



# Parents Connection

## Message from the Dean



Dear Harvard College Parents and Guardians,

As you have read in recent messages to your students, Cambridge continues to endure an unprecedented winter, but classes and activities are in full swing despite the snow and cold. Over the coming weeks, we look forward to hosting those of you who will join us for Junior Parents' Weekend; our freshman will experience their first-ever Housing Day, and the Harvard Arts Museums will welcome your students to afternoon tea and a private tour of their new facilities. I look forward to engaging with you and your students both on and off campus.

Warmly,

Rakesh Khurana

*Dean of Harvard College*

# Plan Ahead!



## Spring Recess

March 14—22

It's *still* snowing in Cambridge, but spring recess is now even closer. Please note the corrected dates.



## Commencement

May 28

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

# In Case You Missed It ...

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## **With music as his muse: Student singer-songwriter entertains at revamped Barker Arts Café**

The newly renovated Barker Arts Café, brainchild of Diana Sorensen and the Humanities Project, aims to be a bohemian locus of student activity and conversation around the arts and humanities at Harvard College, and it is succeeding. [Read more](#)

## **Unlocking fat: Research finds energy benefit in cooking**

Have you ever wondered why it's so tough to put down that last slice of bacon? Part of the answer is that humans are evolutionarily programmed to crave fatty foods. [Read more](#)

# Get Involved

## **[Family Membership Program for Harvard Club of Boston »](#)**

Parents of Harvard undergraduates can now join the Harvard Club of Boston. Through the Family Membership Program, parents can join for the duration of their student's time at the College at a discounted rate. [Learn more](#)

## Did You Know?

A record 37,305 students have applied for admission to Harvard College's Class of 2019. Last year 34,295 applied, while the previous high was 35,023 for the Class of 2017.



## STUDENT EXPERIENCE

# Housing Day 2015

Harvard's House System is at the core of the College experience. Every spring, freshmen find out which of the 12 undergraduate Houses they will spend their upperclass years in, through a day of celebration, pride and camaraderie. Check out scenes from Housing Day 2014 and tune in as it unfolds this year by following [#HousingDay2015](#) on March 12.

HOUSING DAY 2014

# 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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