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### **Upcoming Events**

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**Cost:** No charge, RSVP requested

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Location: Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort

**Cost:** \$390 per person.

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Cost: \$15 members; \$20 non-members

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Lunar New Year Dinner

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**Location:** GA Los Angeles (Downtown Los Angeles) **Cost:** No charge - RSVP through HLSA Required

Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M. Inter-Ivy Art Exhibition, Discussion, & Reception

**Location:** CB1 Gallery (Los Angeles)

**Cost:** No charge

Please visit www.Harvard-LA.org for a complete list of upcoming events and to register

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# Harvard Club Welcomes SoCal Class of 2020

On January 17, 2016, Dr. Miguel Palos '76, Harvard Club of Southern California Schools Committee area co-chair for San Gabriel Valley, and his wife Caludia Palos, hosted a reception for the newest admits to the Harvard Class of 2020 at their Pasadena home. Admitted students and their parents spent the afternoon, meeting future classmates, asking questions of current students and alumni, and enjoying a beautiful afternoon.



The Early Action admits from Southern California numbered 51, of which approximately 40 students, along with their parents and their interviewers and area chairs, were welcomed. More than 315 students from the greater Southern California area applied for admission. Nationally, Harvard received 6,173 applications for Early Action, which was 4.3 percent more than last year. Harvard accepted 918 of those candidates (14.9 percent), the lowest rate for Early Action in many years and down from 16.5% last year. Regular Action applications are being evaluated in what is expected to be another record year.

### RECENT EVENTS...



From left: Albert Chang, M.D., AB '63, project architect Yasushi Ishida, Ed Ogosta MAR '01, and Madeleine Mejia EdM '00

# HCSC Group Visits The Broad Museum

On December 17th, a group of 25 Harvard Club of Southern California members and their guests toured the newly-opened Broad Museum in downtown LA. The visit featured an introduction to the Broad's architecture by Yasushi Ishida, a project architect and friend of the Club who played an instru-

mental part in the building's construction. Exhibits in the museum included a noteworthy collection of post-WWII contemporary art, including the popular "Infinity Mirrored Room", a mirror-lined chamber filled with twinkling LED lights.



# **Holiday Volunteer Dinner Service**

We had a great group of 18 Harvard alums come out to prepare and serve hundreds of homeless in the Skid Row community on December 20, 2015 in Downtown

Los Angeles at the Midnight Mission. It was an incredibly gratifying experience to give back this holiday season!



### Happy Hour and Networking Event with Yale

On January 6, 2016 the Harvard Club and Yale Club of Southern California hosted a Happy Hour/Networking event at RUSH

Street in Culver City. Despite the rain, over 50 recent alumni and friends, not only from Harvard and Yale attended, but other Ivy League schools such as Princeton, MIT, Dartmouth and Cornell. Yale donated a traditional Reyes Rosca or King's Bread, a traditional sweet bread that is consumed on this date, and the treat was enjoyed by all. A Freshman at Cornell found the trinket (a plastic doll figurine hidden in the sweet bread) which indicates that he has to host the next party or Happy Hour event. Representatives of Harvard and Yale are currently contacting the Cornell Club of Los Angeles to plan the next event.

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#### CLUB NEWSLETTER/ WEBSITE

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This newsletter accepts items for publication. Materials must be submitted by the 12th of the prior month to appear in the following newsletter. Please include a phone number or email address with all submissions. Email submissions to: HarvardSoCal@gmail.com

From left: HCSC President Kay Park '87, undergrads Dominika Sarnecka '16 and Min-Woo Park '16 with host Patric M. Verrone '81



From left: Caroline Giuliani '11, Katie Fell and Marisa Long '08 of Harvard's Office of Career Services, and Chris Liberge '12



Harvardwood 101er Rachel Harner '17 and Patric Verrone '18 (posing in front of an original Lampoon cover painting by Lauren McMullen '86-87)

# Harvardwood 101 Participants Meet with Alums at Verrone Home

For the third consecutive year, two dozen Harvard undergraduates participating in the Harvardwood 101 "Boot Camp" attended a reception and met with HCSC members and other alumni at the Pacific Palisades home of Patric M. Verrone '81 and Maiya Williams Verrone '84 on January 6, 2016. Now in its twelfth year, the Harvardwood 101 program gives selected undergraduates a one-week intensive introduction to the Hollywood film, TV, online media, and music industries, followed by placement in a two-week "winternship" at a media company. The artistic and professional interests of the attending students included writing for screen, television, and novels; film and TV directing and acting; music composition and performance; and even professional DJ-ing.

Among the industry alumni who attended and provided wisdom and counsel to the students were writers, producers, directors, and executives including TV showrunner Greg Daniels '85 (co-creator of *The Office* and *Parks and Recreation*), filmmaker Tom Brady '86 (writer/director of *The Animal and The Hot Chick*), and *Veep* writer Alexis Wilkinson '15 (herself a past participant in the Harvardwood 101 program). More than sixty alumni and students broke bread (well, pizza) and shared experiences at the event including at least three multi-generational teams (Greg's daughter Haley '18, and Verrone home resident Patric '18 were joined by John Ziaukas '82 and his freshly-accepted son Gabe '20). The Verrones expect to continue the annual event in 2017, so if other interested alums would like to be invited, please contact Patric (the older Patric) at pverrone@aol.com.



From left: German Enciso (HMS postdoc '07-'09), Jeanne Mantell (HLS '81), Kay Park AB '87 (Club President)

# Itzhak Perlman and Emmanuel Ax in Recital at Disney Concert Hall

On January 12, 2016, more than 40 alumni attended a violin and piano recital by Itzhak Perlman and Emanuel Ax, two of the most respected musicians in the world. The program included works by Mozart, Faure and Richard Strauss.

Our group included families, first- time visitors to the Disney Concert Hall and seasoned concert- goers from Orange County. As usual Mr. Perlman, accompanied by Mr. Ax, treated the audience to several delightful encore pieces.



## Harvard-Princeton Basketball Game Telecast

Come out to support the Crimson as they defend last year's Ivy League Championship crown!

Join fellow Harvard and Princeton Alums to see this live telecast. We will have our own designated space/television and waiter with happy hour prices from tipoff until the end of the game. Go Crimson!

**Date:** Friday, February 5, 2016

**Time:** 4:00 P.M.

Location: Q's Billiard Club & Restaurant

(Los Angeles, CA)

**Cost:** No charge, RSVP Requested

Contact: Jeremiah Miller,

jeremiah.miller@morganstanley.com

**RSVP:** http://www.harvard-la.org

# Join Us on February 21st!



# **Lunar New Year Dinner**

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California along with the Wellesley Clubs of LA and Pasadena at our annual Lunar New Year dinner event, welcoming the

Year of the Monkey. Councilmember David Ryu representing District 4 will be our guest speaker.

**Deadline to register is February 16, 2016**. Limited tickets available - first-come, first served.

**Date:** Sunday, February 21, 2016 **Time:** 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. (sharp)

**Location:** Genwa Korean BBQ (Los Angeles, CA)

Cost: \$40 members; \$45 non-members Contact: Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com

**Register:** http://www.Harvard-LA.org



# Blue Bottle Coffee Roastery Tour and Coffee Cupping

Any coffee drinkers? please join the Harvard Club of Southern California as we learn all about roasting coffee beans and prepare coffee barista style. Limited to 15 people.

Anyone interested in having lunch after the event, can join the group at a nearby restaurant (dutch treat).

**Date:** Saturday, February 13, 2016

**Time:** 11:00 A.M - 1:00 P.M.

**Location:** Blue Bottle Coffee (LA Arts District) **Cost:** \$5 per person, limited to 15 people

Contact: Madeleine Mejia

Madeleine Mejia@ post.harvard.edu

**Register:** http://www.Harvard-LA.org



## Alumni Talk: Emerging Trends in Specialty Tea

Manjiv Jayakumar MPP '05, Kennedy School graduate and President of QTrade Teas and Herbs, welcomes members of the Harvard Club of Southern California for this special opportunity to hear about, taste and tour QTrade Teas and Herbs.

Limited registration. Deadline to register Thursday, February 18, 2016.

**Date:** Saturday, February 20, 2016

**Time:** 10:00 A.M.

**Location:** OTrade Teas and Herbs (Cerritos, CA)

**Cost:** \$15 members:

\$20 non-members (includes light lunch)

**Contact:** Albert Chang, albertchang@charter.net

# 2016 Inter-Ivy Plus Mammoth Ski Trip







**Date:** February 19-21, 2016

**Time:** 11:00 A.M.

Location: St. Anton Condominiums,

Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort

**Cost:** \$390.00 per person.

**Contact:** Miral Kim-E at mek@mek.com

Don't miss the tons of El Niño fresh powder! Enjoy a fun-filled weekend of snow sports with alumni and friends from the Ivies, the Seven Sisters, and other top colleges. All skill levels are welcome. Adults only. We will accommodate couple and friend requests for condo/room sharing as best as we can. Condo assignments will be made after 2/5, and possibly on the bus ride to Mammoth.

The bus picks up in Irvine, West LA and Van Nuys. Space is limited. First come, first served.



# Discover Your City: The Price is Right - College Rivals Episode!

#### Harvard alumni! Come on down!

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California as we participate in The Price is Right College Rivalry episode. Play against contestants from rival schools and win cars, trips and many other amazing prices. We have limited seats reserved for our group, so RSVP soon.

Please wear a Harvard T-shirt or Harvard best to show your spirit. We anticipate being at the CBS studios until 2:30pm.

#### Limited to first 15 people to register.

Date: Sunday, March 6, 2016

**Time:** 8:30 A.M.

**Location:** CBS Studios (Hollywood) **Cost:** No charge. RSVP required

Contact: Madeleine Mejia,

Madeleine Mejia@post.harvard.edu



# Welcome to HarvardKey — Harvard's Authentication System

A "single identity for life" spanning the Harvard Community, the HarvardKey authentication system enables access to a wide range of applications and services users across Harvard use every day, via a single, convenient login name and password.

Over the next few months, users across the University will be invited to claim a HarvardKey and unlock benefits such as two-step verification, self-service password and recovery email updates, and more. If your School or unit isn't yet eligible to claim HarvardKey credentials, you can continue to log in at all HarvardKey login screens using your usual credentials simply by clicking the appropriate tab at the top of the screen.

Haven't yet set up your HarvardKey account? Claim your HarvardKey at key.harvard.edu. Questions about HarvardKey? Need assistance that can't be found on the site? Contact the HUIT Help Desk at 617.495.7777 or ithelp@harvard.edu.





# Q&A from 02138... Jared Sleisenger '16

Jared Sleisenger '16, a concentrator in English, was born in Beverly Hills and graduated from Beverly Hills High School. He was the Valedictorian of the Beverly Hills High School Class of 2012, the Vice President of the National Honors Society, and a founding member/treasurer of the Beverly Hills High School Student Body Action Committee. A serious oboe and piano player in high school, Jared played for a number of orchestras in the Los Angeles area and beyond, including the Colburn School's Orchestra da Camera (where he won their annual Concerto Competition), the Jacaranda Orchestra, the Junior Philharmonic of Los

Angeles, Northwestern University's National High School Music Institute, and a few of the ensembles at Interlochen Arts Camp. Jared also had the opportunity to participate in a Classical music festival in Vaison-la-Romaine, an old Roman commune in the South of France. Before his senior year of high school, he studied French language at the American University of Paris, and took music composition and theory courses at the Berklee College of Music. He is currently a senior residing in Winthrop House. His father is Thomas Sleisenger '77, a former federal prosecutor, and his grandfather, Marvin Sleisenger '45.

At Harvard, Jared became very interested in theatre and film, passions that stemmed from studying with Professor Eric Rentschler in Berlin at the Deutsche Film Academy. During his time in Berlin, Jared wrote and directed a short documentary about an expat London artist living in the city's Mitte neighborhood. Jared currently spends a lot of time producing theatre for the Harvard-Radcliffe Dramatic Club, and has worked on productions such as The Drowsy Chaperone, Yellow Moon, Dido and Aeneas, Wonderful Town, and RENT. This past fall, he had the privilege of producing the Visiting Director's Project on the Loeb Mainstage, where he worked with award-winning playwright Jose Rivera and a professional director based in New York. He is also the President of Meor at Harvard, a Disc Jockey for WHRB's (Harvard Radio) Record Hospital, an equity analyst for the Harvard Financial Analysts Club, and an equity analyst for Black Diamond Capital Investors LLC.

During his summers, Jared has interned for the film and TV department of the French Consulate in Los Angeles and for the Beverly Hills-based management and production company Management 360. He has studied abroad with Harvard in Berlin, Germany and Venice, Italy, where he completed coursework in film production and English literature.

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

**JS:** At Harvard, I was most taken by the vast array of opportunities for students with such a wide variety of interests, and by the amazing results that occur when students and professors working in different disciplines intersect in creative and innovative ways. You can really feel the passion of people working on all sorts of projects in the streets of Cambridge, and intersectional thinking grants the campus a special kind of relevance and vibrancy.

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

**JS:** I first visited Harvard with my parents when I was a young kid, and I remember despite how austere I thought Harvard's red-bricked architecture was (which I've slowly come to change my mind about...), I wanted to know where all the students were going and what they were doing when they entered the doors of Harvard's Houses and classrooms. There was a certain mysticism I felt for the place.

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

**JS:** Some of my favorite professors at Harvard include Eric Rentschler, Elaine Scarry, David Alworth, and Peter Sacks. The passion these professors have for their work is contagious, and they've completely shifted my thinking about cinema, literature, poetry, and life in general. When I studied with Eric Rentschler in Berlin, he showed me how history and cinema can interact in really powerful ways. I've taken a number of courses with David Alworth,

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most recently his seminar on Art Novels, a class that focused on the interweaving relations between the visual and literary arts. We read Thomas Pynchon's Gravity's Rainbow and discussed its relevance to today's era of drone strikes and ISIS. During my sophomore year, I took another course with Professor Alworth called the Postwar American Road Novel, and it remains one of my favorites throughout my time at Harvard. Some of the authors we read included Jack Kerouac, Joan Didion, and Cormac McCarthy, and we talked about the shifting identity of the road as a place for traveling, tripping, self-therapy, and survival. The course made me think about how storytelling can fundamentally transform the way you relate to the world around you.

HCSC: What do you miss most about Southern California (other than the weather)? How do you think Southern California will figure into your future after Harvard?

JS: I miss Los Angeles for its music and culture, its beaches and canyons, and the freedom of driving.

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

**JS:** I plan on moving back out to California in the near future, as I want to seek work in the film industry. I'm interested in looking into a career in film and TV producing. I hope to integrate my passions for creativity and business and explore my city with new eyes.

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### Harvard's Global Networking Night

On January 12, 2016. over 200 Harvard alumni from the

college and graduate schools along with their guests attended the annual Global Networking Night. The group gathered in Hollywood at Sadie's Kitchen and enjoyed an evening meeting new friends and connecting with old ones.

Coordinating the event along with Harvardwood allowed for alumni to discover the many events that both the Cluband Harvardwood organize to bring the Harvard community in Los Angeles together. Many ideas and suggestions were shared for future events, several of which are currently in the planning phases. These include a service and a fun social gathering event between the Harvard Club of Southern California and Harvardwood and a networking event that will bring together alumni from the graduate schools.

Please visit our website, www.Harvard-LA.org, to learn more about these events. We encourage you to join us.



## HLSA Presents: The Changing Landscape of the Music Industry

Join the Harvard Law Alumni Association of Los Angeles for a special night to discuss the changing landscape of the music industry. Panelists will talk about how the legal aspects of the music industry have responded to the digital wave in the past years.

Panelists will include: Chris Handman, General Counsel of Snapchat; Kurt Hugo Schneider, Musician on Youtube with 6 million followers; Eric Galen, JD, Manager of Jack & Jack (Vine musicians that have a hit song on Billboard); Jonathan Handel, JD, Harvard College, HLS, The Hollywood Reporter journalist and entertainment lawyer; Andrew Graham, Talent Manager at Big Frame and Co-Founder of Heard Well. Moderated by: Seth Jacobs, JD, VP of Business Development at Victorious App.

**Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016

**Time:** 6:30 P.M.

**Location:** GA Los Angeles (Downtown LA)

**Cost:** No charge, RSVP Required

Contact: Ethan Brown, ethan@bnslawgroup.com



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For more information on events and general Club news, visit the Club web site at www.harvard-la.org

## 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. <u>Unless specifically noted</u>, <u>RSVPs are not confirmed</u>.

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Feb. 13, Saturday 11:00 A.M.	Blue Bottle Coffee Roastery Tour and Coffee Cupping	Blue Bottle Coffee - Arts District Los Angeles, CA	\$5 per person	Madeleine Mejia, Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu
Feb. 19-21, Fri-Su 11:00 A.M.	n 2016 Inter-Ivy Plus Mammoth Ski Trip	Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort Mammoth Lakes, CA	\$390.00 per person	Miral Kim-E (MIT Club), mek@mek.com
Feb. 20, Saturday 10:00 A.M.	Alumni Talk: Emerging Trends in Specialty Tea	QTrade Teas and Herbs Cerritos, CA	\$15, members; \$20, non-members	Albert Chang, albertchang@charter.net
Feb. 21, Sunday 5:00 P.M.	Lunar New Year Dinner	Genwa Korean BBQ Los Angeles, CA	\$40, members; \$45, non-members	Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com
Feb. 24, Wed. 6:30 P.M.	The Changing Landscape of the Music Industry (HLSA)	GA Los Angeles Los Angeles, CA	No charge, RSVP Required	Ethan Brown, ethan@bnslawgroup.com
Feb. 27, Saturday 7:00 P.M.	Inter-Ivy Art Exhibition, Discussion, and Reception	CB1 Gallery Los Angeles, CA	No charge, RSVP Required	Lisa Watanabe-Peagler, lmwpeagler@gmail.com
Mar. 6, Sunday 8:30 A.M.	The Price is Right — College Rivals Episode!	CBS Studios Hollywood Los Angeles, CA	No charge, RSVP Required	Madeleine Mejia, Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu
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