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OCTOBER 2023

Upcoming Events

Kristof Farms Cider Tasting and Salon Event

FRI, OCT 6 @ 5:30PM

Private Residence in Pacific Palisades

\$35 per person

Harvardwood/Penntertainment: Fall Mixer

THU, OCT 12 @ 5:30PM

Godfrey Hotel Los Angeles

No charge, cash bar

Harvard Griffin GSAS Event: Secrets and Ciphers

TUE, OCT 17 @ 8:00AM

Luxe Sunset Boulevard Hotel (Los Angeles)

No charge

HGSE in Los Angeles: Admissions Engagement Session

WED, OCT 18 @ 7:00PM

Miyako Hotel (Los Angeles)

No charge

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The Geffen Playhouse (Los Angeles)

\$65 Harvardwood members; \$75 non-members



Recent Grads Welcome to LA 2023 Event a Smash

Over 100 recent grads and others across the Harvard community attended an energized “Welcome to LA 2023!” event on September 27 at Love.Life in Culver City.

“We had a lively event at Love Life with representation across schools and classes,” said Adia Mathews ’10, MBA ’15. “The evening featured new connections, surprise reunions, and overall excitement,” at the event, she added.

The Harvard Club of Southern California hosts a Welcome to Your City event each year to welcome new graduates to the region.

Harvard alumni who graduated between 2013-2023, from the College or any of the graduate schools, were invited. Seven alumni Shared Interest Groups served as event co-sponsors, including Harvardwood, Harvard Alumni Entrepreneurs, Harvard Alumni for Mental Health, Harvard Asian American Alumni Alliance, Harvard Black Alumni Society, the Harvard Christian Alumni Society, and the Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance. See more photos from this event on page 2.



Alumni Needed to Interview Applicants for the Class of 2028

The Harvard Club's Schools Committee is receiving requests to interview applicants for the Class of 2028, and we need you.

Harvard is expecting another record year for applications. We anticipate Southern California will exceed last year's level of interview requests, since SAT and ACT tests are again optional this year. Harvard Admissions views the alumni interview as a critical component of a candidate's application, making it crucial for our area to have an adequate number of interviewers to meet the demands of the applicant pool.

The far-flung Southern California region is one of the largest in area and in population, with a geographic range from Mammoth Lakes in the north to the southernmost tip of Orange County, and ranging up the coast to the northmost point of Los Angeles County, and everything east to the Inland Empire and desert cities and including Temecula and Orange County.

Alumni interested in serving as interviewers should contact Dr. Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi at mjhnakanishi@gmail.com. Both undergraduate and graduate school alumni of Harvard University and its extension degree programs are eligible to serve as interviewers. Interviews may be conducted in person or on Zoom, at the option of the interviewer. Harvard admissions officers have developed a series of Zoom sessions for new and continuing interviewers.

More Photos from the Recent Grads Welcome Event...



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Recent Events

Breakfast Networking Event at the Original Farmers Market

Our networking breakfast event on September 7, hosted at the charming Michelin Artisan Boulanger, was a great success. Alumni from diverse backgrounds and experiences came together and enjoyed a warm and welcoming atmosphere that encouraged connections and conversations. Alumni engaged in meaningful discussions, shared experiences about their time at Harvard, recent travels abroad, and current projects, all while sipping on great coffee and indulging in delicious Parisian pastries.



Harvard Alumni Gather in Culver City for a Scenic Adventure

On September 9, 30 Harvard alumni gathered in Culver City for a sunset hike to the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook. With the city views as a backdrop, the group shared stories and laughs. Following the hike, they headed to the renovated Citizen's Public Market for dinner and drinks, strengthening old ties and building new ones. Such events showcase the tight-knit nature of the Harvard community.



OC Annual Mixer 2023

On September 21, Harvard alumni in Orange County joined alumni from other top schools for a night of networking at the sumptuous Club Equinox in Irvine. Since 2009, this event has brought together alumni groups from top schools. Over quenching cocktails and tasty snacks, Harvard alumni had the opportunity to renew and make connections with alumni from our own alma mater as well as other schools including Yale, Princeton, Brown, Penn, and Stanford. Shown in the picture are BachChi Cecilia Nguyen MBA '22; Vien Nguyen '86; Chi Bui DDS '02; AJ Rogers MD '79; Tina Kartika, Tyler Runge '12, JD '15; Iman Khosrowpour MDA '09; and John McHugh MD '94.



Upcoming Events

Harvardwood Presents: *The Engagement Party* Premiere/Q&A with Playwright Samuel Baum '98

Join us for an evening at the theater. We'll be attending *The Engagement Party*, written by Harvard College alum Samuel Baum AB '98.

WED, OCT 18 @ 8:00PM

The Geffen Playhouse (Los Angeles)

\$65 Members of Harvardwood; \$75 Non-Members



FandangObon: Tracing the Original Indigenous Path of the Los Angeles River

Please join us for this very special Los Angeles River walk and cultural celebration ending at the LA State Historic Park where the Fandango Obon dancing will take place.

SAT, OCT 21 @ 10:00AM

Along the LA River, culminating at the L.A. State Historic Park

No charge



Breakfast Networking Event at the Charming Leora Cafe

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, OCT 27 @ 8:00AM

Leora Cafe - UTA Plaza (Beverly Hills)

No charge, cash coffee bar



Harvard Club Karaoke Night

Join Harvard alumni and friends in a private room karaoke experience in Arcadia! Space is limited, so reserve now to secure your seat and to take advantage of the early bird discount, which includes singing and appetizers.

SAT, NOV 4 @ 8:00PM

Moxie Lounge & Karaoke (Arcadia)

Early bird price (before Oct 15): \$35 (members); \$45 (non-members)

Regular price (deadline Nov 1): \$40 (members); \$50 (non-members)



Q & A from 02138:

Brooke Hourigan '23



Brooke Hourigan, '23, a concentrator in Neuroscience, graduated from Orange Lutheran High School. She was captain of her high school's water polo and swim teams; the water polo team won the Division 1 CIF championship and the Division 1 State championship. She was a member of the school's Ambassador Program and STEM Club and participated in Operation Christmas Child. Hourigan is a senior residing in Cabot House. At Harvard, she is a member of the women's water polo team, the team liaison for the Athlete Medical Mentorship Program (AMMP), member of the Harvard Neuroscience Undergraduate Society (NUGS), and she serves as a Neuroscience Academic Student Advisor (NASA). Over the summers she interned with a cardiologist at the Orange County Heart Institute (OCHI), worked as an assistant water polo coach for Foothill High School, and coached at the club level for the 14 & under girls group and 18 & under high school girls for SOCAL Water Polo Club. She also interned at FOUNT, and studied abroad in London.

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

BH: I was surprised at how “normal” everything, and everyone was. Harvard is always portrayed as an elite college where everyone is super smart and very competitive, and so that was my expectation, but I was happily surprised as that has not been my entire experience. I have met some of my best friends here, and I am so thankful for it. I know that these friendships will last a lifetime.

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

BH: I have known about Harvard since the fourth grade when my parents went to Boston for vacation and came back with Harvard swimming shirts for my sisters and me to sleep in. I decided that I was going to go to Harvard. But it was not until my junior year of high school that I visited the campus. I just remember absolutely falling in love with the school and with Cambridge. I loved Cambridge's city feel, which still felt homey in comparison to New York, which was exactly what I wanted.

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

BH: My favorite class and professor was Abnormal Psychology (PSY 18) with Professor Buckholtz, who is sadly not teaching the course anymore. The class was structured in an interesting and engaging manner. The course teaching staff was excited to teach the material, which in turn made me excited to learn the material. I liked that the misconceptions commonly made by society mental illness were corrected, so that we had the facts - which served to destigmatize mental illnesses. It was only possible to have this kind of class environment because Professor Buckholtz was very open and real with the class, which I appreciated, especially with the content that was taught.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

BH: In all honesty, I have not spent enough time on campus – this past semester marks one full year of being on campus – so I have not had too many funny moments. I will share one of my favorite memories which would be starting a snowball fight in the Yard. My friends and I had gone to Insomnia for National Cookie Day where the line was super long and to pass the time, we started a snowball fight amongst ourselves. After getting out

cookies, the snowball fight resumed. It ended up being carried to the Yard and involved people outside of my friends. Despite being absolutely soaked by the end of it, it was so fun to have experienced a real snowball fight.

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

BH: I am not 100% sure if shopping week has been abolished, but I know that it is different from the shopping week I experienced during my freshman year. So, if I were President of Harvard, I would reinstate shopping week – the way it used to be. It was something special only Harvard had, and I think it adds to the Harvard experience.



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

BH: As much as I love the public transportation system in Massachusetts and being able to walk everywhere, every so often I miss driving and the ease of just being able to drive somewhere. But when I get home and after a week of driving, I miss the ease of public transportation, walking, and not having to sit in traffic. Aside from driving, I also miss the ocean. Not only going in the ocean, but just being able to walk across the street and listen to the waves while watching the sunset. I have been lucky and fortunate to grow up in such a beautiful place.

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

BH: After Harvard, I will be attending the University of California Irvine (UCI) where I will be getting my Masters in Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and also using my extra eligibility to continue playing water polo. And an added bonus is that I get to live with teammates on the beach – which is not something everyone gets to experience, and I am fortunate for the experience. So Southern California ended up figuring into my future sooner than expected after Harvard, but I will admit it is nice to be back on the West Coast. Even though I loved the East Coast, especially Cambridge and Boston, once a Southern California girl, always a Southern California girl.

HCSC: How did you manage the transition to virtual classes?

BH: I have to say that it was very difficult to transition to virtual classes not only because I was on the computer all day but also because I needed to manage different time zones for certain classes. I did not have a solid and set schedule. In the end, I made it manageable by creating my own schedule and making sure that I would get out of the house every so often, whether it was for a drive or to get in the pool. With that being said, I would not like to do it again. I enjoy in-person class so much better and being able to see all of my friends.

HCSC: How did you spend the summer?

BH: During this past summer I was fortunate to be able to study abroad in London at the London School of Economics. During the summer, I took two three-week courses, Intro to Behavioural Economics and The Wealth (and Poverty) of Nations, that were officially my last classes to not only fulfill my Economics secondary requirements but also my last requirements to graduate. Even though the courses were very fast-paced, I was able to not only enjoy the beautiful sites that London had to offer with friends I met in my courses, but also to capitalize on the close proximity to other countries. During my time abroad, I was able to visit eight new countries – which was an amazing experience and one that I will never forget. I am grateful that I had this opportunity, and it was definitely one heck of a way to take my last classes to graduate.



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