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Upcoming Events

We encourage members of the Club to virtually connect while staying at home. We welcome ideas from members for panels, networking events, virtual happy hours, and book clubs. Contact harvardsocal@gmail.com to feature your event in the newsletter.

May 2 at 7pm - Harvard Alumni Storytelling Show

Come see five LA-based Harvard alums tell stories about the various trials and triumphs of life in this FREE virtual show co-sponsored by Harvardwood, Harvard Alumni for Education LA, and First Generation Harvard Alumni LA. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/HarvardStorytelling>.

May 8 at 9:30am - Addressing the Public Health Crisis at Border Detention Centers

The Petrie-Flom Center at Harvard Law School will host a free livestreamed panel discussion. What is the role of physicians and other health care providers in these environments, and what sort of ethical and clinical dilemmas do they face? What are the ways out of this crisis? Register at <https://tinyurl.com/HarvardBorder>.

May 21 at 6pm - HEAA LA: Virtual Social Hour

You are cordially invited to join the first virtual event hosted by the Harvard Extension Alumni Association – LA Chapter! Gather with us online for an informal social hour via Zoom. This event is free, but you must register in order to receive the Zoom link for the event. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/HEAALA>.

President's Message

To My Fellow Alumni,



Through the weeks of global disruption caused by COVID-19, we have all received important messages of concern with vital information from hotels and airlines about our frequent

traveler points, restaurants we visited once with new takeout and delivery options, and social or political groups offering online events through ZOOM, Skype, Jitsi or some other conferencing service with a name like a Soviet-era typographical error.

The Harvard Club of Southern California hopes this message is a bit different.

Naturally, we are concerned about your lives and livelihoods, and the public activities of the Club have all been canceled in favor of gatherings in cyberspace which are highlighted by examining each others' quarantine coiffures, learning how to change digital backgrounds, and amusing interruptions by cute kids and cuter pets. But we mostly want this newsletter to spark a dialogue within the Harvard alumni community in Southern California about ways in which we can help one another and society at large through this calamity.

You have already shown a tremendous generosity. Last month's call to help students who were suddenly sent home from Cambridge raised over \$67,000 through the First Generation Harvard Alumni SIG and the undergraduate organization Primus. To date, \$500 awards have been distributed to 137 first-generation, low-income Harvard College students (self-described as "fig-lees") through a blinded standardized process. But there are 167 students who are still eligible for funding, including 24 in California. You can make a contribution to directly help these students at <https://tinyurl.com/HarvardFGHA>.

Club leaders have been evaluating other ways that we can help and we want to call your attention to these three opportunities:

Feed the ER: Emergency room healthcare workers are running nonstop, often working 12 hours shifts to meet the constant

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critical care demands. Too often meals are out of a vending machine, given time constraints. Feed the ER is sponsoring lunch or dinner for the entire team at UCLA Westwood ER or UCLA Santa Monica ER as well as the teams serving the special ICU units. Each tax-deductible sponsorship of \$500 feeds an entire shift. Once you commit (as an individual or group donation), you will be given a date and the name of a restaurant. You provide your credit card directly to the restaurant and Feed the ER does the rest (ordering, pickup, delivery). We show our love for the ER staff with a nutritious meal, help local restaurants survive, and make a real difference for the community. Contact Gordon Lee at 310-367-0606 or Gordon@PrincetonC.com.

Grab & Go Meals for LAUSD Students: In partnership with the Red Cross, the nation's second largest school district is providing nutritious meals to all students who need them during the closure of schools. Nearly 10 million meals have been distributed at 63 Grab and Go centers (over 400,000 meals daily), making it larger than any food bank in the country. About 80% of LAUSD students are from low income households and the district incurs about \$2 million per day to provide these meals. Donations are being coordinated through the California Community Foundation's LA Students Most In Need fund. Contributions of any size are welcome at <https://connect.calfund.org/LAStudentsMostinNeed>.

Altamed Community Response - See Us in Action: Originally established as a free barrio clinic in East L.A. in 1969, Altamed is a leading non-profit health care system providing care to more than 300,000 including bilingual medical, social, nutritional, and rehabilitation services to seniors 55 and older through its Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). The Altamed Community Response creates and distributes essential kits and non-perishable foods to help shut-in seniors. As a COVID-19 first responder, Altamed also is offering "outdoor assessments" to triage patients. Donations may be made and further information can be found at the Altamed Foundation website, <https://altamedfoundation.org>.

If you know of other programs that could use our support, please let us know. The Club's email address is harvardsocal@gmail.com and I somehow remain at pverrone@aol.com.

While we're apart, let's keep it together.

Patric M. Verrone
President



Students admitted Early Action at a reception on January 25, 2020.

Harvard Admissions Update

Admissions to the Class of 2024 were sent out on March 26. Including Early Action, Harvard received 40,248 applications and accepted 4.9% of the students applying, making this the third year in a row the rate has dipped below 5%. Southern California had approximately 2,411 applicants this year. 38 were accepted in the early admissions process (out of 225) and 37 were accepted in the regular decision process, for an overall acceptance rate of 3.1%.

William R. Fitzsimmons '67, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, said of the newest class, "From their applications it is clear that the Class of 2024 will bring to Harvard extraordinary talents, ideas, backgrounds, and

life experiences. We look forward to giving them a preview of what Harvard College has to offer during our Virtual Visitas program and getting to know them over the next four years."

Traditionally, the Harvard Club of Southern California hosts events for newly admitted students. This year, Harry Kim '86, the Club's VP Schools and Scholarships, organized a virtual meet-up which allowed the students to get to know each other, if only from their individual Zoom boxes, and which was attended by approximately 35 admitted students, current Harvard students, and graduates from the Class of 2019. Final decisions on accepting Harvard's offer of admissions are due May 1st.

The application process for the Class of 2025 will begin in the late summer. Alumni interested in interviewing applicants in the fall of 2019 should email Harry Kim at hhwk@yahoo.com.



2020-2021 CLUB ELECTION BALLOT

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:

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<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>
___/___	President	Patric M. Verrone '81
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___/___	VP Communications	Jonathan R. Aibel '91
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___/___	VP Orange County	A.J. Rogers MD '79
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___/___	VP Programs	Lisa Watanabe-Peagler '02
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This slate of candidates has been approved by the Board of Directors. All candidates are running unopposed. Members may vote for every candidate on the Election Ballot should they choose to do so.

Marked ballots must be received by June 13, 2020 at the following address:

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