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# THE HARVARD CLUB of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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MARCH 2020

## Upcoming Events

### 2020 Harvard Varsity Club California Golf Tournament

MON, MAR 9 @ 10:30AM

MountainGate Country Club

\$200 for HVC members, \$250 for non-members

### Harvard Men's Volleyball Visits Southern California

SAT, MAR 14 - MON, MAR 16

Various Locations in Southern California

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Various Locations in S.D. and L.A. Counties

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### Sunday, June 14, 2020 - Save the Date! Harvard Club Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner

The Harvard Club of Southern California will hold its Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner on the historic Queen Mary, once a world-class ocean liner, now a beautiful hotel permanently docked in Long Beach, California.

Come early to explore the decks from bow to stern or join a guided tour to hear unique stories, facts, and insights about this art deco wonder. Enjoy cocktails and a delicious dinner in the breathtaking Queen's Salon, then join us in honoring two distinguished members of our community.



The 2020 John Harvard Award for Distinguished Public Service will be presented to **George Takei**. Takei is a social justice activist, social media superstar, Grammy-nominated recording artist, *New York Times* bestselling author, and pioneering actor whose career has spanned six decades. He

has appeared in more than 40 feature films and hundreds of television roles, most famously as Hikaru Sulu in *Star Trek*. He has used his success as a platform to fight for social justice, LGBTQ+ rights, and marriage equality. His advocacy is personal: during World War II, Takei spent

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his childhood in United States internment camps, along with 120,000 other Japanese Americans.



The 2020 Educator of the Year Award will be presented to philanthropist, public servant, and business executive **Austin Beutner**. He has served as First Deputy Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, publisher of the *Los Angeles Times*, co-chair of the L.A. 2020 Commission, co-chair of the L.A. Unified Advisory Task Force, founder of Vision To Learn, and is currently the Superintendent of Los Angeles Unified School District. Beutner has worked tirelessly doing the hard work that makes Los Angeles a stronger community. While publisher and CEO of the *Times*, he led the newspaper as it strengthened its commitment to the community and won two Pulitzer Prizes. In 2012, he founded Vision To Learn, a non-profit which provides free vision screenings, eye exams, and glasses to children in low-income communities nationwide, helping over one million students succeed in school and in life. Asked to chair the L.A. Unified Advisory Task Force, Beutner led a panel of civic, education, labor, and business leaders to provide district recommendations on equity, workforce, budget, student attendance, transparency, and accountability. As superintendent, he made it a priority to better connect each of the 1,386 schools in LAUSD to the community it serves.

## Recent Events

### *Love Boat: Taiwan* Film Screening & *Loveboat, Taipei* Book Signing with Abigail Wen '99

On Saturday, January 11, the Club presented an exclusive screening of the documentary *Love Boat: Taiwan*. The sold-out crowd of 75 alumni and guests gathered at Artshare LA to view this award-winning film and afterwards were treated to a conversation with the author of the novel on which the film is based, Abigail Wen '99, and the movie's director Valerie Soe. Moderated by well-known writer and journalist Jeff Yang, the discussion gave the audience a greater understanding of the "soft power" and influence Taiwan gained when hosting the cultural studies program that, because of its reputation among young students as a place to find adventure and romance, earned the nickname "The Love Boat." A book signing followed the event, which may have been responsible for the novel's debut at #9 on the *New York Times* bestseller list.



### Movies, Sports, Art & Real Estate: Disrupting the Status Quo

On February 10, fifty Club members and guests attended "Movies, Sports, Art & Real Estate: Disrupting the Status Quo." This panel and lively discussion event highlighted the experiences, successes, and challenges of tech entrepreneurship, and it explored how the panelists are building disruptive businesses within existing tech, media, and sports organizations. The event concluded with great networking for the assembled L.A. professionals.



### LA Phil, Colburn Celebrity Recital with Yuja Wang

On February 18, 29 Harvard Club members and their guests were treated to a dazzling piano recital by Yuja Wang at the Disney Concert Hall. Her eclectic program received several standing ovations and cheers from her enthralled audience.





# 2020-2021 CLUB ELECTION SLATE

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Club By-Laws, the Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following nominations for officers and directors of the Harvard Club of Southern California for the year 2020-2021:

## OFFICERS:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>
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### Term Ending 2021

Director	Chi H. Bui DMD '02
Director	Shilla Kim-Parker '04, MBA '09
Director	Jade Le '10
Director	John McHugh MD '94
Director	Ashley Turner '13
Director	Kenneth S. Williams '78

### Term Ending 2022

Director	Joanna Chan '02
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Director	George B. Newhouse, Jr. '76
Director	Joe Rogers '86
Director	Ethel Seminario-Laczko GSE '84
Director	Peter Shimamoto JD '85

### Term Ending 2023

Director	Karen Hernandez MBA '00
Director	Maurice Levin '79, MBA '84
Director	Corey Mazza '08
Director	Sonia Molina DMD '89, MPH '89
Director	E. Dryden Pence III '82
Director	Brittany Wang '17

*This slate of candidates has been approved by the Board of Directors. All candidates are running unopposed. On or before April 15, 2020, any 25 or more active members of the Club are entitled to file a nomination of any other eligible member for any office. Nomination petitions should be sent to Club Executive Vice-President Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi at [mjhnakanishi@gmail.com](mailto:mjhnakanishi@gmail.com). The ballot will be sent out with the May newsletter. Members may vote for every candidate on the election slate should they choose to do so.*

*Note: Applicants for the Harvard Club of Southern California Board of Directors are welcome. Please write to Harvard Club of Southern California Nominations Committee at [HarvardSoCal@gmail.com](mailto:HarvardSoCal@gmail.com).*

## Upcoming Events

### Third Annual Harvard Varsity Club California Golf Tournament

Don't miss out on the third annual Harvard Varsity Club California Golf Tournament at MountainGate Country Club in Los Angeles. All Harvard alumni, family, friends, and golfing buddies are welcome.



**MON, MAR 9 @ 10:30AM**

MountainGate Country Club

\$200 for HVC members; \$250 for non-members

### Harvard Men's Tennis Visits Southern California

Beginning in La Jolla, Harvard will play San Diego State on March 16, before heading to San Diego on March 19. The Crimson will then head back to La Jolla to face No. 2-ranked Texas in a neutral-site contest. Harvard will wrap up its California road trip against Pepperdine on March 22 at 2:00PM.

**MON, MAR 16 - SUN, MAR 22**

Various Locations in San Diego and Los Angeles Counties

Steven Arkow, [stevenarkow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevenarkow@sbcglobal.net)



### Annual Lunar New Year Celebration

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California along with the Harvard Asian American Alumni Alliance at our annual Lunar New Year event. The afternoon will include a ten-course Chinese banquet (including Peking Duck) as well as a conversation with Chia-Chia Lin '03, JD '07, author of *The Unpassing*.

**SAT, MAR 21 @ 11:30AM**

888 Seafood Restaurant - Rosemead

\$40, members; \$45, non-members

Kay Park, [kayparkmd@yahoo.com](mailto:kayparkmd@yahoo.com)



### Science Pub #16: Speaking Images - The Engraved Frontispiece of Kepler's *Rudolphine Tables* (1627)

This presentation will discuss examples of early modern optical and astronomical works, involving Galileo and Jesuit astronomers, and will focus on the engraved frontispiece of Kepler's *Rudolphine Tables*, a compact history of astronomy that, on closer inspection, speaks volumes.

**SUN, MAR 22 @ 3:00PM**

Napa Valley Grill

\$36, members; \$46, non-members

Ethel Laczko, [etheledu@yahoo.com](mailto:etheledu@yahoo.com)



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### Harvard Speakers Bureau - Trump's Tweets, A Close Reading

Join us for this timely event featuring Harvard Kennedy School Professor Timothy Patrick McCarthy. Dr. McCarthy's lecture will home in on Donald Trump's use of Twitter to make news, make policy, and make us pay attention to him. Space is limited.

**SUN, MAR 29 @ 2:00PM**

Skirball Center

\$30, members; \$40, non-members

Sonia Molina, [soniamolin@aol.com](mailto:soniamolin@aol.com)



### Harvard Alumni Storytelling Show (Call for Pitches due March 1st)

We are excited to announce that our club is partnering with Harvardwood, Harvard Alumni for Education, and First-Generation Harvard Alumni to put on a Los Angeles alumni storytelling show!

**SAT, MAY 2 @ 7:00PM**

Lyric Hyperion Theater

Pitch online here by March 1st:

<https://forms.gle/aYRP95QkBsvKGR1m9>



### *Hamilton*, by Lin Manuel-Miranda - SOLD OUT

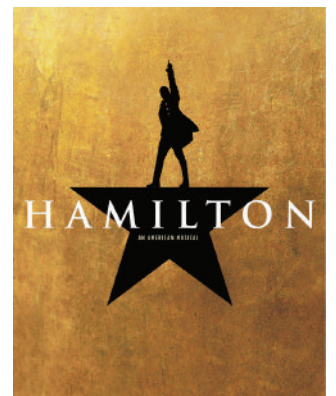
MEMBERS ONLY - A hip-hop musical about Alexander Hamilton and the founding of our country. Winner of 11 Tony awards. Limited seating. Maximum of two tickets per person.

**THU, MAY 20 @ 8:00PM**

Hollywood Pantages Theate

\$132, members

Kim Enomoto, [kim.enomoto@post.harvard.edu](mailto:kim.enomoto@post.harvard.edu)



### *The Enigmatist* and Special Post-Show Conversation with Magician David Kwong '02

Can you solve the enigma? Prepare for an immersive experience of puzzles, cryptology, and illusions by renowned magician, *New York Times* crossword constructor, and Harvard graduate David Kwong '02. Clues will be everywhere, so keep your eyes open and be ready for surprises.

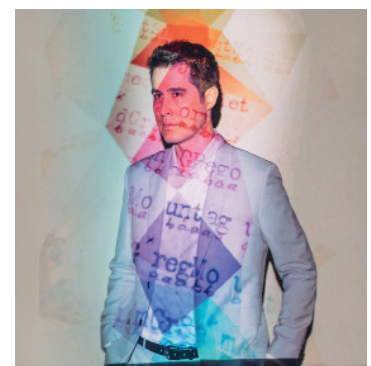
**SAT, JUN 13 @ 3:00PM**

Geffen Playhouse

Premium Seats: \$125, members; \$135, non-members

Regular Seats: SOLD OUT

John Luna, [john.luna@gmail.com](mailto:john.luna@gmail.com)



Q&A from 02138:

## Alejandro Quintana '20



Alejandro Quintana '20, a concentrator in Classical Languages and Literatures, was born in Los Angeles and graduated from Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles, where he followed the science track of the French curriculum, specializing in mathematics. He is a senior residing in Mather House. His mother is Glenda Martinez JD '90 and his father is Rubencio Quintana MD '92. At Harvard, he was president of the Francophone Society and currently serves on several boards for the Division of Arts and Humanities. He spent the past summer conducting research for his senior thesis on migration in early Roman Egypt, traveling to Berkeley, CA and Lecce, Italy to work on unpublished papyrus documents.

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

AQ: I did not expect that every student would experience Harvard differently to such a degree. The incredible amount of choices and opportunities at the university is reflected uniquely in each student. As a result, getting to know peers is always extremely exciting and engaging, since they always exceed any expectations.

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

AQ: I first visited Harvard in middle school, on a family trip centered around my father's HMS reunion. We spent a portion of the trip in Cambridge near the college, which I remember as inspiring and lively. I also distinctly remember the red brick of the campus.

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

AQ: My favorite class was Classical-Studies 112: Regional Study Sicily. The idea of the class was to explore the value of studying a region's historical development over the long term (*longue durée* was our buzzword), and we had the opportunity to study Sicily. The highlight of the course was spending spring break traveling through Sicily, exploring the sites and histories we had studied in class and truly getting to know our professors Paul Kosmin and Alex Walthall.

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

AQ: I've had a lot of hilarious moments at Harvard, but one that is particularly fresh in my mind occurred the day before classes started this past semester. I was the last to arrive to our new suite in Mather, and we hung out that night as a group to celebrate the new year. Somebody had the ridiculous idea to bunk our twin beds together to make "bunked kings." We emptied the room entirely, except for the bed, and then brought in three more beds, bunking two on two, each group forming a king bed, and proceeded to sleep in our new creation our first night of the new school year.

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

AQ: Harvard is an incredible place, but there would be much that I'd change as its president. My main focus would be placed on the school's commitment to diversity, emphasizing the need for ethnic studies as a concentration at the university, ensuring a diverse faculty throughout the divisions and their departments, and continuing support for students from a wide array of backgrounds.

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

AQ: I miss the lifestyle of Southern California: I miss everyone's relaxed attitude, the ease in finding any kind of food, driving around all the time, Mexican and Central American influence, my Jewish neighborhood.

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

AQ: My professional goal is to become a professor of ancient history. Although such a career does not offer much flexibility in location, there is no place I'd rather teach than in Southern California, which I consider my home.

## Welcome to New Members...

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

John Funk JD '70

Jessica Henning ALM '19

Jade Le '10

Gerard Schoenfeld '04

Kevin Shapiro '00, AM '04, MD '07, PhD '08

Joseph Wertz '19

...And the entire class of 2019 living in the greater Los Angeles area

## Admitted Students Reception

On January 25, 2020, Dr. Miguel Palos '76, Harvard Club of Southern California Schools Committee area co-chair for San Gabriel Valley, and his wife Claudia Palos hosted a reception for the newest admits to Harvard's Class of 2024. Twenty-one students and their parents met future classmates, asked questions of current students and alumni, and enjoyed a beautiful afternoon. 225 students from the greater Southern California area applied for admission this year, with 37 accepted for a rate of 16.4%. Nationally, Harvard received 6,424 applications for Early Action and accepted 895, an acceptance rate of 13.9%, roughly equal to last year's rate. Admissions decisions for Regular Action candidates will be released in late March.



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

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