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MAY 2019

## Upcoming Events

### Harvard SIG Alumni Picnic at Elysian Park

**SAT, MAY 4 @ 11:00AM**

Elysian Park Picnic Area

No charge, RSVP requested

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\$35, adults; \$25, youth; \$10, child

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**THU, JUN 6 @ 11:00AM**

Annenberg Photo Space

No charge, RSVP Required

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**SUN, JUN 9 @ 5:00PM**

Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens

\$95, members; \$110, non-members;

\$55 recent graduates (Class of '15-'19)



## Harvard Admissions Update

Admissions to the Class of 2023 were sent out on March 28. As with last year, new records were set as we saw the highest number of applicants and lowest acceptance rate in the history of Harvard College. Including Early Action, Harvard received 43,330 applications and accepted 4.5% of the students applying, making this the second year in a row the rate has dipped below 5%. Southern California had approximately 2,918 applicants this year. 50 were accepted in the EA process (out of 312) and 43 were accepted in the regular decision process, for an overall acceptance rate out of 3.2%, well below the 4.5% worldwide average.

William R. Fitzsimmons '67, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, said, "The Class of 2023 is remarkably accomplished and promising by any standard. Reading their applications and getting to know these individuals through their unique experiences and talents inspires great confidence for the future of Harvard College and our society." According to the *Harvard Gazette*, the Class of 2023 represents a diverse mix of students, with every state represented, as well as 89 countries. Ethnic groups seeing an increase in acceptances over last year include Asian-Americans, LatinX, Native American, and Native Hawaiian,

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while African-American and First Generation students saw modest declines. Women and men are equally represented in the incoming class.

On April 14, Harvard Club of Southern California board member Dan Medina '79, MBA '83 and his wife Laura Martin MBA '83 hosted a reception for several dozen admitted students and their families at their Pasadena-area home. Joined by many of the admissions interviewers, the students met future classmates, asked questions of alumni, and enjoyed a beautiful afternoon. The day before that, Orange County admits also enjoyed meeting each other at an event held in Newport Beach. On April 26-28, the College will host "Visitas," the annual gathering of accepted and still-undecided students, with final decisions due May 1st.

The application process for the Class of 2024 will begin in the late summer. Alumni interested in interviewing applicants in the fall of 2019 should email Harry Kim '86 at [hhwk@yahoo.com](mailto:hhwk@yahoo.com).

## *Featured Event*

# Harvard Club Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner

The Harvard Club of Southern California's Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner once again will be held at the lovely Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens. Please join us on Sunday, June 9 as we honor three distinguished members of our community.



The 2019 John Harvard Award for Distinguished Community Service will be presented to Supervisor Sheila Kuehl JD '78, who represents Los Angeles County's Third District and currently chairs the Board of Supervisors. The 2019 Excellence in Education Award will be presented to Dr. Francis Su PhD '95, the Benediktsson-Karwa Professor of Mathematics at Harvey Mudd College. The 2019 Fred Smith Award for Distinguished Service to the Harvard Club of Southern California will be presented to Elizabeth Gillis '82, a long-time board member and past Club president.

You can also take advantage of a special Harvard discount if you would like to arrive early to tour the library and gardens. Entry will be \$10 for Annual Dinner attendees (normally \$29).



**Date:** Sunday, June 9, 2019

**Location:** Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens

**Time:** 5:00PM reception, 6:00PM dinner and awards ceremony

**Cost:** \$95 members; \$110 non-members; \$55 recent graduates ('15-'19)

**Register:** <http://www.Harvard-LA.org> or call 310-546-5252



# 2019-2020 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 2019-2020:

## OFFICERS:

<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>
___/___	President	Patric M. Verrone '81
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___/___	VP Orange County	German A. Enciso, HMS Research Fellow '07-'09
___/___	VP Orange County	A.J. Rogers MD '79
___/___	VP Communications	Jonathan R. Aibel '91
___/___	VP Communications	Pooja Nair HLS '11
___/___	VP Membership	Matthew Stasior '87
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___/___	VP Radcliffe	Kay L. Park '87
___/___	VP Radcliffe	Elizabeth Gillis '82
___/___	Secretary	Maryellen Gleason ALB '84
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### Term Ending 2020

___/___	Director	Karen Hernandez MBA '00
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### Term Ending 2021

___/___	Director	Jeff Book '81
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___/___	Director	Joanna Chan '02
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___/___	Director	Ethel Seminario-Laczko GSE '84

*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 Ballot should they choose to do so.*

Marked ballots must be delivered to the Club Secretary by May 28, 2019:

*Harvard Club of Southern California, 1020 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Suite 204, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266.*

## Upcoming Events

### Harvard SIG Alumni Picnic at Elysian Park

Join other Harvard Alumni for Education and First-Generation Harvard Alumni Los Angeles colleagues for a relaxing picnic at Elysian Park. Let's enjoy SoCal's beautiful spring weather together.

**SAT, MAY 4 @ 11:00AM**

Elysian Park Picnic Area

No charge, RSVP requested

Christine Gentry, christine.gentry@gmail.com



### Mother's Day Weekend Meso Run 2019

Join the Harvard Club and support a good cause at this second annual 5K trail run/walk at the Old LA Zoo in Griffith Park on the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend.

**SAT, MAY 11 @ 9:00AM**

Old LA Zoo Picnic Area, Griffith Park

\$35, adults; \$25, youth; \$10, child

Julia Forgie, jforgie@gmail.com



### Mamma Mia! Presented by the East West Players

All Harvard alumni are invited to join the Asian Pacific American community for the musical *Mamma Mia*. Includes a pre-show mixer and post-show talkback with members of the cast. Limited seating.

**SUN, JUN 2 @ 2:00PM**

David Henry Hwang Theater

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

Jennifer Hsu, jenniferhsula@gmail.com



### Annenberg Photo Space Group Tour

Join us for this special tour of the Annenberg Photo Space's new exhibit *Contact High: A Visual History of Hip Hop*, celebrating the photographers who have played a critical role in bringing hip hop's visual culture to the global stage.

**THU, JUN 6 @ 11:00AM**

Annenberg Photo Space

No charge, RSVP Required (lunch on your own)

Pooja Nair, pnair@troygould.com



## Recent Events

### HBAS Black Irish Party

This St. Patrick's Day, the Harvard Black Alumni Society's SoCal chapter celebrated its one year anniversary with afternoon cocktails. Over fifty people gathered at the Above SIXTY rooftop bar in Beverly Hills to reconnect, talk about current events, and bask in the sunshine. If you are interested in joining this dynamic group, register at the HBAS website: [hbas.sigs.harvard.edu](http://hbas.sigs.harvard.edu). We'd love to hear from you!



### Harvard Men's Tennis in Southern California

The Harvard Men's Tennis team, under the leadership of former team captain Andrew Rueb '95, who is in his first year as head coach, continued its tradition of competing in Southern California during Spring Break. In its first match of the road trip, the Crimson opened with a 7-0 victory over Williams College. Ranked in the top 30, Harvard then played the San Diego Spring Classic and secured a 4-1 victory over co-host San Diego State in the first round before losing in the semifinals to Tulane 4-2. Harvard closed out the three-day tournament with a 4-3 victory over Princeton before they left sunny California to return home to Cambridge.



*Photo courtesy of GoCrimson.com*

### Top Colleges Alumni Mixer

Alumni from the top thirty colleges gathered on March 28 at the downtown Jonathan Club for a mixer. Alumni young and old were treated to a delicious array of delicacies, including a sushi bar, specialty drinks, and a full bar organized by the Jonathan Club's bar captain. The event, which sold out weeks in advance, was a great success as alumni mingled and mixed.



### Springtime Happy Hour at Pelican Hill

A lively crowd of more than twenty-five Harvard alumni enjoyed a glorious sunset at The Pelican Hills Resort as they gathered on April 3 for a Harvard Club Springtime Happy Hour. Club Board members Chi Bui DMD '02, German Enciso HMS Research Fellow '07-'09, A.J. Rogers MD '79, and Matthew Stasior '87 attended, as did L.A. Charger Cole Toner '16, who took a break from preparing for his preseason workouts. Attendee Jerrine Murray pronounced the happy hour "the best Harvard event I have attended."



Q&A from 02138:

## Haley Bowe '19



Haley Bowe '19, a concentrator in neuroscience, was born in Orange and graduated from Irvine High School. She was a three-year varsity starter on the water polo team as a utility player, was the team leader in goals her junior and senior years, and competed on the varsity swim team for four years. She was selected for First Team All-Pacific Coast League in water polo her senior year. Haley was the founder and president of the school's "Be a Hero, Become a Donor" club, where students volunteered at bone marrow donor registry events and raised awareness for the cause. She is now a senior at Harvard residing in Kirkland House. She is a varsity water polo player, serves on the Neurobiology Undergraduate Society events committee, and volunteers as an English tutor for PBHA's Chinatown ESL program.

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

HB: The most surprising thing about Harvard for me has been the people. When I first got to campus I was expecting to find classmates who were all antisocial geniuses and professors who were even more extreme. Thankfully, I couldn't have been more wrong, and Harvard has given me some of my most treasured friendships with peers and teachers alike.

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

HB: I first visited Harvard as a high school senior on my water polo recruit trip, which was a unique way to experience a campus for the first time. Some girls on the team gave me a tour, and I had to make a conscious effort not to let my jaw hang open the entire time. It seemed like a fairy-tale place, and that once I left I'd come to my senses and realize none of it really existed. Needless to say, I knew it was where I wanted to be.

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

HB: Here, I have to give a shout out to the whole Chinese department and Professor Emily Huang in particular. I went to Chinese school all through childhood, and like most kids forced to do extra school, I hated every second of it. Taking Chinese at Harvard was the last thing I expected to find myself doing, but now I can't imagine my life without this incredible family. It has since given me lifelong friendships and completely redefined my relationship to my cultural heritage.

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

HB: Gosh, how am I supposed to choose just one?!

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

HB: If I was President of Harvard, I would hope to increase the number of spaces centered around female empowerment. As an athlete especially, I've been privileged to be surrounded by strong female role models every day, and know of the magic that can happen when powerful women have a space to come together.

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

HB: There's a certain openness to Southern California that I miss. At the risk of sounding clichéd, I miss driving by the ocean with the windows down and the music up, and being ten minutes from the beach and looking up to see snow on the mountains in the distance. Everything just seems bigger and wider and warmer, in a way that sounds extremely inviting when you're tripping through cold slush on your way to class in the middle of the semester.

*HCSC: What are your plans after graduation?*

HB: This summer after graduation I'll be spending time at home with family, and most likely coaching some neighborhood swimming as well. Beyond that, I'm hoping to work in clinical research for a couple years before pursuing medical school.

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

HB: As much as I love Southern California, I don't know if I'm ready to go back just yet. It's easy to imagine raising a family there, but for now at least, I'm enjoying being here in the Northeast.

## More Recent Events

### 13th Annual Radcliffe Alumnae Luncheon

On April 7, twenty Radcliffe alumnae and friends gathered at Fountainview in Playa Vista for the 13th Annual Radcliffe Luncheon, hosted by Isabelle Fox '47 and Kay Park '87. Afterward, UCLA Professor of Psychology Patricia Greenfield '62, PhD '66, Bunting Institute '87 gave a talk about intergenerational change in parenting and child behavior.



### Guided Tour of *Annie Leibovitz: The Early Years*

Harvard Club members and their guests enjoyed a sold-out, guided tour of *Annie Leibovitz: The Early Years* at Hauser & Wirth Gallery in the Arts District on April 13. The exhibit showcased Leibovitz's early work for *Rolling Stone*. After the exhibit, the group had lunch nearby at Zinc Cafe.



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To recommend an event or volunteer for one, contact one of our Programs VPs.

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Fri, Jul 26 8:15PM	<b>Chicago at the Pacific Ampitheater</b>	Pacific Ampitheater	\$72, members \$82, non-members