



HARVARD CLUB OF SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT



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The Class of 2024 Settles in Cambridge

The Class of 2024 was winnowed down from a talented applicant pool of 350 students. They're now on campus in Cambridge under conditions never experienced by any prior class. Imagine a first year in college with no upperclass students on campus! They're a diverse and impressive group of young people destined for success at Harvard and beyond!



Faces of the Class of 2024

Good luck to the Class of '24!

- Ben Allen—Carmel Catholic HS**
- Cyrus Stefan Asgari—Trumbull HS**
- Casey Batson—Greens Farms Academy**
- Ella Bradford—Hamden HS**
- Daniel Contreras—Choate**
- Isabel Eddy—Shepaug Valley HS**
- Henry Fisher—Hopkins**
- Gabrielle Grant—Mercey HS**
- Julia Hynek—Wolcott HS**
- Josh Josephy-Zack—Branford HS**

- Caron Kim—Laurelton Hall**
- Ariel Kim—Choate**
- Michelle Lu—Pomperaug HS**
- Matt Mauriello—Hamden HS**
- Kaleb Moody—Choate**
- Evans Schultes—Guilford HS**
- Sam Schumann—Stratford HS**
- Ella Stanley—Guilford HS**
- Julia Tellides—Hopkins**
- Ellie Wiesler—Guilford HS**
- Carolyn Yow—Taft**



The Class of 2025 is Coming!



ALUMNI WE NEED YOUR HELP to interview over 350 applicants to the Class of 2025.

CONDUCT VIRTUAL INTERVIEWS from the comfort and convenience of home. It's even easier this year to give back to Harvard.

PLEASE CONTACT US TO HELP:

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or visit HarvardClubSouthernCT.org

Summer Community Service Fellowships

Your support allows the club to fund \$5,000 stipends for Harvard students in summer internships that otherwise would be 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.

Please consider a donation to the Summer Fellowship program along with your membership dues.

Due to the pandemic, the club awarded only two 2020 Summer Fellowships. You can read excerpts from those experiences below. The complete text can be read on the *Summer Fellowships* page of the club's website.



I spent 11 weeks this summer working for the Yale Center for Environmental Law & Policy. Despite the pandemic, I had a very rewarding experience, which has given me insight into my own career path moving forward. I was so grateful for this opportunity,

especially in a time when many students lost their internships. I have decided to dedicate more of my time and talents to combating climate change however I can and am now considering Environmental Studies as a concentration. Thank you for a great summer!

- Maliya Ellis, '23,

Yale Center for Environmental Law & Policy

I cannot emphasize enough how helpful we found Ms. Ellis' contributions over the summer. In speaking with members of the Center regarding Ms. Ellis' performance, each of them was effusive in their praise for her work. She added significant value to the Center. I express my sincerest gratitude to the Harvard Club for enabling her to work with us.

- Daniel Esty,

Director, Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy

This summer I had the opportunity to be a Senior Counselor for the Cambridge Youth Enrichment Program through the Phillips Brooks House. I was a teacher for 10 Cambridge boys. In the mornings, I would teach general education topics, such as English, math, science and social studies. During our afternoon sessions we would do activities, such as getting active, doing mindful breathing, getting outside and other fun, engaging activities. I really did like helping teach and form bonds with these young students. Thank you so much to the Harvard Club for allowing me to have this experience.

I grew as a student and a man this summer.

- North Peters, '23,

Summer Urban Program, Cambridge, MA

North's plans to be a summer camp counselor were radically altered when COVID-19 hit and we moved to an online mentorship and development program. North was assigned to our "oldest boys" classroom, where he had to lead four hours daily of online learning and reflection content for boys aged 12-13. North brought a calm presence to the class and always displayed positive energy. I believe he made an impact on the boys and hope he can continue some of those relationships because I know the boys benefitted from having him as a role model.

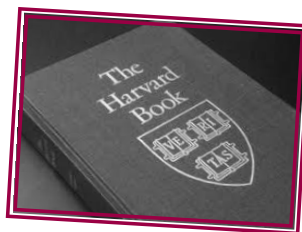
- Matias Ramos,

Director of Programs, Phillips Brooks House Associates



Harvard Book Prize

The *Harvard Book Prize* is awarded to an accomplished rising senior in 103 area high schools each spring. The prize is often a student's initial motivation to apply to Harvard. Fundraising for the 2021 book prize begins now. **Please consider sponsoring a book for a local high school.**



Thank you for the Harvard Book Award. It means a lot to me to be recognized for my hard work, especially by the Harvard Club. Thank you also for the book, Educated. I'm looking forward to reading it over the summer.

- Evan, Notre Dame H.S. (West Haven)

Did You Know ?

There will be no Harvard-Yale football game this fall. The Game was also cancelled during both World Wars, but prior to that was cancelled only in 1895 and 1896. Why?

A: The 1894 Game was so violent, the series was suspended for two years.

Be An Interviewer



The Harvard Club needs your help to **interview** a few of the high school seniors applying to Harvard this fall. Online Interviews last 30-40 minutes and you file a brief online report. Whether you graduated in 2020 or 1970, interviewing will connect you closer to Harvard. Check the website for more information on interviewing or contact jbtombaugh@yahoo.com.

Join the Harvard Club

Feeling Creative? We Need Event Ideas

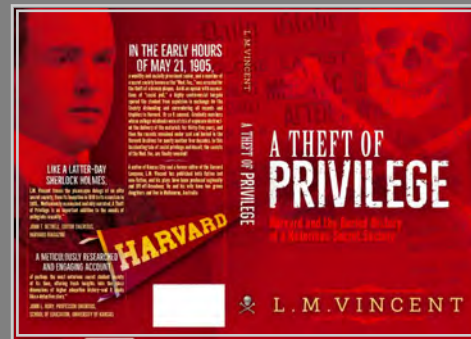
We won't come together in-person this year, but we can still be together on Zoom. All we need are interesting and fun events. Are you an author with a great new book? An engaging speaker with a fascinating topic? If you or someone you know has a unique talent you want to share, let us know so we can consider it as a Harvard Club event. E-mail us at Harvardclubsouthernct@gmail.com and tell us your idea. We look forward to hearing from you.

Upcoming Harvard Club Events

The Harvard You (probably) Never Knew November 19

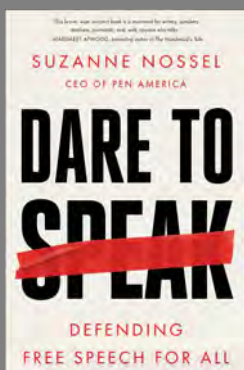
Larry Vincent, AB '73 and retired *Harvard Medical School Faculty*, will join us on Zoom to read from and answer questions about his new book, *A Theft Of Privilege, Harvard and the Buried History of a Notorious Secret Society*. A Harvard story like no other, *A Theft of Privilege* shines a light on one of the deepest secrets of Harvard's past, a secret society that drew its members from the most prominent New England families. Join us for a trip back to Harvard's privileged past.

The event is FREE, but you must register on the club's website to receive the Zoom link.



Dare To Speak: Defending Free Speech For All January 14

Suzanne Nossel, AB '91, JD '96 will introduce us to her 20 principles for living together in our diverse, digitized and divided society without curbing free speech. Former *Deputy Assistant Secretary of State* in the Obama State Department and current *CEO of PEN America*, Nossel deals with cancel culture, call outs, "no platforming" debates, safe spaces, tensions between free speech and the fight for racial justice, online harassment and disinformation, censorship, and the politicization of free speech. Register on the website.



Harvard Club Profile: Grayson Murphy, AB '57

This fall we salute Grayson M. Murphy who stepped down from the club's Board of Directors last spring after 44 years.

Born in 1935 in New York City, Grayson attended St. Paul's School in New Hampshire and entered Harvard with the class of 1957. He withdrew from school during his sophomore year after contracting the measles. Instead of returning to school when he recovered, Grayson entered the military to fulfill a mandatory two-year commitment. When he returned he graduated with the class of 1959 as a history concentrator and varsity squash player.

Following graduation, Grayson spent 17 years in investment banking in New York and Boston. He finally settled his family in New Haven in 1976 and became a partner with the investment management firm, Halsey & Associates. He joined the Harvard Club of Southern Connecticut shortly after arriving in New Haven.

Enticed by then-club president Peter Duble, AB '47, Grayson joined the Harvard Club's board in 1980, beginning service that would last 40 years. He served as club president in the mid-80's and again in the mid-90's. Grayson says he has always enjoyed the camaraderie of the Harvard community in Southern Connecticut and felt it was important to have a strong presence in New Haven. He believes today's Harvard Club remains true to its original mission: Encourage young people to apply and facilitate collegiality among local alumni. He is particularly supportive of the Club's Summer Community Fellowship Program and expressed great confidence in the club's future.



Why I Interview



This is my 11th year as an alumni interviewer, and it has been a very rewarding and fun volunteer activity, despite the modest and flexible time commitment involved. Harvard applicants are a fascinating, accomplished, and passionate bunch, and in addition to enjoying the interviews themselves, I have learned from my conversations, ranging from global issues and different academic fields, to goings on in the various area towns, to getting a feel for the different schools; I've even gotten some great book recommendations along the way, too! Key for me as a busy person is the fact that it's a well-run process from start to finish, beginning with excellent training and orientation resources that prepared me for that first interview, a website that works well, and terrific alumni coordinators running everything. It's a great way to stay connected with Harvard, as well as a great service to the University, and I have really enjoyed getting to know our local group of alumni interviewers spanning many graduation years in the process!

- Mischa Frusztajer, AB '95, MBA '95

Perspective From The Yard: Caron Kim, '24

My name is Caron Kim, and I am a first-year at *Harvard* this year! I am currently living in *Cabot House*, which is a pretty good indicator of how different things currently are. I was supposed to be in *Pennypacker*, but first-years have been spaced out across freshmen dorms and upperclass houses (including the quad!). Everyone lives in a single and is loosely connected to other students either by a hallway or a suite. I have two suitemates. It's definitely a little strange seeing only first-years on campus with almost no upperclassmen, but we have many opportunities to stay connected, even though they are all online. I am currently involved with several, including the *Harvard University Band*, the *Asian American Dance Troupe*, and the *Harvard-Radcliffe Modern Dance Company*. For my dance extracurriculars, we are holding rehearsals via *Zoom*, and our shows will be pre-recorded and showcased online! It's been fun trying to learn choreography over video chat. Safety is a huge priority on campus, as it should be, so the campus is filled with people in masks, testing stations, and hand sanitizer dispensers. Things are definitely not how they usually are, but my first semester at *Harvard* has been a blast nevertheless. I am looking forward to the rest of the semester and the next couple of years, and I hope to experience a more "normal" *Harvard* campus very soon!



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