

Harvard Club of Western Pennsylvania

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Newsletter

2022-23

GREETINGS

Dear Fellow Harvard Alumnus and Alumna:

I hope that this finds you and your family well, and I wish you a Healthy and Happy 2023. Last year, we started our transition to hosting some events in person while others remained virtual. Highlights of our events last year include our fall picnic, receptions for admitted students, Harvard Yale Watch Party, Professor Nocera's lecture, food bank volunteering, and our annual meeting cocktail party.

We have hosted a number of events in the Fall 2022 including the Game Watch Party, virtual lecture titled "The Science of Cooking" by Professor Brenner and a tour of Bicycle Heaven Museum. I have enjoyed seeing many of you at our events and hope to see you at an upcoming event.

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

Thursday March 16, 2023

Saturday April 8, 2023

May TBD 2023

Global Networking Night at the Allegheny HYP Club

PNC Broadway Show "The Tina Turner Musical"

Annual Dinner

Additional updates will be posted to our website and announced in our upcoming event emails.

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>. Your financial support is important and enables us to continue to our Schools and Scholarship Committee efforts and build our local Western PA Harvard community.

If you did not pay your dues in the last few year, you can catch up by paying multiple 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 2026:

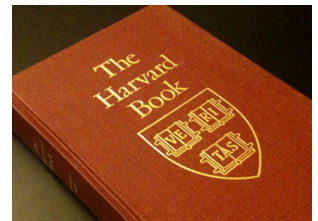
Camilla Wu	Penn Cambria High School
Eva Rankin	Upper St Clair High School
Hannah Shin	North Allegheny Sr. High School
Jack Smith	Mt Lebanon High School
Toyosi Egbebi	Bethel Park High School

Last year's Harvard applicant pool of 61,220 was the largest in Harvard's history. This was a 6.6% increase from the prior year. 1,954 were offered spots in the Class of 2026. The corresponding admission rate – 3.2% – is the most competitive in the history of the College. We attracted talented applicants from more than 100 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 interviews of applicants to the College this year can be conducted in person or 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.

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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.