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Upcoming Events

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Virtual Event via Zoom

No charge

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TUE, OCT 14 @ 8:15AM

First of All (West Hollywood)

No charge, cash coffee bar



Recent Grads Celebrated at LA 2025 Welcome Event

Over 150 Harvard recent grads and friends gathered at the 2025 Welcome to Your City event held on Tuesday, September 30 at All Season Brewing Company in Los Angeles.

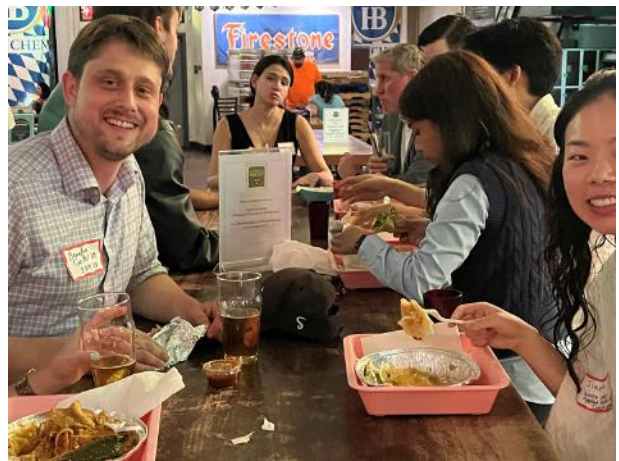
"It was great to see so many recent graduates reconnecting with each other in Los Angeles," said Gary Barkin '86, JD '93, President of the Harvard Club of Southern California.

The Harvard Club of Southern California hosts a Welcome to Your City event each year to welcome new graduates to the region. All Harvard recent graduates are welcome to join the Harvard Club and to get engaged with the Harvard community here in Southern California.

Harvard alumni who graduated between 2016-2025, from the College or any of the graduate schools or the Extension School, were invited to the event. See more event photos on page 2.

Graduates from the Class of 2025, and all current Harvard students, may join the Harvard Club of Southern California at no charge. Please see the Club's website for further details.

More Photos from LA 2025 Welcome Event



Recent grads gathered at All Season Brewing Company in Los Angeles on Tuesday, September 30, to connect with classmates and meet new friends. Images courtesy of Gary Barkin.

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Recent Events

Opera, Spoken Word and Multi-Media Attract a Large Audience!

On August 26, the Harvard Club of Southern California co-hosted with Harvardwood the opera star Allison Charney-Epstein and Emmy award-winning accompanist Kit Wakely. With stunning visuals and spoken-word imagery, the presentation riveted the audience, as did the opportunity for alumni to mingle with the many Grammy musicians in attendance during the refreshments that followed.



Upcoming Events

HLSAOC Event: Recent Developments in Immigration Law and Enforcement

Join us for an engaging panel discussion exploring the latest updates in U.S. immigration law and enforcement. Our panel of experts will provide timely insights on evolving legal standards, policy changes, and the real-world impacts on individuals, families, businesses, and the government.

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Join us for a conversation with award-winning Cuban-American author Alisha Fernandez Miranda '04 about her debut novel, *Someone's Gotta Give*, which takes the reader inside the world of extreme wealth and charitable giving. Space is limited!



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Join us for a talk by national bestselling author and Pulitzer Prize-winner Prof. Stephen Greenblatt. Prof. Greenblatt is Cogan University Professor of the Humanities at Harvard University. His research focuses on Shakespeare and Renaissance literature.

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Beverly Hills Happy Hour Chocolate Crawl

Join us for a 2-hour guided walking tour featuring six hand-picked chocolate-infused stops. From ice cream to cocktails, this experience is all about savoring the sweet life in style. Members may bring one guest at the member price.

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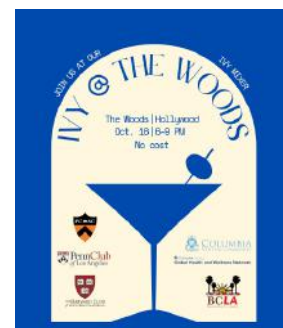
Ivy @ The Woods

Talk about fall foliage! This Ivy mixer at The Woods in Hollywood is perfect for that itch to mix and mingle or even just imbibe craft cocktails in the vicinity of other alumni. FYI, the event is free, but the drinks are not.

THU, OCT 16 @ 6:00PM

The Woods (Los Angeles)

No charge



Diwali Celebration and Tour of the 3rd Largest Hindu Temple in North America

Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights. It symbolizes the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. This is the largest Diwali celebration in California.

SAT, OCT 18 @ 2:30PM

BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (Chino Hills)

\$0, members; \$20, nonmembers; \$55, to attend the event and + 1-year Harvard Club membership; \$135, to attend the event and + 3-year Harvard Club membership



HarvardSpeak LA: Fairness and Meritocracy at Work with HKS Professor Iris Bohnet

Join us for a talk by acclaimed author Iris Bohnet. Professor Bohnet will speak about her most recent book *Make Work Fair: Data-Driven Design for Real Results*, providing examples about how to implement greater workplace equity through organizational redesign.

WED, OCT 29 @ 5:00PM

Virtual Event via Zoom

Members: \$0; Non-Members: \$10



Harvard & Stanford Wine Tasting Event

Please join us for wine tasting and meeting new friends. We will enjoy flights and glasses of their organically grown local wines as well as beers and non-alcoholic bubbly, open-bar-style during this 2-hour private event just for our group.

WED, NOV 5 @ 7:00PM

Angeleno Wine Co.(Los Angeles)

Early Bird Pricing (thru 10/13): \$55, members; \$65, nonmembers; \$100, to attend the event and + 1-year Harvard Club membership; \$160, to attend the event and + 3-year Harvard Club membership



Q & A from 02138:

Masato Perera '26



Masato Perera '26, a concentrator in economics with a secondary in government, graduated from San Marcos High School where he was the captain of the boys tennis team. He was the 2021 CIF Southern Section Individual Singles Champion, and named the Most Valuable Player for Southern California for high school tennis. He was a member of his high school's Accelerated Academic Program for Leadership and Enrichment (AAPLE Academy). At Harvard, he is in the starting lineup as a singles and doubles player on the varsity team which has been ranked in the top 10 college tennis programs during his Harvard career. This summer he participated in an internship in Tokyo, Japan at Mitsubishi UFJ Research and Consulting.

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

MP: I came to Harvard thinking I would never have time for anything beyond tennis and academics, since I assumed the workload would be overwhelming. What surprised me is that I have been able to find a healthy balance by pursuing my studies and athletics while also enjoying other interests and experiences on campus.

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

MP: I first visited Harvard only a few months before the start of school because travel was difficult during the COVID-19 pandemic. What stood out to me most was the architecture. Coming from Southern California, I was not used to seeing so many red brick buildings, and it gave the campus a feeling of history and tradition that was exciting to imagine being a part of.

HCSC: What was your funniest moment at Harvard?

MP: One time I dropped my tray of food in the middle of the Annenberg dining hall. It was a little embarrassing, but I was endlessly grateful for the fellow students I had never met before who helped me clean it up.

HCSC: What were your favorite classes or professors?

MP: I've enjoyed many of my classes, but if I had to choose one, I would highlight my course on the government and politics of China. With my Japanese heritage, I have a strong personal and academic interest in East Asia, and this is the most engaging and fascinating class I have taken.

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

MP: If I were President of Harvard, I would focus on improving student well-being by rethinking how the university supports daily life. Something as simple as dining hall hours shows how structures don't always match the reality of student schedules. Expanding dining access would be one step, but more broadly, I would aim to make Harvard a place where healthy routines are easier to maintain. Harvard could better support long-term success by aligning resources with how students actually live and learn.

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

MP: What I miss most about Southern California is the outdoor and laid-back lifestyle. Whether it's taking an evening walk on the beach or playing tennis year-round, I love being outside, which is something I cannot do for a significant part of the year on the East Coast.

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

MP: Growing up, I loved Southern California's beaches and warm weather, and I hope to return there after Harvard. Beyond the lifestyle, I see it as a place full of professional opportunities and a strong community where I can continue to build both my career and personal life.



Volunteer to Serve as a Harvard Alumni Interviewer!

The Harvard Club of Southern California invites interested alumni to serve as Harvard alumni interviewers for the 2025-2026 admissions season.

Each year, Southern California high school students apply by the thousands for admission to Harvard College.

The alumni interview serves as an important part of the admissions process, according to Harry Kim, chair of the Harvard Club of Southern California's Schools Committee. "The Admissions Office views the alumni interview as a critical component of a candidate's application," he said. "This makes it crucial for our area to have sufficient numbers of interviewers to meet the demands of the applicant pool," he added.

Mr. Kim said that the Southern California Schools Committee continued to receive a high volume of alumni interview requests this past year.

New interviewers will receive support through Zoom events with admissions officers, pre-recorded training videos, an extensive interviewer handbook, and templates for contacting applicants and writing interview reports. New interviewers can also reach out to area chairs from the local area who have extensive experience with the interviewing process.

Mr. Kim urges alumni interested in serving as alumni interviewers to contact him at areachairsfvharvard@gmail.com. Both undergraduate and graduate alumni of Harvard University are eligible to serve as interviewers. Interviews may be conducted in person or by Zoom, at the option of the interviewer and the applicant.



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