



Parents Connection

Message from the Dean



Dear Harvard College Parents and Guardians,

With the term coming to an end and the holiday season approaching, I have been making a conscious effort to reflect on what is right with the world and with our community. As I told our students in a [letter](#) I sent to them this weekend, I see evidence of what is right on this campus everyday, in the classrooms, on the playing fields, in the dining halls, across student groups.

We are all so fortunate to be part of a community that pushes each of us to stretch beyond what we thought was possible for ourselves and that holds us to such high standards. I am grateful you are a part of this community.

Sincerely,

Rakesh Khurana

Dean of Harvard College

Plan Ahead!



Winter Break

December 21 – January 25

Some students spend Winter Break with family, traveling or pursuing off-campus activities. Other students return to campus early to participate in [Wintersession](#), featuring student-initiated and College-led programs. Whatever your student chooses to do over break, they should do what is best for them.

WINTERSESSION

In Case You Missed It ...

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

Meet Harvard's Rhodes Scholars

Two Harvard undergraduates were recently announced as recipients of one of the most prestigious academic awards in the world. Ruth Fong '15 and Benjamin Sprung-Keyser '15 bring Harvard's total number of Rhodes Scholars to 350.

[Read more](#)

Harvard Beats Yale ... Again

Harvard pulled off a thrilling last minute victory over Yale in the 131st edition of The Game. The win preserved Harvard's undefeated season and secured the Ivy League championship for the Crimson. It was a festive day for the entire Harvard community. [Read more](#)

Get Involved

[Hashtag It »](#)

A great way to stay connected and involved in the Harvard community, and connect with other parents via social media, is to keep an eye out for and use hashtags shared by the dean and Harvard affiliates ahead of events on campus. Check out this [hashtag wrap-up](#) from Freshman Parents Weekend.

[Reading/Exam Periods »](#)

Shortly following the Thanksgiving holiday, Reading and Exam periods will begin. This will be a busy time for your student, so be sure they know about the resources available to them, including Harvard University Health Services' [Center for Wellness](#).

[Midyear Graduation Ceremony »](#)

The [midyear graduation](#) ceremony will be held on Dec. 5, beginning at 3 p.m. in the Knafel Center. Students graduate midyear for a variety of reasons, as some take time off for family or health reasons, while others explore a nonacademic pursuit or travel.

Did You Know?

After five months of construction, Harvard Stadium was completed just in time for the Harvard-Yale game on November 21, 1903. It's considered an engineering marvel as it was the world's first massive reinforced concrete structure and first large permanent arena for college athletics. Construction cost in 1903: \$175,000.



STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Harvard Art Museums

The Harvard Art Museums put world-renowned collections under one roof, in your student's, backyard. After a six-year extensive renovation, the Museums re-opened to great fanfare this month, providing visitors with closer, more direct, and more sustained engagement to beautiful works of art.

ART'S SHINING FUTURE

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

Harvard College
University Hall, First Floor
Cambridge, MA 02138

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