



# The Harvard Club of San Diego

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### ***Dear Fellow San Diego Alumni:***

We are pleased to release the first edition of the Harvard Club of San Diego's (HCSD) quarterly newsletter. In this new format, we hope to offer you a wider view of the club's activities in our local community with your local alumni. This includes announcements on our latest admits to Harvard College, a review of our most recent events, and descriptions of our exciting new initiatives.

As you know, HCSD's Mission is to (1) support our future and current Harvardians through interviews, scholarships, internships, and awards, and (2) provide our local alumni with the opportunity to network, socialize, and give back to our school and community. Over the past year, HCSD has grown both in size and activities, all of which has been made possible by your support and participation. Thank you to all who have made these efforts possible!

We believe we can do even more and we are always looking for alumni to get involved and even to host events. As with all great communities, the more the merrier, so please let us know if you want to become involved at [hcsdcentennial@gmail.com](mailto:hcsdcentennial@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Volunteer at the San Diego Food Bank**  
Thursday, April 4 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
*The San Diego Food Bank (Miramar area)*

**LINSanity Hits San Diego**  
Thursday, April 18 at 5:30pm  
*The West Coast Tavern*

**HCSD's Annual Night at the Opera with AIDA**  
Friday, April 26 2012 at 7:00pm  
*San Diego Civic Theatre*

**Rare Classical Music - Concert Series**  
Mondays, April 1 through May 6 at 7:30pm  
*The Athenaeum Music & Arts Library*

**Meet the Author - Special Book Club**  
Monday, April 8 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm  
*UCSD Price Center West*

**All Ivy-Plus Event - A Way with Words "A Lively Defense of Slang"**  
Thursday, April 25 at 6:30pm  
*Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP*

**Schools Committee Congratulatory Reception for Class of 2017 Admits**  
Wednesday, April 17  
*Alta La Jolla Clubhouse*

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## CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEREST CAREERS



### ***Success Story***

Many Harvard students spend their summers exploring potential career paths, and for some this means returning home to explore opportunities in public service. In order to encourage these opportunities, the Center for Public Interest Careers (CPIC) and the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA), along with local Harvard Club chapters around the country, coordinate the Summer Community Service Fellowship (SCSF). The fellowship is designed to support students interested in working with a nonprofit host organization in their hometown. The Harvard Club of San Diego (HCSA) is proud to announce that this will mark its first year participating in the SCSF program!

SCSF offers an alternative opportunity for students pursuing interests in public service. Many public service organizations do not offer paid internships, but nevertheless perform important work. HCSA shows a commitment to students interested in exploring such potential career paths in offering the SCSF.

Harry Douglas (Harvard College '09), now living in Southern California, was awarded the fellowship in 2008 by the Harvard Club of New Jersey. He secured a full-time summer internship with the Citizens Campaign in Metuchen, New Jersey. The

Citizens Campaign is a nonpartisan non-profit that fosters civic engagement by educating citizens how to become effective leaders in their communities. Additionally, the organization advocates for more open, accessible, and accountable government at the local and state levels. Harry gained valuable experiences throughout the summer: he attended a state senate hearing on eminent domain, learned several approaches to executing a successful grassroots campaign, and he led an educational forum to educate citizens how to influence policy at the local level.

After graduating in 2009, Harry returned to the Citizen's Campaign for another four months to work with community leaders across the state. The SCSF enabled Harry to explore his interest in public service while contributing to his local community in New Jersey, and his work solidified his commitment to further pursue education in this field of study. He is currently enrolled at USC's Sol Price School of Public Policy earning his Master's degree in Public Administration. Harry said of the SCSF program, "The Summer Community Service Fellowship meant a lot to me. Not only did it help me cover my summer expenses, it also reaffirmed that the work I was doing was supported by the Harvard community. It was a wonderful opportunity to engage with the Harvard Club and meet a lot of alumni, and I was proud to represent them during my summer with the Citizens Campaign. It was an unforgettable summer, and I'll always appreciate the HCNJ's generosity."

The Harvard Club of San Diego is excited to join HAA and CPIC to participate in this successful program and bring students home to San Diego.

It's not too late to apply! Interested Harvard undergraduates are invited to visit [www.harvardclubofsandiego.com](http://www.harvardclubofsandiego.com) and submit an application to Travis Lovett at [tlovett@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:tlovett@fas.harvard.edu). To donate to the CPIC program and help fund this fellowship, please visit the HCSA website and "Get Involved!"

## SD FRESHMAN SPOTLIGHT

HCSD reconnected with Courtney Hooton, class of 2016, to gain insight into the life of a freshman in Cambridge. Courtney grew up in Del Mar, graduated from The Bishop's School and is now a freshman living in Wigglesworth. She plans to concentrate in Psychology or Government and maintains a busy schedule as a strong competitor on the Varsity Women's Golf Team, a Cambridge Schools volunteer, and a recent member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. On housing day, Courtney celebrated her future residence, Mather House, and the prospect of living in a single.



### ***What initially attracted you to Harvard and what has been your favorite part of the experience so far?***

My grandfather (Claude Hooton Jr., '54) went to Harvard College and my father (Claude Hooton III, MBA '90) went to Harvard Business School. I attended all the reunions on campus and I loved Cambridge, Boston and the whole feel of Harvard! For so many years I dreamed of what it would be like to be a student at Harvard, and my first year surpassed everything I imagined it would be. I love my teammates, classmates, Harvard Square, classes, sorority sisters and all the amazing things I get to experience from a concert with Yo-Yo Ma to making gingerbread houses in Annenberg.

### ***What has been your favorite class so far and why?***

My freshman seminar – I took a bus to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center every week and learned about psychiatric illnesses.

### ***What do you miss most from San Diego?***

My family ... and the sun, warmth, Jamba Juice and In-N-Out.

### ***How was your first Cambridge winter?***

My first winter was magical, especially with the storm that stopped the city. So much snow! Wellies, winter coats, sweaters, ear muffs, scarfs and mittens are extremely fun for a San Diego girl.

### ***What Harvard accomplishment are you most proud of so far?***

It was exciting to set a Harvard Women's Golf Team record in my first semester – we set the lowest team scoring average at the Nittany Lion Women's Invitational at Penn State with a 284 this fall.

### ***What do you most look forward to experiencing at Harvard?***

Creating life-long friendships, developing a professional plan that ensures independence, and having no regrets when I graduate. I want to build the foundation for a career by which I can enrich other people's lives.

### ***How did you spend your summer before Freshman year? Over J Term?***

I worked at Kate Spade New York and practiced golf over both breaks from school.

### ***What are your plans for this summer?***

I applied for a competitive fellowship and aim to be working in Boston the whole summer. I also hope to qualify for my third United States Women's Amateur Golf Championship.

### ***What advice would you give to incoming freshman from San Diego to help them transition into the Harvard community?***

Take advantage of everything Harvard has to offer, including pre-orientation programs such as Dorm Crew, FOP or FUP and Harvard Club of San Diego events; it was very helpful to meet friendly faces before entering freshman year. Other than that, bring a parka and get ready to have the BEST time of your life!



## EVENTS IN REVIEW

### ***Wounded Warriors Special Olympic Trials***

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Harvard was well represented among the 400+ volunteers at the 2013 Marine Corps Trials for the Warrior Games. With athletes competing in several Paralympic sports including swimming, archery, shooting, cycling, track and field, wheelchair basketball and sitting volleyball, local alumni distributed healthy snacks and beverages to our US healing heroes, medically retired veterans, and wounded warriors from Australia, Canada, Colombia, France, Germany, Netherlands, the UK and New Zealand. With over 1,700 cases of water and sports beverages, 16,000 pieces of fresh fruit, and 60,000 high-energy snack items from the USO San Diego, we were kept busy with restocking and distribution. A special thanks to all of those who volunteered at Camp Pendleton. Posted photo and video blogs, athlete spotlights, and overall results can be viewed on the following site: [www.woundedwarriorregiment.org](http://www.woundedwarriorregiment.org)

### ***Alumni at the Getty***

A busload of Harvard Club members journeyed to Los Angeles on March 2nd to gain special insights into the design process offered by landscape architect and club member Marty Poirier.

HCSA Alumni and Friends at the Getty, March 2013.

Marty played a key role in creating the sculpture garden and the setting for The Getty. Club participants enjoyed a picture-perfect day of blue skies and lovely weather.



### ***Annual Dinner***

Every year, the Harvard Club of San Diego hosts the Club's annual meeting and dinner so that our alumni can dine together whilst re-living the old days of sitting in a lecture by a prominent Harvard Professor. The Club also takes the opportunity to vote in the directors for the new term.

This year's HCSA Annual Dinner attracted over 100 alumni and guests to the scenic grounds of the La Jolla Country Club. Guests were welcomed by a champagne reception filled with lively reunions and discussions. Dinner was served with a view of La Jolla and the Pacific Ocean along with the country club's tasty cuisine.

Club business included unanimously voting in the directors: Emily Balmert, AB' 09; Kristin Gross, ALM ' 02; and Grace Samodal, AB' 95 to their new terms.

The evening ended with dessert and an extremely informative lecture by Professor Aaron Bernstein, MD, MPH, the Associate Director of the Center for Health and the Global Environment at the Harvard School of Public Health. Professor Bernstein presented an in-depth view on not only how the climate impacts biodiversity, but also on how these changes in biodiversity impact our health.

Many thanks to all alumni who attended this once-a-year event and we look forward to seeing you at next year's dinner!





## CALL TO ACTION:

### ***First Generation Harvard Grads***

HCSD is launching a new service program called **First-Gen Outreach** to provide role models to local students from minority or low-income backgrounds. Our goal is to illustrate the breadth of possibilities that life might offer to teens that have not had the fortunate circumstances to learn about, and dream of, fulfilling professional careers.

**WHO:** We would like to identify College and Grad School alumni in San Diego who enjoy sharing life experiences with local adolescents.

**WHEN:** Sign up for one or more one-hour time slots to chat with a group of students. Available times are during the month of May, M-F 5:30-8pm.

**WHERE:** The Linda Vista Teen Center is primed to be one of our key venues. It serves a largely Latino and African-American population of middle school students. We are eager to identify additional venues.

**HOW:** If you are enjoying a satisfying career, or have an inspiring story to tell, contact Kristin Gross  
[kristin3399\\_@hotmail.com](mailto:kristin3399_@hotmail.com)

### **WANT A HARVARD STUDENT AS AN INTERN?**

Let us help connect you and your company to our local Harvard undergraduates.

The new HCSD website enables members of our community to login and post internship opportunities to reach out to our San Diego Harvard undergraduates. If you, or your company, are looking for summer interns for 2013, please visit the Forums page ([www.harvardclubofsandiego.com/forum.html](http://www.harvardclubofsandiego.com/forum.html)) and click on **Internships – Harvard Students**.

Current students will be able to login with their Harvard credentials and peruse your postings. They will also be encouraged to post their interests (internships they seek) in the forum as well.

### **LOOKING FOR A JOB? NEED TO HIRE?**

The new HCSD website has an **Employment – Alumni Job Board** for both employers and alumni job seekers to post. Please check it out at: [www.harvardclubofsandiego.com/forum.html](http://www.harvardclubofsandiego.com/forum.html) Note: You must be registered with HAA in order to post to and/or view this forum.

## MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR PRIZE BOOK DONATIONS

A special word of gratitude goes out to the 27 HCSD members who contributed to the Prize Book fund this year. This is the biggest turnout we've had to support the annual Prize Book Award Program.

Outstanding juniors nominated by their high schools will be competing for the Prize Book awards this spring, and the Books will be awarded at a special reception for winners and their families, hosted by the HCSD on June 2<sup>nd</sup> in Balboa Park.

The next quarterly newsletter in July will announce the student winners, but we wanted to take this opportunity to thank the generous folks who helped to make this program the success that it is!

Alfred Smith  
Amy Nguyen-Chyung  
Ann Rhoads  
Benjamin Dillingham  
Bradley Zlotnick  
Carol Harter  
Christopher Clague  
David Vu  
Elizabeth Nolan

Frank Tangherlini  
Fujiko Gordon  
Heather Lattimer  
Jennifer Brimhall  
Joanna Hirst  
John Stiker  
John Walker  
Katharine Law  
Katie Militello

Leif Sanchez  
Leigh Fritz  
Loreen Collins  
Maria Heredia  
Melanie Branca  
Michelle Melendez  
Ronnie Friedman-Barone  
Shazia Jamil  
Vi Thuy Nguyen

## OUR FIRST YEAR SPONSORS FOR THE SUMMER COMMUNITY SERVICE FELLOWSHIP (CPIC)

We extend our deep gratitude to the 12 HCSD members who responded to the call for action to support the inaugural HCSD Summer Community Service Fellowship program. Donations totaled \$620, and the HCSD treasury will put forth the remaining funds to sponsor our first \$3000 summer fellowship in public service for a deserving Harvard undergraduate in San Diego.

We will announce the recipient of the Fellowship award in the next newsletter, and expect to report on their summer experience in the Fall. The Board hopes that the success of our first sponsorship will spur more excitement (and more donations) in the coming years to keep this excellent program alive in San Diego!

A drum roll for our donors, please...

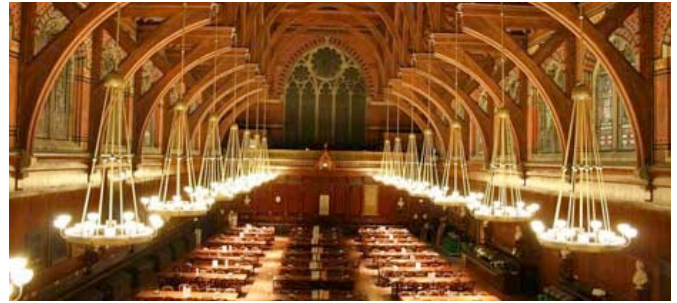


Benjamin Dillingham  
George Siggins  
Heather Lattimer  
James Krause  
Joanna Hirst  
Katharine Law  
Katie Militello  
Leigh Fritz  
Loreen Collins  
Michelle Melendez  
Shazia Jamil  
Vi Thuy Nguyen

## A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR HCSD BENEFACTORS

HCSD appreciates all of its wonderful members, but we would like to extend a special thank you to the Benefactors who contribute at the Premium dues levels. The extra funds contributed by our Benefactors help to offset the expenses associated with the core projects of our Club: Schools Committee and Prize Book Committee. Benefactors help underwrite Club hosted events such as: the Early Admit brunch in January, the Congratulatory Reception for all admits in April, the Leaving Left Coast Summer Picnic for all local undergraduates, and special Harvard group visits (such as the Harvard Pitches concert in May 2012, and the Harvard Glee Club Lite concert that we are planning for Jan 2014.) Without their awesome support, we would not be able to provide such rich programming for our local Harvard community. The Board would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to our Golden Benefactor: David Vu and 20 Silver Benefactors:

Fred Abbo  
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David Plank  
Martin Poirier  
John Stiker  
David Vu  
Bradley Zlotnick  
Juan Zuniga  
Susan Yee



## REGULAR ACTION ADMITS TO HARVARD COLLEGE CLASS OF 2017

### *Thank you to our Schools Committee!*

We are proud to announce the following 12 Regular Action Admits from San Diego and Imperial Counties to Harvard College for the Class of 2017:

David Armenta, - Central Union High School  
David Chang - Bonita Vista High School  
Ameen Chaudry - Scripps Ranch High School  
Alberto Corona - Eastlake High School  
Brett Henderson - Valley Center High School  
Nicholas Kelly- Patrick Henry High School  
Alexandra Maloof - Central Union High School  
Karla Mendoza - Olympic High School  
Calvin Rhodes - La Jolla Country Day  
Claudia See - Canyon Crest Academy  
Kristen Shim - Canyon Crest Academy  
Wright Smith - Coronado High School

The Board of the HCSD would like to thank Loreen Collins and Emily Balmert for co-chairing the Schools Committee this year. A big THANK YOU also to all the interviewers who participated in the Regular Action round with 481 applicants. We would especially like to thank the interviewers from Imperial County. Harvard College had a record number of applications and accepted only 2,029 of 35,023 or 5.8%. Congratulations to the 12 Regular Action Admits and their proud families. We look forward to welcoming them, along with our 12 Early Admits, into our local Harvard community at a reception to be held at the La Jolla Clubhouse on April 17, 2013.



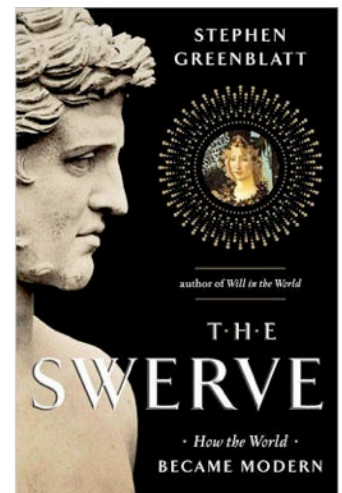
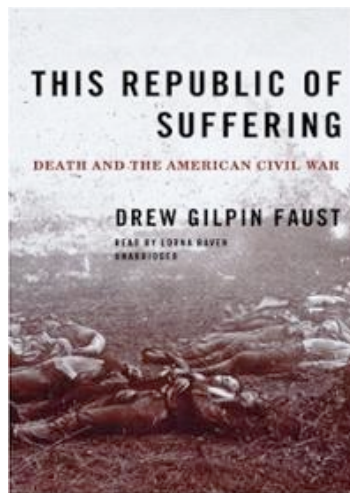
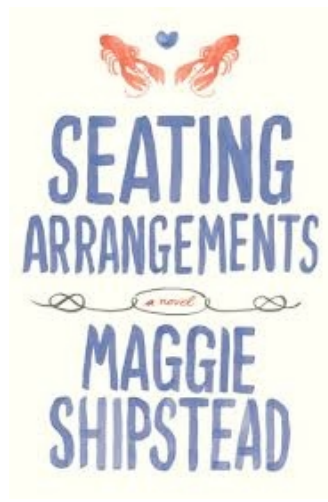
## HARVARD BOOK GROUP

The San Diego Harvard Book Group was launched last fall to great interest by the club membership. The first book was written by one of Harvard College's most popular professors, Michael Sandel: What Money Can't Buy.

The group (of typically 15) has been meeting every second Monday of the month, enjoying both fiction and non-fiction. Discussions are always spirited and illuminating; much like certain fondly remembered Harvard dining hall gatherings or seminars.

Any club member is welcome to attend in a given month. The only pre-requisite is that you are a current dues paying member of the Harvard Club of San Diego.

Future meetings will take place at the community clubhouse in the Andalucia condo complex in Carmel Valley. (3702 Mykonos). To be added to the email distribution list for the book group, please contact Katie Militello at [militell3286@roadrunner.com](mailto:militell3286@roadrunner.com).



**April 8:** Seating Arrangements by Maggie Shipstead. Shipstead is a Harvard alumna who won the Dylan Thomas Prize for best work of fiction by a writer under thirty. The author will attend the book group meeting to discuss her work and entertain questions. For this meeting, the group will gather at the UCSD Price Center's Red Shoe Room from 7-9 pm. Park in the Gilman Structure.

**May 13:** Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War. By Harvard President Drew Gilpin Faust. Faust describes with both heartbreaking and incisive analysis how our thoughts of death were forever changed by the impact of 600,000 fatalities from the carnage, not just on the battlefield, but from malnutrition, exposure, and sepsis.

**June 10:** The Swerve. How the World Became Modern. Stephen Greenblatt, member of the Harvard English Department. Winner of the 2012 Pulitzer Prize for non-fiction. Greenblatt focuses on a discovery 600 years ago of a poem thought to have been lost forever: *On the Nature of Things*, by Lucretius—a beautiful poem of the most dangerous ideas: that the universe functioned without the aid of gods, that religious fear was damaging to human life, and that matter was made up of very small particles in eternal motion, colliding and swerving in new directions.



## HCSD LEADERSHIP

### **Officers**

President: Grace Samodal, AB '95  
Vice President: Joanna Hirst, AB '69  
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Secretary: Loreen Collins, AB '82

### **Board Members**

Emily Balmert, AB '09  
Loreen Collins, AB '82  
Vivian Fung, AB '98  
Kristin Gross, ALM '02  
Joanna Hirst, AB '69  
Iris Lafferty, Ed.D '96  
Grace Samodal, AB '95  
*Two open Director's seats (as of April 1st, 2013)*

### **Committee Chairs**

Schools: James Chenevey, AB '87, MBA '92  
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Annual Dinner: Grace Samodal, AB '95

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