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SEPTEMBER 2024

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Virtual Event via Zoom
No charge, but registration is required



Harvard President Garber Addresses SoCal Alumni September 16

Freshly appointed to a permanent role as the 31st President of Harvard University, Alan Garber '77, PhD '82 will address the Southern California alumni community on Monday, September 16 at the Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles.

During his remarks, President Garber is expected to share his vision for Harvard's future, provide insight into the University's priorities, and report on progress on campus. Garber was officially appointed president of Harvard University on August 2, 2024 after serving as interim president since January 2, 2024 and as the provost and chief academic officer since 2011. Garber will serve as Harvard's President through the 2026-2027 academic year. A full-scale search for his successor will begin in the late spring or summer of 2026.

Garber is known as an interdisciplinary thinker. He is the Mallinckrodt Professor of Health Care Policy at Harvard Medical School; a Professor of Economics in the Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences; a Professor of Public Policy in the Harvard Kennedy School of Government; and a Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management in the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

The Harvard Gazette reported on September 3 that President Garber is urging the campus community "to seek opportunities for unity in a time of divisiveness."

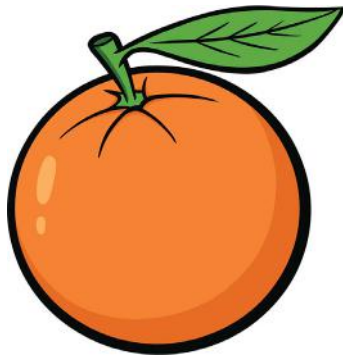


Harvard College Class of 2028 Celebrates at Club Send-off Party

On Saturday, August 3, Sonia Molina DMD '89, MPH '89 hosted 30 incoming first year students and their family members at a send-off party before their departure to Cambridge for pre-fresh orientation events.

HCSC Vice President, Schools, Harry Kim AB '86, and board members Neil Morganbesser AB '86 and Kay Park AB '87, also attended the event.

Students acquainted themselves with each other and compared notes about their Harvard Yard housing assignments, which they received in late July.



Orange Logo to Designate Orange County Events

The "OC Orange" is the Harvard Club of Southern California's new icon, highlighting the events that take place in Orange County. The OC Orange will be used in our newsletter, on our website, and in our event e-mail blasts going forward.

We hope you will welcome our new icon, the "OC Orange."

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OC Coffee & Networking



Enjoy some of OC's best coffee/tea and have a casual chat with fellow alumni!

SAT, SEP 7 @ 10:00AM

Stereoscope Coffee (Newport Beach)

No charge, cash coffee bar



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Join us for this special event for new alumni who live in Los Angeles or have plans to move there. The evening will offer new arrivals a welcome to Los Angeles, while providing an opportunity for recent grads in the area to connect.

WED, SEP 11 @ 6:00PM

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Day Trip to Catalina Island

Join us for an unforgettable group trip to Catalina Island with the Harvard Club of SoCal. Get ready for an exciting adventure as we embark on a trip to beautiful Catalina Island.

SAT, SEP 14 @ 7:15AM

Catalina Island (leaving from Long Beach)

\$85, members; \$95, nonmembers



Harvard Club Surf City Beach Party 2024



Laugh, sing, and play in the surf and sun with your HBSAOC and HCSC friends and family at beautiful Huntington Beach. Last year, this popular event was sold out and oversubscribed. We planned for 50 people and ended up opening it up to almost 100. This year registration is open for only 2 weeks. Admission includes lunch, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, desserts.

SUN, SEP 15 @ 10:00AM

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Waiting List Only!

A Conversation with Harvard President Garber

All members of the Harvard community are invited to a special in-person event with President Alan Garber '77, PhD '82. Please join us at the Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 16, when President Garber will share his vision for Harvard's future, provide insight into the University's priorities, and report on progress on campus.

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Race, Media, and Justice: How Images Shape Our World

Join renowned scholar and cultural historian Sarah Lewis '01 and acclaimed producer and entrepreneur Franklin Leonard '00 for an insightful conversation exploring the power of visual culture and storytelling, and how they shape the perceptions of race, equity, and justice.

MON, SEP 23 @ 5:00PM

Virtual Event via Zoom

No charge, registration required



2024 Ivy+ Mixer



Are you ready to network, socialize, and unwind with the brightest minds from the Ivy+ schools? Whether you're a recent graduate, seasoned professional, or retired, this event is your chance to reconnect with old friends, make new friends, and discover new professional collaborations and opportunities with alumni across Orange County in a casual, outdoor setting.

THU, SEP 26 @ 5:00PM

Hangar 24 (Irvine)

No charge, cash bar



HKS and Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance Networking Event

This event will provide an opportunity to network and have casual conversations about the Harvard Kennedy School's master's degree programs, admissions processes, financial aid opportunities, the HKS student experience, and furthering your career in public service.

MON, OCT 7 @ 6:00PM

The Rosegold Saloon (Los Angeles)

No charge



Upcoming Events

Borrego Canyon Trail to Red Rock Canyon Hike



Join us and fellow alumni from the Harvard Law School Association of Orange County for a hike from the Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park to Red Rock Canyon. This is a 4-mile, family-friendly hike with beautiful scenery, rocky terrain, and a cool canyon view at the end.

MON, OCT 7 @ 6:00PM

Borrego Canyon Trailhead (Foothill Ranch)

No charge; children welcome

ANHW Sunday Brunch in Pasadena

Join ANHW (Alumnae-I Network for Harvard Women) for Sunday brunch in Old Town Pasadena. Meet old friends and make new ones! All alumni welcome.

SUN, OCT 20 @ 9:30AM

True Food Kitchen (Pasadena)

No charge, pay for your own meal onsite



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>.

Q & A from 02138:

Isabella Madrigal '24



Isabella Madrigal '24, a concentrator in English with a secondary in Psychology, graduated high school from the Orange County School of the Arts, where she was enrolled in the Acting Conservatory. During high school, Isabella was the president of the school's Building Bridges Club and was the winner of the 2020 Yale Young Native Playwrights Contest. As a national Gold Award Girl Scout, Isabella had the opportunity to speak at the United Nations Headquarters in New York about her arts and advocacy work on behalf of missing and murdered indigenous people. Isabella was named a 2020 Champion for Change by the Center for Native American Youth.

Isabella is a recent Harvard graduate who resided in Adams House. At Harvard, she was a board member of the cultural organization Natives at Harvard College and has been involved with theatrical productions through the Harvard Radcliffe Dramatic Club, including *King John* and *Disonia*. As a sophomore, Isabella received an Artist Development Fellowship from Harvard's Office of the Arts.

In her senior year, Isabella won the Harvard Hoopes Thesis Prize and the Le Baron-Riggs Thesis Prize for her screenplay, *Menil and Her Heart*. As an actress, Isabella is best known for her work in the play version of *Menil and Heart*, the television series *Rutherford Falls*, and *Marvel's Echo*. Isabella is also featured in the fifth issue of the bestselling series *Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls: Inspiring Young Changemakers*. Her essay on indigenous sisterhood was published in *Dear Rebel* in the fall of 2023. Isabella was also recently named a 2023-2024 filmmaking recipient of the Center for Cultural Power's Culture Bearer Award.

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

IM: I was most pleasantly surprised by the diversity of people. Across my courses, the unique perspectives that were brought by students from around the world are among the most memorable things about my undergraduate experience. The genuine desire of professors to engage and connect with students across disciplines and beyond just one semester made mentorship and collaboration some of the best parts of attending Harvard.

The financial support that Harvard gives its students to study abroad was so exciting to me. As a rising senior, I got the opportunity to study creative scriptwriting in Greece under a prolific London-based playwright, and it was one of my favorite summer experiences. Harvard has been an amazing place to foster meaningful connections, whether with students, professors, or alumni!

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

IM: I first visited Harvard in February of 2020, when I was a senior in high school. Coming from California, the cold was a shock! But, I enjoyed walking around Harvard Square and the greater Boston area. That day I discovered the Barker Cafe, and, as a student, it became one of my favorite places to study and hang out with friends.

HCSC: What was your funniest moment at Harvard?

IM: My funniest moment at Harvard was when I had to tell my family that I had decided to switch from a premedical track (after two years of rigorous devotion and lifelong aspirations of being a doctor) to concentrate in English, pursue my dream of writing a screenplay for my thesis, and trade a five-year plan for the complete unknown.

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

IM: I would create a multicultural center for affinity organizations on campus. As a former board member for Natives at Harvard College, I think this would be a great way to foster solidarity and offer resources to students.

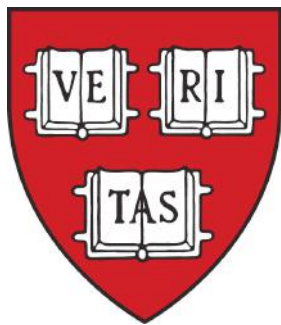
It would also be great to have more funding go into the arts at Harvard. Particularly in the realm of postgraduate fellowships and summer projects, it is so important to have more specific support go to Harvard's undergraduate artists.

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

IM: I'm an enrolled member of the Cahuilla Band of Indians in Southern California, so I definitely miss my community a lot when I'm away from home. In Southern California, I love that you can drive to the ocean, the desert, and the mountains, all in a couple of hours. I think Southern California's landscapes are unmatched, and I missed the freedom of taking a drive or a peaceful walk by the ocean when I was in Boston.

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

IM: As an artist, much of my work is grounded in community, so I definitely see myself living and working in Southern California long-term. I'm currently about to start shooting a short film version of my play, *Menil and Her Heart*, and will be using an entirely local cast and crew. I hope to continue working in the arts and entertainment industry, so home is one of the best places for me to be!



Volunteer to Serve as a Harvard Alumni Interviewer!

The Harvard Club of Southern California invites interested alumni to serve as Harvard alumni interviewers for the 2024-2025 admissions season.

Each year, Southern California high school students apply by the thousands for admission to Harvard College.

The alumni interview serves as an important part of the admissions process, according to Harry Kim, chair of the Harvard Club of Southern California's Schools Committee. "The Admissions Office views the alumni interview as a critical component of a candidate's application," he said. "This makes it crucial for our area to have sufficient numbers of interviewers to meet the demands of the applicant pool," he added.

Mr. Kim said that the Southern California Schools Committee continued to receive a high volume of alumni interview requests this past year.

New interviewers will be trained this fall by experienced members of the HCSC Schools Committee, who may have served as alumni interviewers for decades.

Mr. Kim urges alumni interested in serving as alumni interviewers to contact him at areachairsfvharvard@gmail.com. Both undergraduate and graduate alumni of Harvard University are eligible to serve as interviewers. Interviews may be conducted in person or by Zoom, at the option of the interviewer and the applicant.



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