were completely sold out, with people turned away at the door, so we encourage you to buy your tickets now. All tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance.

The cost is \$15 for members, \$30 for non-members. If you are not a member of the Club, this is an excellent opportunity to join us. Annual membership is just \$25 for recent graduates, and as low as \$45 a year for everyone else (with purchase of a three-year membership), so if you buy three tickets, it's like getting your membership for free. Tickets and Club membership can be purchased on our website.

The Harvard Yardbirds, L.A.'s Harvard alumni a cappella group, will be opening the concert with a few songs. We will also host a post-concert wine and cheese reception at which you'll be able to meet the singers and purchase copies of their latest CDs.



## Private Tour of the Wallis Annenberg Pet Space

On November 10th, Club members and guests had a special, behind-the-scenes guided tour of the Wallis Annenberg Pet Space in Playa Vista. The Pet Space opened a year ago and is a unique community space featuring pet adoption facilities, an education center, and a leadership institute for research on the bond between people and their pets. The group got to meet several animal residents of the Pet Space, including Nova, a one-year old Boxer, and several cats at the “Scratching Post.”



## instaHarvard at E.P. & L.P. Rooftop Bar

On November 12th, close to 100 alumni from across all schools at Harvard gathered for the fourth instaHarvard. The event was held on the rooftop bar and restaurant E.P. & L.P., where everyone met new friends, exchanged cards, and reconnected with old acquaintances. Several club board member were in attendance, as well as club president Patric M. Verrone, who greeted everyone at the door. Additionally, several SIGS were represented: Harvardwood, Harvard Alumni in Education, First Generation Harvard Alumni, and the Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance.



## “The Game” Viewing Parties - L.A. and O.C.

On Saturday, November 17th, the Harvard Crimson defeated the Yale Bulldogs 45-27 in the 135th Harvard/Yale Game, played for the first time at Fenway Park. This also marked the 50th anniversary of Harvard’s 29-29 “win” over Yale. To celebrate these two milestones, the Harvard Club of Southern California hosted two viewing parties.



In Orange County, forty Harvard alums (and one Yalie) met up at the Newport Beach Tennis Club, including Alan Ross from the Harvard Club of Dallas and Kirk Goodall from the Harvard Club of San Francisco. Bottles of champagne were awarded for inventive Harvard gear to Ross and to the five-month-old child of Berenika Zakrzewski '04 (we assume Mom kept the prize).



At the Los Angeles event, nearly 150 Harvard and Yale alums (in about equal numbers) filled Barney’s Beanery in Westwood. During halftime, Bob Woolway '81 and Troy Jenkins (Yale '88) provided expert commentary, and vintage Harvard football memorabilia was raffled to benefit California wildfire charities. Alumni in attendance ranged in age from this year’s graduates to Joe Russin '64, who regaled the crowd with stories of more than five decades of involvement with Harvard football. This included the 1963 edition at which Russin, writing for *The Harvard Crimson*, reported on The Game’s postponement due to President Kennedy’s assassination.



On the field at Fenway, several Harvard-Yale game records were broken. The teams’ 72 combined points and the Crimson’s 605 offensive yards were the most ever in the rivalry. The score would have been even higher had a Harvard touchdown not been negated when Devin Darrington was “fingered” for unsportsmanlike conduct. Harvard quarterback Tom Stewart threw for 312 yards and three touchdowns before being taken off the field on a stretcher with a fourth quarter hip injury.



The victory enabled Harvard to finish their season 6-4 (4-3 Ivy) and to snap Yale’s two-year streak against the Crimson.



*In January 2018, a group of Winternship students visited Amgen.*

# Harvard Winternships: Host a Harvard Student in Your Workplace This January

The Harvard Club of Southern California will be coordinating opportunities for alumni to connect with undergraduates as part of the 2019 January Winternship Program, through Harvard's Office of Career Services.

A Winternship is essentially an externship, an unpaid job-shadowing experience in the workplace, lasting anywhere from one to 15 days during the January winter break (January 2-25). Winternships allow students to observe and ask questions, receive hands-on experience, learn about particular organizations or industries, and build relationships. An essential part of a January Winternship is alumni willingness to share their career pathway with current Harvard students that may help educate and reveal new industries and roles. Further information can be found at <http://ocs.fas.harvard.edu/wintersession>.

There will be a two-day Los Angeles Finance Trek on January 15th and 16th with visits to 3-4 investment banks, private equity firms, VC firms, and asset managers. Corey Mazza '07 will lead the January 15th trek from J.P. Morgan in Century City, and John Wang '87 will lead the January 16th trek in Pasadena. The event two years ago saw 25 Harvard undergrads gain exposure to multiple firms, leading to several interviews and internship offers. This really gives alumni a chance to connect with home-grown Harvard talent and help expose students to career paths that may not have been on their radar. For more information about this event please contact Club president Patric M. Verrone at [pverrone@aol.com](mailto:pverrone@aol.com) or board member Corey Mazza at [corey.mazza@jpmorgan.com](mailto:corey.mazza@jpmorgan.com).

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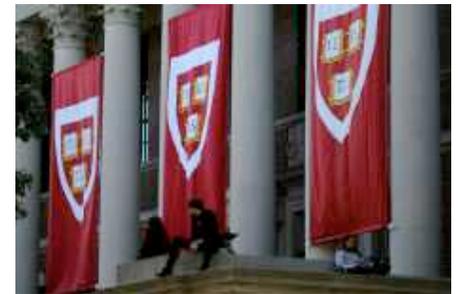
Join us for an informational panel that will discuss the current Harvard admissions lawsuit that went to trial on October 15. Seven Harvard affiliated organizations who understand the importance of this issue to the university have come together to co-sponsor this event.

**SUN, DEC 2 @ 7:00PM**

Private Home in Hancock Park

\$15 per person

Maiya Williams Verrone, maiyawv@aol.com



## Holiday Volunteer Lunch Service to the Homeless in the Skid Row Community

Please join fellow Harvard alums for an afternoon of service this holiday season. We will prepare and serve lunch to the homeless in the Skid Row community in downtown Los Angeles at the Midnight Mission.

**FRI, DEC 7 @ 10:45AM**

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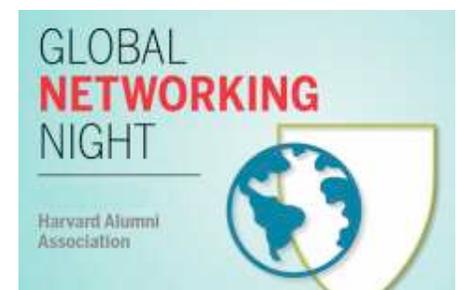
Twice a year, thousands of Harvard alumni make new connections at Global Networking Night (GNN) events in cities across the globe. The last GNN drew more than 5,000 alumni in 85 cities worldwide.

**WED, JAN 9**

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### Dating and Mating in the Digital Age

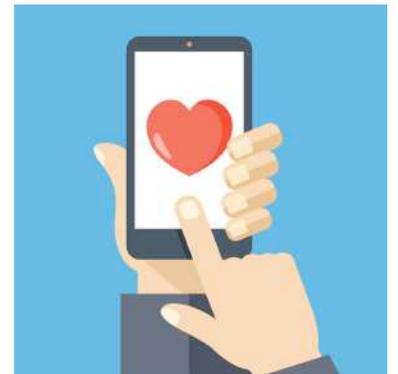
Join us for a glass of wine and a fascinating talk by relationship expert April Beyer as she explores how social media and technology have changed the ways we meet, date, and relate. Light refreshments will be served.

**SUN, FEB 10 @ 7:00PM**

Private Brentwood Residence (address provided to attendees)

\$15 members, \$25 non-members

Gary Barkin, garybarkin@gmail.com



### LA Opera, *El Gato Montes (The Wildcat)* by Manuel Penella, starring Placido Domingo

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California at the Los Angeles Opera for this very special performance of *El Gato Montés (The Wildcat)* with an optional pre-performance lecture one hour prior to showtime.

**THU, MAY 16 @ 7:30PM**

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

\$86, members; \$96, non-members

Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com



## Matthew Ctvrtlik '20



Matthew Ctvrtlik '20, a concentrator in Economics, was born in San Diego, moved up to Newport Beach, and graduated from Corona del Mar High School, where he played football, basketball, and volleyball. He captained the varsity basketball and volleyball teams his senior year, helping both teams to California Interscholastic Federation and state appearances. He was also a participant in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Currently, Matthew is a junior residing in Leverett House and is a member of the Phoenix Club. He is a captain of the Harvard Men's varsity volleyball team, which won the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association conference last season and made the NCAA tournament for the first time in the program's history. Matthew recently became interested in real estate and plans on joining the Harvard Real Estate Club this fall and developing a career in the field. He spent his most recent summer as a High-Yield Portfolio Intern for Hotchkis and Wiley Capital Management in Newport Beach, analyzing reports of various companies and creating analytical models using a Bloomberg Terminal.

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

MC: The other students' willingness to assist despite their own time-consuming schedules. So many students are unbelievably kind and patient when working through tough material in classes. I had expected the learning process to be extremely individualized, yet what I experienced from my first day was very much the opposite. Whether their schedules are extremely busy with work, practice or even if they are flying home later that day, other students are willing to take time to help teach and rehearse information. This is an unbelievable resource as sometimes office hours become overcrowded; it makes learning a collaborative effort.

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

MC: The first time that I visited Harvard was in late September of my senior year in high school. That was a critical time in my recruiting process as men's volleyball players officially commit to schools during that period. While I was considering USC, UCLA, Princeton, and Stanford, I remember vividly sitting on a bench in Eliot Courtyard and calling my dad saying that I saw myself here at Harvard. There was nothing like it: the autumn weather, the beautiful buildings, and the amazing people I met along the way. I loved it so much that I cancelled my other recruiting trips, and I'm so thankful every day that I have the opportunity to be a student at this university.

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

MC: My favorite class thus far has been Intermediate Microeconomics taught by Professor Maxim Boycko. It is not only a professionally taught class, but intriguing and practical at the individual level. I came away from that class with a better sense of what financial decisions companies have to make to stay competitive out in the world. It is a class that begins to bridge the theoretical economics taught at the entry-level classes with the practicality of the decision making of an executive.

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

MC: My funniest moment at Harvard was during the final days of Freshman Week at Convocation (of which I did not understand the importance at the time). I only understood it to be funny weeks after the event, but since Cambridge is extremely hot and humid in the latter half

of August and I'm a Southern California kid, I decided to wear khaki shorts and a short sleeve Hawaiian shirt to the event. I was surrounded by fellow students sweating while dressed in suit-and-tie and I did not understand why they would put themselves through such heat. Needless to say, I stuck out from the crowd and to this day my freshmen entryway mates from Wigglesworth still bring it up as a laughing point.

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

MC: I would bring the academic community and the athletic community closer together. Each student here brings so much to the table with their experience and skill, yet athletics seems to be put in an isolated category. Lessons and passion from the field/gym carry over into everyday life and the students not involved in athletics have extracurricular activities and experiences that they could connect with the student-athletes; there is so much mutual benefit in being able to share these experiences with one another and, as of now, I feel they are rather separated.

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

MC: There are two things I miss most about Southern California: driving down Pacific Coast Highway in my '86 Jeep Wrangler and my church, Grace Fellowship. Driving from San Clemente up to Long Beach with the windows down is one of the most beautiful rides I've been on. My church is a meaningful place to be in community with lifelong friends. Both of these have helped me to appreciate similar moments while here in Cambridge, to not to let them slip by unnoticed. There are several times throughout the academic year that I think about home and what a blessing it has been to grow up in a place such as Southern California.



## Wildfire Help

The recent wildfires in California have caused historic levels of destruction and a mounting death toll. The Woolsey fire has devastated and displaced thousands of our neighbors, friends, and colleagues throughout Ventura and Los Angeles counties, including numerous Club members.

Our deepest sympathies go out to those who have been affected by the fires. We also salute the firefighters and emergency service providers who have risked their lives and sacrificed their time and energies in the service of others.

As we go to press with this newsletter, the Woolsey fire is almost fully contained but the cleanup and rebuilding are only just beginning. We encourage members of the Southern California Harvard community to open their hearts, their homes, and, most urgently, their wallets to aid in this unprecedented time of need.

For the organizations most in need of financial help, go to [www.lacounty.gov/woolseyfire/donations/](http://www.lacounty.gov/woolseyfire/donations/) to check out the LA County "Woolsey Fire Donations" web page.

We are all busy people and we all have other commitments and priorities. But this is our community and these are our neighbors. Let's remind them - and ourselves - what Harvard grads can do when we put our minds to it.



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