



# Parents Connection

## Message from the Dean



Dear Harvard College Parents and Guardians,

As your students prepare to leave campus for the Winter Recess, I can only imagine your excitement at the prospect of seeing them.

Getting to know your students, some of whom I met for the first time this fall, has given me the opportunity to learn more about their goals and dreams. I am heartened every day by their commitment to making a positive difference at the College and in the world. I know that their experiences here—learning how to think critically and carefully, exploring subjects they may have had little exposure to before, and questioning taken-for-granted assumptions—are preparing them to tackle the problems of our changing world.

I hope that over the break, your students will share with you the experiences they have been having at the College thus far, as well as their aspirations and their thoughts about how they can best use their gifts and talents.

I wish you the happiest of holidays, and I look forward to continuing to engage with you in the New Year.

Warmly,

Rakesh Khurana

*Danoff Dean of Harvard College*

# Plan Ahead!



## Winter Recess

December 22-January 24

How long is Winter Recess? When do the dorms and Houses reopen? Gather all the information you need to plan accordingly.

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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.](#)

### Harvard's alumni impact

The first University-wide survey examining Harvard's global impact shows that many College alumni are deeply engaged with the world and strongly committed to contributing to society through entrepreneurship, board service, and volunteerism. [Read more](#)

### First admissions to Class of '20

This year's Early Action program welcomes 918 students to Harvard College. Students admitted early this year are 24.2 percent Asian-American, 9.4 percent African-American, 9.6 percent Latino, and 1.8 percent Native American and Native Hawaiian. [Read more](#)

# Get Involved

## [Junior Parents Weekend, February 26-27 »](#)

[Junior Parents Weekend](#) is quickly approaching. If you're able to join us on campus for this great weekend of events, save the date, and book your hotel room now.

## [Wintersession, January 15-24 »](#)

If your student is interested in participating in Wintersession, registration is open. Register for programs by visiting the [Wintersession Programs page](#) and RSVPing for programs of interest.

## Did You Know?

As part of the University's endeavor to digitize all its collections and make them available free of charge, the Harvard Library recently launched the [website](#) of the [Colonial North American Project](#), including 150,000 images of diaries, journals, notebooks, and other rare documents from the 17th and 18th centuries. This website is updated continuously. Check back regularly for new content and features.



## STUDENT EXPERIENCE

# Scenes from Dean Khurana's Study Break

On December 9, Dean Khurana hosted a study break in Lamont Library and the Student Organization Center at Hilles to give students a moment of stress relief during Reading Period. The Dean brought donuts and much-needed cheer. Check out moments from the break.

[VIEW IMAGES](#)

# 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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