



Parents Connection

Message from the Dean



Dear Harvard College Parents and Guardians,

With just a few weeks left in the semester, all of us in Cambridge are excited to see the trees blooming once again in Harvard Yard and the weather turning warm.

At this time of year, our students experience anticipation and excitement about the summer break, but may also experience stress as they complete final papers and prepare for their upcoming exams. As we approach Reading Period (April 28 – May 4) and final examinations and papers (May 5 – May 14), the College is again making extra efforts to provide Yard and House-based activities for students that will encourage them to take breaks from their studies so they can return with renewed focus.

In addition to offering your own support, please remind them that there are a number of people at the College, including faculty, staff, tutors, proctors, housemasters, and Yard and House deans who stand ready to help your students.

Thank you for everything you do to support your learners through their Harvard journey.

Warmly,

Rakesh Khurana

Danoff Dean of Harvard College

Plan Ahead!



Commencement

May 26

Is your student graduating this year?
Start planning ahead by visiting Harvard's Commencement Office for additional information.
[Steven Spielberg](#) will speak at Harvard's Afternoon Program at its 365th Commencement.

In Case You Missed It ...

The Harvard Gazette is the official news source of Harvard University. [Subscribe to the Daily Gazette.](#)

[Air Force ROTC returns to Harvard](#)

With final strokes of a pen, Harvard completed its five-year effort to restore ROTC's presence on campus, when Harvard President [Drew Faust](#) and Air Force Secretary [Deborah Lee James](#) signed an agreement this month establishing an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University. [Read more](#)

[Making art, making community](#)

The title of a new, student-led public art installation, created in response to the results of the Association of American Universities-led sexual conduct survey distributed to every degree-seeking student at Harvard last spring, asks: "Where Do We Go From Here?" [Read more](#)

Get Involved

Parents webinar »

Join President of Harvard University, Drew Faust, and Danoff Dean of Harvard College, Rakesh Khurana tomorrow, April 29 from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. (EST), as they share their thoughts with parents and guardians about the value of a liberal arts and sciences education at Harvard College.

ARTS FIRST Festival »

If you happen to be close to campus today through May 1, please join us for Harvard University's ARTS FIRST festival, which includes performances or shows involving virtually every musical, theatrical, and artistic group on campus. Please see the [schedule of events](#).

Did You Know?

The renovation of Harvard University's Smith Campus Center is now in full swing. As a result of this construction, which will include periods when power to the building must be turned off, Harvard University Health Services (HUHS) will be required to temporarily move urgent care services (which are open 24 hours a day, every day) to an alternate location after regular business hours. After careful review of alternative space, HUHS will now provide urgent care services at the HUHS Law School Clinic at Pound Hall (1563 Massachusetts Avenue) for evening, overnight, weekend, and holiday hours beginning in June. Exact dates for this change will be established once HUHS receives all regulatory approvals and updates will be available on the [HUHS website](#). It is currently expected that these services will again be consolidated at the Smith Campus Center once construction is fully complete.



STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Visitas

During Visitas 2016 (April 23 - April 24) – a weekend for admitted students – the entire University was excited to congratulate and welcome the Class of 2020. The [#WelcometoHarvard Storify](#) is a round up of all of the welcome messages from current students, staff, and alums that were shared with the incoming class. Check out the [Storify](#) to read their inspiring and welcoming words.

Resources

Parent Programs: (617) 495-8663

Financial Aid: (617) 495-1551

Harvard University Health Services (24 hour): (617) 495-5711

HUHS Counseling and Mental Health Services: (617) 495-2042

Faculty of Arts and Sciences Registrar: (617) 495-1543

Housing and Residential Life: (617) 496-2774

Harvard College Parents Fund: (617) 496-3819

Office of Student Life: (617) 495-1942

Freshman Dean's Office: (617) 495-7936

Additional Resources

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