



# Parents Connection

## Message from the Dean



Dear Harvard College Parents and Guardians,

The start of the academic year is almost here and I am very excited to welcome our students in a few weeks. As I mentioned in an email earlier this month, you as parents are an important part of the Harvard College community. As such, I hope this newly redesigned monthly newsletter, intended specifically for parents, will provide you with useful information and will help better connect you to what is going on in our community.

As I have stated previously, my priority as dean is to ensure that Harvard College continues its mission of providing a transformative experience –intellectually, socially and personally – for all students through a liberal arts and sciences education. As parents, I think the best we can do for our learners is to encourage them to be open to new experiences, to make connections with new people, and to embrace new challenges.

I look forward to meeting some of you throughout the year. And I hope you enjoy our refreshed newsletter.

Sincerely,

Rakesh Khurana

*Dean of Harvard College*

# Plan Ahead!



## Freshman Move-In Day

Monday, August 25

The Class of 2018 is scheduled to arrive on campus on August 25. [Parking and logistics](#) [PDF], frequently asked questions, the full calendar for Opening Days and much more can be found on the [Freshmen Dean's Office site](#).

**OPENING DAYS INFORMATION**



## Upperclassmen Move-In Day

Thursday, August 28

Houses open to returning upperclassmen at 9 a.m. Please note, upperclassmen are not required to move in on this date and may choose to move in after August 28.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

# In Case You Missed It ...

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## **Sampling the scholar's life**

Not all undergraduates leave the Cambridge campus for the summer. Harvard's summer research programs provide an opportunity for your student to work closely with Harvard faculty and experience scholarly, self-directed academic research. [Read more](#)

## **A dream, 'quietly imagined,' come true**

New Harvard College Dean Rakesh Khurana wants to ensure the College continues to provide a transformative experience – intellectually, socially and personally – for all undergraduates, similar to the journey that brought him to Harvard Yard. [Read more](#)

# Get Involved

## **Parent Programs »**

Parents are an important part of the Harvard community, so keep up to date on programs and events, resources and news by visiting the [Parent Programs website](#).

## **Save the Date »**

Freshman Parents Weekend (November 7-8) will be here before you know it. The weekend provides an opportunity for families to visit campus while engaging with your student and with Harvard faculty, staff and fellow parents. Please make your [preparations](#) now.

## **Stay Alert »**

Parents, if you have not already done so, please remind your student to register for [MessageMe](#), a useful tool in Harvard's emergency notification system.

# Did You Know?

The [Class of 2018](#) features students from all 50 states and 69 countries. In addition, the incoming freshmen class has a record number of African-Americans (177) and Latinos (185), as well as the second-largest number of Asian-Americans (351) in a single class to enter Harvard making this one of the most diverse classes in the College's nearly 400-year history.



## STUDENT EXPERIENCE

# Instagram

[Follow Dean Khurana's profile, \(@deankhurana\)](#), to view scenes from across campus and experience his interactions with the Harvard community, including the upcoming scavenger hunt during Freshmen Opening Days. Join us on September 1, at 11 a.m. as the Dean shares clues on his profile. As a member of the community we invite you to follow along for the scavenger hunt, and throughout the year.

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# Resources

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

Additional Resources

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