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OCTOBER 2026

Upcoming Events

Wine Tasting at Angeleno Wine Company

THU, OCT 1 @ 6:00PM

Angeleno Wine Co. (Los Angeles)

\$65 per person (\$55, early bird ticket)

Love Isn't Blind Live Comedy & Interactive Dating Show

FRI, OCT 2 @ 7:00PM

The Pico Union Project, (Los Angeles)

\$35, members; \$45, nonmembers

Multi-College Info Session: Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, and Howard

MON, OCT 5 @ 6:30PM

Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies

No charge

Fall Mixer - Harvard Graduate School of Design

THU, OCT 8 @ 5:00PM

18 Social at Hotel Indigo (Los Angeles)

\$93, members; \$103, nonmembers

An Evening at the Magic Castle - A Members-Only Event

SUN, OCT 11 @ 5:00PM

The Magic Castle (Hollywood)

\$220 per person (members only)



Welcome to Your City 2026!

On September 16th, the Harvard Club of Southern California welcomed more than 100 recent graduates and friends to the Zebulon Cafe in Atwater Village to kick off the new school year.

The crowd was an eclectic mix of alumni across the decades who gathered to officially welcome new (and returning!) Angelenos. Guests took full advantage of the cooler weather to mix both inside the cafe and across the spacious outdoor patio.

The Harvard Club of Southern California hosts a Welcome to Your City event each year to welcome new graduates to the region. All Harvard recent graduates are welcome to join the Harvard Club and to get engaged with the Harvard community here in Southern California.

Harvard alumni who graduated between 2017-2026, from the College or any of the graduate schools or the Extension School, were invited to the event.

Attendees are encouraged to check their HCSC registrations to ensure that they are receiving regular updates on the breadth of events hosted each month across the re-

gion. Graduates from the Class of 2026, and all current Harvard students, may join the Harvard Club of Southern California at no charge.

We look forward to hosting you again soon and to a new and expanded group joining this community!



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Upcoming Events

Wine Tasting at Angeleno Wine Company

We will enjoy flights of Angeleno Wine Company's organically grown local wines as well as beers and non-alcoholic bubbly, open bar style during this 2-hour private event. Light bites will be included. Space is limited, so RSVP early.

THU, OCT 1 @ 6:00PM

Angeleno Wine Co. (Los Angeles)

\$55, members; \$65, nonmembers



Harvard Night Out at Love Isn't Blind Live Comedy & Interactive Dating Show

Four men. One bachelorette. The twist? The men can't speak. Instead, show host Allison calls their moms and searches their phones. Come out for a night of laughter, connection, and live entertainment.

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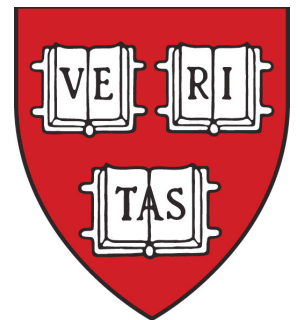
Multi-College Information Session with Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, and Howard

Join admissions representatives from Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, and Howard for an evening program where you will hear brief presentations from each institution and participate in general Q&A with all four schools.

MON, OCT 5 @ 6:30PM

Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (Los Angeles)

No charge



Fall Mixer - Harvard Grad School of Design: City in a City: Designing DTLA's Second Renaissance

Join LAHQ members and the Harvard community for an evening mixer to mark the start of this partnership. We'll share a brief introduction to the studio's work, followed by food, drinks, and conversation.

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SOLD OUT - An Evening at the Magic Castle: A Members-Only Event

Join fellow Harvard Club members for an elegant evening of magic and mystery at the world-famous Magic Castle, the most exclusive and renowned private club for magicians and supporters of magic in the world!



SUN, OCT 11 @ 6:00PM (doors open @ 5:00PM)

The Magic Castle (Hollywood)

\$220 per person

Tuesday Breakfast Club - West Hollywood

Join us for a casual morning of socializing and networking. Come when you can, leave when you have to! Registration for this event will close Monday, September 7 at 9am.

TUE, SEP 8 @ 8:15AM

First of All (West Hollywood)

No charge



Ivy x B1G October Mixer

The Ivy x B1G Mixer series returns to The Bungalow at the Fairmont Miramar in Santa Monica this October, gathering alumni from across the Ivy+ and Big Ten communities for a golden hour evening steps from the ocean.

THU, OCT 15 @ 5:00PM

The Bungalow (Santa Monica)

No charge, cash bar



OC Coffee By The Sea

Join us for some casual Crimson camaraderie with coffee, conversation, and a stunning ocean view.



FRI, OCT 16 @ 8:30AM

Philz Coffee at Pacific City Shops (Huntington Beach)

No charge



Upcoming Events

HCSC Book Club: American Hagwon

Join alums for a discussion of Min Jin Lee's newest book. The story follows the Koh family as they suffer financial ruin in Korea and immigrate to Australia and America. The parents place all their hopes in the education of their three children. Hagwons are private after school programs parents send their children to for tutoring.

SAT, OCT 17 @ 4:00PM

Private residence in mid-wilshire Beverly Grove neighborhood
\$10, members; \$20, nonmembers



Members Only! Harvard Club Night at LA Galaxy

Join fellow Harvard Club members as the LA Galaxy take on Southern California rivals San Diego FC in one of the season's most anticipated matchups. We have reserved a block of seats so Harvard Club members can enjoy the match together.

SAT, OCT 17 @ 7:30PM

Dignity Health Sports Park (Carson)
\$42 per person (members only)



The Bengali: An Evening of Film and the Power of Storytelling

Join us for an evening of film, conversation, and community at the Wende Museum as we explore the stories we inherit, the identities we carry, and the unexpected connections that shape our world.

WED, OCT 21 @ 6:00PM

The Wende Museum (Culver City)
No charge



SOLD OUT – LA Opera: Bizet's Carmen

Join us for LA Opera's brand-new production of Carmen bringing Spanish Gothic style to the stage. This will be Domingo Hindoyan's first appearance in his new role as Music Director at LA Opera.

THU, OCT 29 @ 7:30PM

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion (Los Angeles)
\$115, members; \$125, non-members (Orchestra Section Tickets)



Q & A from 02138:

Austin Lawrence '27



Austin Lawrence '27, a double concentrator in Government and Slavic Studies with a secondary in East Asian Studies, was born at Fort Benning, Georgia, and graduated from Wilson High School in Tacoma, Washington, where he was a three-sport varsity athlete and earned the title of Eagle Scout with his local Boy Scout Troop. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served for more than eight years as a Navy SEAL based in San Diego, California. As his military service neared its end, Austin applied to Harvard, and shortly after returning from his final deployment, he traded San Diego for Cambridge.

Now a senior in Lowell House, Austin founded and chaired the Service Coalition within the Institute of Politics, served as Vice President and remains an active member of the Harvard Undergraduate Veterans Organization, and served as Director of Finance for the Harvard Undergraduate Think Tank. He has also been involved with the Harvard Undergraduate Foreign Policy Initiative and is a proud member of the Men's Rugby team. Austin has spent his summers in public service and policy, including work for the City of San Diego, study at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, and an internship at the White House.

HCSC: What did you do this past summer?

AL: This summer, I studied at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University for their Summer Policy Boot Camp. When I wasn't doing that, I spent time studying and preparing my law school applications since I plan to apply this upcoming cycle. When I wasn't doing either, I ended up running with my dog or going to a Red Sox game.

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

AL: The shared commitment to engaging with different perspectives and challenging one another intellectually. Some of my best memories so far have come from discussions where I've argued with classmates, friends, and even pushed back against professors themselves. I've always felt welcome to speak my mind and equally have learned to remain receptive and willing to shift my own opinions.

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

AL: My first time was when I was invited to campus for Visitas. I don't remember too much about my first impression, other than being excited to trade in my flip-flops for rain boots.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

AL: As a non-traditional student showing up as a first-year at 27, I joined the Men's Rugby team and assumed it would be great for my health, well-being, and meeting people at Harvard. Needless to say, I was quickly humbled during the first week of school when I found myself getting tackled by 18 to 21 year-olds and waking up feeling broken.

HCSC: What were your favorite classes or professors?

AL: War and Peace with Professor Buckler, Justice by Means of Democracy with Professor Allen, and U.S. – Chinese Relations with Professor Johnston have been some of my favorite classes. I've also had the awesome opportunity to get to know Professor McKeon and Professor Koss quite well.

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

AL: Harvard falls short when it comes to the food in its dining halls. I've literally had better food on deployments overseas and during some pretty harsh training conditions than what I've eaten in ANY Harvard dining hall. The easy solution? Make FAS faculty eat in the dining halls too, since that seems to be the only time the food gets better.

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

AL: There's nothing better than sitting on the beach with my shoes kicked off, watching the sunset with a California burrito in hand.



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

AL: Southern California would be a dream to return to. Once I graduate, I intend to go to law school, and I'd jump at any opportunity that could bring me back to Southern California. Since I'll be moving back to SoCal in either eight months or five years, I'm keeping my ears open for any opportunities that come my way!



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 2026-2027 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 said.

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

New interviewers will receive support through Zoom events with admissions officers, pre-recorded training videos, an extensive interviewer handbook, and templates for contacting applicants and writing interview reports. New interviewers can also reach out to area chairs from the local area who have extensive experience with the interviewing process.

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



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