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Upcoming Events

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\$18 per person; \$10 for seniors and children

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\$0, members; \$5, nonmembers

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No charge, limited space

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\$58, members; \$68, nonmembers



Harvard Din & Tonic Perform to Large SoCal Alumni Audiences

The Harvard Din & Tonic, an a cappella singing group, performed before two large alumni audiences during their winter break in Southern California. The events were hosted by the Harvard Club of Southern California.

On January 10, the Harvard Club welcomed the largest audience ever in Southern California to hear the group, with over 320 alumni and guests registered for the event.

The Din & Tonic delivered a polished performance featuring their signature mix of American jazz standards, pop, and contemporary selections. A highlight of the program was “Sh’Boom,” during which nine Din & Tonic alumni joined the group on stage.

This year’s performance marked an important milestone, as the event moved to a new and larger venue – the Moss Theater at New Roads School, which offered excellent acoustics, accessibility, and ample on-site parking.

“For nearly a decade, the January a cappella concert has been one of the Club’s most anticipated annual events,” said event organizer John Luna ’03, the Club’s Vice President, Finance, and a Din & Tonic alum.

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The Din & Tonics also performed on January 11 at the Inn at the Mission San Juan Capistrano Ysidoro Restaurant & Lounge and attracted an audience of 65 enthusiastic alumni and guests.

Separately, the Harvard Krokodiloes, another a capella group, performed on January 7 at the University Club at UCLA before an audience of 90 alumni and their guests, students, and friends. "There was standing room only for their concert," alumni organizer Patricia Greenfield '62, PhD '66, RDI '87, said. "The Krokodiloes really outdid themselves in their performance!" She thanked the Harvard Club for supporting this event.

The Harvard Opportunes, a third Harvard a cappella singing group, performed in January in both Los Angeles and in Orange County before enthusiastic alumni and student audiences.

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Join us to hear author and art historian Professor Sara Elizabeth Lewis '01 deliver a keynote presentation that examines the MONUMENTS exhibition through the lens of cultural equity and social justice.

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Tuesday Breakfast Club - West Hollywood

Join us for a casual morning of socializing and networking. Come when you can, leave when you have to! Registration for this event will close Friday, February 6 at 5pm.

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First of All (West Hollywood)

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Join Dr. Robert Lempert, SM '83, PhD '86 for a private tour of the world-renowned think tank. Dr. Lempert will speak about his own work in decision making under deep uncertainty and share some of the history of RAND. This event is open to members only!



THU, FEB 12 @ 10:30AM

The RAND Corporation (Santa Monica)

No charge, limited space

SOLD OUT!

Harvard/Brown/Penn/Cornell/Columbia/ Princeton Singles Mixer

In the spirit of Valentine's season, we're bringing together a curated group of Ivy League alumni and friends for singles night at The Lincoln in Venice Beach. Co-Hosted with Brown, Penn, Cornell, Columbia, and Princeton.



THU, FEB 12 @ 7:00PM

The Lincoln in Venice (Los Angeles)

\$16, members; \$25, nonmembers

Beverly Hills Happy Hour Chocolate Crawl

Valentine's Day is right around the corner and this tour is for people who LOVE chocolate! Join us for a 2-hour guided walking tour featuring hand-picked chocolate-infused stops. From ice cream to pastries to cocktails, this experience is all about savoring the sweet life in style.

FRI, FEB 13 @ 5:00PM

Meet outside of Bacio di Latte (Beverly Hills)

\$79, members; \$89, nonmembers



Saturday Morning Chocolate Crawl

It's Valentine's Day and you are invited to experience Beverly Hills through the lens of gourmet chocolate! As we walk, we'll learn about chocolate and its origins, and take pics at landmarks along the way on our 1.5-mile journey.

SAT, FEB 14 @ 10:00PM

Meet outside of Edelweiss Chocolates (Beverly Hills)

\$58, members; \$68, nonmembers



Upcoming Events

HCSC Book Club: Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow

Join fellow alums for a monthly book club located in the mid-Wilshire Beverly Grove neighborhood. We will be discussing the book Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin '99.



SAT, FEB 21 @ 4:00PM

Private residence in mid-Wilshire Beverly Grove neighborhood
\$5, members; \$15, nonmembers

Long Beach Ivy+ Mixer

Calling all OC and LA alumni: our popular Ivy+ mixer series is back—and this time, it's bigger and better than ever! Head over to The Auld Dubliner in Long Beach on February 21st to grab drinks and connect with fellow alumni. We've expanded to include B1G schools, so we're expecting a big turnout.

SAT, FEB 21 @ 7:00PM

The Auld Dubliner (Los Angeles)
No charge, cash bar



Adaptive Identity -- The Leadership Journey of NBA Champion Jeff Lamp

What happens when the dream works...and then changes? In this candid, high-energy, and deeply human conversation, Jeff Lamp takes us behind the scenes of elite sports—deeply immersed in it—to explore how identity evolves across a lifetime.



THU, FEB 26 @ 5:00PM

Knobbe Martens (Irvine)
\$30, HBSAOC members; \$40, HBSAOC nonmembers

Friday Coffee Meetup in OC

Join us for casual morning of coffee and conversation with an ocean view.

FRI, FEB 26 @ 8:30AM

Philz Coffee (Huntington Beach)
No charge, cash coffee bar



Upcoming Events

Orange County Weir Canyon Hike



Join us for a fun, family-friendly hike on the Weir Canyon Trail, with beautiful views of the Anaheim Hills as we explore a gorgeous part of Orange County. There is little shade on the hike so bring water and sun protection.

SAT, FEB 28 @ 9:00AM

Weir Canyon Trailhead (Anaheim)

No charge



Happy Hour Network & Connect

Join us for a Happy Hour Networking event where alumni can reconnect, share stories, and build new professional connections in a relaxed setting.

THU, MAR 5 @ 7:00PM

Gourmando (Beverly Hills)

No charge



March Ivy x B1G Mixer

Our popular Ivy x B1G mixer series is back, beach. Join us at The Whaler in Venice Beach on March 9th starting at 7 PM for drinks, conversation, and a lively night with fellow alumni. With nearly 400 RSVPs for our last event, we're expecting this one to fill up fast. RSVP early and come ready to mingle!

MON, MAR 09 @ 7:00PM

The Whaler (Venice)

No charge, cash bar



HarvardSpeak LA: What Actually Keeps Us Happy and Healthy? with HMS Prof. Robert Waldinger

Join us for a talk by Dr. Robert Waldinger '73, MD '78, Director of the Harvard Study of Adult Development and Professor of Psychiatry at the Harvard Medi-

WED, MAR 18 @ 12:00PM

Virtual Event via Zoom

\$0, members; \$10, nonmembers



Recent Events

“The Game” LA Watch Party Highlights

The 141st playing of “The Game” was a highly anticipated event, carrying higher stakes than ever as the winner would secure the Ivy League’s automatic bid to the FCS playoffs. The Harvard Club of Southern California (HCSC) and the Yale Alumni LA community gathered bright and early on Saturday, November 22nd, at Cosm in Inglewood, CA for a vibrant watch party.



Book Talk: Tony Mohr

On Monday, December 15, 2025, the Harvard Club and Ervin Cohen & Jesup hosted author and retired judge Anthony Mohr UFI '21 for a discussion of his memoir *Every Other Weekend: Coming of Age with Two Different Dads in Beverly Hills*. An engaged audience of alumni networked over lunch before the talk. Mohr offered personal reflections on his unique upbringing in a world shaped by Hollywood, familial transitions, and the evolving cultural norms around divorce. After his remarks, attendees participated in a lively Q&A, exploring themes from the book and gaining deeper insight into the author’s personal and professional journey.



First Book Club Meeting Enjoys Time with Author, Nancy Jooyoun Kim

On January 17th, Jennifer Lee '95 held the first HCSC Book Club meeting at her residence in Beverly Grove. The attendees enjoyed asking author Nancy Jooyoun Kim questions about her novel *The Last Story of Mina Lee*. The author was delighted by the questions and the attendees fell in love with the book even more after learning insights into the book’s origins. The alums enjoyed tea, wine, charcuterie & cookies as they got to know each other. Attendees came from as far as Marina del Rey and Pasadena. The hostess hopes to create a fun group of book lovers who meet together monthly. The next meeting is February 21st and the club will be reading the book *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow and Tomorrow* by alum author Gabrielle Zevin '99.



Family Lunch & Playdate a Success

On January 18, Harvard alums and their families from all over Southern California came together to enjoy lunch, shaved ice dessert and playtime Westfield Century City Mall in Los Angeles. Thank you to the families who drove from Irvine, Burbank, Santa Monica and Beverly Hills to come to this event! Please look out for more family playdate events in the near future.



Q & A from 02138:

Maya O'Dea '27



Maya O'Dea, '27, a concentrator in Neuroscience with a secondary in Government and a language citation in Mandarin Chinese, graduated from Wilson High School where she played water polo and swam on the swim team. She was captain of the water polo team, which finished as a runner-up at the Division 1 CIF Championship, as well as a member of the USA Cadet and Youth National Teams. She is currently a junior residing in Quincy House. At Harvard, she is a student-athlete on the Women's Water Polo team, an analyst in the Harvard Undergraduate Biotechnology Club, and a committee member of the Harvard Undergraduate Women in Business Club. This past year she was a part of the first Harvard Women's Water Polo team in program history to win conference and earn a bid to the NCAA tournament. For the past two summers she has studied abroad at the London School of Economics, coached youth water polo, and trained with the Junior National Team. After recently accepting an internship offer, she plans to work in Life Science Consulting next summer.

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

MO: The most surprising thing about being a student at Harvard is that nearly every club requires an application and interview to join. The lengthy comp processes are definitely challenging when you want to try something new, but offer great opportunities to learn and meet new people. When I first visited Harvard, the rich history mixed into the urban atmosphere was a stark contrast to my more modern, coastal life in SoCal. I've really loved the change of pace and environment, and believe in the value it brings to my education and college experience.

HCSC: What were your favorite classes or professors?

MO: My favorite classes so far have been Chinese, the Molecular Basis of Behavior, and a Supreme Court, Law, and Policy class at the Kennedy School. One of the greatest opportunities at Harvard is the ability to take classes at the graduate schools!

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

MO: If I were the President of Harvard I would improve the dining hall food and increase the amount of board plus we receive each semester. I am a big coffee person, so more board plus means more free coffee!

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

MO: While I enjoy life in Cambridge, Southern California is often on my mind, especially the beach, authentic Mexican food, and the sun. Most of all I miss being able to enjoy water activities year-round, like surfing and wakeboarding! In the future, I see myself returning to the coast of Southern California to settle down and be close to family, as I hopefully start one of my own!



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