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MARCH 2017

Upcoming Events

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Excellence in Latino Schools

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Harvard Undergraduates Turn Wintersession Hat Trick

This January, Harvard undergraduates found themselves with a wide array of Wintersession opportunities throughout Southern California. Three distinct programs highlighted the offerings.

Thirteen undergraduates spent January 18th and 19th at the biopharmaceutical company, Amgen, Inc. in Thousand Oaks. David Reese '85 (Amgen's Senior VP of Translational Sciences and Interim Head of Discovery Research) hosted the "Science in Industry" experience, providing a broad introduction to the discovery of new drugs for serious diseases. Participants were exposed to the science of drug development; clinical and translational research; and advanced protein manufacturing. They toured labs devoted to cytometry and discovery research, visited a pilot plant, and discussed career paths with Amgen scientists. "The enthusiasm and scientific expertise of the students are remarkable," Reese commented. "These young scientists will undoubtedly power the next wave of advances in the struggle against human disease."



A dozen AmGen Winternists with host David Reese '85 (center)

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For those more business-oriented, the second annual Los Angeles Finance Forum offered 27 undergraduates two days of events including visits to PRIMECAP Management Company, Western Asset Management, East-West Bank, and Goldman Sachs, among others. During each day's activities, students were given behind the scenes office tours and an overall introduction to finance, ranging from investment banking and investment management to retail banking and hedge funds. After the overview, all participating companies brought in employees in various stages of career evolution to share candid information about their positions, their daily activities, and career paths available to the students. Each session was capped with private conversations with industry leaders featuring open dialogue, questions and answers, and amusing stories. Alumni hosts included Corey Mazza '07, Willie Alford '01, Nicole Chang '89, and HCSC board member John Wang '88.

Finally, for students interested in the business of "show," including two dozen Harvard undergraduates participating in the Harvardwood 101 "Boot Camp," a reception was held at the Pacific Palisades home of Patric M. Verrone '81 and Maiya Williams Verrone '84 on January 3rd. Now in its thirteenth year, the Harvardwood 101 program gives selected undergrads a week-long intensive introduction to the Hollywood film, TV, online media, and music industries, followed by placement in two-week winterships at media companies throughout the Southland. The artistic and professional interests of the attending students included writing and directing for film and TV; music composition and performance; and stage production (undoubtedly encouraged by Harvard's newest concentration, "Theater, Dance, and Media.") Among the industry alumni who attended and provided wisdom and counsel to the students were writers, producers, directors, and executives like *West Wing* writer Paul Redford '80, *The Simpsons* writer Mike Reiss '81, filmmaker Peter Rader '83, executives Charles Hirschhorn '79 and Lisa Henson '83, and *Kung Fu Panda* screenwriter Jon Aibel '91. Multi-generational attendees included HAA Director John Bowman '80 with his son Alec '17 and *Family Guy* showrunner Richard Appel '86 with his son Gabriel '17. Altogether, almost sixty alums and undergrads shared stories and pizza at the event.

It's never too early to prepare for next year's Wintersession and any alumni interested in offering career introduction experiences to undergraduates in January of 2018 can contact Patric M. Verrone at pverrone@aol.com.



Harvardwood 101 Reception Guests: Gabe Appel '17, Rich Appel '86, Denise Reiss '81, Paul Redford '80, Mike Reiss '81



Harvard's Global Month of Service Call for Charities

Do you sit on the board of a non-profit organization? Are you active with a favorite charity? How might your group be able to use a team of volunteers?

This April the Harvard Club of Southern California will be participating in its fifth annual Harvard Global Month of Service. Last year, 150 Southern California alumni shared their time, energy and skills, volunteering 25 local organizations, topping all other cities' participation! Forty cities worldwide participated, offering 106 opportunities and garnering over 1000 volunteers. This year, we hope to double our participation.

If you and your organization would like to participate in Harvard's Global Month of Service, please contact Lindsay Louie, Harvard Club of Southern California Public Service Coordinator, at HarvardSoCalGMS@gmail.com.

The Harvard Club of Southern California will be throwing a kick-off party at The Parlor (7250 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90046) on March 28th from 7:00-9:00PM to celebrate the start of Harvard's Global Month of Service. Meet with representatives of participating local non-profits, and learn about opportunities to volunteer, network and have fun with Harvard alumni. Register at www.Harvard-LA.org or see page 5 for more details.

Recent Events

Private Tour of Pop for the People: Roy Lichtenstein in LA

Harvard Club members (some of whom dressed in pop art fashion) enjoyed a sold-out, exclusive tour of “Pop for the People: Roy Lichtenstein” exhibit at the Skirball Cultural Center on January 28, 2017.



Rock Climbing with Harvard and MIT Alums

On February 8, 2017, members of the Harvard Club of Southern California joined MIT alums for a fun evening of rock climbing at Rockreation in Costa Mesa. The assembled alums learned the finer points of climbing and belaying, and refused to quit until they reached the top.



Harvard Alumni Come on Down!

On Sunday, February 12, 2017 several Harvard alumni and parents attended the College Rivals taping of *The Price is Right*. Alumni from the college and graduate schools showed their school spirit throughout the day’s activities and, as a group, created a Harvard chant. Our rival from New Haven was also there, and several attendees brought extra Harvard t-shirts and sweat-shirts that were offered to them as gifts. In the end, we made new friends and had a great time (though no one was asked to “come on down.”)



Upcoming Events

Los Angeles All-Sport Reception

Join alumni and friends of Harvard Athletics at the first-ever All-Sport Reception in Los Angeles! Eat, drink, mingle, and get the inside scoop from special guest speakers Bob Scalise and Chris Hamblin.

THU, MARCH 2 @ 6:30PM

The Griffin Club

\$20, members; \$30, non-members

George Newhouse, george.newhouse@dentons.com



Intentional Excellence: The Pedagogy, Power and Politics of Excellence in Latino Schools

Join us for this special event sponsored by The Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance (HLAA) & The Harvard Club of Southern California (HCSC), featuring Dr. Louie Rodriguez Ed.M '99, Ed.M '01, Ed.D '05.

MON, MARCH 6 @ 7:00PM

Hispanic Scholarship Fund (Gardena)

No charge

Dr. Gus Frias, dr.gfrias@gmail.com



2017 Lunar New Year Dinner

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California, along with the Wellesley Club of LA, at our annual Lunar New Year dinner event, welcoming the Year of the Rooster. Celebrated author Gish Jen '76 will be our guest speaker.

FRI, MARCH 10 @ 6:00PM

Golden Dragon Restaurant

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Albert Chang, AlbertChang@charter.net



Harvard Men's Volleyball Match vs. UCLA

Join us as we cheer on the top-20 ranked Harvard Men's Volleyball Team as they take on #2 ranked UCLA - the 1st ever Harvard Men's Volleyball Match vs. UCLA at Pauley Pavilion.

SAT, MARCH 11 @ 7:00PM

The historic Pauley Pavilion at UCLA

\$6, members; \$7, non-members; \$8, at the door

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Come learn about our volunteer opportunities, register to volunteer, and meet other Southern California alumni as we celebrate “Harvard Serves,” the Global Month of Service coming up this April.

TUE, MARCH 28 @ 7:00PM

The Parlor

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Lindsay Louie, HarvardSoCalGMS@gmail.com



Discover Your City: Cheese, Charcuterie and Cocktails at Obicà Restaurant

Join fellow alumni at this Harvard Club happy hour at Santa Monica’s Obicà restaurant as we nosh on an amazing and delicious selection of appetizers and drinks. Please note there are limited seats for this event so sign up early.

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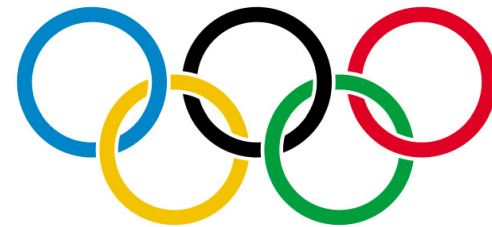
Save the Date - May 18, 2017 Bringing the Olympics to Los Angeles in 2024

Hear from Gene Sykes '80, the chief executive overseeing LA’s bid for the Olympics in 2024. Registration will be available online soon.

THU, MAY 18 @ 6:00PM

UCLA Law School in Westwood

Cost TBA (Parking on UCLA campus costs about \$12)



Save the Date - June 14, 2017 The 2017 Harvard Club Annual Dinner & Awards

Please join us for this very special event at which we will present the John Harvard Award for Distinguished Service to Morgan Chu JD '76. Registration will be available online soon.

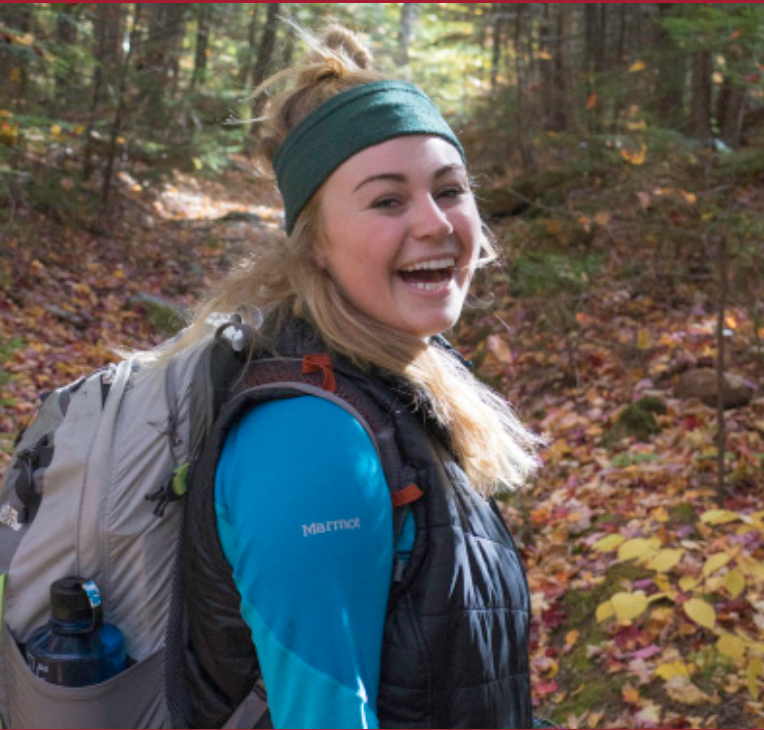
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Melissa Balding '17



Melissa Balding '17, a concentrator in Environmental Science and Public Policy, was born in Newport Beach and grew up in Costa Mesa. She graduated from Edison High School in Huntington Beach, where she was active in Model United Nations, captained the varsity water polo team, and was on leadership with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is now a senior residing in Kirkland House, and a multiple-term member of the Kirkland House Committee. She is involved with the outdoors community, as both a First-Year Outdoor Program leader and a leader for the Harvard Outing Club. She has been on the leadership team with Harvard College Faith and Action, a Christian fellowship. Melissa also competed as a starter on the varsity water polo team for her first three years at Harvard. She was selected as conference Rookie of the Year her freshman year and received All-Conference honors the following years. This past summer she pursued her interest in urban planning by working with the Portland Bureau of Transportation, doing research with their active transportation team. While in Portland, she also worked with the Bicycle Transportation Alliance, developing her senior thesis on behavior change related to urban bicycling.

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

MB: Many Harvard students have some pretty incredible achievements coming into Harvard and accomplishing great things during their time at Harvard. Despite this, I have found that most Harvard students remain personable and approachable, serving as great friends and educators to their peers. This has produced a surprising learning environment, where a conversation with a fellow Kirklander in the dining hall can be as enriching as time in the classroom.

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

MB: I first visited Harvard in early November of my junior year in high school. I loved the setting and atmosphere of the Harvard Yard and Harvard Square, and the proximity to Boston. I was so intrigued by the rich history of the buildings at Harvard and found it really special to be at the nation's oldest college. Everything was so new to me and different than what I had grown up with, especially the beautiful fall foliage. Harvard seemed to promise new and different experiences, and the East Coast promised more beautiful fall seasons.

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

MB: My freshman spring, I had the opportunity to take Environmental Policy with Professor John Briscoe. He was incredibly knowledgeable and was consulted by many for projects related to water policy and environmental economics. During the time I had the privilege of being in his class, he was selected to receive the Stockholm Water Prize, the "Nobel Prize for Water." Despite his wide range of achievements and involvement with international water issues, he still insisted we come chat with him during his office hours. He welcomed me to meet with him nearly every Tuesday to discuss the course material in even more depth and I was absolutely amazed by his knowledge and experience, and his willingness to share it.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

MB: It is hard to call on a single moment, but every year I can count on Kirkland Secret Santa week to bring loads of laughter. The majority of the house participates in a week of absolute joy and revelry. Each night, skits are performed in the dining hall, which have been known to include the Conleys (our faculty deans) acting, singing, and sharing wine.

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

MB: To be honest, I am not entirely sure what the President of Harvard does, or is supposed to be doing. Dean Pfister, the interim dean during my freshmen year, sent fun email updates that included what he had been up to and some of his more random musings, particularly related to fungi growing in the yard. I appreciated the ways that clarified his role and what he had been working on as the dean, and appreciated the ways it clarified who he was as a person. I suppose if I were the President of Harvard I would try to clarify to the undergraduate students what I've been up to in a way that really lets them engage and understand what it is like to serve as the President of Harvard.

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

MB: I always love to come home to be in the ocean, able to stare off far into the horizon and look back at beautiful coastline.

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

MB: Being somewhere totally new for college has been wonderful and so, following graduation, I think I again want to try somewhere new. I could see myself living in Southern California down the road and luckily for me my family is still in Southern California, so I have a great reason to come visit often!

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