Athletic Success at Harvard: A Blessing or a Curse?

Harvard has soared to the top of the standings in several sports and the excitement has united students and alumni like few other activities can, but have winning records and the budgets that support them come at the expense of the greater objectives of the university? Director of Athletics, Bob Scalise, will address that question and many more at the Club’s Annual Dinner on Wednesday, June 10 at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford. We will also introduce the Class of 2019 and the Club’s 2015 Summer Community Service Fellowship recipients.

Gather your Harvard friends for this always-enjoyable evening. We look forward to seeing you there.

Visit www.harvardclubsouthernct.org to reserve your tickets.

ENCOURAGING PUBLIC SERVICE

This is man’s highest end, to others’ service, all his powers to bend.

—Sophocles

Ten years ago, the Club established the Summer Community Service Fellowship Program. Over that period, 37 Harvard students have received stipends from the Club that enabled them to spend a summer working in public service or for a non-profit organization in southern Connecticut. We are currently accepting applications from students for five 2015 Fellowships. You will meet these exceptional young people at the Annual Dinner on June 10. Southern Connecticut was the first Harvard Club to offer this program to students and, through the generosity of our members, we still hold the dual distinctions of offering more fellowships and higher stipends than any other Harvard Club.

Please consider an additional donation to the Fellowship Program so we can continue to offer students this extraordinary mission-based experience.

WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED?

Hey, we have over 3,000 Harvard alumni in southern Connecticut. We should be getting together more often! If you have ideas for events that will bring us together and you like organizing then let’s talk. Lectures, performances, behind the scenes and backstage tours, whatever will bring us together. Do you have some ideas? Let’s hear them. E-mail us at: harvardclubsouthernct@gmail.com

To join, complete the attached form or join online at: harvardclubsouthernct.org

WHY MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

JOIN THE HARVARD CLUB

• Your dues support the student recruiting and interviewing process.
• You’ll stay connected with Harvard and your Harvard friends.
• You’ll meet new Harvard friends.
• You’ll stay connected on upcoming Harvard events in our area.
• You’ll have the opportunity to contribute to new events.

Note: All membership dues paid this spring will cover the 2015/16 Club year.
**DID YOU KNOW?**

Harvard has the largest athletics program in Division 1?
- 42 Varsity sports
- 63 Club sports
- over 1,200 Intercollegiate athletes

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**WE MET THEM. YOU’LL LOVE THEM.**

When the Admissions Office pushed the “Send” button on March 31, 21 local high school seniors received the invitation to join Harvard’s Class of 2019. Club officers and alumni interviewers welcomed the accepted students to a reception the following week to answer questions and encourage them to commit to Harvard.

As a Club, we are honored to contribute to the process of identifying these outstanding young people, and when you meet them at the Annual Dinner we know you will be impressed. In the meantime, here are some figures:

- **Total Applicants:** 332
- **Accepted Early Action:** 13
- **Accepted Regular Admission:** 8
- **High Schools Represented:** 16

(Choate-4; Hopkins-3; Taft; Bunnell; Fairfield Prep, Fairfield Ludlow; Amity; Daniel Hand; Old Lyme; East Lyme; Academy of our Lady, Baltic; Nonnewaug; Masuk; Cheshire; Branford; Middletown)

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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE: ENGAGE**

If there was one word to summarize our mission as a Harvard Club, it would be “engage.” This simple, but powerful word suggests communication, interaction and, more often than not, it creates positive results. Engagement was automatic during our college years – we lived, studied and socialized with amazing people who would become some of our closest friends for life. Those interactions shaped our lives and our affection for Harvard. Engaging with Harvard is more challenging as alumni. The affection is there, but the outlets are scarce. Our goal as a Harvard Club is to create those outlets for alumni to engage with Harvard and with each other and that can happen in several ways:

**Events:** We have some, but we want to host more. With the annual hockey and basketball games and the bi-annual football game, we are well covered for sports events. In January, the Club partnered with the Harvard University Choir for a wonderful performance and dinner in New Haven. In early April, we hosted a well-attended reception for alumni interviewers and newly admitted students and on June 10, the Club will host the Annual Dinner at Choate for all alumni. I hope to see you at this very enjoyable event.

**Interviewing:** As an alumnus, there simply is no better or more fulfilling way to engage with Harvard than interviewing prospective students. The Admissions Office relies on our help and we serve as an invaluable source of information and motivation for the students. And, if you want to be truly impressed with Harvard, wait until you meet the high quality students who apply.

**Membership and Donations:** Your membership dues allow us to sponsor events and manage the business of the Club. Your charitable donations will help sustain our annual Harvard Book Prize award and our Summer Community Fellowship Program, the largest amongst Harvard Clubs worldwide!

However you choose to engage we will be excited to meet you and grateful for your support.

With warmest regards,

**Bob Mazzone, A.B. ’85**
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**HARVARD IN OUR HIGH SCHOOLS: THE HARVARD BOOK PRIZE**

The Book Prize is one of the Harvard Club’s oldest traditions. Awarded annually to a highly ranked member of the high school junior class, the Book Prize has become a coveted honor for top students. In southern Connecticut, the generosity of our alumni allows us to award a book in all 102 high schools in our area. The 2015 book is *Mindful Work*, by *New York Times* reporter, David Gelles. If you would like to sponsor the 2016 Book Prize at your local high school, please consider a contribution to our Book Prize fund.

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**ARE YOU A YOUNG GRADUATE?**

Check out our recent graduate socials. To stay updated, Like us on Facebook at:

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