

Harvard Club of Western Pennsylvania

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Newsletter

2019-20

GREETINGS

We look forward to seeing you in 2019-20 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 periodically visit our website and review our newsletter regarding upcoming events including, but not limited to our 1st Annual Ivy+ Golf Outing on Monday September 9th, Potluck Picnic on Saturday September 14th, volunteer activities, Schools & Scholarship Committee's efforts, the Harvard-Yale Game on November 23rd, etc. 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 also let us 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 also 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

1st Annual IVY+ GOLF OUTING

Please join us for the 1st Annual Ivy+ Golf outing benefiting the Miracle League of Western Pennsylvania on Monday September 9, 2019 at River Forest Country Club (130 Club House Dr, Freeport, PA 16229). Shotgun Start at 9:00am with Registration/Breakfast at 8am. Buffet Dinner and Awards Banquet to Follow Golf (Around 3pm). Four Person Scramble and cost is \$125/player. Dinner and Banquet only cost \$35. Additional details on our website at <http://hcwesternpennsylvania.clubs.harvard.edu> or contact Mike Dukovich – mjdukovich@gmail.com

POTLUCK PICNIC – SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH

Please join us for a family-friendly potluck picnic at Squaw Valley Park in O'Hara Township (330 Fox Chapel Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15238) on Saturday September 14th from 2:00 PM to 6:00PM. The Dixie Docs led by Dr. Dick Paul '57, a former Harvard Band Member (*who plays the cornet 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 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: DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN

Please join the HCWPA for a Literary Evening with Doris Kearns Goodwin. She earned her Ph.D. in government from Harvard University, with a thesis titled "Prayer and Reapportionment: An Analysis of the Relationship between the Congress and the Court." In the 1970s, she also taught government at Harvard for 10 years, including a course on the American presidency.

Doris Kearns Goodwin speaks on Monday October 28, 2019 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.

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 Wednesday October 2nd at Church Brew Works (3525 Liberty Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15201) starting at 5:30.

AMERICAN MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE BUSINESS CONFERENCE & THOMAS FRIEDMAN LECTURE

The American Middle East Institute, founded by longtime HCWPA board member Simin Yazdgerdi Curtis, is celebrating its 12th Annual Conference titled: America's Smart City: Growing Business with the Middle East - Opportunities in Advanced Manufacturing, Robotics & Ai, Autonomous Vehicles, and Health Tech.

Tuesday, October 15th- Daytime Business Conference at the Omni William Penn Hotel
Tuesday Evening, October 15th - Keynote lecture by Thomas Friedman, 8PM at Carnegie Music Hall

Tickets, including VIP tickets, at www.AmericanMei.org.
Use discount code **HarvardHYP** at checkout for 20% off all tickets.

WINE PAIRING DINNER EVENT

Save the Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2019
AHYP Club Library
Details to Come

HARVARD-YALE GAME

If you are not able to make it to New Haven this year for the 136th 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 is on Saturday, November 23, 2019. 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. Additional details will be circulated at a later date. Please RSVP by Friday November 8th at our website or to Nick Picarsic directly at picarsic@gmail.com so that we have a proper count for the AHYP. **Go Crimson!**

PNC BROADWAY: LES MISERABLES

Please join the HCWPA on Sunday December 1, at 1:00 PM at the Benedum Center for Les Miserable. Cameron Mackintosh presents a brand new 25th anniversary production of Boublil & Schönberg's legendary musical, LES MISÉRABLES, with glorious new staging and dazzlingly reimagined scenery inspired by the paintings of Victor Hugo. This new production has been acclaimed by critics, fans and new audiences and is breaking box office records wherever it goes. The New York Times calls this LES MISÉRABLES "an unquestionably spectacular production from start to finish." The London Times hails the new show "a five-star hit, astonishingly powerful."

If you are interested in attending this performance, please buy tickets on our website (\$75.00/Orchestra ticket.)

GLOBAL NETWORKING NIGHT

The next Global Networking Night, sponsored by the Harvard Alumni Association (“HAA”) in conjunction with the Harvard Club of Western PA, is scheduled for Wednesday January 15, 2020 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!

HCWPA SUPPER CLUB

Attention Harvard Foodies!

The HCWPA is excited to say that the fifth 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 10, 2019 @ 6PM- Alta Via (Fox Chapel) – LIMITED to 10 people

-January 2020 - TBD

-April 2020 - TBD

-July 2020 – TBD

Your suggestions for future restaurants are welcomed.

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 28 (10am – noon), followed by the Food Bank’s Produce to People food distribution in McKeesport on Saturday November 16 (8:30-12:30) at the Founders’ Hall Middle School, 3600 Oneil Blvd., McKeesport, PA 15132. Additional details will be distributed on our emails. 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 - MAY 2020

HCWPA’s 2020 Annual Dinner will be schedule in May 2020. Additional details will be circulated once finalized.

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 lunch lecture series will kick off with The Reverend Thomas E. Johnson Jr., Headmaster Emeritus and Co-Founder of The Neighborhood Academy on Tuesday October 8th. The dates of the other lunch lectures and further details regarding speakers and presentation topics will be circulated via email announcements. Please RSVP to the AHYP Club at 412-281-5858. You may pay at the door, but should RSVP.

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).

SCHOOLS AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The following Western Pennsylvania students entered Harvard as members of the Class of 2023:

Beau Bayless	Reynolds High School
Brayant Garcia	The Kiski School
Kobe Joseph	Sharpsville Area Sr High School
Nick Lauer	Shady Side Academy
Christopher Lee	North Allegheny High School
Kiran Linsuain	Home School
Henry Meakem	Sewickley Academy
Nadine Oury	Winchester Thurston

Robert Morrison from Moon Area High School was also admitted to the Class of 2023 but has elected to do a gap year and matriculate as part of the Class of 2024. Last year's Harvard applicant pool of 43,330 was the largest in Harvard's history, an increase from the prior year's pool of 42,749. The corresponding admission rate – 4.5% – 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.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES OUTING

On August 4, 2019, **William Nutting '83**, treated newly admitted students and upper classmen 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 their 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. A huge thank you, Bill!

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	October 1, 2019	6:30-8:00 PM
North Hills College Fair at LaRoche College	October 7, 2019	6:00-8:00 PM
South Hills College Fair at Cool Springs Sports Complex	October 8, 2019	6:00-9:00 PM

Please contact Nick Picarsic at picarsic@gmail.com or 412-607-0291 if you are willing and able to help in 2019.

RECEPTIONS FOR ADMITTED STUDENTS

Please join us in congratulating the local admitted students to the Harvard College Class of 2023 at the Allegheny HYP Club on January 9, 2020 from 6:00-8:00PM and April 9, 2020 from 6:00-8:00PM.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION FOR PROSPECTIVE MINORITY STUDENTS OCTOBER 19, 2019

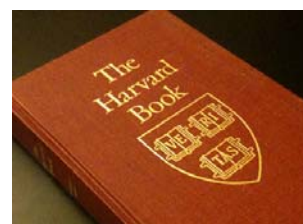
Vincent Johnson '79 and the Schools and Scholarship Committee will host an information session for prospective minority college applicants and their families on **Saturday, October 19, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**, in the Hilda Willis Room, at the Winchester Thurston Upper School (455 Morewood Avenue, Pittsburgh, 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.

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 2019, the Schools and Scholarships Committee awarded the Harvard Prize Book to students at 62 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 62 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	Hempfield Area High School	Pgh Obama Academy of International Studies
Bishop Carroll	Hickory High School	Quaker Valley High School
Blacklick Valley Senior High School	Jamestown Area Sr High School	Reynolds Junior Senior High School
Brashear High School	Jeannette Senior High School	Riverview High School
Burgettstown Area High School	Kennedy Catholic	Seneca Valley Senior High School
Canon McMillan High School	Laurel Highlands High School	Seton LaSalle High School
Cathedral Preparatory School	Mars Area High School	Sewickley Academy
Central Catholic High School	McKeesport Area High School	Shady Side Academy Senior School
Charleroi High School	Mercer Area High School	Shaler Area High School
Fort Cherry High School	Mohawk High School	Sharon High School
Deer Lakes High School	Mt Lebanon Senior High School	Sharpsville Area High School
Ellis School	Neighborhood Academy	Thomas Jefferson High School
Farrell Area High School	North Allegheny Sr High School	Trinity High School
Fox Chapel Area High School	North Hills Senior High School	Uniontown High School
Franklin Regional	Oakland Catholic	Upper St. Clair High School
Greensburg Central Catholic	Penn Trafford High School	Washington High School
	Pine-Richland High School	West Middlesex

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 Nights (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!

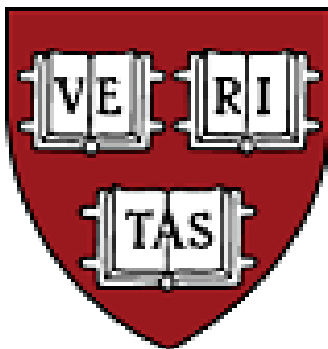
CALENDAR

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:

September 9	Ivy+ Golf Outing (9:00AM-5:00PM)	River Forest Country Club
September 14	Fall Picnic (2:00-6:00PM)	Squaw Valley Park in O'Hara Twp
September 28	Community Service: Global Links (10AM-noon)	Greentree
October 1	Beaver County College Fair (6:30-8:00PM)	PSU Beaver
October 2	Welcome to Our City	Church Brew Works
October 7	North Hills College Fair (6:00-8:00PM)	LaRoche College
October 8	AHYP Lunch Lecture: Rev. Thomas E. Johnson Jr.; Headmaster Emeritus and Co-Founder of	Allegheny HYP Club
October 8	South Hills College Fair (6:00-9:00PM)	The Neighborhood Academy
October 10	Harvard Club of WPA Supper Club (6PM)	Cool Springs Sports Complex
October 15	AMEI Thomas Friedman Lecture	Alta Via
October 19	Minority Students Outreach Program (2:00-4:00PM)	Carnegie Music Hall
October 28	Doris Kearns Goodwin Lecture (Starts at 7:30PM)	Winchester Thurston
November 5	Wine Pairing Dinner Event	Carnegie Music Hall
November 16	Community Service: Food Bank's Produce to People (8:30-12:30)	Allegheny HYP Club
November 23	Harvard-Yale Football Watch Party	McKeesport
December 1	PNC Broadway Series Performance - Les Miserables	Allegheny HYP Club
January 9	Reception for Early Admitted Students (6:00-8:00PM)	Benedum Center
January 15	Global Networking Night (6:30-8:30PM)	Allegheny HYP Club
January TBD	Harvard Club of WPA Supper Club	TBD
April TBD	Harvard Club of WPA Supper Club	TBD
April 9	Reception for Regular Action Admitted Students (6:00-8:00PM)	Allegheny HYP Club
May TBD	Annual Dinner	Allegheny HYP Club
July TBD	Harvard Club of WPA Supper Club	TBD

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Discounted Dues through October 15th!



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