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JAN UARY 2026

Upcoming Events

Harvard Krokodiloes

WED, JAN 7 @ 4:00PM

UCLA University Club (Westwood)

\$40 per person, Zelle to manager@kroks.com

Parking: UCLA Structure 2

The Harvard Din & Tonics Return to Los Angeles

SAT, JAN 10 @ 3:00PM

The Moss Theater at New Roads (Santa Monica)

\$30, members; \$40, nonmembers

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Otis College of Art and Design (Los Angeles)

\$50 per person

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Ysidora Restaurant (San Juan Capistrano)

\$35, members; \$50, nonmembers

Poker For Fun

MON, JAN 12 @ 8:00PM

R Bar (Koreatown)

\$6, members; \$11, nonmembers

Tuesday Breakfast Club

TUE, JAN 13 @ 8:15AM

First of All (West Hollywood)

\$0, members; \$5, nonmembers



Harvard Din & Tonics to Perform in Southern California – January 10

One of the Club's most popular events, the a cappella performance of the Harvard Din & Tonics will take place on Saturday, January 10 at the Moss Theatre at New Roads School, Santa Monica.

This will be the group's eighth Wintersession visit to Southern California. The past seven concerts were sold out, and the group has secured a larger venue for this performance. Club members are encouraged to buy their tickets now. All tickets must be purchased in advance.

The Din & Tonics repertoire focuses on jazz standards but also include pop, disco, and folk music. The Dins plan to tour the world this summer. Since they receive no university funding, performances like this one will contribute to funding for their upcoming foreign travels.

The cost is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. We invite eligible non-club members to join the Club and purchase a ticket at a low combined price of \$75. Annual Club membership is \$20 for recent graduates and \$55 for regular membership. Tickets and club membership can be

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purchased on the Club's website.

The Dins will be performing in Orange County at an additional concert on January 11. Details for this concert are provided on page 3.

Two additional Harvard a capella singing groups will be performing in Los Angeles in January.

Harvard Krokodiloes to Perform on January 7

The Harvard Krokodiloes, Harvard's oldest a capella singing group, will be performing on Wednesday, January 7 at the UCLA University Club in Westwood. Tickets cost \$40.00. Details are available on the Harvardwood website.

Harvard Opportunes to Perform on January 11

The Harvard Opportunes, founded in 1980, will be performing on Sunday, January 11 at St. Paul the Apostle in Westwood. Tickets may be purchased at the door, and cost \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members.



2026 Harvard Club Board Greetings!

Members of the Harvard Club Board send you our warmest holiday greetings and our best wishes to you for a brilliant, healthy, and happy 2026.

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Upcoming Events

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Meet the Krokodiloes and hear them sing! The Kroks, Harvard's oldest a cappella group, are coming to town....

WED, JAN 7 @ 4:00PM

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The Harvard Din & Tonics Return to Los Angeles

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California in welcoming one of Harvard's most prestigious a cappella groups, The Harvard Din & Tonics, as they return to Los Angeles. This year they will be performing on Saturday, January 10th at The Moss Theater at New Roads School at The Herb Alpert Educational Village.

SAT, JAN 10 @ 3:00PM

The Moss Theater at New Roads School (Santa Monica)

\$30, members; \$40, nonmembers



Partner Club Event (PBHA): Forward for Good

Join us in Los Angeles to launch the Road to the 125th, a five-year campaign centered around the theme of "Forward for Good" to support Phillips Brooks House's sustainability and growth leading to PBHA's 125th anniversary in 2029.

SUN, JAN 11 @ 3:00PM

Otis College of Art and Design (Santa Monica)

\$50 per person



The Harvard Din & Tonics - An Evening in Orange County



The Harvard Din & Tonics — Harvard University's signature jazz a cappella group — return to Orange County for an evening of rich harmonies, impeccable musicality, sharp choreography, and just enough Wildean wit to remind you they are unmistakably Harvard's own.

SUN, JAN 11 @ 6:00PM

Inn at the Mission San Juan Capistrano Ysidora Restaurant & Lounge

\$35, members; \$50, nonmembers



Upcoming Events

Harvard Opportunes Perform in Westwood

The Harvard Opportunes, Harvard's oldest all-gender a capella singing group, will perform on January 11 at St. Paul the Apostle in Westwood. Renowned for their intricate harmonies and inventive arrangements, the Opportunes produce award-winning studio albums, tour domestically and internationally, and regularly perform throughout the Boston area. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

SUN, JAN 11 @ 7:30PM

St. Paul the Apostle Church (Westwood)

\$25, members; \$30, nonmembers



Poker For Fun

This is Texas Hold'em just for fun! No money will be wagered. If you do not know how to play, we will teach you. Come on down for a couple of hours to practice your poker face. First prize is bragging rights!

MON, JAN 12 @ 8:00PM

R Bar (Koreatown) (Los Angeles)

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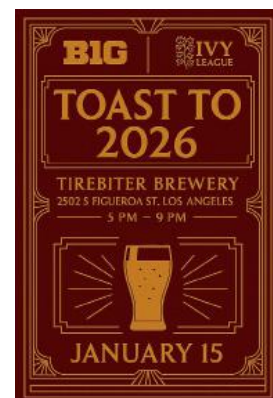
Ivy+ Toast to 2026

Kick off 2026 in style with this Ivy + Big 10 mixer at Tirebiter Brewery in LA!

THU, JAN 15 @ 5:00PM

Tirebiter Brewery (Los Angeles)

No charge, cash bar



Upcoming Events

Members Only: Harvard Club Night at the L.A. Kings

Please join your fellow club members, their families, and guests for an evening at the Crypto Arena. Watch the Los Angeles Kings — led by Harvard standout Alex Laferriere — take on crosstown archrivals the Anaheim Ducks.

FRI, JAN 16 @ 7:30PM

Crypto Arena (Los Angeles)

\$95 per ticket (regular price \$168) - Premium Seats



HCSC Book Club: The Last Story of Mina Lee

Join fellow alums for a new book club located in the mid Wilshire Beverly Grove neighborhood. We will be discussing *The Last Story of Mina Lee* by author Nancy Jooyoun Kim. It is a *New York Times* bestseller and Reese's Book Club pick.

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\$95 per ticket (regular price \$168) - Premium Seats



Waitlist Available!

Romantic Titans: Tchaikovsky and Brahms w/Nathan Le '21, Shunta Morimoto + Reception



Come hear cellist Nathan Le '21 as he joins pianist Shunta Morimoto, conductor Scott Dunn, and the Four Seasons Orchestra for Tchaikovsky's Variations on a Rococo Theme and Brahms's Piano Concerto No. 1, a program that captures the full sweep of romantic expression.

SAT, JAN 31 @ 3:00PM

Soka Performing Arts Center, (Aliso Viejo)

Members: \$40; Non-Members: \$55



Long Beach Ivy+ Mixer

Calling all OC and LA alumni: our popular Ivy+ mixer series is back—and this time, it's bigger and better than ever! Head over to The Auld Dubliner in Long Beach on February 21st to grab drinks and connect with fellow alumni. We've expanded to include B1G schools, so we're expecting a big turnout.

SAT, FEB 21 @ 7:00PM

The Auld Dubliner (Los Angeles)

No charge, cash bar



Q & A from 02138:

Mason Hunt '26



Mason Hunt '26, a concentrator in biomedical engineering, graduated from Newport Harbor High School where he was captain of the boys varsity water polo team, the 2021 Southern Section Open Division CIF Champions. He is now a senior in Adams House.

At Harvard, he is busy playing water polo, taking classes in the Science and Engineering Complex, and traveling the Atlantic Seaboard looking for niche surf spots. Holding onto his Southern California roots, Mason founded the Harvard Undergraduate Surf Club which currently has over 100 members and hosts biannual Learn to Surf Events. In his final competitive season, Mason helped lead the Harvard Men's Water Polo team as captain to its second appearance in the NWPC title game in the last three seasons, with a top-20 national ranking. The Crimson lost to No. 14 Princeton in the NWPC Championship game, closing its 2025 campaign with a 20-10 overall record.

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

MH: What pleasantly surprised me about being a student at Harvard is the remarkable sense of community that transcends the academic environment. Despite the university's broad global impact, the tight-knit communities within different houses and student organizations create a supportive and inclusive atmosphere. This communal spirit has helped me foster meaningful connections, making the vast and renowned institution feel incredibly personal and interconnected.

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

MH: I first came to Harvard on an official visit for the Water Polo team in April of 2022. I was instantly amazed by the sheer amount of history embedded in Harvard's campus and culture. The day I was leaving, my current teammate and I sat down on a bench outside of Adams House and turned around to see an inscription that read "Franklin Delano Roosevelt 32nd President of The United States lived here in Westmorly Court." My mind was blown.

HCSC: What were your favorite classes or professors?

MH: My favorite class is Startups: From Idea to Exit taught by Spencer Rascoff '97. Rascoff, also a Southern California native, has been one of the most inspiring and influential professors in my time at Harvard. Beyond detailing his vast entrepreneurship experiences in founding Hotwire, Zillow, and now as CEO of Match Group, Professor Rascoff invites incredible guests to class each week to distill their wisdom from the trials and tribulations of entrepreneurship.

HCSC: What was your funniest moment at Harvard?

MH: One morning, I was walking down Mass Ave after a breakfast at Annenberg, and I saw a huge crowd congregating on the street. With snares of the Harvard Band echoing through the piercing February air, I walked deeper into the crowd to assess the cause of the commotion. Out of nowhere, Jennifer Coolidge comes gliding down the street in a bright pink fuzzy hat atop a parade float. She had just won Hasty Pudding Woman of the Year.

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

MH: If I was president of Harvard, I would relocate the university to Southern California! Harvard is the most magical learning environment in the world and Southern California is the most magical place in the world, so it's a perfect fit. Imagine a Harvard Yard with palm trees and a Charles River with warm summer sand... unbeatable.

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

MH: One element of Southern California that I miss most is the beach. Back home, the beach was where I went to alleviate my stress with soothing, warm sand and a comforting, cool ocean breeze. As founder of the Harvard Undergraduate Surf Club, I have made every effort to enjoy Massachusetts beaches, but they aren't quite the same. Plus, any Northeast beach after November 1st is more like a frozen tundra. Despite the blistering cold waters and snow-covered sand, I still adventure to the coast in the depths of winter to catch some waves, a small reminder of home.

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

MH: Southern California will play an integral role in my future after Harvard. The relaxed atmosphere, the unchanging 75 degree and sunny climate, and the vibrant beach culture are impossible to beat. After a brief stint in New York City after graduation, I plan for a quick return to Southern California.



Welcome to New Members...

The Harvard Club of Southern California welcomes the following new members:

John Aboud '95	Hishgee Jargalsaikhanv	Sabrina Madera MAR '25	Lea Washington JD '25
Lisa Abraham PhD '20	MBA '24	Edmund Marroquin MD '90	Robert Welch '23, PhD '25
Nkwenti Micheal Awah '25	Alisha Jiwani '07	Chase Mohnhey '08	Fei Yu MBA '05
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Kaylee Brubaker EdM '25	Nick Kreuter AMD '25	PhD '24	
Kieran Chung '27	Melissa Leung MPA '23	Allison Park EdM '25	
Patrick Rey Fernandez '25	Yixie Li CAD '17	Generosa Sangco-Jackson	
Kaitlyn Greenwald '25	Yixin Li MAR '17	EdM '25	
Minhong Huang MPH '26	Hubert Liu '99	Therese Steiner '73	
	Crystal Luo '20	Alina Taratorin '24	



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