



Parents Connection

Message from the Dean



Dear Harvard College Parents and Guardians,

As I communicated to you last week, the prevalence of sexual assault represents a deeply troubling issue for the Harvard College community. However, I wanted to share with you that in the wake of the results of the Association of American Universities sexual assault survey, this community — your students, our faculty and staff, have come together to begin a thoughtful conversation and to begin to develop approaches to address this serious problem before us. I have been humbled by the way your student — and this community — has reaffirmed our commitment to one another, while finding new ways to ensure Harvard is a place where everyone feels safe, and where students can work, study, and thrive.

Warmly

Rakesh Khurana

Danoff Dean of Harvard College

Plan Ahead!



Freshman Parents Weekend

October 23-24

If you are planning to attend Freshman Parents Weekend it's a good idea to make preparations now if you haven't already. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the campus better and engage with Harvard faculty, staff and fellow parents. Registration is now open.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



Parent Webinar

Wednesday, October 14

We're offering another series of parent webinars this year, the first of which is geared towards freshman parents. Join Dean Rakesh Khurana and Dean Tom Dingman on Wednesday, October 14 at 4 p.m. EST. An email invitation will follow.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)



Wintersession

January 15-26

Please keep Wintersession in mind as you and your student make travel plans for winter break. Find out more information about dates and programming.

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In Case You Missed It ...

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

A gift for public service

The new Eric and Stacy Mindich programs will support College students' efforts to help others. [Read more](#)

Finding the classes that fit

During the College tradition of Shopping Week, students can try out courses before committing. [Read more](#)

Get Involved

[Parent Programs »](#)

We are pleased to have your child enrolled at Harvard College and we welcome/welcome back you and your family to a vibrant community of Harvard students, faculty, staff, parents, and friends. Please check the [Parent Programs](#) page frequently to stay informed about the Office of Student Life's coordinated opportunities for you to engage with your student and the life of the College including on-campus events, publications and communications and connections to campus resources.

[Harvard.edu homepage refresh »](#)

Be sure to visit the newly redesigned [Harvard.edu](#) website. The page is much more interactive, capturing the spirit of the University and sharing valuable resources for all of our visitors.

[Regional Harvard College Fund Parents Committee Events »](#)

The Harvard College Fund Parents Committee frequently hosts parent gatherings to help foster a more engaged and supportive community of College parents and guardians on both a global and local level. The following are a few upcoming regional events: October 6, Dallas Parents Reception, in partnership with the Harvard Club of Dallas; October 11, Los Angeles Parents Reception; October 29, Houston Parents Reception. If you live in any of these cities and would like more information, please contact parf_inquiry@harvard.edu. All are welcome.

Did You Know?

Dunster House, the first full House to be renewed as part of Harvard College's House Renewal efforts, has 57 unique chimneys? Dunster House reopened after a 15 month renewal effort, showcasing modern technology that meets the needs of today's students, while proving the importance of Harvard's commitment to the transformative power of an undergraduate's residential experience.



STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Dean Khurana's Instagram Scavenger Hunt

Over 400 members of the Class of 2019 participated in Dean Khurana's Instagram Scavenger Hunt during Opening Days. Take a look at the joy and energy captured in these images as the students explored campus.

#VeritasHunt2015

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

Additional Resources

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