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# THE HARVARD CLUB of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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MARCH 2026

## Upcoming Events

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Virtual Event via Zoom

No charge

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**THU, MAR 5 @ 4:00PM**

Gourmando (Beverly Hills)

\$26, members; \$31, nonmembers

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The Whaler (Venice)

No charge, cash bar

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First of AI (West Hollywood)

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Virtual Event via Zoom

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**THU, MAR 12 @ 11:00AM**

Schindler Houses (West Hollywood)

\$15 per person (members only)



## Global Networking Nights in LA, OC Connect Alumni and Build Community

Harvard Clubs and Shared Interest Groups in cities around the world are coming together at Global Networking Night (GNN) on Wednesday, March 25 for a night of camaraderie, networking, and fun.

The Harvard Club of Southern California and Harvardwood are jointly hosting events in Los Angeles and Irvine that are slated to bring out hundreds of alumni of all ages to meet and connect. The events are free of charge for all Harvard affiliates and include cash bars offering beer, non-alcoholic beverages, and additional food available for purchase. Event registration is required.

"Global Networking Night (GNN) is the premier networking event during the year connecting Harvard alumni around the globe," said event organizer Eric Witt. "We look forward to an exciting evening that brings our community together. We hope that you are able to join us."

GNN originally started in 2008 as a means of bringing together individuals affiliated with the university for an evening of socializing and connectivity. Over the years, GNN has expanded to include simultaneous events in more than 100 cities, with over 10,000 attendees expected.

The Los Angeles event will be held at the All Season Brewing Company at 800 S. La Brea Avenue from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. The event is free for all Harvard affiliates and will in-

clude light appetizers. Attendees may want to arrive a bit early to snag on-street/metered parking spaces in the neighborhood.

Hanger 24 Craft Brewing at 17877 Von Karman Avenue, Unit 1110 in Irvine will be the site of the GNN in Orange County, from 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM. Parking is free in the parking lot with validation provided by the venue.

## Harvard Club SoCal Mourns Passing of Two Former Club Leaders

The Harvard Club of Southern California mourns the passing of two long-serving board members who each served for over a decade as distinguished officers on the Club's board. They each passed away in December 2025.



Diana V. Farnsworth MD '60 served as the Club's President from 2000–2002. Diana graduated from Cornell University in 1956 and studied surgery at Harvard Medical School. A mother of four, Diana was a Board Certified Plastic Surgeon (1975), and she led a surgery practice specializing in reconstructive surgery in Beverly Hills for 35 years. A recognized trailblazer for women in medicine in Southern California, Diana served as president of the Los Angeles County Medical Women's Association. As a Harvard Club leader, she and others on the board initiated the Science Pub series which continues to this day, with speakers addressing the Club's alumni on current topics in science, technology, and medicine.



Priscilla Heim '52 served as the Board's Vice President, Radcliffe; as the Club's Board Secretary; and as an organizer of an alumni salon for educators, "Issues in Education," that met quarterly starting in 2008. Priscilla and her husband Michael Heim, an internationally recognized scholar, UCLA professor, and noted translator, established the PEN/Heim Translation Grants at PEN America in 2003. To date, 270 translators have received the grants. While teaching Latin at Crossroads School, Priscilla created "Adopt a School," a joint tutoring program at the 32nd Street Elementary School that involved dozens of Harvard alumni. In 2017, Priscilla was honored with the Fred Smith Award for Outstanding Service to the Club.

"I was honored to serve with both Diana and Priscilla on the Club's board, and each left a lasting legacy of selfless service and devotion to our Club's alumni," said Cynthia Torres '80, MBA '84, past president of the Harvard Alumni Association and past president of the Harvard Club of Southern California. "Diana and Priscilla each brought their talents and energy to their engagement with our Club's alumni, in lasting ways that continue to inspire."

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# Upcoming Events

## Fireside Chat with Harvard Corporation Chair Penny Pritzker '81

Join us for an interview of fellow alumna Penny Hyatt Pritzker, the first woman to chair the Harvard Corporation. Previously US Secretary of Commerce in the Obama Administration, she is the founder and Chairman of PSP Partners and its affiliates. She will be interviewed by classmate, Liz Ryan '81.

**TUE, MAR 3 @ 1:00PM**

Virtual Event via Zoom

No charge



## Happy Hour Network & Connect

Join us for a Happy Hour Networking event where alumni can reconnect, share stories, and build new professional connections in a relaxed setting.

**THU, MAR 5 @ 7:00PM**

Gourmando (Beverly Hills)

No charge



## March Ivy x B1G Mixer

Our popular Ivy x B1G mixer series is back on the beach. Join us at The Whaler in Venice Beach on March 9th starting at 7 PM for drinks, conversation, and a lively night with fellow alumni. With nearly 400 RSVPs for our last event, we're expecting this one to fill up fast. RSVP early and come ready to mingle!

**MON, MAR 09 @ 7:00PM**

The Whaler (Venice)

No charge, cash bar



## 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 Friday, February 6 at 5pm.

**TUE, MAR 10 @ 8:15AM**

First of All (West Hollywood)

\$0, members; \$5, nonmembers



# Upcoming Events

## Speakers Bureau Spotlight: The Risk Environment in 2026 with Juliette Kayyem

Join the HAA Speakers Bureau to learn from the Belfer Senior Lecturer in International Security, Juliette Kayyem. Her lecture, "The Risk Environment in 2026," is the second program in the Speakers Bureau Spotlight Series.

**WED, MAR 11 @ 4:00AM**

Virtual Event via Zoom

No charge



## Members Only: Tour of Schindler House

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California for a docent-led tour of the Schindler House in West Hollywood. Due to the size of the rooms in the house, this tour is capped at 25 people.

**THU, MAR 12 @ 11:00AM**

Schindler House (West Hollywood)

\$15 per person (members only)



## HarvardSpeak LA: What Actually Keeps Us Happy and Healthy? Talk by HMS Prof. Robert Waldinger

Join us for a talk by Dr. Robert Waldinger '73, MD '78, Director of the Harvard Study of Adult Development and Professor of Psychiatry at the Harvard Medical School.

**WED, MAR 18 @ 12:00PM**

Virtual Event via Zoom

\$0, members; \$10, nonmembers



## Harvard Men's Tennis Visits Southern California

Come cheer on the Crimson as they take on some of the nation's best tennis competition in Southern California.

**TUE, MAR 17 through SUN, MAR 22**

SDSU, USD, and UCSB

Check event sites for locations. Events are free.



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## HAA Speakers Bureau: Professor Daniel D'Oca - The Future of Housing in Los Angeles

Professor D'Oca will be joining us for a timely and thought-provoking presentation entitled "The Future of Housing in Los Angeles," which will delve into LA's housing shortage and innovative and sustainable ways to tackle this far-reaching problem.

**THU, MAR 19 @ 6:30PM**

Private residence in Hancock Park  
\$30, Members; \$40, Nonmembers



## VIP Tour and Lunch with Angel City Sports

Join us for a special VIP spectator experience at Angel City Sports Youth Weekend. Angel City Sports' Youth Weekend is a free, two-day event designed to introduce children with physical disabilities or visual impairments to adaptive sports and celebrate what is possible through sport.



**SUN, MAR 22 @ 9:45AM**

Harvard-Westlake Upper School (Studio City)  
No charge, but registration is required

## Harvard Global Networking Night - Orange County



Please join us for this live event in Orange County, sponsored by the Harvard Club of Southern California, Harvardwood, Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance, Harvard Black Alumni Society of SoCal, H4A, Harvard Alumni for Education, First-Generation Harvard Alumni, HBSASC and HAA.

**WED, MAR 25 @ 5:30PM**

Hangar 24 Craft Brewing (Irvine)  
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All Season Brewing Company (Los Angeles)  
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## Recent Events

### Harvard Din & Tonics Return to Los Angeles

On Saturday, January 10, the Harvard Club welcomed the Harvard Din & Tonics back to Los Angeles for the Club's annual January a cappella concert. This year's performance marked an important milestone, as the event moved to a new and larger venue—the Moss Theater at New Roads School at The Herb Alpert Educational Village. The event drew 323 registered attendees, underscoring the continued popularity of this long-standing Club tradition. The Moss Theater provided excellent acoustics, accessibility, and ample on-site parking. The concert was organized with the involvement of John Luna and Jon Aibel, a former member of the Club's Board. The Harvard Din & Tonics delivered a polished afternoon performance featuring their signature mix of American jazz standards, pop, and contemporary selections.



### An All-Harvard Concert

The Soka Performing Arts Center transformed into Sanders East for an afternoon on Saturday, January 31, as Nathan Le '21 and Harmony Zhu '27 joined forces to present a program of Tchaikovsky and Chopin. The concert, presented by the Parnassus Society and the Four Season Orchestra, drew twenty Harvard alumni and friends, alongside twenty alumni from Stanford and Yale. It was a delight to see such extraordinary Harvard talent from grace the stage. Attendees enjoyed a VIP reception during intermission.



### Welcome to Early Action Class of 2030

On January 18, 2026, Harry Kim AB '86, Vice President, Schools and Kay Park AB '87 organized a reception for Early Action admittees to the Harvard College Class of 2030 at the home of Sonia Molina DMD '89, MPH '89. Also in attendance were HCSC board and schools committee members Neil Morganbesser AB '86 and Joanna Chan AB '02 and schools committee members Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi EdD '81 and Scott Bredall AB '95. Approximately fifteen admitted students and their family members spent the afternoon meeting their future classmates. Regular action decisions will be announced at the end of March. Harvard will make a single, annual admissions data release regarding the Class of 2030 in the fall of 2026.



### Crimson Wave Splashes Over Huntington Beach

On Friday February 27th, 2026, Ashley Furst ('03), and Vien Nguyen ('86), held Friday Coffee Meet Up in OC at Philz in Huntington Beach. It was a buffet of laughter, witty conversation and warm comraderie with a stunning ocean view. Although the group started as new faces and some first time attendees - all left as one Crimson family. "This event was my dream come true: to find out where my local Harvard alumni were, who also enjoy a morning sip at the beach like me" said event organizer Furst.



ALUMNI  
**NEW  
VENTURE  
COMPETITION**

# 2026 Harvard SoCal Alumni New Venture Competition Invites Founders' Pitch Decks by March 15

## CREATING VENTURES THAT REVOLUTIONIZE

In a departure from prior years, the local Harvard alumni New Venture Competition (aNVC), which had previously been sponsored by Harvard Business School's Rock Center for Entrepreneurship and HBS Clubs in Southern California, will be open this year to all Harvard SoCal alumni founders with early-stage ventures. The deadline for pitch decks to be submitted is March 15.

According to Joe Grimes, an event organizer for the Harvard Business School Association of Southern California, the aNVC serves as a launchpad for innovative new ventures from Harvard alumni, and provides access and exposure to potential investors, mentors, bankers, and advisors.

The competition is open to any Harvard SoCal alumni founders/co-founders of early-stage ventures with revenues of \$2.5MM or less and that have raised no more than \$2.0MM in funding for their venture.

Alumni who are interested in applying—or know a SoCal Harvard alum who should—can submit an online application to [NVC@HBSASC.org](mailto:NVC@HBSASC.org).

**Pitch Deck Application deadline:** 03/15 at 11:59PM PT

**Selection of finalists:** April 7, with notifications out by April 10

**Pitch Finals Hybrid Event in Santa Monica:** April 30. Please check the website for updates. While the event will be hybrid for those not in the area, in-person presentations are preferred.



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## February 2026 - Wrapped!





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## *Calendar of Upcoming Events*

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