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## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2014 @ 6:00 P.M.

#### *Ready to Serve on a Nonprofit Board?*

**Location:** The California Club (Downtown LA)

**Cost:** \$65, members; \$85, non-members

### Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.

#### *Annual Harvard-Yale Holiday Salon*

**Location:** The Home of a Club Member in Los Angeles

**Cost:** \$30 per person

### Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015 @ 6:30 P.M.

#### *Internships, Scholarships and Career Opportunities at The Central Intelligence Agency*

**Location:** L.A. County Office of Education (Downey)

**Cost:** No charge, RSVP Required

### Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015 @ 8:00 P.M.

#### *Itzhak Perlman in Recital at Disney Concert Hall*

**Location:** Walt Disney Concert Hall (Los Angeles)

**Cost:** SOLD OUT - \$86 (Orchestra East section)

### Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015 @ 6:30 P.M.

#### *Alumni Talk: Chad Cannon AB '11, Juilliard '13*

**Location:** TBA

**Cost:** TBA

### Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015 @ 1:00 P.M.

#### *Shen Yun 2015*

**Location:** Dolby Theatre (Hollywood)

**Cost:** \$60 per ticket - limited supply

### Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015 @ 6:30 P.M.

#### *Happy Hour with Yale Club of Los Angeles*

**Location:** Busby's East (Los Angeles)

**Cost:** No charge. Cash only for food and drinks.

Please visit [www.Harvard-LA.org](http://www.Harvard-LA.org) for a complete list of upcoming events and to register.

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## Exciting Finish Caps Off 131st Edition of The Game

### Crimson Wins Ivy League Title with Undefeated Record.

More than 135 local Harvard and Yale alumni gathered at Busby's East in Los Angeles to watch another classic chapter in the storied football rivalry unfold, in a contest decided in the game's final minute, with a 31-24 win for the Crimson. Harvard secured a perfect 10-0 record, won sole possession of the Ivy League championship and extended its win streak over Yale to eight consecutive victories, tying the longest streak since The Game began in 1875.

Harvard, sporting the Ivy League's best defense, faced an 8-1 Yale team, with the conference's best offense, giving the Bulldogs a chance to play spoiler and share the Ivy title. Perhaps sensing a moment to finally savor after seven years of drought, nearly 80 Yalies (one of the highest totals in memory) gathered at Busby's East to complement the 55 Harvard supporters in the packed venue. The local viewing included a half-time raffle of football memorabilia and free T-shirts for all Crimson attendees.

Though Harvard took a 24-7 lead into the fourth and final quarter, Yale mounted a comeback to tie the game at 24-24 with less than four minutes left. Mirroring the Yale students at the game, the Yalies at Busby's erupted in cheer as Harvard alumni were forced to face the possible end of the Crimson's

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## Behind the Scenes Tour of the Central Library

On November 15, 2014, Los Angeles Public Library City Librarian John Szabo gave Harvard Club members a behind-the-scenes tour of the Central Library. There were several highlights. The Rare Book librarian prepared a special exhibit for our tour, including the Library's only medieval manuscript.

We also read Aldous Huxley's letter apologizing for losing four borrowed library books and paying for them, as well as a poem that Langston Hughes wrote in response to a request for autographs. We were entranced by the glorious Children's Room, Teenscape, where the librarian was preparing for a marathon Hunger Games afternoon, and the International Room where the photography librarian prepared an exhibit on Valley women from the Library's archive of newspaper photographs. The library offers numerous free services: homework help paid for through donations from the Library Foundation of Los Angeles, as well free SAT/ACT test preparation; literacy classes; help from volunteer accountants at tax time; help with financial literacy (also online); and pro bono attorneys with second-language skills to facilitate Angelenos' Pathway to Citizenship.

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## Other Recent Events...



On November 13th, members of the club enjoyed an evening with Morgan Chu J.D. '76, president of the Harvard Board of Overseers (second from right). Shown above are Harvard Club of Southern California's president and officers along with Mr Chu.



On November 10th, more than 50 alumni from Harvard and Stanford met for an evening of networking with others.



On November 9th, alumni enjoyed an afternoon tour of the Golden Road Brewery along with alumni from Cornell and Yale. Guests met with co-founder and Yale alumna, Meg Gill.



On October 16th, approximately 80 alumni from the classes of 2005 through 2014 attended the Welcome To Your City 2014 event held at Village Idiot in West Hollywood.

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dominant run. However, Harvard scored the game winning touchdown with 55 seconds left.

Having now won eight consecutive games over Yale and tied the all-time record held by the Bulldogs of the late 1800's, the burning question of whether Harvard can surpass the all-time record, as well as how far its current overall 14-game winning streak can climb, will be answered in 2015. We hope to see a record Harvard turnout at next year's telecast to find out.



## Ready to Serve on a Nonprofit Board?

Do you want to make the world a better place? Do you have skills or expertise that could benefit a nonprofit organization? Join us for a special introduction to joining and serving on a nonprofit board of directors at the beautiful California Club in downtown Los Angeles.

Following this insightful presentation by James E.R. Low, we will continue an open conversation over heavy appetizers or light dinner. A reservation is required for this event because space is limited. No walkups will be permitted.

**Date:** Wednesday, December 3, 2014

**Time:** 6:00 P.M.

**Location:** The California Club (Angeles)

**Cost:** \$65, members; \$85, non-members

**Contact:** James Low, lpastour@aol.com



## Annual Harvard-Yale Holiday Salon

Join us for the liveliest Holiday Performance Party and Mixer in LA. Do you sing? Play? Perform? Dance? Or have another unique talent that would entertain others? This is your chance for fame, if not fortune!

**Deadline to register is December 10, 2014.**

**Date:** Saturday, December 14, 2014

**Time:** 7:00 - 11:00 P.M.

**Cost:** \$30 at the door

**Location:** The Home of a Club Member in LA  
(Address to be sent after registration)

**Contact:** Lisa Watanabe-Peagler,  
lisawatanabe@post.harvard.edu

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



## Internships, Scholarships and Career Opps at The Central Intelligence Agency

The Harvard Club of Southern California, in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, Division of Student Support Services, and the Central Intelligence Agency, presents *Internships, Scholarships and Career Opportunities at the Central Intelligence Agency*.

**Deadline to register is January 13, 2015.**

**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2015

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

**Place:** Los Angeles County Office of Education

**Cost:** No charge, RSVP required

**RSVP:** <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>

**Contact:** Dr. Gus Frias, dr.gfrias@gmail.com

**Save the Date, January 22, 2015!**



**Alumni Talk:  
Chad Cannon AB '11,  
Juilliard '13**

Please join us for an Alumni Dinner Talk and hear new contemporary music by Chad Cannon, an active composer and orchestrator in the Los Angeles area. Chad works on a team led by Conrad Pope, having recently contributed to the hit soundtracks of *Godzilla* and *The Hobbit (The Desolation of Smaug and The Battle of the Five Armies)*, recorded by Mr. Pope and the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra.

**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2015  
**Time:** 6:30 P.M.  
**Place:** TBA  
**Cost:** TBA  
**Contact:** Albert Chang, [AlbertChang@charter.net](mailto:AlbertChang@charter.net)



**Happy Hour  
with Yale Club  
of Los Angeles**

Join us for cocktails and networking with the Yale Club of Los Angeles.

**Date:** Thursday, February 5, 2015  
**Time:** 6:30 P.M.  
**Location:** Busby's East (Los Angeles)  
**Cost:** No charge. Cash only for food and drinks.  
**Contact:** Lisa Watanabe-Peagler,  
[lisawatanabe@post.harvard.edu](mailto:lisawatanabe@post.harvard.edu)  
**RSVP:** <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>



**Shen Yun 2015**

**Date:** Sunday, January 25, 2015  
**Time:** 1:00 P.M.  
**Location:** Dolby Theatre (Hollywood)  
**Cost:** \$60 per ticket - Limited tickets, first-come, first-served.  
**Contact:** Eva Plaza, [plaza@theplazalawgroup.com](mailto:plaza@theplazalawgroup.com)

For 5,000 years divine culture flourished in the land of China. Humanity's treasure was nearly lost, but through breathtaking music and dance, Shen Yun is bringing back this glorious culture. Join us for this very special performance.

Through the universal language of music and dance, Shen Yun weaves a wondrous tapestry of heavenly realms, ancient legends, and modern heroic tales, taking you on a journey through 5,000 years of Chinese culture. Its stunning beauty and tremendous energy leave audiences uplifted and inspired.

A Shen Yun performance features the world's foremost classically trained dancers, a unique orchestra blending East and West, and dazzling animated backdrops—together creating one spectacular performance.

Shen Yun cannot be seen in China today, where traditional culture has been nearly lost. Yet Shen Yun—a nonprofit organization—has become an international phenomenon, bringing the wonders of ancient Chinese culture to millions across the globe.



# Call to Submit Nominations for the 2015 Annual Dinner Honorees



The Board of the Harvard Club of Southern California is now soliciting nominations for the “John Harvard Award” and the “Excellence in Education Award” to be presented at our Annual Dinner (site and date TBA). We will use the following criteria to choose the awardees:

## The John Harvard Award for Distinguished Service to the Community

- Active in public service
- Significant, innovative work to improve our society
- Recognized by a large portion of the membership
- An outstanding leader in his/her field
- Has high personal integrity
- Harvard connection a plus but not necessary
- Able to attend the dinner and give some remarks

## Excellence in Education Award

- The award is given to a K-12 educator whose professional work prepares students for their careers and has demonstrated excellence and substantial achievement in the field of education.
- Considerable weight is given to candidates who spend time with students well beyond their normal working hours.
- Harvard connection is a plus but not necessary
- The award is given to a classroom teacher who has impacted a large number of students in an outstanding way or to an administrator who caused major improvements in the educational system. These educators might be unsung outside their schools.
- High personal integrity
- Able to attend the dinner and give some remarks

The John Harvard Award has been given annually by the Club since 1974, and the Excellence in Education award has been given annually since 1992. Recent winners include:

### The John Harvard Award:

- 2014: Constance Rice AB '78, civil rights lawyer and community leader
- 2013: Lucy Fisher AB '71, Vice Chairman of the Columbia Tri-Star Motion Picture Group at Sony Pictures
- 2012: Michael Lynton AB '81, MBA '87, CEO of Sony Corporation of America
- 2011: Sumner Redstone AB '44, LLB '47, Chairman of Viacom and CBS
- 2010: David W. Oxtoby AB '72, President of Pomona College

### Excellence in Education Award:

- 2014: Maryann Cummins, Master Piano Teacher
- 2013: Thomas C. Hudnut, President and CEO of Harvard-Westlake School
- 2012: George J. Sanchez AB '81, Professor at USC
- 2011: Father William Muller, SJ, President of Verbum Dei High School
- 2010: Judy Burton, President and CEO of Alliance College-Ready Public Schools

**Please submit all recommendations and information to Ethel Laczko, Chair of the Nominating Committee, at [etheledu@yahoo.com](mailto:etheledu@yahoo.com) by December 31, 2014.** All recommendations will be submitted to the Board for evaluation and final selection in January 2015.

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## Q&A from 02138... Monica Palos '15

*(These interviews are a regular contribution to the HCSC Newsletter and will spotlight students enrolled at Harvard who are from Southern California. Nominations to profile students from our region are invited.)*

**Monica Palos '15**, a concentrator in Visual and Environmental Studies with a secondary concentration in Archaeology, was born in Santa Monica, California and raised in Arcadia. She graduated from Mayfield Senior School where she was captain of the fencing team. She was also the editor-in-chief of the school's newspaper, known as the "Crier." She is a senior living in Cabot House. Her father is Miguel Palos '76, who has been an area co-chair for alumni interviewers for many years, volunteering on the the Harvard Club of Southern California Schools Committee. (A profile of Dr. Palos was featured in the October 2014 Club newsletter). Her sister is Megan Palos '12, who is the business operations manager at a Silicon Valley startup company that creates marketing software for local businesses.

At Harvard, Monica is a studio assistant for Radcliffe Research Fellow Jennifer Bornstein, is an active member of the Mountaineering Club, an Outing Club Leader, a Leader for the First-year Outdoor Program, the Executive Director of the Harvard Student Art Show, and on the Executive Council of her sorority, Alpha Phi. Last summer, she interned for Harvard China Care where she volunteered at an orphanage in Ningde, Fujian Province, China.

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

**MP:** The diversity of the students, in all regards. Yes, the student body has a mixture of racial and ethnic identities, but there's also vast diversity in academic and extracurricular interests, and even personality types. Coming from a single-sex high school where everyone genuinely cared about each other's well being, it was really surprising to encounter Harvard students who could have the most brilliant mind but who had no sense of social and self-awareness.

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

**MP:** The very first time I visited Harvard was on an eighth grade East Coast trip. Back then I was awe-struck by how big and important everything seemed. If you had told me then that one day I'd call myself a student here, I wouldn't have believed you.

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

**MP:** Every class that I've taken with Chris Killip [a photographer professor of visual and environment studies] has been incredibly rewarding and challenging. His lectures never run the risk of losing an audience. He speaks with such a deliberate choice of words that students—myself included—hang on to every word as he describes other artists' work. Studying with such a notable photographer with such a sage presence makes me work infinitely harder to develop my own photographic perspective. To this day I would not consider myself a photographer, but I've made work that I am the most proud of in his classes.

**HCSC: What have you learned from your experiences at Harvard?**

**MP:** The most important lessons have come from the outdoor clubs I'm involved in. From the time I've spent with my friends hiking and rock climbing the last four years, I've really learned to do what makes me happy rather than joining clubs just for the sake of building a resume. Harvard students often get too focused on joining a ton of clubs that look good to future employers rather than try something new that broaden one's life experiences and enriches one's life. I am so thankful for the memories I have with the Mountaineering Club, Outing Club, and First-year Outdoor Program.

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**HCSC: What was your funniest moment at Harvard?**

**MP:** When I look back on it now it's funny, but at the time I was incredibly embarrassed. In my sophomore year I had my very first class in William James Hall. When I got to the correct classroom on the first day of class, I noticed people were already inside taking notes so I assumed that I was late. I took my seat only to realize five minutes later that I had accidentally sat in on a Graduate class and was now past the point of being able to gracefully exit the room.

**HCSC: What would you do if you were president of Harvard?**

**MP:** I would make amending the new sexual assault policy to include affirmative consent my number one priority.

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

**MP:** The local cuisine. Nowhere in Boston can I find the perfect (and reasonably priced) tamale or hotpot!

**HCSC: Do you plan to return to Southern California?**

**MP:** I think Southern California will definitely figure into my future after graduation. Southern California is a hub for visual arts and other creative careers which is what I want to be doing, so I for sure see myself moving back.



## **JANUARY WINTERSHIPS: Host a Harvard College Student in Your Organization Over Winter Break**

For the third straight year, the Club is coordinating opportunities for alumni to connect with undergraduates as part of the 2015 January Winternship Program, through Harvard's Office of Career Services.

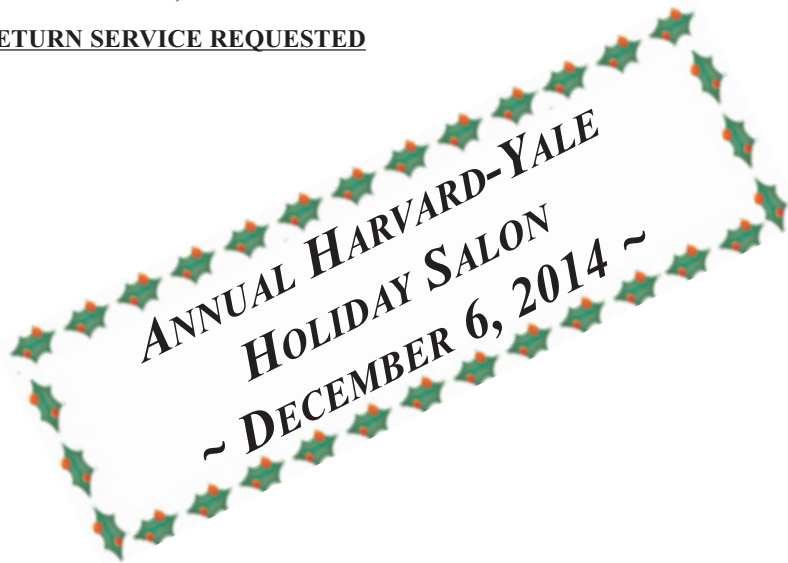
A Winternship is typically an unpaid job-shadowing experience in your workplace, lasting anywhere from one to 18 days during the January winter break (January 2-25, 2015). Winternships are designed to provide participants with hands-on experiences; educate students about particular organizations and industries, and build relationships between students and potential alumni employers. In the past, Winternships have offered opportunities to students interested in the fields of law, finance, media, medicine, and business. The experience itself can range from a single meeting or meal to a few days of volunteer project assignments and even to several weeks of paid employment. Students are responsible for their own travel and housing but Harvard's Office of Career Services has funding available to cover the travel costs for students with financial need.

More information can be found on OCS's website, [www.ocs.fas.harvard.edu/employers/externship.htm](http://www.ocs.fas.harvard.edu/employers/externship.htm). There you will find the online form used to submit a Winternship proposal. Students have begun looking for Winternships already so submit your proposal ASAP.

As in years past, there will also be a mixer held in January to allow local undergraduates and alumni to arrange last minute Winternship experiences and discuss career paths and industry trends in various fields. For more information about attending that event or the Winternship Program in Southern California in general, please contact HCSC board member Patric M. Verrone at [pverrone@aol.com](mailto:pverrone@aol.com).

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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. Unless specifically noted, RSVPs are not confirmed.

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<b>Ongoing</b>	Volunteer in a School	32nd Street/USC Magnet School Los Angeles, CA	N/A	Priscilla Heim, priheim@verizon.net