

Harvard Club of Western Pennsylvania

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Newsletter

2018-19

GREETINGS

We look forward to seeing you in 2018-19 at the HCWPA activities described in this newsletter. We hope that the variety of events will draw everyone to at least one event, if not more. We plan to make this year another enjoyable one, filled with opportunities to spend time with other Harvard alumni/ae. You can read about and register for Harvard Club of Western Pennsylvania ("HCWPA") events through our website <http://hcwesternpennsylvania.clubs.harvard.edu>. If you have not yet visited the website, please do so. You will find a link to this newsletter on the website as well.

I encourage you to visit our website periodically and review our newsletter regarding upcoming events including, but not limited to, our Fall Picnic on Saturday September 22nd, volunteer activities, Schools & Scholarship Committee's efforts, and the Harvard-Yale Game on November 17th. Additional updates and details for the events noted in this newsletter, and reminders, will be sent via email. If you are not receiving our emails, please let us know so that we can add you to our email list.

HCWPA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose dues and student-related contributions are tax deductible. The support that you provide monetarily and voluntarily (time and talent) are important in enabling us to fund and execute our Schools & Scholarship Committee activities including our recruitment activities and receptions for admitted local students. HCWPA also provides a venue for you to continue your close ties with the Harvard family.

We extend our gratitude to the current Executive Committee members for their willingness to serve our Club and their commitment to you and Harvard's presence in Western PA. On behalf of the HCWPA Executive Committee, I would like to extend our best wishes to you for an exciting and productive year!

Warm regards,

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NEWS AND EVENTS

FALL PICNIC – Saturday September 22nd

Please join us for a potluck family friendly picnic at Woodland Park in O'Hara Township (15 Villa Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15215) on Saturday September 22nd from 2:00 PM to 6:00PM. The Dixie Docs led by Dr. Dick Paul '57, a former Harvard Band Member (*who plays the trumpet regularly at the Allegheny HYP Club when Harvard scores during the Harvard-Yale Game*) will provide lively entertainment. The Club will provide main courses (including vegetarian options) and beverages and we ask that you bring a side dish or dessert. Please RSVP on our website or to Nick Picarsic directly at picarsic@gmail.com

PITTSBURGH ARTS & LECTURES: Luis Alberto Urrea

Please join the HCWPA for a Literary Evening with Luis Alberto Urrea. He taught expository writing and fiction workshops at Harvard in the early 1980s.

Luis Alberto Urrea speaks on Monday October 8, 2018 at 7:30 PM at the Carnegie Music Hall, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Tickets are \$20.00 each. Please register online at our website <http://hcwesternpennsylvania.clubs.harvard.edu> or contact Nick Picarsic at picarsic@gmail.com or 412-607-0291.

Allegheny HYP Club Member/Guest Events

The AHYP Club is inviting HCWPA members to their upcoming themed Member/Guest Events. Details are as follows:

Chuck Wagon

Date: 9/27/2018 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Complimentary Western themed appetizers and a cash bar!

Halloween Party

Date: 10/25/2018 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

All Treats! No Tricks!

Complimentary Halloween appetizers and a cash bar!

Chinese New Year

Date: 2/5/19 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Complimentary Chinese food and a cash bar!

Mardi Gras

Date: 3/5/19 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Complimentary Cajun food and cash bar!

WELCOME TO OUR CITY

For new young Harvard alumni/ae who have recently moved to Pittsburgh and for any other young Harvard alumni/alumnae who are interested in welcoming our new arrivals, a gathering will be held on Thursday October 18th. Additional details will be circulated later by Miranda Chang, '15 and Anna Gommerstadt '13.

HARVARD-YALE GAME AT FENWAY

If you are not able to make it to Fenway this year for the 135th year of the Harvard-Yale Game, you might enjoy getting together with your fellow Harvard alumni/ae—and Yale alumni/ae, too—to watch The Game live during one of our favorite family events of the football season. Once again, the HCWPA has made arrangements, together with the Yale Club, for a broadcast of The Game. This year's game will begin at 12:00 PM, but the party begins at 11:30 AM on Saturday, November 17, 2018. The event will be held at the Allegheny HYP Club 619 William Penn Pl, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. The Allegheny HYP Club will offer a repeat of its popular, family-oriented buffet with cash bar. Similar to prior years, the food buffet can be purchased at the door at \$25 for adults & \$15 for children under 12. Please RSVP by Monday November 5th at our website or to Nick Picarsic directly at picarsic@gmail.com so that we have a proper count for the AHYP. [Go, Crimson!](#)

Allegheny HYP Club "Nutcracker Brunch"

Kick off the Holiday season at the Allegheny HYP Club's children friendly "Nutcracker Brunch" on **Saturday, November 10th 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Meet and Greet Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre ballerinas! The Brunch is open to AHYP and HCWPA members. The cost is \$20 per person. Please RSVP to Irene McTiernan of the AHYP Club at 412-281-5858 or imctiernan@alleghenyhypclub.com.

Pittsburgh Glass Center Ornament Class & Tour

Join HCWPA for some hot and exciting fun making a blown glass ornament at the Pittsburgh Glass Center on **Thursday, November 29th from 7-9pm**. With the assistance of an experienced instructor, you will make your very own ornament just in time for the holiday season. Spend time with other HCWPA members, watch a hot glass demonstration, and enjoy a tour of the Pittsburgh Glass Center. Light bites will be provided. The event is capped at 18, so buy your ticket (\$50) soon on our website (<http://hcwesternpennsylvania.clubs.harvard.edu>)!

Nutcracker Performance with Backstage Tour

Please join the HCWPA and AHYP Club for a Nutcracker Performance with a Backstage Tour on **Saturday December 1, 2018** beginning at NOON with an exclusive backstage tour of the Benedum plus discounted tickets to the 2:00pm performance at \$30 per ticket. Please RSVP to Irene McTiernan of the AHYP Club at 412-281-5858 or imctiernan@alleghenyhypclub.com.

GLOBAL NETWORKING NIGHT

The next Global Networking Night, sponsored by the Harvard Alumni Association ("HAA") in conjunction with the HCWPA, is scheduled for Wednesday January 9, 2019 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Allegheny HYP Club, 619 William Penn Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. If you have an interest in networking, please take advantage of this opportunity for access to your Harvard peers. There is no charge for the hors d'oeuvres or for registration, which will be arranged through HAA (so, watch for HAA's email to register). Cash bar. We hope to see you there!

PNC TOWER TOUR & HAPPY HOUR

Join us for a tour of PNC Tower and a Happy Hour in March 2019. The exact details i.e. date and time and location of the Happy Hour will be circulated via email at a later date. The Tower at PNC Plaza (300 Fifth Ave., Pgh PA 15222) is a super green building (LEED Platinum+) and has a nifty indoor park on the 28th floor with great views of Market Square. If you are unable to attend the tour, please join us at the happy hour afterwards.

PNC BROADWAY: Dear Evan Hansen

Please join the HCWPA on Wednesday May 22, 2019, at 7:30 PM at Heinz Hall for Dear Evan Hansen. Winner of 6 Tony Awards® including Best Musical and the 2018 Grammy Award, DEAR EVAN HANSEN is the deeply personal and profoundly contemporary musical about life and the way we live it. The Washington Post calls DEAR EVAN HANSEN one of the most remarkable shows in musical theater history". If you are interested in attending this performance, please buy tickets on our website (\$86.00/Orchestra ticket or \$41/Gallery ticket).

HCWPA SUPPER CLUB

Attention Harvard Foodies!

The HCWPA is excited to say that the fourth year of The Harvard Supper Club was well-received yet again! For the upcoming season, the Harvard Supper Club will meet quarterly at one of Pittsburgh's new and trendy restaurants. Upcoming restaurants are promoted via email to our member list, as well as posted on our website, <http://hcwesternpennsylvania.clubs.harvard.edu>. Everyone who attends the dinner orders individually from the restaurant's menu and pays separately. In certain situations, we may limit the number of people that can attend based on restaurant restrictions, so please secure your spot for each upcoming month via the website in a timely manner. Come to one or come to all! Guests are welcome. Suggestions for future restaurants are requested and should be directed to Mike Dukovich at MJDukovich@gmail.com. Please join us for what has become an ongoing Harvard Club culinary get together!

Mark your calendar for future Supper Clubs:

- October 15, 2018 - Fish nor Fowl (Garfield) - opened 8/23/18!
- January 2019 - DiAnoia's Eatery (Strip District)
- April 2019 - Poulet Blue (Lawrenceville) - tentative
- July 2019 - Spork Pit (Garfield) - tentative

COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS

During the past year, HCWPA members volunteered for the [Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank](#), [Global Links](#), and [Jubilee Kitchen](#). Similar community service events have been planned for the current year, beginning with Global Links in Greentree at 700 Trumbull Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15205 on September 8 (10am – noon), followed by the Food Bank's Produce to People food distribution on December 8, 8:30am to noon in Homewood at the Helen S. Faison Arts Academy. Additional volunteering opportunities will be announced for the spring. Volunteering is a great way to spend enjoyable time with your fellow HCWPA members for a worthy cause. Family members and friends are also welcome and encouraged. Contact Kristen Mertz '82 at mertzkj@gmail.com to register and/or to receive more information.

HARVARD CLUB OF WESTERN PA ANNUAL DINNER JUNE 13, 2019

HCWPA's 2019 Annual Dinner is tentatively scheduled for Thursday June 13, 2019 at the Allegheny HYP Club (619 William Penn Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15219). A reception will begin at 6:00 PM; dinner at 7:00 PM. Harvard Law School Professor, Susan Crawford is tentatively scheduled to be our speaker. Recently, she wrote "Fiber: The Coming Tech Revolution—and Why America Might Miss It" and is also teaching an HLS course on legal implications of autonomous vehicles. Additional details will be circulated at a later date.

LUNCHEON LECTURES AT THE ALLEGHENY HYP CLUB

The Harvard Club is planning to host another stimulating season of luncheon lectures at the Allegheny HYP Club, 619 William Place (<http://alleghenyhyp.club/>). Lunch is \$20 for members of the Harvard Club and students (\$25 for non-members) and runs from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM on the second Tuesday of each month. The actual dates of each tentative lecture are included in the Calendar at the end of the newsletter. Watch your email for further details regarding speakers and presentation topics closer to the dates of the presentations. Please RSVP to Irene McTiernan of the AHYP Club at 412-281-5858 or imctiernan@alleghenyhypclub.com. You may pay at the door, but should RSVP, if possible.

SUMMER COMMUNITY SERVICE FELLOWSHIP INTERN PROGRAM

If you are interested in helping our Club sponsor a Harvard student as a summer intern with a local community service organization, please make a donation to the Harvard Club for that purpose (donate online at <http://hcwesternpennsylvania.clubs.harvard.edu>) or see the dues sheet to donate).

Because of the generous support of our members, we were able to sponsor Tim Pugh '20 this summer. Tim worked for Literacy Pittsburgh. He taught ESL courses and worked in their data management department including streamlining their tracking workpapers to eliminate repetitive data entry, which enabled their program coordinators to spend more time with students and planning lessons.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Pittsburgh Pirates Outing Hosted by William Nutting

On August 5, 2018, **William Nutting '83**, treated newly admitted and current students to a Pittsburgh Pirates game. The students were treated to a delicious buffet of food and refreshments. By all appearances, the students seemed to bond very successfully, making this event a memorable start to the new students' Harvard experience. The HCWPA is deeply grateful to Mr. Nutting for his generosity and for the time and attention that he gave to our students. A great time was truly had by all. It was an unforgettable experience for our students. A huge thank you, Bill!

The Schools and Scholarship Committee Update:

The following Western Pennsylvania students entered Harvard as members of the Class of 2022:

Ahmed Abukar	Northwest PA Collegiate Academy (Erie, PA)
Nikhil Behari	North Allegheny Sr High School
Ariana Chiu	Upper St. Clair High School
Hannah George	Hickory High School
Jeanne Lauer	Shady Side Academy
Cooper Tretter	North Star High School

Last year's Harvard applicant pool of 42,749 was the largest in Harvard's history, an increase from the prior year's pool of 39,506. The corresponding admission rate – 4.59% – is the most competitive in the history of the College. We attracted talented applicants from more than 70 public and independent high schools, and a few who were schooled at home. Although many of the applicants reside in or near Pittsburgh, many others come from surrounding communities including as Slippery Rock, Greenville, Johnstown, Somerset, Hollidaysburg, Waynesburg, Bradford, and Uniontown.

Upcoming Schools Committee Events

College Fairs

We are seeking volunteers to help staff our tables and to talk with prospective applicants and parents at the following college fairs:

Beaver County College Fair at Penn State Beaver Campus	September 25, 2018	6:30-8:30 PM
North Hills College Fair at LaRoche College	October 8, 2018	6:00-8:00 PM
South Hills College Fair at Bethel Park High School	October 9, 2018	6:30-8:30 PM

Please contact Nick Picarsic at picarsic@gmail.com or 412-607-0291 if you are willing and able to help in 2018.

Informational Session for Prospective Minority Students – October 20, 2018

Vincent Johnson '79 and the Schools and Scholarship Committee will host an information session for prospective minority college applicants and their families on **Saturday, October 20, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**, in the Hilda Willis Room, at the Winchester Thurston Upper School (455 Morewood Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213). The session will provide information on admission requirements, financial aid, and SAT preparation for high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors; as well as a question and answer session with a current Harvard undergraduate.

Receptions for Admitted Students

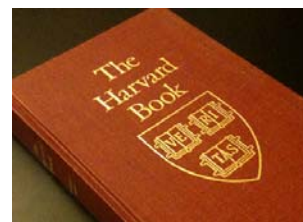
Please join us in congratulating the local admitted students to the Harvard College Class of 2022 at the Allegheny HYP Club on January 10, 2019 from 6:00-8:00PM and April 10, 2019 from 6:00-8:00PM.

Plea of Help for Interviewers

Please consider helping with interviewing this year. We need additional volunteers to ensure that all applicants are interviewed. It's a great way to meet some interesting young people, to learn about college admissions, and to give back to dear old Harvard. For more information on these events, to volunteer as an alumnus/a interviewer, please contact Nick Picarsic '03 at picarsic@gmail.com or 412-607-0291.

HARVARD PRIZE BOOK PROGRAM

In Spring 2018, the Schools and Scholarships Committee awarded the Harvard Prize Book to students at 61 schools across Western Pennsylvania. The committee would like to thank all the alumni who contributed to the 2017 Harvard Prize Book Program. We look forward to another great year and to the potential to expand the program to more schools to recognize outstanding student achievement. If you have any questions about the program or are interested in presenting a Prize Book to a local student at your alma mater, please contact Nick Picarsic '03 at picarsic@gmail.com or 412-607-0291



You can help the HCWPA Schools Committee and students at your alma mater, or at any local high school of your choosing. Simply check the box on the Dues & Contributions form to donate a prize book. Doing so will encourage more local applicants and may well lead to the application of more Western Pennsylvania students to Harvard College. Thank you for your generosity and for your Harvard pride.

Currently, Harvard Prize Books were awarded at the following 61 schools in Western Pennsylvania (approximately 17% of all schools in our region):

Ambridge Area Senior High School	Greensburg Salem High School	Pgh Creative and Performing Arts School
Aquinas Academy	Greenville Area High School	Pgh Science and Technology Academy
Avella Sr High School	Grove City Area High School	Pgh Taylor Allderdice High School
Avonworth High School	Hampton High School	Pgh Westinghouse Academy
Bethel Park High School	Hickory High School	Pgh Obama Academy of International Studies
Bishop Carroll	Jamestown Area Senior High School	Quaker Valley High School
Blacklick Valley Senior High School	Jeannette Senior High School	Reynolds Junior Senior High School
Brashear High School	Kennedy Catholic	Riverview High School
Burgettstown Area High School	Laurel Highlands High School	Seneca Valley Senior High School
Canon McMillan High School	Mars Area High School	Seton LaSalle High School
Cathedral Preparatory School	McKeesport Area High School	Sewickley Academy
Central Catholic High School	Mercer Area High School	Shady Side Academy Senior School
Charleroi High School	Mohawk High School	Shaler Area High School
Fort Cherry High School	Mt Lebanon Senior High School	Sharon High School
Deer Lakes High School	Neighborhood Academy	Sharpsville Area High School
Ellis School*	North Allegheny Senior High School	Thomas Jefferson High School
Farrell Area High School	North Hills Senior High School	Trinity High School
Fox Chapel Area High School	Oakland Catholic	Uniontown High School
Franklin Regional	Penn Trafford High School	Upper St. Clair High School
Greensburg Central Catholic	Pine-Richland High School	Washington High School
		West Middlesex

*Indicates specific sponsorship by a Harvard alumnus or alumna.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE HARVARD CLUB OF WESTERN PA

The fiscal year (9/1-8/31) dues that you pay as a member of the Harvard Club of Western Pennsylvania support the HCWPA in all its student activities and events, including helping to recruit top-notch students for Harvard, interviewing applicants and hosting two or three receptions each year for HCWPA members and local students admitted to Harvard. The HCWPA also sponsors HAA Global Networking Night (GNN), Annual Dinner with a Harvard professor and other social and volunteering events throughout the year as noted in this newsletter. In addition, because the HCWPA is a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status, dues and additional contributions are tax deductible. Please join us! You will be sure to realize an intellectually stimulating, engaging, and satisfying experience with great camaraderie at each Harvard Club activity. We look forward to seeing you soon!

CALENDAR

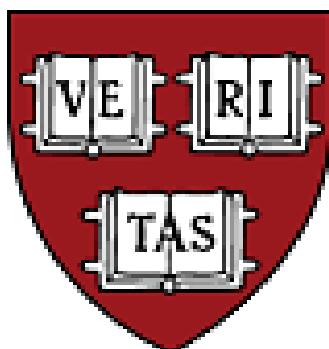
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September 9	Community Service: Global Links (10AM-noon)	Greentree
September 22	Fall Picnic (2:00-6:00PM)	Woodland Park in O'Hara Twp
September 25	Beaver County College Fair (6:30-8:30PM)	PSU Beaver
September 27	AHYP Member/Guest: Chuck Wagon	Allegheny HYP Club
October 8	North Hills College Fair (6:00-8:00PM)	LaRoche College
October 8	Luis Alberto Urrea Lecture (Starts at 7:30PM)	Carnegie Music Hall
October 9	Lunch Lecture	Allegheny HYP Club
October 9	South Hills College Fair (6:30-8:30PM)	Bethel Park HS
October 15	Harvard Club of WPA Supper Club	Fish nor Fowl
October 18	Welcome to Our City	TBD
October 20	Minority Students Outreach Program (2:00-4:00PM)	Winchester Thurston
October 25	AHYP Member/Guest: Halloween Party	Allegheny HYP Club
November 10	Allegheny HYP Club Nutcracker Brunch (11am-2pm)	Allegheny HYP Club
November 13	Lunch Lecture	Allegheny HYP Club
November 17	Harvard-Yale Football (Club opens at 11:30)	Allegheny HYP Club
November 29	Pittsburgh Glass Center Ornament Class & Tour	Pgh Glass Center
December 1	Nutcracker Performance with Backstage Tour	Benedum Center
December 8	Community Service: Food Bank's Produce to People	Homewood: Helen S. Faison Arts Academy
December 11	Lunch Lecture	Allegheny HYP Club
January 9	Global Networking Night (6:30-8:30PM)	Allegheny HYP Club
January 10	Reception for Early Admitted Students (6:00-8:00PM)	Allegheny HYP Club
January TBD	Harvard Club of WPA Supper Club (Tentative)	DiAnoia's Eatery
February 5	AHYP Member/Guest: Chinese New Year	Allegheny HYP Club
February 12	Lunch Lecture	Allegheny HYP Club
March TBD	PNC Tower Tour & Happy Hour	PNC Tower
March 5	AHYP Member/Guest: Mardi Gras	Allegheny HYP Club
March 12	Lunch Lecture	Allegheny HYP Club
April TBD	Harvard Club of WPA Supper Club (Tentative)	Poulet Blue
April 9	Lunch Lecture	Allegheny HYP Club
April 10	Reception for Regular Action Admitted Students (6:00-8:00PM)	Allegheny HYP Club
May 14	Lunch Lecture	Allegheny HYP Club
May 22	Dear Evan Hansen PNC Broadway (Starts at 8:00PM)	Heinz Hall
June 11	Lunch Lecture	Allegheny HYP Club
June 13	Annual Dinner with Susan Crawford (Tentative)	Allegheny HYP Club
July TBD	Harvard Club of WPA Supper Club (Tentative)	Spork Pit

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& Recent Graduates: \$25/year



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