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Upcoming Events

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Cosm Los Angeles (Inglewood)

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Saturday, November 22nd: Harvard-Yale Game Viewing Party Events Happening in Inglewood, Newport Beach

Club members and their guests are invited to cheer on the Harvard Crimson as they take on the Yale Bulldogs on Saturday, November 22, in the 141st version of the Game. The event will be telecast live to viewing parties in Inglewood and Newport Beach.

The Game is one of the Harvard Club's annual signature events, offering an opportunity to reconnect with old friends and root for the fighting Crimson.

The 141st version of The Game will be held in two locations:

Inglewood: The Los Angeles-area event will be held at Cosm Los Angeles, an upscale lounge with a rooftop patio and bar. There is validated parking for up to four hours. The event is jointly sponsored with the Yale Club of Los Angeles. Doors will open at 8:45 a.m., with kickoff scheduled for 9:00 a.m. A raffle of Harvard memorabilia will be included in the ticket price of \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Children are welcome!

Newport Beach: The Orange County event will take place at the Elks Lodge on the Waterfront, Newport Beach. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m., with kickoff at 9:00 a.m. The ticket price is \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members, and \$55 for eligible alumni who want to purchase an event ticket and a one-year club membership.



Seeking Broadened Alumni Engagement, HCSC Board Invites Nominations For Our Board of Directors

Would you or another Harvard Club of Southern California member be a great addition to our Board of Directors? The HCSC Board is composed of 31 dedicated alumni volunteers who run our Club. We are seeking nominations of Club members to potentially join the Board who have demonstrated a commitment to Harvard as a member of our alumni community -- perhaps as a dedicated interviewer, an active participant/organizer of alumni events, or a volunteer with Harvard's other alumni clubs or shared interest groups.

If you would like to make a nomination, please provide the nominee's contact information, resume/CV, summary of volunteer work for Harvard, and reasons why he or she would make a valuable contribution to the NCSC Board. You can also nominate yourself.

The nomination deadline is November 30, 2025. Please submit your nominations to Joan Chu Reese (joanchu8@gmail.com) or Lisa Watanabe-Peagler (lmwpeagler@gmail.com).



Harvard Schools Committee Members Greet Students at Regional College Fairs

Members of the Club's Schools Committee represent Harvard College as volunteers at college fairs throughout the region, answering questions from students and parents and describing why students might want to apply to Harvard.

Matthew Stasior '87, HCSC Vice President for Orange County, and Aaron Blumenthal '15, HCSC VP of Communications, managed the Harvard table on October 28 at the Irvine Unified School District's College Fair. "There was an excellent turnout, and many promising students were excited to learn more about Harvard," said Stasior.



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Recent Events

Harvard Alumna Inspires Full House at Author Book Talk

On Monday October 6 in Zibby's Bookshop in Santa Monica, the HCSC held a book talk with award-winning Cuban-American author Alisha Fernandez Miranda '04, about her debut novel. Before an audience with over 40 participants, Alisha was interviewed by Gloria Calderón Kellett, co-producer of the Emmy-award winning series *One Day at a Time*.

Alisha shared her writing process, her commitment to compelling stories of "messy" heroines, and the importance of mentoring young writers. Hannah Rivera, a guest of HCSC organizer Jose Sanchez, expressed her gratitude: "I was so inspired and encouraged. It's more important than ever to have role models like Alisha and Gloria who celebrate art embracing the complexity, beauty, and resilience of our culture and in particular women."



Roller Skating Social on October 11 a Spirited Success!

The roller-skating family event on October 11, held at the Fountain Valley Roller Rink, was "Nothing short of amazing!" according to Karen Hernandez, MBA '00, an event organizer. The rink closed to the public at 5:00 p.m. and re-opened at 6:00 p.m., giving the group a full hour to glide, laugh, and reconnect without the crowds. According to Hernandez, "It was such a treat to have the entire place to ourselves! Many alums remarked that it was not only fun but also a great workout."

"It was heartwarming to see so many first-time skaters—both kids and adults—take to the floor with enthusiasm," Hernandez added. "Parents coached their children, cheering them on as they found their balance and built confidence. The bonding was genuine, the encouragement infectious, and the determination inspiring," she said.



Diwali Festival Fun!

On October 18, HCSC VP Liz Ryan '81 organized a gathering of alumni and friends at the 3rd largest Hindu temple in North America. Because the group's event was held on the first day of the Diwali festival, the group was treated to a VIP tour and explanation of the finer points of Diwali. Guests sampled traditional foods of the festival as well.



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Harvard Moves - Bike and Hike at Huntington Beach



Get up, get outside, and move with fellow alums on Harvard Moves Day! This year we'll be walking and biking along the historic Huntington Beach bike trail. So bring your bicycles and meet us there!



SUN, NOV 9 @ 9:30AM

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No charge, bikes available to rent

Tuesday Breakfast Club - West Hollywood

Join us in West Hollywood for a morning of casual networking and socializing. Please feel free to bring a friend or colleague.

TUE, NOV 11 @ 8:15AM

First of All, (West Hollywood)

No charge, cash coffee bar



Beverly Hills Happy Hour Chocolate Crawl

Join us for a 2-hour guided walking tour featuring hand-picked chocolate-infused stops. From ice cream to pastries to cocktails, this experience is all about savoring the sweet life in style. Members may bring one guest at the member price. This is a 21+ event and is limited to ten people.

FRI, NOV 15 @ 5:00PM

Meet outside of Bacio di Latte (Beverly Hills)

Members: \$77.50; Non-Members: \$88



Orange County Weir Canyon Hike



Join us for a fun, family-friendly hike on the Weir Canyon Trail, with beautiful views of the Anaheim Hills as we explore a gorgeous part of Orange County. There is little shade on the hike so bring water and sun protection.

SAT, NOV 15 @ 9:00AM

Weir Canyon Trailhead (Anaheim)

No charge



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Members Only: Saturday Morning Chocolate Crawl - Beverly Hills

Experience Beverly Hills through the lens of gourmet chocolate. As we walk, we'll learn about chocolate and its origins, and take pics at landmarks along the way.

SAT, NOV 15 @ 10:00AM

Meet outside Edelweiss Chocolates (Beverly Hills)

\$53, members



November Ivy+ Mixer

Our October Ivy+ event filled up so quickly that we're excited to host an even bigger event in November! Come hang out, grab some drinks, and meet new people, at the Cham Gastropub in K-Town.

SAT, NOV 15 @ 7:00PM

Cham Gastropub (Los Angeles)

No charge, cash bar



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Come watch Harvard beat Yale again at the 141st version of “The Game.” Enjoy fellow Harvard alumni and cheer our Crimson on to Victory.

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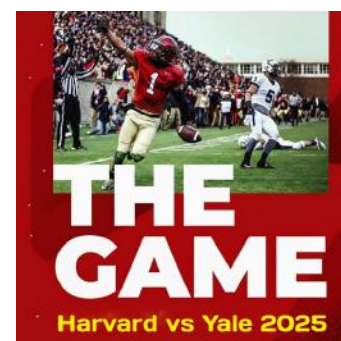
“The Game” Viewing Party 2025 – Los Angeles

Join fellow Harvard alumni (and some Yalies) on November 22nd to watch the Crimson tame the Bulldogs at the 141st playing of "The Game." Kickoff is 9:00 AM, with doors opening at 8:45 AM. This year's LA watch party is at Cosm's beautiful new rooftop location in Inglewood across from SoFi stadium. Come reconnect with old friends, make new ones.

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Q & A from 02138:

Wyeth Renwick '28



Wyeth Renwick '28, a sophomore in Cabot concentrating in History & Literature and Government, graduated from Marlborough School. She was the varsity captain of Marlborough's debate team, where she earned 22 bids to the Tournament of Champions and ended her career ranked as the third best Lincoln-Douglas debater in the United States, according to the National Speech and Debate Association. At Harvard, she is the Co-Director of Ideation for the Institute of Politics's John F. Kennedy Jr. Forum, where she has planned and staffed 69 speaking events at the Harvard Kennedy School: from Pete Buttigieg to the prime minister of Nepal. As a member of the Harvard Advocate's poetry board, she led the group's publicity for the nation's oldest continuously published collegiate literary magazine. In addition, she is an editor of *The Harvard Crimson*, a member of the technical crew for the Hasty Pudding Theatricals, and a tour guide for the Crimson Key Society. She was a research partner for Walter Jackson Bate Fellow Yxta Murray, a law professor at Loyola Law School, while Professor Murray was a resident at the Harvard Radcliffe Institute.

This summer, Renwick was awarded a Harvard Club of Southern California Summer Community Service Fellowship to work as a legal intern for the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office. During her internship, she supported 14 attorneys on 16 felony and 2 misdemeanor cases — including 7 murders — with written, investigatory, and administrative tasks, as well as trial strategy development and client management.

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

WR: I never thought being a student at Harvard would mean that I would get to meet Joe Biden, let alone as a freshman, a mere four months after he left office. Harvard has offered me such a wealth of opportunities to engage with so many fascinating people, from my classmates in Annenberg to world leaders at the Institute of Politics to my professors at the College. I am so grateful to be able to learn from all of them.

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

WR: I first visited Harvard as a rising junior in high school to move my cousin into Canaday Hall. At the time, I found the Yard's warm brick architecture and green lawns magical, despite Canaday's riot-proof design.

HCSC: What was your funniest moment at Harvard?

WR: This semester, my blockmate and I had to get from the Quad to Lowell within ten minutes for a formal event. We flagged down the shuttle, jumped on, and then had to sprint the rest of the way in our cocktail dresses across Harvard Square. Athletes on scooters cheered for us on our run, and while I was thankfully wearing sneakers, my blockmate had to take off her heels to run barefoot in the streets. (She washed her feet immediately upon returning home.)

HCSC: What were your favorite classes or professors?

WR: I loved all eight courses I took my first year, but one of my favorite courses was my first-year seminar on the history of global capitalism. Professor Sophus Reinert used Harvard Business School case studies on topics from the Sudanese civil war to Prada space suits as gateways for considering broader economic, social, philosophical, and political questions.

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

WR: There are so many fascinating courses that I wish I could fit into my schedule ---- I genuinely fell into mourning when I realized I could not take a biology

course on the evolution of primates' social behavior --- and I dread the idea of only getting to take thirty-two Harvard courses. As President of Harvard, I would expand the ability for alumni to access or audit Harvard courses, and I would try to get Harvard's very intelligent STEM people to figure out a way to expand the 24-hour day.

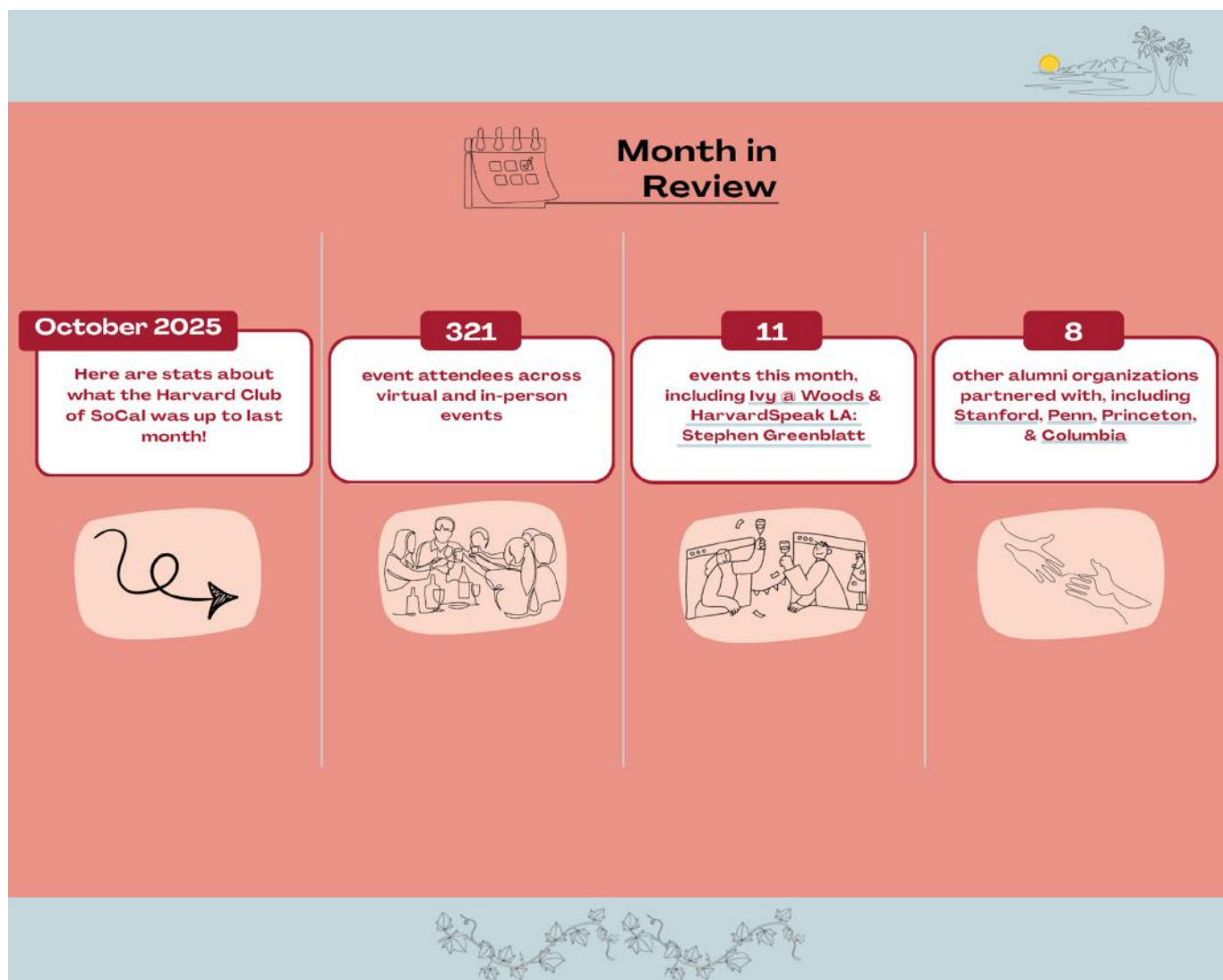
HCSC: What do you miss most about Southern California (other than the weather, food and family)?

WR: Honestly, I miss the long car rides. So many of my best memories were thanks to Los Angeles traffic --- learning the entire soundtrack of Adele's "25" album with my mother and sisters, chatting with friends on the way back from school, reading books on the school bus.



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

WR: Los Angeles will always be my home. I want to pursue a career in public interest law, and I have always planned to return to Southern California in order to help support the most vulnerable members of my community as a civil rights lawyer.





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Calendar of Upcoming Events

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DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	COST
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