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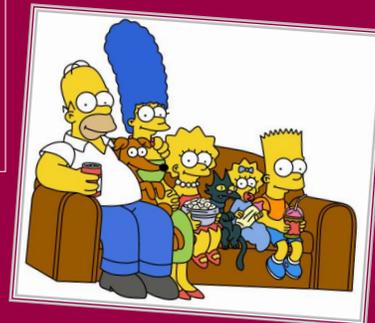
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## 2019 ANNUAL DINNER: JUNE 6

From Harvard to Hollywood. What a Joke!



Longtime *Simpsons* writer, Mike Reiss, recounts his comedic pathway from Harvard to Homer Simpson.

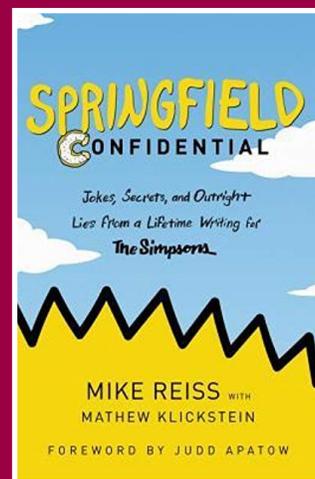


You'll laugh out loud at the guest speaker for this year's Annual Dinner at Choate. Mike Reiss, AB '81, found his Harvard home in the Lagoon castle and when he graduated, he never looked back, heading straight to work in comedy. His career path has led him from the *National Lampoon* to *The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson*, to *ALF* with stops at the *It's Gary Shandling Show*, five *Ice Age* movies and two iterations of *Despicable Me* among many other credits. And that doesn't even include the gig he's most famous for: The longest tenured writer for *The Simpsons*. You don't have to be a rabid *Simpsons* fan (we'll ask for a show of hands) to be entertained by Mike Reiss. He'll take us into the writers' room and around the world for his many exotic journeys. You can plan to laugh the entire way. **Please purchase dinner tickets in advance at [HarvardClubSouthernCT.org](http://HarvardClubSouthernCT.org).**



"I got the *Simpsons* job the same way I got a wife: I was not the first choice, but I was available."  
- Mike Reiss, *Springfield Confidential*

**Tip:** Pick up a copy of Mike's fascinating and funny book, *Springfield Confidential*, and bring it to the dinner for him to sign at the end of the evening.



## CLASS OF 2023

### MEET THE CLASS OF 2023

We've met them and they're outstanding. You will get to meet them at the Annual Dinner and welcome them to Harvard. You won't be disappointed.

They won't make their decisions final until May 1, but Harvard has accepted 17 students from the following 13 schools in our club's area:

- Amity Regional High School (Woodbridge) • Bunnell High School (Stratford) • Central High School (Bridgeport) • Choate Rosemary Hall (5) • East Lyme High School • Fairfield Prep • Guilford High School • Hamden Hall Country Day School • Hopkins School • Pomperaug High School (Southbury) • Seymour High School • Trumbull High School • Valley Regional High School (Deep River)

## Claim Your HarvardKey

**HARVARDKEY**

Make sure to visit the Club's website and claim your *HarvardKey*, your Harvard login credentials for life. You'll find instructions for establishing your new credentials on the website and the process should take just five minutes. If you need help, it's just a phone call away.

## Why Membership Matters

## Join The Harvard Club

What's keeping you? Together we support Harvard in southern Connecticut. Your dues and donations keep our Club strong and allow us to find and support our area's finest young people and then continue to support them with valuable internships during their college years. Please complete and return the enclosed dues request.

To join, complete the enclosed form or join online at:  
[HarvardClubSouthernCT.org](http://HarvardClubSouthernCT.org)

## Harvard Club Events

### Coming Up:

#### ◆ Audubon Bird Walk in Southbury—Saturday, May 4

The birds are coming! We're headed back to the Bent for this popular event: Welcoming the migrating birds back to Connecticut. This is peak weekend to see beautiful colors and a variety of birds on display so bring the family to the *Bent of River Audubon Preserve* in Southbury for a two-hour guided walking tour. This is a **FREE** event, but **please RSVP** on the website so we can plan for a great morning.



#### ◆ Annual Dinner at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford—June 6

#### ◆ Long Island Sound Maritime History Cruises—Dates TBD

Following the success of our cruise last August, we're hoping to be back in Old Saybrook and to add an additional cruise out of Bridgeport.

##### Sail on the Schooner *SoundWaters*

We will enjoy a gorgeous Long Island Sound sunset sail aboard Connecticut's renowned 80', three-masted schooner, *SoundWaters*.

*SoundWaters'* Captain and Crew will introduce us to the fascinating maritime history of the Sound. *SoundWaters*, known as the floating classroom of Long Island Sound, is the flagship of the environmental education organization of the same name.



### Fall Favorites:

#### ◆ Swallow Cruise in Haddam – September 21



The birds are leaving! The tree swallows are passing through Connecticut and we are privileged to have a front row seat to watch them dance and dive in the sunset from our front row seats aboard the *Adventure*, cruising on the *Connecticut River*. Narrated by expert river guides, we will witness a

true avian phenomenon. Plan to bring your binoculars because you're in for a treat. We will enjoy a light dinner during our three-hour cruise. *Swallow Cruise* tickets will go on sale in August.

#### ◆ Connecticut River Clean-Up in Essex – September 28

Join fellow alumni and families in cleaning up the shoreline of the treasured *Connecticut River*. This is a fun and important event. More details will be available in August.



## Interviewer Reflection

If you've ever wondered what it's like to interview Harvard applicants, read what **June Decker, AB '77** has to say:

*I enjoy meeting wonderful young people so I can see for myself that the public (and private) schools are working - at least for some - and that the world has intelligent, hardworking young people who want to make the world a better place for us all. I get to give back to Harvard by being an interviewer. I see myself as an ambassador of Harvard. Moreover, I get to remember how much I learned and grew at Harvard. Lastly, by listening to their story, I can help students articulate what is special about themselves - at their core - and then I can communicate how special that student is to the admissions office.*

*I find that when people around me are complaining about the state of affairs, I can always say how hopeful I am that there is a wonderful group of young people who will have their chance to shape the world - and every year I meet 4 or 5 of them face to face for a nice talk.*



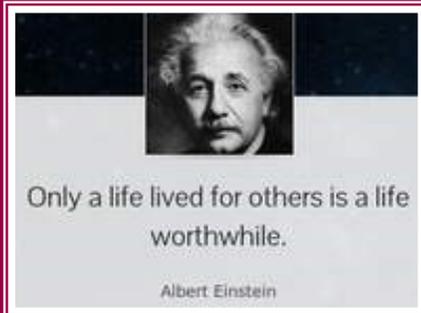
## Student Reflection



What's it like to be a First Year at Harvard these days? Here is how **Yejin Kim, '22** responded to the question: ***What has surprised you the most about Harvard?***

*I have been surprised at the abundance of opportunities that the college offers. It's almost every day that we have prominent authors, artists, scholars, and politicians from various countries and academic fields, but there's not nearly enough time to take advantage of all this. I am certainly very grateful of these chances and hope to participate in more of them in the next three years!*

## Summer Fellowship Program



The generosity of Harvard Club supporters allows the club to fund \$5,000 stipends for four Harvard students in internships that otherwise would have been unpaid. The Summer Fellowship program offers students the opportunity to explore mission-driven, non-profit careers and provides organizations with talented summer help without added expense. Our club is a leader in this effort among Harvard Clubs because of your support. ***Please consider a donation to the Summer Fellowship Program along with your membership dues.***

### **2019 Harvard Club Summer Community Fellowship Recipients**

**Emily Yue, '20** – Artspace, New Haven

**Becky Dutton, '21** – Center for Family Justice, Bridgeport

**Maia Zonis, '22** – Yale Center for Environmental Law & Policy, New Haven

**Chloe Shawah, '22** – LEAP, New Haven

You'll hear from each student at the **Annual Dinner** about their summer plans.

### **Read how Julia DeAngelo, AB '18 describes her internship:**

*It is with great appreciation that I thank you for an opportunity that has truly transformed my life. Working at WNYC and The Brian Lehrer Show was to arrive each day hungry to craft excellent content that people would find valuable. I felt the power of public radio as a public service.*

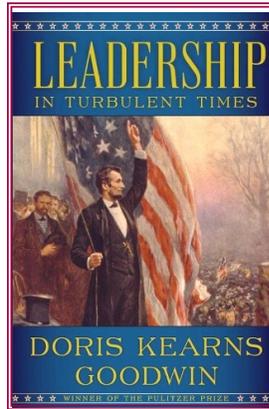
*I am certain that I have made lasting and meaningful connections with people across the station. And I feel pleased with what I learned and what I feel I can offer other stations. I cannot emphasize enough how impactful this experience was. Please know that each one of you shaped my life for the better.*



## Awarding Academic Excellence: The Harvard Book Prize

### Leadership in Turbulent Times By Doris Kearns Goodwin

With your continued support, the Harvard Club can again award 101 Book Prizes at high schools across our region. The prize is awarded each spring to an outstanding junior in recognition of his/her academic achievement. **Please help us continue this honored tradition by sponsoring a book prize for a local high school along with your membership dues.**



## Did You Know



... Of 86 writers in the history of The Simpsons, 35 are Harvard graduates.

### Trivia:

What character on *The Simpsons* went to Yale?  
Charles Montgomery "Monty" Burns, Class of 1914!

## 2018/19 Harvard Club of Southern Connecticut Officers & Directors

### Leadership

The Harvard Club is blessed with a hard working, passionate board of directors composed of alumni from across the university. If you share that passion and would like to get more involved in Club activities, please contact Bob Mazzone at [bobmazzone@post.harvard.edu](mailto:bobmazzone@post.harvard.edu).

Thank you to the 2018-19 Directors.

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