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Upcoming Events

Harvard Men's Volleyball Visits Southern California

THU, JAN 11 @ 7:00PM and FRI, JAN 12 @ 6:00PM
USC (Los Angeles) and Cal State Northridge
Check event site for pricing

Science Pub #24 - A Visit to USC Neuroimaging and Informatics Inst.

TUE, JAN 23 @ 12:00PM
University of Southern California (Los Angeles)
No charge

The Impact of the SFFA Decision on Private Sector DEIA Initiatives and Grant-Making Decisions

THU, FEB 15 @ 12:00PM
Online via Zoom
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Science Pub #25 - A Tour of 3D Printing

SUN, FEB 25 @ 3:00PM
Online via Zoom
No charge



Harvard-Yale Holiday Salon a Huge Success

The 25th annual Harvard/Yale Holiday Soiree, hosted by Sonia Molina, was held on December 8th. With such a long history and almost 100 people in attendance, this definitely is one of the Harvard Club of Southern California's signature events.

Casting old rivalries aside, Harvardians and Yalees came together to bop to carols sung by the acapella group The Harvard Yardbirds, and sing their own tunes during Open Mike. Throughout the evening, people connected with old friends and made new ones while partaking from the sumptuous buffet, prepared by chef Martha, and in the libations concocted by the bartenders.

This was definitely one wonderful event that made the holiday season so much brighter and definitely very merry.

Bravo and a sleigh-full of thanks to Sonia Molina our gracious and generous hostess for the last quarter of a century!!!

Recent Events

Private Tour of the O.C. Museum of Art

On the evening of Friday December 1, Harvard alumni joined alumni from the Princeton Club of Orange County at the newly opened Orange County Museum of Art (OCMA), where attendees were treated to a private tour of the museum building designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Thomas Mayne. The tour included creations by the Southern California-born and Boston-educated artist Jennifer Guidi and an exploration of the concept of kinship, chosen family, and community by the American painter Alice Neel... an apt theme for this group of alumni who have chosen to include HCSC as part of their community.



Harvard Club Board Holiday Gathering

On December 2 the Harvard Club's Board of Directors gathered at the home of board member Sonia Molina to eat, drink and be merry. The holiday gathering featured a spirited Harvard trivia contest (Who was Harvard's very first president?), which was followed by a hilarious white elephant gift grab of unique Harvardiana ranging from Crimson golf balls to Harvard Total Landscaping t-shirts. It was a wonderful opportunity for board members to reconnect and celebrate another successful year for the Club.



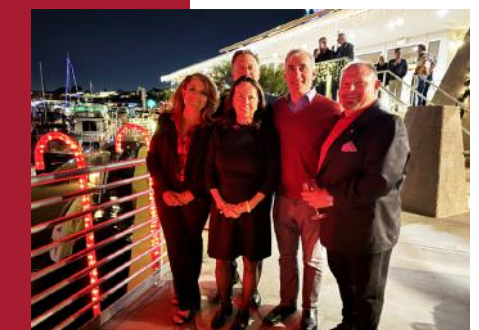
Connect and Collaborate at Our Networking Lunch at L.A. Farmer's Market

On December 8, alumni gathered at the famous LA Farmer's Market for a networking lunch. Alumni from the college, graduate schools and extension school enjoyed breaking bread together, reminiscing about Harvard days, and discussing the books they were currently reading, all the while enjoying a diverse cuisine. Join us at our upcoming networking breakfast or lunch events.



Newport Beach Boat Parade 2023

250 Boats floated by HCSC Members at the December Boat Parade In Newport Beach. Guests dined on a lavish buffet with carving station, were serenaded by a USC Brass Christmas ensemble and carolers in Dickenson costume at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in Newport Beach. Dinner was in a private dining room with a warm crackling fire, while steps outside the boats floated past to be judged on their lights, sounds and originality of decoration and performance. The boats paused outside of the Club Room, demonstrating their songs, lights and pyros for our delighted group. After much merriment (and some holiday toasts) the group decided to create their own (unofficial) award and selected a Harvard Club Favorite Boat out of the many. Coincidentally, that pick was featured in the Rose parade as a float this year and also won an award. Who knew that Harvard Grads are always right? It was a sold out event, so if you missed it this year, stay tuned for 2024. Kindly note: this is a members only event.



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The nationally competitive Harvard Men's volleyball team is coming to the Los Angeles area to play two of the top West Coast Teams in January, 2024: USC on January 11th and CSUN on January 12th.

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USC (Los Angeles) and Cal State University Northridge

Check event sites for pricing



Myron Kayton Science Pub #24 - A Visit to USC Neuroimaging & Informatics Institute

Join us to learn about new brain neuroimaging techniques and recent approaches to understand Alzheimer's disease, during an in-person visit to a USC research center led by Center Director Dr. Arthur Toga.

TUE, JAN 23 @ 12:00PM

USC Stevens Neuroimaging and Informatics Institute (Los Angeles)

No charge, but pre-registration is required - space is limited



The Impact of the SFFA Decision on Private Sector DEIA Initiatives and Grant-Making Decisions

Join Michaela Turnage Young (JD '06), Senior Counsel and Co-Manager of the Equal Protection Initiative at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. for this virtual discussion on the impact of the Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard decision on private sector DEIA initiatives and grant making decisions.

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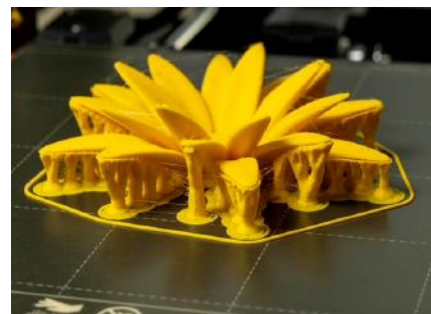
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Join us on an introduction to 3D printing by subject matter expert, published author and former JPL engineer Joan Horvath, cofounder of Non-scriptum LLC

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Q & A from 02138:

Katherine McPhie, '24/'25



Katherine McPhie, '24/'25, a computer science concentrator who grew up in Irvine, attends Harvard on a four-year, full-ride presidential scholarship as a Coolidge Scholar. An accomplished musician, Katherine sang in the Orange County Millennial Choir, played trumpet and piano, and served as the Drum Major for University High School's Marching Band. She also served on the board of her high school's Junior Classical League and was a National Latin Exam winner. Katherine's high school team won second place at the International Space Settlement Design Competition at the Kennedy Space Center. During high school, Katherine worked as a research intern at the University of California at Irvine, performing mathematical modeling of unstructured proteins. She is a national winner of the NCWIT Computing Award and the General Motors STEM for Changemaking Challenge. The Orange County Register named Katherine as one of their Top 100 Most Influential People in Orange County, and Diversity in Action magazine named her "20 Under 20: Young Innovators Who Are Already Changing the World." She won the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes and the Prudential Spirit of Community Award for her work in the tech-for-good space. After completing three semesters at Harvard, Katherine took an 18-month leave of absence to serve as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Scotland and Northern Ireland. She is currently a second-semester sophomore residing in Mather House. She is the daughter of Erin ('98) and David McPhie ('98/'00, HLS '03). At Harvard, Katherine has served as an Associate Director of Tech & Media for Harvard Women Engineers Code, and is a member of the Harvard Open Data Project, the Harvard Computer Society, and Harvard Women in Computer Science. She enjoys singing with the Harvard University Choir, and is a past member of the Harvard Wind Ensemble. Katherine is active in her church community, and is a member of Harvard's Christian Faith and Action club and the Harvard Latter-day Saint Student Association. Katherine has spent her college summers working as an Information Research Intern at Dow Chemical, and as a Firmware Development Engineer Intern at Western Digital. This summer she is seeking to do a study abroad program in Taiwan. After graduation, she plans to work as a software engineer.

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

KM: When I was born, my parents were serving as Resident Tutors in Pforzheimer House, so I actually lived in PfoHo for the first year of my life. But after that, I didn't go back until I was 12. I remember thinking that there were a lot of brick buildings.

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

KM: I have loved many of my classes. My Mandarin and Russian classes have been particularly enjoyable because I really enjoy languages.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

KM: Some of my funniest and happiest memories of Harvard were from the summer after my first year. I lived with a few other Harvard computer science concentrators in an apartment in New York City. We all had internships that summer, and we just had such a great time living together!

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

KM: I miss how good and fresh the air smells!

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

KM: I would love to move back to Southern California and raise a family there. We'll see!

HCSC: How did you manage the transition to virtual classes?

KM: Having classes on Zoom was tough and I'm so grateful to be in-person now. One thing that perhaps helped was getting curious about the pandemic. For my main project in the data class that I took that spring, some classmates and I mapped the way Harvard first-years made social connections during the Covid-19 pandemic. Long story short, it was a difficult time for everyone.



Got a Great Idea for an HCSC Event? Share It With Us!

We're always looking for new fun and educational events to give our members opportunities to get together and enjoy what Southern California has to offer!

If you have an idea for an event, please email Madeleine Mejia, EdM '00 at madeleine_mejia@post.harvard.edu.

You can review the current Harvard Club of Southern California policies for events document, on our website at <https://hcsc.clubs.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=106>.

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