



# 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.

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 30- May 6) and final examinations and papers (May 7 – May 16), the College is 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.

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

Sincerely,

Rakesh Khurana

*Dean of Harvard College*

# Plan Ahead!



## **ARTS FIRST Festival**

April 30 – May 3

Join us for Harvard University's ARTS FIRST festival, which includes performances or shows involving virtually every musical, theatrical, and artistic group on campus.

[VIEW THE SCHEDULE](#)



## **Commencement**

May 28

Is your student graduating this year? Start planning ahead by visiting Harvard's Commencement Office for additional information.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

# In Case You Missed It ...

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## **A Freshman reflects**

It's been a year of people, professors, pacing, and appreciating. As April comes to a close, freshman Matthew DeShaw reflects on his time at Harvard College so far and what it means to be a member of the Class of 2018. [Read more](#)

## **After Nepal quake, Harvard Responds**

With Nepal struggling to deal with the enormous calamity caused by the magnitude 7.8 earthquake that struck north of Kathmandu Saturday, Harvard is mobilizing to help with technical and medical assistance and reaching out to faculty, staff, and students visiting the region [Read more](#)

# Get Involved

## [Parent Webinar – A Virtual Connection »](#)

Thank you to those of you who joined us for this month's webinar. For those unable to participate, we wanted to be certain you have an opportunity to view the recording, which can be accessed by visiting the [Harvard College YouTube channel](#).

## Did You Know?

The very first baseball game the Red Sox played at their new, state-of-the-art 'Fenway Park' was against Harvard College on April 9, 1912. The game was played just 11 days before the Red Sox regular-season home opener against the New York Highlanders (who became the Yankees the following year). Boston's team christened Fenway Park with the help of another squad sporting red socks—the Harvard Crimson.



## STUDENT EXPERIENCE

# Omni @ Harvard College

Harvard College and the Undergraduate Council will soon release “Omni @ Harvard College,” an iOS application just for Harvard College students. Omni prioritizes undergraduate needs, providing convenient access to emergency contacts, shuttle tracking, dining hall menus, and other key resources for student life and well-being. We hope that it will serve as another access point to the many valuable resources available to students, and look forward to continuously enhancing and evolving this new addition to our existing suite of resources.