

Harvard Club of Western Pennsylvania

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Newsletter

2021-22

GREETINGS

Dear Fellow Harvard Alumnus and Alumna:

I truly hope that this finds you and your family healthy and weathering the pandemic as best as possible. Despite conducting our activities virtually last year, we still had a full calendar of events including but not limited to talks by Dr. David Harris in the fall and Coach Amaker in the spring; wine tasting led by Dave DeSimone '80; virtual tour and tasting at Brew: The Museum of (Pennsylvania) Beer; Case Study on the Tylenol Cyanide Incident facilitated by Bill Slivka, '76 AB, HBS '78 and our shortest ever annual meeting in which we elected our officers and Executive Committee Members to two year terms.

Harvard College and most of the graduate schools are back operating with in person classes, and undergraduates are living on campus. We too hope to be able to operate in a more normal fashion this year and plan on hosting many events in person but will also host some events via zoom. We started off our year with our fall picnic at O'Hara Twp Community Park last month.

As you may have read on our website or in a recent email, we have a number of events already scheduled for the year and hope to add additional events. The upcoming events include:

Monday October 18, 2021	Reception at AHYP Club with Jocelyn Benson (HLS '04), Michigan Secretary of State
Thursday October 21, 2021	Welcome to our City at Butterjoint for young alumni
Thursday November 4, 2021	Professor Nocera zoom lecture
Saturday November 6, 2021	Food Bank Food Distribution in Wilkinsburg
Saturday November 20, 2021	The Game Watch Party at AHYP Club
Thursday March 3, 2022	Hamilton PNC Broadway Performance at Benedum Center

Additional updates will be posted to our website and announced in our upcoming event emails. We hope you will be able to join us at these events.

Enclosed is your Dues and Financial Support form. We greatly appreciate your support. You can return the form and contribution in accordance with the instructions or renew your Dues electronically on our website at <http://hcwesternpennsylvania.clubs.harvard.edu>.

If you did not pay your dues last year, you can pay both years now.

Stay well-

Nick Picarsic, '03

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SCHOOLS AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The following Western Pennsylvania students matriculated to the College Class of 2025:

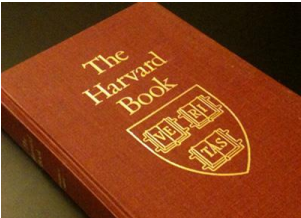
Camille Baker	Blackhawk High School
Mina Barac	Beaver Area High School
Meghna Behari	North Allegheny Senior High School
Aaron Berger	Taylor Allderdice High School
Christian Chiu	Upper Saint Clair High School
Alexander DesPois	Jeannette Senior High School
Ameer Dudley	Central Valley High School
Alexandra Friedlander	Winchester Thurston High School
Amulya Garimella	Fox Chapel Area High School
Norah Ostin	Oakland Catholic High School
Raymond Zheng	Shady Side Academy

Last year’s Harvard applicant pool of 57,435 was the largest in Harvard’s history. This was a 43% increase from the prior year. 1,968 were offered spots in the Class of 2025. The corresponding admission rate – 3.4% – is the most competitive in the history of the College. We attracted talented applicants from more than 104 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, Mt. Pleasant, Beaver, St. Mary’s, Johnstown, Somerset, Hollidaysburg, Waynesburg, Bradford, and Uniontown.

The Harvard College Admission Office has informed us that all interviews of applicants to the College this year will be conducted virtually. We are in need of additional interviewers to help with the increased number of applications. Please contact Leigh Argentieri Coogan '10 or Nick Picarsic '03 to volunteer.

HARVARD PRIZE BOOK PROGRAM

In recent years, the Schools and Scholarships Committee awarded the Harvard Prize Book to students at over 50 schools across Western Pennsylvania. The committee would like to thank all the alumni who contributed to last year’s 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.

EMAIL LIST

If you are not already on our e-mail list, please send your e-mail address to Mike Dukovich at mjdukovich@gmail.com so that we can send details and reminders to you about upcoming events.