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## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, May 3, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M.**  
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Cost: \$45 per person

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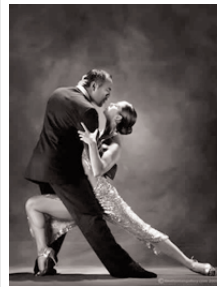
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Location: Jonathan Club, The Library (Los Angeles)  
Cost: \$250 includes Harvard Football Nike workout gear; \$150 classes of 2009 and prior; \$75 classes of 2010 - 2016

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***2016 Harvard Club Annual Dinner and Awards***  
Location: UCLA Faculty Center (Los Angeles)  
Cost: \$70, members/guests; \$80, non-members; \$60, recent grads (class of '11 and later)

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***Harvard Global Networking Night in Los Angeles - Save the Date!***  
Location: TBA  
Cost: No charge

**Wednesday, July 6, 2016 @ 8:00 P.M.**  
***Hollywood Bowl: Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone***  
Location: Hollywood Bowl (Los Angeles)  
Cost: \$25 per person



## ***Sunday, May 22, 2016:*** **Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Dinner**

Black or white/ right or wrong/ left or right/ evil or good/ weak or strong/ day or night/ blue state or red state. The theme of this year's Annual Dinner is Black or White. But we Harvard alumni know that not all is black or white. So come to Harvard's Annual Dinner and wear your black or white; or wear both black and white; or show that there are really 50 shades of grey. The Best Dressed will be handsomely rewarded.

You are invited to attend the Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Dinner. We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of three incredible members of our local community: Rabbi Marvin Hier, Anthony Yom, and Daniel Medina AB '79, MBA '83. Musical entertainment will be provided in addition to good food and great company.



**The 2016 John Harvard Award for Distinguished Service to the Community will be presented to Rabbi Marvin Hier.** In 1977, Rabbi Marvin Hier founded the Simon Wiesenthal Center, named in honor of famed Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal. Under his leadership, the Center and

its museum have become one of the foremost Jewish human rights agencies in the world. In 2007 and 2008, Newsweek magazine named him the "Most Influential Rabbi in America."

The Center's educational arm, the Museum of Tolerance, opened in February 1993 to worldwide

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acclaim. Founded to challenge visitors to confront bigotry and racism and to understand the Holocaust in both historic and contemporary contexts, the Museum hosts 350,000 visitors a year, including 130,000 school students.

Rabbi Hier is the only rabbi who is a member of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences and he is the recipient of two Academy Awards®, for “Genocide” and “The Long Way Home.” The Center’s film division, Moriah Films, has produced fifteen documentaries, which have been viewed by tens of millions of people around the world.



**The 2016 Educator of the Year Award will be presented to Anthony Yom**, math teacher at Abraham Lincoln High School, a public school in Lincoln Heights since 2005. The majority of families of students at Lincoln High are low-income and 20 percent are English-language learners. For the past three years, all of his students in his AP Calculus class have passed the exam. Last May, 17 of his 21 students received the highest score, including one who scored a perfect exam. Of the 302,531 students who took the exam, only 12 scored a perfect exam. Mr. Yom was recently featured in the Los Angeles Times and on NPR; Mr. Yom received his B.A. from UC Irvine and M.Ed (TEP 06’ / PLI 09’) from UCLA.



**The Fred Smith Award for Outstanding Service to the Harvard Club of Southern California will be presented to Daniel A. Medina AB ’79, MBA ’83**, who has served as Vice President for the Schools and Scholarship Committee since 2011. Under his leadership, the club’s Schools and Scholarship Committee coordinates over 600 alumni interviewers, who each year meet with over 2,400 applicants to the college. Dan also served as President of the Club from 2010 through 2012, and Vice President for Membership and Communications. He and his wife, Laura Martin, MBA ’83 have three children, Andy, Laura, and Ali. Dan works at Needham & Company, LLC, where he publishes research on the largest internet and entertainment companies.

**Club Dinner Details:**

**Date:** Sunday, May 22, 2016  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Place:** UCLA Faculty Center, 480 Charles E. Young Drive East, Los Angeles, CA 90095  
**Cost:** \$70 Members and guests; \$80 Non-members; \$60 Recent Grads (Class of ’11 and later); \$90 for all after May 15th and at the door  
**Register:** <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>  
**Contact:** Eva Plaza, [Eplaza@gerardfoxlaw.com](mailto:Eplaza@gerardfoxlaw.com)



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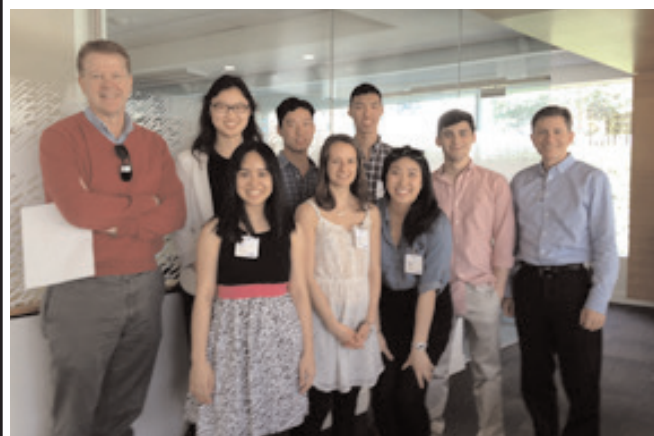
## Harvard College Admissions Update - Class of 2020

Harvard College finalized its decisions for the Class of 2020 and sent admission notifications out on March 31st. Including Early Action, 2,037 candidates were offered a spot in the Class of 2020, of the record 39,041 students who had applied for admission, an acceptance rate of 5.2 percent.

William R. Fitzsimmons, Dean of Admissions and financial aid, said, “The Admissions Committee has assembled a class that promises to be one of the best in Harvard’s long history. It will be exciting to witness their progress during their Harvard years and beyond.” Fitzsimmons also commented on the diversity in the current class, “We have worked very, very hard over many, many years to increase the economic diversity of the student body.” Sarah C. Donahue, Griffin Director of Financial Aid, added, “For 90 percent of American families, it costs less to attend Harvard than one of the nation’s public universities. Bringing promising students to Harvard is our main objective, and we believe that financial circumstances should never cloud a student’s decision to apply. That is why we remain committed to supporting every admitted student with need-based aid.”

The Class of 2020 will arrive from cities, suburbs, and small towns throughout the United States, in addition to bringing a strong international presence. In Southern California, 119 students were admitted to the Class of 2020, of a record 3,035 applicants, a 3.9 percent acceptance rate, well below the national average of 5.2 percent.

Receptions were held in Pacific Palisades on April 10 and in Newport Beach on April 23 to congratulate these students and their parents, and to thank the hundreds of alumni who interviewed candidates. If you are interested in being an alumni interviewer, please contact Dan Medina at [Dan@capknowledge.com](mailto:Dan@capknowledge.com).



*Photo, left to right: Sasha Kamb SB '80, Harvard undergraduate students Tina Huang, Maria Lai, Christopher Li, Brittany Petros, Jiho Park, Brittany Wang, Jason Friedman, David Reese SB '85*

## Harvard Undergraduates Visit Amgen to Learn About the Cutting Edge of Biotechnology

Through the Harvard Spring Break Experience, a group of seven Harvard undergraduates spent March 16-17 at Amgen in Thousand Oaks. David Reese SB '85 (SVP, Translational Sciences) and Alexander “Sasha” Kamb SB '80 (SVP, Discovery Research), hosted the “Science in Industry Experience,” which provided an introduction to life on the front lines developing new drugs

for serious diseases. Participants were exposed to the basic science of drug development, clinical and translational research, and advanced protein manufacturing, toured labs devoted to cytometry and discovery research, visited a pilot plant, and discussed possible career paths with Amgen scientists. Reese commented, “The sophistication of the students was impressive, and their enthusiasm was infectious. I know that our future is in good hands.”



## Dinner and Harvard Professor Speaking Event

The Harvard Club of Southern California welcomes Harry R. Lewis, AB '68, PhD '74, the Gordon McKay Professor of Computer Science, and former Dean of Harvard College, who will be speaking on "The Past and Future of Engineering at Harvard."

**Date:** Tuesday, May 3, 2016  
**Time:** 6:00 P.M.  
**Location:** Scriptorium Room, USC University Club (Los Angeles)  
**Cost:** \$45 per person  
**Contact:** Herb Goldman, herbdavid1@gmail.com  
**Register:** <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>



## Discover Your City: Get Fit with Cross Fit

The next workout in our Get Fit series takes us to Deuce Gym in Venice Beach. Join us for a strength and conditioning workout to meet other alums from the area while also increasing your getting stronger.

**Date:** Saturday, May 7, 2016  
**Time:** 9:00 A.M.  
**Location:** Deuce Gym (Venice)  
**Cost:** \$5 per person  
**Contact:** Madeleine Mejia,  
Madeleine\_Mejia@post.harvard.edu  
**Register:** <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>



## 2016 Friends of Harvard Football Dinner 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 Southern California and Friends of Harvard Football. 2015 Ivy Championship Review - Update on Class of 2020 Recruits - 2016 Season Preview and more!

**Date:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016  
**Time:** 6:30 P.M.  
**Location:** Jonathan Club (Los Angeles)  
**Cost:** \$250 per person (includes Nike Workout Gear); \$150, classes of 2009 and prior; \$75, 2010-2016  
**Contact:** Kelsey Curtis, kcurtis@fas.harvard.edu  
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## Discover Your City: Get Fit Private SPEEDPlay class

Created by chiropractor Dr. Ryan Pendon and expert trainer Xavier Quimbo, Speedplay was born out of the need for a challenging, effective, and exclusive training class for everyone from beginners to seasoned athletes. Envisioned as a creative workout atmosphere, their 60-minute classes are fast-paced and playlist-curated.

**Date:** Saturday, May 21, 2016  
**Time:** 12:00 P.M.  
**Location:** Speedplay (Los Angeles)  
**Cost:** \$18/person (discounted price from \$27)  
**Contact:** Madeleine Mejia,  
Madeleine\_Mejia@post.harvard.edu  
**Register:** <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>



## Harvard Global Networking Night in Los Angeles

Twice a year, thousands of Harvard alumni make new connections at Global Networking Night (GNN) events in cities across the globe. The last GNN drew more than 5,000 alumni in 85 cities worldwide! Attendance is free.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016  
**Time:** 7:00 P.M.  
**Location:** TBA  
**Cost:** No charge  
**Contact:** Madeleine Mejia,  
Madeleine\_Mejia@post.harvard.edu

## Harvardwood & the HCSC Go to the Hollywood Bowl:



## Harry Potter & The Sorcerer's Stone

Harvardwood joins forces with the Harvard Club of Southern California to head to the Hollywood Bowl this summer for a screening of the first Harry Potter movie, while the score is performed live by the L.A. Phil!

**Date:** Wednesday, July 6, 2016  
**Time:** 8:30 P.M.  
**Location:** Hollywood Bowl (Los Angeles)  
**Cost:** \$25 per person, limited availability  
**Contact:** Madeleine Mejia,  
Madeleine\_Mejia@post.harvard.edu  
**Register:** <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>



PAGEANT of the MASTERS 2016

## 2016 Pageant of the Masters: *Partners*

Please join us for our annual trip to see the beautiful and memorable Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach. This year the show features provocative and passionate tales of some of art's dynamic duos – artists and patrons, models, muses, even dance partners.

**Date:** Friday, July 29, 2016  
**Time:** 8:30 P.M.  
**Location:** Festival of the Arts (Laguna Beach)  
**Cost:** \$75 (Main Tier Center)  
**Contact:** German Enciso, enciso@uci.edu



## Save the Date - Nov 4-6, 2016! Harvard Women's Weekend

We are excited to announce the first-ever Harvard Women's Weekend. Save November 4–6, 2016 to explore the topics most relevant, interesting, and top of mind to women connected with Harvard and around the world.

**Date:** November 4-6, 2016  
**Location:** Harvard University (Cambridge, MA)  
**Contact:** HAA\_AlumniEducation@harvard.edu



# 2016-2017 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 2016-2017:

Yes/No	Title	Name
/	President	Steven M. Arkow AB '84
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/	Director	Lindsay Louie AB '11
/	Director	E. Dryden Pence III AB '82
/	Director	Kenneth S. Williams AB '78

### Term Ending 2019

/	Director	Tomi Adeyemi AB '15
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/	Director	Gus Frias EdM '94
/	Director	Herbert D. Goldman MD, AB '76
/	Director	Ed Ogosta MAR '01
/	Director	Kevin Wegener MBA '08

*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 Slate should they choose to do so.*

**Marked ballots must be delivered to the Club Secretary by 6/28/16:**

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



## Q&A from 02138... Trent Nelson '16

**Trent Nelson '16**, a concentrator in Economics, was born in Santa Monica and graduated from Santa Monica High School, where he founded and operated his own private tutoring service. He was also captain of the varsity baseball team which won the Ocean League championship. At Harvard, he is the Chief Education Officer of the Harvard Financial Analysts Club and teaches a weekly lecture series on introductory financial concepts to over 100 undergraduate students. At Harvard, he participated in club boxing. He is currently a senior residing in the Currier House "Ten Man" and will be moving to New York City after graduation. He worked as an intern in the Private Equity group at Apollo Global Management.

Trent recently completed his senior thesis in economics entitled "Are Stock Buybacks Used to Make the C-Suite Sweeter?: Open Market Share Repurchases and Executive Stock Options Timing."

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

**TN:** Although I knew Harvard would provide me with a wealth of opportunities, I did not expect to be able to pursue such a breadth and depth of my interests here. I have made great friends with students from across the country and world who share the same level of passion in my pursuits, ranging from finance to boxing to academics.

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

**TN:** I first visited Harvard during the spring of my senior year of high school. My high school friend, who was a sophomore at Harvard at the time, took me on a tour around the campus and down the Charles River. As a kid from a relatively young state, the history and grandeur of Harvard left an impression on me that lasts to this day.

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

**TN:** A philosophy and ethical reasoning entitled "The Meaning of Life" taught by Professor Mathias Risse was my favorite class at Harvard. While I did not discover the meaning of life by the conclusion of the semester, I greatly enjoyed the intellectual stimulation and rigor of the arguments presented by the greatest philosophers in history such as Epicurus, Descartes, Kant, and Schopenhauer. I learned how to critically engage with philosophical arguments proposed by some of the great philosophers. While I did not discover the meaning of life by the conclusion of the semester, I did learn this -- it is up to us to create a life of personal significance and to discover meaning in our lives. It is up to us to put ourselves in a position where we can connect with others who are also striving to find meaning in their own lives. By actively pursuing personal relationships and worthwhile projects, we can uncover the meaning of our own lives.

**HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?**

**TN:** During Housing Day 2015, several members of my house community and I donned nothing but speedos and green body paint as we braved below-freezing temperatures to welcome new freshmen to Currier House.

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

**TN:** I would actively encourage students to engage with others who share different moral, political, or theological views. Harvard's diversity is only as impactful as the ability for its students to explore and challenge the varying perceptions held across its student body.

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

**TN:** Apart from its incomparable weather, I miss the abundance of activities offered by Southern California's diverse landscape. Nowhere else do I have the opportunity on a single weekend to choose between going to a sunny beach, taking a hike in the mountains, eating nearly any type of authentic ethnic food, or attending a live basketball, baseball, or hockey game.

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

**TN:** Next year, I will be living on the East Coast and begin working in New York as an analyst at Evercore Partners. Although I don't foresee myself moving back to Southern California any time in the near future, it is the place I always consider home.



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**2016 HARVARD CLUB ANNUAL  
 DINNER AND AWARDS  
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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

To recommend an event or volunteer for one, contact one of our Programs VPs. Contact information can be found on page 2.

\*All checks for events are non-refundable unless explicitly stated otherwise. Unless specifically noted, RSVPs are not confirmed.

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