



Parents Connection

Message from the Dean



Dear Harvard College Parents and Guardians,

With our students' finals completed and Commencement and summer approaching quickly, I have been reflecting on my “freshman” year as Dean of Harvard College. From

welcoming the freshman class to campus, to cheering our teams, to witnessing our students' passion in arts and academics, to our students working alongside our staff to navigate the challenging New England winter, this year has been transformative for me. We have many accomplishments to celebrate, especially student-driven collaborations like the College's first Honor Code and the Harvard College Honor Council, the new Bridging and Belonging Grant Programs, and the new Spring Break Meals Program – all of which have been instrumental this year in making Harvard an intellectually vibrant and inclusive community. I have greatly enjoyed the opportunities this year to engage with and learn from your students. I look forward to our continued engagement in the fall.

Sincerely,

Rakesh Khurana, *Dean of Harvard College*

Plan Ahead!



Commencement

May 28

Commencement is rapidly approaching! Parents of seniors, make sure your student is ready by visiting Harvard's Commencement Office for additional information.

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In Case You Missed It ...

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Arts First, and at center

The Arts First festival is not simply a collection of individual works, but rather a collaborative effort tying Harvard groups to the broader community. A free and open event, the arts festival brought together performers in drag from Hasty Pudding Theatricals, musicians from the River Charles Ensemble, dancers from the Harvard Ballet Company, and faculty guest stars like College Dean Rakesh Khurana, Dean of Freshmen Tom Dingman, and Steven Pinker, the Johnstone Family Professor of Psychology. [Read more](#)

Not your average science fair

At the fourth annual School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS) Design and Project Fair on May 6, hundreds of students representing 18 Harvard courses presented projects they had worked on over the past semester or two. With fresh popcorn, candy, and a roaring crowd cheering on the battling robots, the plaza felt more like a carnival than an academic fair. [Read more](#)

Get Involved

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This summer, we urge you to get involved by following [Dean Khurana](#) and other members of our Harvard Community on Instagram or the [Harvard College YouTube Channel](#). Please visit harvard.edu/social-media to get connected.

Did You Know?

Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* turned 150! In the 150 years since its publication Carroll's story has become more than a literary classic; it is part of our collective cultural imagination. Its illustrations, originally conceived by Carroll, realized by John Tenniel, and reinterpreted by hundreds of artists, are instantly recognizable; its nonsense songs and memorable lines are frequently quoted and repurposed by countless admirers. Through Sept. 5, 2015, Houghton Library is offering an [exhibition](#) exploring the incredible influence the book has achieved, through the Library's rich collection of Carrolliana, compiled principally by Harcourt Amory and given to Harvard by his widow and children in 1927.



STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Visitas

During Visitas 2015 (April 24-April 26) – a weekend for admitted students – the entire University was excited to congratulate and welcome the Class of 2019. The [#WelcometoHarvard Storify](#) is a round up of all of the welcome messages from current students, staff, and alums that were shared with the incoming class. Check out the Storify to read their inspiring and welcoming words.

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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