



# Parents Connection

## Message from the Dean



Dear Harvard College Parents and Guardians,

From my office window behind the John Harvard statue, I see our students walking past with suitcases, and friends, who were strangers only a few weeks ago, hugging each other as they part ways for the holidays. I am so grateful to have this opportunity to live among the students who will help shape our collective future.

Meeting your students has given me the opportunity to learn more about their dreams and aspirations to make a positive difference in the world. You are our partners in helping them achieve their dreams. Winter Break is a time for rest, but it is also a time for reflection. I hope you will hear about all the new experiences your students have been having at the College, as well as about their plans for next term. And I hope you will continue to encourage them to see the limitless possibilities for using their education to make our world a better and more peaceful place.

Be well, have the happiest of holidays, and I look forward to connecting with you in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Rakesh Khurana

*Dean of Harvard College*

# Plan Ahead!



## Winter Recess

December 21 – January 25

How long is Winter Recess? When to the dorms and Houses reopen? Gather all the information you need to plan accordingly.

**WINTER RECESS**

## In Case You Missed It ...

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

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### Harvard Early Action

Harvard College sent admission notifications to 977 prospective students through its Early Action program. The students, who represent a broad range of economic, ethnic, and geographical backgrounds, will have the opportunity to join the Class of 2019. [Read more](#)

### 'Hum 10' Guides Students through Literary Masterworks

Hum 10, as it's called by students, is a two-semester gateway to essential literary works. After Homer and before Joyce were texts by Aristotle, Descartes, Rousseau, Austen, Kafka, and others. In the spring, Hum 10b will start with "Waiting for Godot" and end with "The Iliad." [Read more](#)

# Get Involved

## **[Junior Parents Weekend, February 27 – 28 »](#)**

[Junior Parents Weekend](#) is quickly approaching. If you're able to join us on campus for this great weekend of events, save the date and book your hotel room now.

## **[Wintersession, December 21 – January 25 »](#)**

If your student is interested in participating in Wintersession, registration is now open. Register for programs by visiting the [Wintersession Programs page](#) and RSVPing for programs of interest.

# Did You Know?

Around 85 percent of students come to Harvard from out of state, like Alice Hu from Philadelphia, who recently blogged a [letter of welcome](#) to the prospective Class of 2019.



## STUDENT EXPERIENCE

# Parents Weekend through a Freshman's Eyes

Hunched over my laptop at my desk, several stories above Prescott Street, the pressure was on. Juxtaposing “Silent Spring” and “The Revenge of Gaia” for my expository writing class may have been important, but by 5:45 p.m. on that Friday, a new priority had come to town (literally) — my parents!

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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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