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MAY 2018

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Harvard Accepts 1,962 with Lowest Admission Percentage Ever

Admissions to the Class of '22 were finalized on March 31 and 113 students from Southern California were among those accepted. Approximately 3,000 SoCal students (a record number) applied for admission, making the acceptance rate 3.8 percent, an increase from 3.4 percent last year. Overall, Harvard received 42,749 applications (also a record high), up by more than 8 percent from last year. Not surprisingly, the acceptance rate (4.6 percent) was a record low, down from last year's 5.2 percent and marking the first time Harvard's admission rate has ever dipped below 5 percent.

William R. Fitzsimmons, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, said of the Class of 2022, "The wide range of their intellectual and extracurricular excellences combined with the diversity of their life experiences and backgrounds will add immeasurably to the education of fellow classmates over the next four years."

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According to *The Harvard Gazette*, demographically, the new class is similar to recent classes though first-generation students are 17.3 percent of the class, up from 15.1 percent last year. Women make up 50.1 percent of the admitted students, compared with 49.3 percent last year. African-Americans constitute 15.5 percent of the class, Asian-Americans 22.7 percent, Latinos 12.2 percent, Native Americans 2 percent, and Native Hawaiians 0.4 percent. International citizens are 12 percent of the class, coming from 90 countries.

On April 14, Harvard Club of Southern California board member Dr. Sonia Molina DMD '89, MPH '89 hosted a reception for several dozen admitted students and their families at her Hancock Park home. Joined by many of their admissions interviewers, the students met future classmates, asked questions of alumni, and enjoyed a beautiful afternoon. The following weekend, April 21-23, the College hosted "VisitAs," the annual gathering of accepted — and still undecided — students. Final decisions by these students were due on May 1st.

The application process for the Class of 2023 will begin in the late summer. Alumni interested in interviewing applicants in the fall of 2018 should email Dan Medina at dan@capknowledge.com.

Featured Event

2018 Harvard Club Annual Meeting and Awards

Join us for the Harvard Club of Southern California's Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner at the beautiful Huntington Library, Art Collection, and Botanical Gardens. Come early to visit the library, gardens, and galleries.

This year we will be celebrating the accomplishments of two incredible members of our local community. The 2018 John Harvard Award for Distinguished Public Service will be presented to the Hon. Carlos Moreno, former justice of the California Supreme Court. The 2018 Educator of the Year Award will be presented to Fidel A. Vargas '90, MBA '99. Mr. Vargas is President and CEO of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund.



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2018-2019 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 2018-2019:

OFFICERS:

<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary	German A. Enciso, HMS Research Fellow '07-'09
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Term Ending 2019

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Term Ending 2020

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<input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>	Director	Kenneth S. Williams '78

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 delivered to the Club Secretary by May 28, 2018:

Harvard Club of Southern California, c/o German Enciso, 15 Vega Court, Irvine, CA 92617.



Al Chang '63, Lori Dreischmeier (Wellesley), Jade Chang (author), Kay Park '87

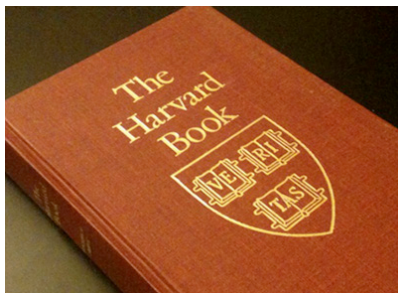
Annual Lunar New Year Banquet with Wellesley Club of Los Angeles

On March 18, 83 alumni from the Harvard Club of Southern California and the Wellesley Club of Los Angeles celebrated the Lunar Year of the Dog by enjoying a 10-course banquet at the Golden Dragon restaurant in Chinatown. Our invited speaker was Jade Chang, author of *The Wangs vs. the World*. Ms. Chang's comedic debut novel follows a cosmetics empire family, whose members defy Asian-American stereotypes as they go from rags to riches to rags again.



Safari Wine Tasting in Malibu

On March 24, the clouds and rain stopped and gave HCSC members a beautiful sunny day to enjoy the Malibu Wine Safari, a tour of the thousand-acre Saddlerock Ranch, vineyards, and exotic animal habitat. Club members were treated to 6 wine tastings while enjoying an open-air tour of the grounds and feeding zebra, llamas, burros, longhorn cattle, and other creatures. A surprise marriage proposal occurred during the tour (not among our club members, but fun nonetheless), and afterwards club members continued the fun by having a delicious picnic lunch and listening to live music at the Malibu Wine Tasting Room. We hope to do this tour again soon as the demand far outstripped our capacity.



The Harvard Prize Book Program Needs Your Contribution

Remember the stress of college application deadlines in high school? It's a marvel how students balance homework, extra curricular activities, a social life and, of course, sleep, for a chance to attend the country's top universities. The juniors of 2018 are working hard and they need our support.

To inspire determined high school juniors in Southern California to apply to Harvard University, the Harvard Club of Southern California invites you to sponsor rising high school seniors through the Harvard Prize Book Sponsorship Program. Prize Books, which are crimson-clad and stamped with the University's seal, include an array of essays on the abundance of human intellection. The books introduce awardees to the academic rigor they can expect at our alma mater and, perhaps for the first time, a taste of the opportunities a Harvard education can provide.

For current and past sponsors, thank you for your ongoing support of the program. Every Prize Book is an incredible surprise to awardees, and a fitting acknowledgment of their contributions to academic and social life in their communities. Please know how instrumental you are in opening the door to Harvard University for young graduates, and how grateful they are for your kindness.

If you would like to participate, please visit www.Harvard-LA.org or call 310-546-5252. For only \$37.50, you can send a promising junior a final nudge of encouragement. If you have questions about the program, please contact Sonia Molina at soniamolin@aol.com.

Upcoming Events

Harvard Men's Volleyball in SoCal for First Ever NCAA Tourney Appearance

Come out on Tuesday, May 1 at 7:30PM to cheer on the Crimson as they play UCLA in Harvard's first-ever postseason tournament appearance. The winner will play No. 2 seed BYU on Thursday, May 3.



TUE, MAY 1 @ 7:30PM

UCLA Pauley Pavilion

\$18, reserved seating; \$12, general admission

Russell J. Riopelle, rr@legacy88.com

Private Guided Tour at The Broad - *Jasper Johns: Something Resembling Truth* - SOLD OUT

Join us for an hour-long highlights tour of the popular Jasper Johns exhibit at The Broad art museum in downtown Los Angeles. Guests can skip the line, enjoy expedited check-in, and see the rest of the museum on their own after the tour. Tour #1 @ 2 PM, Tour #2 @ 2:30 PM.

SUN, MAY 6 @ 2:00PM and 2:30PM

The Broad

\$47, members; \$60, non-members

Maiya Verrone, maiyawv@aol.com



Annenberg Photo Space Tour and Optional Lunch

Join us for a group tour of the Annenberg Photo Space's new exhibit of collections from the Library of Congress.

THU, MAY 10 @ 12:00PM

Annenberg Space for Photography

No charge, RSVP Requested

Pooja Nair, pnair@troygould.com



Mother's Day Weekend Meso Run 2018

Join the Harvard Club and support a good cause at this inaugural 5K trail run/walk at the Old LA Zoo in Griffith Park on the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend. Members receive a \$5 discount using promo code HARVARDPROMO.

SAT, MAY 12 @ 9:00AM

Old LA Zoo Picnic Area, Griffith Park

\$35, adults; \$25, youth; \$10, child

Julia Forgie, jforgie@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

Private Tour of Farm Sanctuary

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California for a private tour of Farm Sanctuary. Come learn about this 26-acre home to rescued cows, pigs, turkeys, and other farm animals — each has a special story.



SAT, MAY 12 @ 2:00PM

Farm Sanctuary (Acton)

\$12, members; \$15, non-members

Madeleine Mejia, Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu

Biennial Friends of Harvard Football Dinner - Los Angeles With Coach Tim Murphy

Join the Thomas Stephenson Family, Head Coach for Harvard Football Tim Murphy, and fellow Harvard football alums, friends, and fans for this special dinner co-hosted by the Harvard Club of SoCal and Friends of Harvard Football.



TUE, MAY 15 @ 6:30PM

Jonathan Club, The Library

\$250 premium package (including Harvard Football Nike workout gear); \$150 regular ticket; \$75 recent graduates (class of '12 - '18)

George Newhouse, gnewhouse@post.harvard.edu

Radcliffe on the Road

The Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, the Harvard Alumni Association, and the Harvard Club of Southern California invite you to attend a reception and lecture by Jane Kamensky, Pforzheimer Foundation Director, Schlesinger Library.



WED, MAY 16 @ 6:00PM

SLS Hotel, Beverly Hills

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Register at www.Harvard-LA.org

Newport Beach Beerfest

Join Harvard alums for an evening on the beach at the Newport Dunes Waterfront to sample over 150 craft beers, wines, and spirits. Mingle with friends new and old while watching the sunset and dancing to live bands and DJs.



SAT, MAY 26 @ 7:00PM

Newport Dunes Waterfront

\$35, regular; \$50, VIP (Limited Groupon tickets available)

Chi Bui, orthochoi@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events

The Sisters Rosensweig - Dinner and a Play at South Coast Repertory Theater

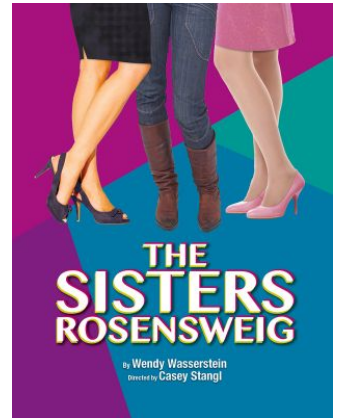
Come enjoy a buffet dinner, a pre-show conversation with one of the directors, and prime seats at the South Coast Repertory Theater for the award-winning play, *The Sisters Rosensweig*, written by Wendy Wasserstein.

SAT, JUN 2 @ 6:00PM

South Coast Repertory Theater

\$100, members; \$110, non-members

Dan Medina, dan@capknowledge.com



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SUN, JUN 3 @ 5:00PM

Huntington Library, Art Collection, and Botanical Gardens

\$75 club members; \$90 non-members; \$50 recent grads ('14 -'18)

Maiya Verrone, MaiyaWV@aol.com

Register at www.Harvard-LA.org (tickets must be purchased in advance)



Skirball Center Event – Group Tour of *Leonard Bernstein at 100*

Join us for a group tour as we follow Bernstein's extraordinary career from his birth in Massachusetts, musical education at Harvard, and prominent career that earned him the title of "Renaissance Man of American Music" (*NY Times*).

SAT, JUN 9 @ 2:00PM (optional brunch at 12:00PM)

Skirball Cultural Center

\$10, members; \$15, non-members (optional brunch: \$25, members; \$30, non-members)

Albert Chang, AlbertChang@charter.net



Harvard Speakers Bureau: Jonathan Grindlay – Discovering Stellar Black Holes in our Galaxy

Jonathan (Josh) Grindlay is the Robert Treat Paine Professor of Astronomy at Harvard and has been Chair of the Astronomy Department twice. This talk will answer your questions about black holes (with pictures), and how we discover "stellar" black holes.

SUN, JUN 24 @ 1:00PM

Private Home in Hancock Park

\$25, members; \$35, non-members

Herb Goldman, herbdavid1@gmail.com.

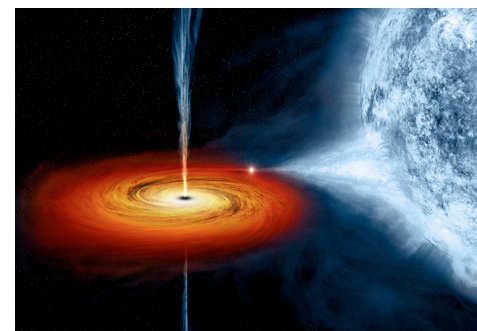


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Q&A from 02138:

Xenia Viragh '19



Xenia Viragh '19, a concentrator in East Asian Studies with a secondary in Visual Environmental Studies, was born in Vienna but grew up in New York, London, Bangkok and Beijing. She graduated from Harvard-Westlake School where she ran *The Foreign Outlook Magazine*, led Peer Support, and was a class representative for Community Council. She is a junior residing in Lowell House but is studying abroad this semester in Berlin. At Harvard, she is a Kennedy School event photographer, a *Crimson* photographer, Harvard Student Art Show publicity manager, Harvard radio jazz host, Widener Library reshelver, and a member of Harvard Students for Myanmar. During her freshman summer she interned at Magnum Photos in London, exploring fine arts from a business perspective. Following her sophomore year at Harvard, Xenia spent the summer in Salzburg, studying German and interning at a German private equity company. This summer she will be interning in New York at Goldman Sachs in the Investment Management Division.

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

XV: The community at Harvard is so engaging and exciting and I am continuously surprised by the level of passion and enthusiasm from my peers. While I was definitely expecting that from the community, I think the fact that the energy remains so strong throughout all four years, keeping the intellectual and social aspects of Harvard novel and stimulating, is surprising.

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

XV: I first visited Harvard during Visitas weekend and I absolutely loved it – from the bustling campus to the classes I attended with friends, everything felt refreshing and exiting.

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

XV: During my sophomore year I enrolled in VES50, which is a year-long documentary film course. Instead of shooting on digital cameras, the class of 10 students traveled back in time to experiment with 16mm film, using Bolexes and then later the Aaton cameras. Our incredible professor, Ross McElwee, dedicated so much time and energy into expanding our idea of documentary work and shooting techniques. With eight-hour editing sessions and long shooting days, our class bonded over the frustrations of syncing and cutting film and it was truly worth it.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

XV: I work at WHRB radio station and hold a Monday morning jazz set from 7-9am. Every session, a Cambridge local calls in after I play his requested jazz tune. It always makes me laugh that he religiously listens and requests this particular song, and adds a little joy to my Monday mornings.

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

XV: Harvard has so much to offer but I think if I were president, I would focus on expanding access to social

spaces, as dorms, campus buildings, and extracurricular clubhouses can feel limiting for social activity.

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

XV: I really appreciate the art and film scene in California, so I miss that aspect of home. But apart from that and perhaps the food, I am always very happy in Cambridge.

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

XV: I can imagine myself moving back to Southern California in the future. However, in the immediate years after college I think I will remain on the east coast or work abroad for a few years in Europe. I have moved so much that I am not tied to California and want to experience as much of the world as I can.

Harvard's Shared Interest Groups



Founded in 2012, the First-Generation Harvard Alumni (FGHA)—a 1000+ member organization globally—is a Shared Interest Group focused on supporting the first-gen students and alumni at Harvard and beyond. For those who don't know, a "first-gen" is someone who does not have a parent who graduated from a four-year U.S. college or university, which presents unique challenges and opportunities for one's Harvard experience as both a student and an alum. Since the creation of Harvard's Financial Aid Initiative, which eliminated loan-based aid for a student whose family made less than \$65,000 a year, the first-gen community has grown rapidly, now constituting close to 25% of the undergraduate population. One thing that makes this community so special is that it is quite eclectic and intersectional—our members represent a mosaic of geographies, cultural backgrounds, beliefs, academic disciplines, career aspirations, and philosophies on community and upward social mobility. No single first-gen is the same, yet we are all connected through shared narratives of perseverance, grit, and humility.

We encourage you to get involved with our vibrant community, whether or not you identify as a first-gen. Now is definitely an exciting time to do so. We continue to optimize a student mentorship program—now serving over 130 students a year—that gives first-gen alums an opportunity to personally mentor a current first-gen freshman on campus. After doubling our membership at this year's Global Networking Night, our board is focused on expanding our alumni programming beyond this mentorship program. We are currently building chapters in key geographies, including Los Angeles, to provide local networking and service opportunities for alumni. On May 17th at 5pm, FGHA will be hosting a social event at Spring DTLA with first-gen alumni groups from Yale, Penn, UCLA, and more. We will also be inviting current students who will be home from campus after spring semester. Please stop by to experience our unique community for yourself and learn more about how you can get involved.

Visit <http://firstgeneration.sigs.harvard.edu/> for more information.



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