



Parents Connection

Message from the Dean



Dear Harvard College Parents and Guardians,

This week I was thrilled to welcome our students back to campus. We are looking forward to a critical and exciting semester at Harvard College. In the coming months, we will continue our efforts to strengthen the General Education program

and academic support services. We will create new social engagement opportunities in our Houses and on campus. We will carry on with the crucial work of preventing sexual assault on campus. And we will redouble our efforts to build a greater sense of inclusion here at the College.

As we embark upon this bright new year, I want to assure you that the safety and well-being of our students is our highest priority at the College. We appreciate your support for this community, and we will do our best to quickly update you about what is happening on our campus over the course of the year.

I am looking forward to an exciting term ahead!

Warmly,

Rakesh Khurana

Danoff Dean of Harvard College

Plan Ahead!



Junior Parents Weekend

February 26–27, 2016

Junior Parents Weekend is quickly approaching. If you're able to join us on campus for this great weekend of events, please register and book your hotel room now.

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In Case You Missed It ...

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Debate Duo Makes It to Grand Finale

In 2012, Fanelesibonge Mashwama '17 and Bo Seo '17 met on a bus in South Africa en route to an international debate tournament. Little did they know that fate would lead them from two different continents to Harvard, to Pforzheimer House, and ultimately to triumph earlier this month at the World Universities Debating Championship (WUDC). [Read more](#)

For the Love of Theater

In arts seminars, alumni teach the tools of their trade and more. Amy Brenneman '87 and Sabrina Peck '84 began their longtime collaboration when they were undergrads at Harvard and bonded over their love for theater. [Read more](#)

Get Involved

Housing Day, March 10, 2016 »

[Housing Day](#) is coming up fast. This annual event sees Freshmen sorted into one of Harvard's 12 upperclass Houses. Freshmen are informed of their House assignment by the residents of their new Houses, who playfully storm their dorm rooms with the good news.

Did You Know?

Harvard is older than calculus! When Harvard was first founded, calculus class was not offered because it had not yet been invented. Calculus emerged in the late 1600's with the publication of "Nova Methodus" by Gottsfeld Leibniz. In fact, Galileo, who died in 1642, was still alive during Harvard's early years.



STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Scenes from Wintersession 2016

Wintersession, the College-led 10-day event, now in its sixth year, included an array of arts and humanities focused programming, from a clay flute workshop to programmable kinetic sculpture, as well as classes aimed at giving students tools for creating original theater workshops.

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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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