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SEPTEMBER 2019

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Class of 2023 Send-Off Party

On Saturday, August 10, Club board member Sonia Molina DMD '89, MPH '89 hosted approximately twenty incoming Harvard freshmen at a send-off party before their departure to Cambridge for pre-fresh orientation events. The students acquainted themselves with each other and compared notes about their Harvard Yard housing assignments, which were given earlier in the month. Move-in day for the Class of 2023 is August 27, with Convocation held on September 2, followed by classes the next day. Other Harvard Club of Southern California board members in attendance included Past President Steven Arkow '84, Executive Vice President Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi EdD '81, Vice President of Radcliffe and HAA Regional Director Kay Park '87, and Vice President of Schools Harry Kim '86.

“Harvard is expecting another record year for applications this year, and we anticipate Southern California to exceed last year’s level of interview requests,” said Harry Kim. “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.” Alumni may conduct interviews via Skype or other video conferencing software if they are unable to conduct interviews in person. Alumni interested in serving as interviewers should contact Harry Kim at hhwk@yahoo.com. Both undergraduate and graduate alumni of Harvard University are eligible to serve as interviewers.



The Harvard Club of Southern California congratulates and welcomes:

Southern California's Harvard Class of 2023

Central Los Angeles

- Andrew Charroux, John Marshall High School
- Charlotte Daniels, Marlborough School
- Shifa Hossain, Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet High School
- Noa Kligfeld, Shalhevet High School
- Bao Yi Lei, Alliance Marc and Eva Stern Math Science School
- Brian Magdaleno, Warren High School
- Hannah Martinez, California High School
- Clara Nevins, Marlborough School
- Fatima Reyes, James A Garfield High School
- Angie Shin, Fairfax High School
- Lulu Troyer, Marlborough School
- Brianna Turner, Marlborough School
- Hilda Vallejo, Animo Inglewood Charter High School
- Oswaldo Vazquez, Los Angeles School Of Global Studies

West Los Angeles

- Alexandria Ankai, Harvard-Westlake School
- Isabel Berliner, Culver City High School
- Tzofiya Bookstein, Yeshiva University High School of Los Angeles - Girls Division
- Samuel Buckley-Bonanno, Harvard-Westlake School
- Alexandru Bucur, Harvard-Westlake School
- Kevin Chen, Harvard-Westlake School
- Taia Cheng, Harvard-Westlake School
- Ryan Kim, Harvard-Westlake School
- Sophie Kim, Harvard-Westlake School
- Jenny Li, Harvard-Westlake School
- Lily Richman, Brentwood School
- Aoki Lee Simmons, Le Lycee Francais de Los Angeles
- Ryan Standford, Harvard-Westlake School
- Jenny Yoon, Harvard-Westlake School
- Elisheva Zisblatt, Yeshiva University High School of Los Angeles - Girls Division

San Fernando Valley

- Paul Bingaman, The Buckley School
- Ian Buckner, Grace Brethren High School
- Sylvia Cruz-Albrecht, Oak Park High School
- Haesung Jee, Cleveland High School
- Grace Kim, Campbell Hall
- Dylan Roy, John Burroughs High School
- Josias Salvador, Social Justice Humanities Academy
- Aiyana White, Oakwood School
- Spencer Williams, Chaminade College Preparatory
- Louis Zekowski, John Burroughs High School

South Bay

- Kevin Barrera, Students on the Academic Rise (SOAR) High School
- Luke Bradley, Palos Verdes High School
- Maribel Cervantes, Lennox Mathematics Science and Technology Academy
- Julian Hopf, Kurt T. Shery High School
- Oluwamayowa Jolayemi, Richard Gahr High School
- Colin Le, Mira Costa High School
- Diana Meza, California Academy of Mathematics and Science

San Bernardino/Riverside

- Safia Abou-Zamzam, Redlands East Valley High School
- Nnaemeka Anyanwu, Santiago High School
- Leslie Arroyo, University Preparatory School
- Alexis Briano, Bonita High School
- Dominick Contreras, Bonita High School
- Karen Cortina, John W. North High School
- Ivan Jara-Marquez, Palm Desert High School
- Ethan Johnstone, Chaparral High School
- Gregory Lapit, Centennial High School
- Julia Yanez, Vivian Webb School

North Orange County

- Brandon Calderon, Orange County High School of the Arts
- Andrew Courtney, Orange County High School of the Arts
- Brooke Hourigan, Lutheran High School Orange County
- Alexis Rodriguez-Mejia, Middle College High School

South Orange County

- Alec Bank, Tesoro High School
- Madison Barkate, St. Margaret's Episcopal School
- Amerys Barshtak, Corona del Mar High School
- Noah Brune, Santa Margarita Catholic High School
- Benjamin Chang, Woodbridge High School
- Chelsea Guo, University High School
- Alexis Kieckhafer, Santa Margarita Catholic High School
- Ethan McCrary, Capistrano Valley High School
- Quan Narula, University High School
- Ethan Smith, Aliso Niguel High School
- Ty Thabit, Corona Del Mar High School

San Gabriel Valley

- Mohammed Ansari, Polytechnic School
- Davit Antonyan, Herbert Hoover High School
- Oswaldo Cervantes, Nogales High School
- Baxton Chen, San Marino High School
- Elisa Gonzalez, Mayfield Senior School
- Seong Hee Jang, Crescenta Valley High School
- Kyle Lee, La Canada High School
- Isabel Marion Sims, Polytechnic School
- Joshua Ng, La Salle High School
- Harrison Ngué, Temple City High School
- Harper Oreck, Polytechnic School
- Ava Salzman, La Canada High School
- Kevin Tan, Arcadia High School
- George Whitford, Polytechnic School

Recent Events

Harvard Speakers Bureau - What Can We Learn from the Global Honeybees' Disappearance?

On June 23, Club members and guests gathered for a lecture by Dr. Chensheng (Alex) Lu, Associate Professor of Environmental Exposure Biology at the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health. Professor Lu discussed the impact of the global honeybee disappearance on our lives and our environment. He pointed out that while the number of colonies due to Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) has decreased in the last few years, we are still losing a lot of beehives due to the effects of neonicotinoid pesticides. Professor Lu's presentation lasted well beyond the scheduled time due to the number of questions from interested alumni. This event was made possible by the Harvard Alumni Association's Speakers Bureau Program, which provides Harvard Clubs with the annual opportunity to host a distinguished member of the Harvard faculty for an educational event. We look forward to welcoming another professor next year.



Lawrence Wan: Focusing on Nature through Photography and Conservation

On June 29, members of the Harvard Club and the Yale Club gathered at Duke's in Malibu to welcome Lawrence Wan as he presented a talk on "Nature through Photography and Conservation." Lawrence is no newcomer to the conservation movement: in 1957, the president of Yale praised Lawrence (then a freshman) for organizing a series of forums on conservation. Since then he has used his expertise in engineering and animal mimicry to become a successful entrepreneur and active philanthropist in environmental issues. He is the founder and chair of the Western Alliance for Nature, a conservancy dedicated to preserving critical ecosystems and biodiversity.



Chicago at the Pacific Amphitheater

On July 26, Harvard alumni from across Orange County and Los Angeles rocked to the oldies as they watched Chicago perform at the beautiful Pacific Amphitheatre in Costa Mesa. The psychedelic throwback to the '70s and '80s began at the Boat-house Collective restaurant where we were treated to free appetizers and drinks before heading to the concert. Chicago did not disappoint, as the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame band played all of their favorite (and numerous) hits.



L.A. Screening of *UNDERGROUND 68* + Post-Screening Discussion

On July 28, the Harvard Club and Harvardwood hosted a screening of *UNDERGROUND 68*, presented by the film's director and producer, Peter Coonradt '68, and the artist Christina Schlesinger '68, whose work and perspectives are among those featured in the film. *UNDERGROUND 68* follows a contemporary Harvard student, Ariel Smolik-Valles '17, as she pursues her senior thesis on the anti-Vietnam war effort. Along the way, she discovers the complex interconnections between the peace, civil rights, environmental, sexual diversity, and women's liberation movements, told through the eyes of the activists, artists, and musicians of the time. The screening provided a fascinating look at the counterculture movement at Harvard in the '60s as well as a catalyst for a lively post-screening discussion. Pictured to the right are Peter Coonradt and Joan Chu Reese '85.



Recent Events

Inter-Ivy Shakespeare in the Park: *Pericles* with Cast Meet & Greet

On August 10, sixteen Harvard alumni joined over forty alumni from other Ivy League colleges for an evening of Shakespeare in the Park. The alums attended the Independent Shakespeare Company's production of Shakespeare's *Pericles* under the stars at Griffith Park. A pre-theater reception offered the opportunity to learn about this production from director Melissa Chalsma and actress Carene Mekertichyan, Dartmouth '16. City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell greeted the group with the good news that Los Angeles is building a permanent theater for the Bard on the grounds of the "Old Zoo" in Griffith Park.



Upcoming Events

Private Tour of *Frank Stella: Selections from the Permanent Collection* Exhibit at LACMA

Join us for this private tour at LACMA. Drawn entirely from LACMA's extensive holdings of Stella's work, this exhibition assembles seminal examples of his artistic output that have never been shown together.

SUN, SEP 8 @ 11:00AM

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\$20, members; \$30, non-members; children under 17 free

Stephen Copen, stephen.copen@gmail.com



SOLD OUT - *The Joy Luck Club* Stage Adaptation + Discussion

Join alumni and friends for the stage adaptation of Amy Tan's iconic novel, *The Joy Luck Club*. The performance will be followed by a discussion with the director and cast. This event is sold out. Thanks for a great response!

SUN, SEP 8 @ 2:00PM

Sierra Madre Playhouse

\$36.50, members; \$46.50, non-members

Joanna Chan, Joanna.Chan.MD@gmail.com



Harvard Football Comes to San Diego

For the second time this decade, Harvard football will travel to California to play the University of San Diego on Saturday, September 21. Pre-events will include a welcome reception on Friday night and a pre-game tailgate on Saturday. Kick-off time is 2PM. Alumni of the Harvard University Band will perform.

FRI, SEP 20 @ 6:00PM and SAT, SEP 21 @ 12:00PM

University of San Diego and Courtyard San Diego Old Town

See Harvard Varsity Club site for pricing (www.harvardvarsityclub.org)

George Newhouse, gnewhouse@tocounsel.com



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Guided Birding Event and Lunch in Orange County

Join us for an enjoyable day of guided birding at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. This event is for novices and experienced birders alike and is not to be missed. Limited to 25 people.

SAT, SEP 28 @ 8:30AM

The San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary

Cost: \$25, members; \$30, non-members

A.J. Rogers, ajrogersmd@post.harvard.edu



The Great Pacific Air Show

Please join us to watch the Great Pacific Airshow in Huntington Beach. Enjoy the ocean breeze and sand while watching the incredible talents of US and Canadian Air Force teams, as well as individuals like Mike Wiskus.

SAT, OCT 5 @ 12:00PM

Across from The Waterfront Beach Resort in Huntington Beach

No charge

Chi Bui, orthochi@yahoo.com



SOLD OUT - An Evening at the Magic Castle - A Members-Only Event

Enjoy a three-course meal in the dining room with fellow Harvard Club members followed by a magic show on the main stage. After that you will be free to enjoy smaller up-close magic performances and explore the historic castle.

SUN, OCT 20 @ 5:00PM

Hollywood Magic Castle

\$120 per person, includes dinner and all shows.

Maiya Williams Verrone, MaiyaWV@aol.com



LA Philharmonic, Colburn Celebrity Recital with Yuja Wang

Join the HCSC to witness the fiery pianist Yuja Wang perform with the LA Philharmonic. Wang has been described as “a phenomenon, a virtuoso of staggering abilities who can take one’s breath away with the shape of a gentle phrase or with unbelievable power at supersonic speed.” Limited seating.

TUE, FEB 18 @ 8:00PM

Walt Disney Concert Hall

Cost: \$95, members; \$105, non-members

Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com



Q&A from 02138:

Veronica Santana '21



Veronica Santana '21, a concentrator in Applied Math, was born in Philadelphia but raised in Long Beach. She graduated from LB Poly High School where she created and ran an afterschool tutoring program for local elementary school students. She was also captain of the Poly math team. At Harvard, Veronica is a sophomore residing in Dunster House. She is on the boards of the Student Mental Health Liaisons and Indigo Peer Counseling group, along with being a math course assistant. She spent her last summer interning with a candidate for Long Beach city council and her last winter break as an intern for the ACLU of Southern California working with their Education Equity team.

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

VS: The amount of support available to me from the second I got here. Harvard has so many amazing resources and support systems available to help students succeed so even when I've struggled or felt out of place I knew there were people who I could reach out to help me get through it.

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

VS: The first time that I visited Harvard I was 9 years old and on summer vacation with my family. I remember walking around campus and looking at all the buildings and feeling like I was in some magical other universe. Harvard seemed so far removed from anything I had ever known, it felt kind of like a dream.

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

VS: My favorite class that I've taken so far has to be Intro to African American Studies taught by Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Lawrence Bobo. Not only did I learn an incredible amount from both professors but I also was so engaged in every lecture, they are both incredibly charismatic and talented lecturers.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

VS: My funniest moment at Harvard was during first year parents weekend when someone from On Harvard Time [Harvard's student-run Internet comedy news show] stopped my mom and me and asked how often I really did my laundry. Albeit a short moment it is definitely one I cherish!

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

VS: I would work to make Harvard a more inclusive place not just in name but in practice. Harvard, while full of support systems, is hesitant to make change that students are loudly telling them they want and need in order to feel like Harvard is truly their home. One battle that has been ongoing for quite some time now

is the battle for a multicultural center. As president I would be more proactive in allowing students to make changes that make them feel at home.

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

VS: A tough choice to make but I think it has to be the diversity! I'm so lucky to have grown up and gone to school in a community with people from all kinds of backgrounds and coming to Harvard has made me really appreciate the place I come from.

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

VS: I hope to spend a large part of my life after college in Southern California! Coming to college has made me appreciate how special Southern California truly is and I hope to spend time working in and giving back to the community I come from.

Welcome to New Members...

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

Gabriel Arias AMD '17

Agatha Brzezinski MD '17

Alexandria Butler MMSC '19

Jennifer Gottesfeld MPP '19

Julian Hopf '23

Leslie Irvine '07, MD '11

Ira Kasoff '73, GSASP '74

Kaitlin Kurs MAR '15

John Matthews '19

Michael Matthews MAR '18

Geoffrey Moen MPP '16

Sara Mooney EDM '19

Jennifer Myers MAR '09

Gina Ocon '98

Robert Popa ALM '19

Mayra Sandoval EDM '19

Diana Tomezsko JD '12

Allison Tsay '19

Wenchu Zhu '18

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Gary Barkin '86, JD '93

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Eva Plaza '80

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Jennifer Hsu '95

Shilla Kim-Parker '04, MBA '09

Maurice Levin '78, MBA '84

John Luna '03

Corey Mazza '08

Jaime Mendez '04, MBA '09

John McHugh MD '94

Sonia Molina DMD '89, MPH '89

George B. Newhouse '76

E. Dryden Pence III '82

Ethel Seminario-Laczko EdM '84

Claire Totten '11

Kenneth S. Williams '78

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To recommend an event or volunteer for one, contact one of our Programs VPs.

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