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University of Southern California (Los Angeles)
No charge



“The Game” L.A. Viewing Party 2023

Excitement was high early Saturday morning November 18th as a lively group of over 100 Harvard and Yale alumni came to watch the classic rivalry - the 139th playing of the Harvard/Yale football game. The 2023 viewing party was graciously hosted by Q's Billiard Club in West LA.

The atmosphere was tense as Harvard, after losing most of the game, made a dramatic comeback, leading 18-17 in the final quarter. When a Harvard fumble led to a Yale score, Harvard pushed downfield and, with 3 minutes left, faced a crucial 4th and 2 on Yale's 10-yard line. Harvard's coach Murphy gambled and went for it, but Yale's blitz led to a missed touchdown pass. In a nail-biting finish, Harvard remained Ivy League champions but now sharing the title with Yale and Dartmouth.

During halftime, raffle winners collected unique Harvard and Yale memorabilia such as canvas bags, hats, t-shirts, nerf footballs and a highly desired flask. Both sides had the opportunity to sing their school fight songs with the trumpet accompaniment of Dr. Richard Allan Williams, '57.

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As always, The Game viewing party was a great way to renew acquaintances and make new connections across communities. Thanks to the Harvard Club of Southern California board members Gary Barkin '86, Billy Kimball '82, Yule Caise '86, and Joe Rogers '86 for coordinating and hosting the event, as well as the Yale Alumni LA for their collaboration and execution. See you next year!



Harvard-Yale Watch Party — Orange County

A great time with a great crowd was on hand at the Harvard Yale game OC watch party. Even after two blocked punts, Harvard came back to take the lead 18-17 with 10:45 left in the 4th quarter. Harvard then fumbled the ball on its own 20 yard line. Yale proceed to score and go ahead. With 3 minutes left. Harvard marched down the field and had a 4th and 2 on the Yale 10 yard line. Do you kick a field goal and hope to get the ball back. Harvard coach Murphy went for it. Yale blitzed and pressured Harvard's QB who missed the TD pass. Thankfully, Harvard are still Ivy League champions but now shares the title with Yale and Dartmouth.

A great showing by our younger alumni who won half time trivia knowing that the Ivy League was formed in 1954. Also in attendance were former HCSC board member, Chi Bui, current Board member, Paul Bokota, current VP of OC, AJ Rogers, current VP of Radcliffe, Betsey Gillis and VP of Membership, Matthew Stasior.

See you all again next year.

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Kristof Farms Cider Tasting Salon Event Draws Crowd

Over 50 Harvard alumni and guests attended a Kristof Farms' cider-tasting event on October 6. The event featured Sheryl WuDunn MBA '86, Nicholas D. Kristof AB '82, co-owners of Kristof Farms; Joan Chu Reese AB '85, executive director, Vision to Learn; and Cynthia Torres AB '80, MBA '84, an independent college counselor. WuDunn and Kristof were winners of the 1990 Pulitzer Prize for their reporting from China on the Tiananmen Square democracy movement and its subsequent suppression; Kristof won a second Pulitzer Prize in 2006 for commentary.

While guests munched on hors d'oeuvres and tasted Kristof Farms' cider selections, WuDunn and Kristof led an interactive discussion about current issues including US-China relations. Reese, WuDunn, and Kristof discussed Vision To Learn's program to promote the transformative power of eyeglasses for children living in low-income communities. WuDunn, who is a Harvard Overseer, led a discussion with Torres about Harvard admissions in the aftermath of the Supreme Court ruling on affirmative action.



Standup Comedy Night 2023

On November 3 the second annual Harvard Standup Comedy show was held at the Bourbon Room in Hollywood hosted by Adia Matthews, Elizabeth Oly and Cat Ce. Forty alumni attended and enjoyed sets by Harvard Alumni comics Elizabeth Swaney, Cat Ce, Dara Wilson, The Klein Boyz, Camille Aragon, Keith Graber, Sadiqua Scarlett, Mike Glazer, and Emily Margolin.



Harvard Club Karaoke Night

On November 4 the Harvard Club of Southern California took over the VIP room at Moxie Karaoke in Arcadia for its first karaoke night. 20 Alumni from all over Los Angeles including Torrance, Long Beach, and Pomona convened for an unforgettable night of sake, sushi, and singing! Memorable favorites include "Baby Got Back," "Total Eclipse of the Heart," and a disproportionate number of ABBA hits. We had wonderful conversation and built many connections, in between playing the tambourines and rocking out to our favorite songs.



Upcoming Events

[Members Only] Private Tour of Orange County Museum of Art

Join fellow Harvard and Princeton Alums for a private tour of the Orange County Museum of Art and learn about the building's unique architecture and collection. This event is open to members only.



FRI, DEC 1 @ 5:00PM

Orange County Museum of Art (Costa Mesa)

\$37.50 per person

Connect and Collaborate at Our Networking Lunch

Join us for breakfast and network with fellow alumni in the heart of Beverly Hills. Feel free to bring along a friend or a colleague who might benefit from this event as well. Don't miss out!

FRI, DEC 8 @ 11:30AM

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Annual Harvard-Yale Holiday Salon

Join us for the liveliest Holiday Performance Party and Mixer in LA. Do you sing? Play? Perform? Dance? Or have another unique talent that would entertain others? This is your chance for fame, if not fortune!

FRI, DEC 8 @ 6:30PM

The Home of a Club Member near Larchmont Village

\$25 per person



Newport Beach Boat Parade 2023

Join us for an annual tradition of the Newport Boat Parade. Enjoy this one of a kind evening, as you sit in a private room atop the harbor and watch the boat parade go by within feet of your seats.

FRI, DEC 15 @ 6:00PM

The Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club (Newport Beach)

\$135, members; \$150, non-members



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Join the Harvard Club of Southern California in welcoming two of Harvard's most prestigious a cappella groups as they return to Los Angeles. The Harvard Din & Tonics and the Harvard Krokodiloes will be performing at the Westwood Presbyterian Church.

SAT, JAN 6 @ 8:00PM

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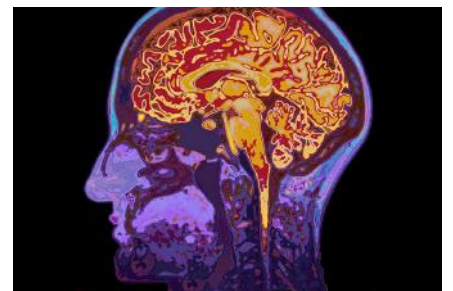
Myron Kayton Science Pub #24 - A Visit to USC Neuroimaging & Informatics Institute

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



Q & A from 02138:

Monique Vobecky '25



Monique Vobecky, '25 a concentrator in Neuroscience, was born in Arcadia, California, and graduated from Glendora High School where she founded her own 501(c)(3) non-profit organization called the Little Sunshine Foundation. She was the captain of the Glendora High School Girls Soccer team and played violin in the Glendora High School orchestra. She is a junior residing in Kirkland House. At Harvard, she is the Film Executive and Comp Director for the Harvard Crimson's Arts Board and the News Board, where she writes about race and diversity on campus. She was also the Attendee Outreach Director for the Intercollegiate Business Convention committee in Harvard's Undergraduate Women in Business Organization, and is currently the Diversity Director for the organization's Diversity Committee. Moreover, she is a Volunteer Director and board member for Harvard's Project Sunshine Club where she organizes and participates in volunteering with children at hospitals. She spent the summer as Research Intern at the Center for Quality Improvement and Innovation at the New York Department of Health and worked on back-to-school donation events for her non-profit organization.

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

MV: From first coming to Harvard, I was the most surprised by the expansive array of different regions and experiences that different students come from. With this, there are always many events and opportunities available to students every week for them to engage with.

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

MV: I first visited Harvard a week after I was admitted in 2021. While I was unable to enter Harvard Yard, my first impressions were centered around the diverse variety of buildings and businesses at Harvard—making up a very large campus. Furthermore, I enjoyed learning about the residential housing system that was distinct from any university I have seen before.

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

MV: My favorite class that I have taken so far is Neuroscience 80. The course involved weekly presentations from Neuroscience professionals that were engaging and exciting. Neuroscience 80 provided the opportunity to engage with hands-on demonstrations that greatly enriched the learning experience.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

MV: My funniest moment at Harvard was seeing major snow for the first time during the winter of 2021. The storm brought over 23 inches of snow to Harvard's campus and I spent much of the snow day astonished by the snow and sledding down Widener steps with friends.

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

MV: If I was the President of Harvard, I would create more housing buildings or extend the existing buildings to allow more students to live in each house. As some classes are growing after the pandemic, each house is becoming exceedingly limited on space and creating more housing buildings would make living at Harvard more accessible for many students.

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

MV: I miss the Southern California culture the most, mainly in being able to do most events and eat meals outside with friends and family. When I was growing up in Southern California, I embraced engaging with the outdoors, rain or shine. However, the opportunity to do this in Cambridge is limited due to the more extreme weather and most spaces on campus being inside.

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

MV: In the future, I hope to have the opportunity to work in Southern California in the medical and public service fields. With this, I am excited to embrace the diverse opportunities that are available in Southern California.



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.

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