

# Recent College Graduate Student Engagement Opportunities

There are many opportunities for recent graduates to engage with, support, and mentor current Harvard College undergraduates. The Harvard Alumni Association Student-Alumni Engagement Committee, made up of student volunteers, facilitates the meaningful engagement of Harvard College undergraduates with the Harvard alumni community. The committee will promote, lead, review, and develop events, resources, and communications that introduce undergraduates to the alumni community (often through networking, mentorship, and events) and serve as thought partners with the HAA as they work to create and execute a successful student-alumni engagement strategy.

More information about student-alumni engagement programming can be found at <https://alumni.harvard.edu/college/undergraduates/student-alumni-engagement-events>

## **HAA Alumni Directory and Career Network**

Find and reconnect with Harvard graduates at [community.alumni.harvard.edu/person](https://community.alumni.harvard.edu/person). Participate in the Career Network to connect with alumni interested in networking and sharing career and professional advice, as well as allow current Harvard students to connect with you.

## **Firsthand Advisors**

The Mignone Center for Career Success' [Firsthand Advisors platform](#) provides scheduling and connection tools to engage in “flash mentoring.” Alumni can offer 30–60 minutes to current Harvard students and young alumni to engage in a mock interview, review a resume or CV, or have a career chat.

## **Crimson Careers**

Have an internship opportunity or a short-term project available? What about an entry level position? Post it on the [Crimson Careers Job and Internship Database](#). Maintained by the Mignone Center for Career Success, anyone is welcome to add job openings to this platform.

## **Alumni Coffee Chats**

The Alumni Coffee Chats program is designed to connect undergraduate students with alumni over conversation. Students are encouraged to reach out to alumni via the HAA Alumni Directory and on the Mignone Center for Career Success' Firsthand Advisors platform during Flash Mentoring Month in January to set up informal meetings with alumni. This is a great opportunity for students to get career advice on different pathways, strengthen their informational interviewing skills, expand their support network as they consider opportunities beyond Harvard, learn about your student and alumni life experience, and more!

## **HAA Networking 101**

HAA Networking 101 events, planned in partnership with the Mignone Center for Career Success, allow for students to learn about HAA resources that can connect them with the alumni community and practice networking tips and tricks with alumni in a casual setting. Following a short presentation on

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HAA resources and the basics of networking, students will be able to practice their skills in a series of breakouts. Note that these are not career-specific or hiring/recruiting sessions, but an opportunity for them to learn about and practice networking and meet new members of the Harvard student and alumni community!

## **Class Color Connect**

Class Color Connect provides sophomores with the opportunity to reflect together as a class during a year of entering new House and academic communities, as well as hear from recent graduate alumni members of their class color community. The [class colors tradition](#) at Harvard dates back to 1882, when seniors, juniors, and sophomores on the crew team were assigned a color to represent class identity: green (for Dartmouth), blue (for Yale), and orange (for Princeton). This tradition [was revived with the Class of 2012](#). The classes one, four, seven, and ten years out from graduation will be asked to share reflections with the sophomores.

## **Class Families**

Class Families provides juniors with the opportunity to reflect together as a class, as well as hear from alumni members of their Class Family. The end of their junior year is a time to reflect on their Harvard experience so far and think about how to make the most of their upcoming final year at Harvard.

The junior class is part of a Class Family that includes their Recent Grad Sibling Classes (the classes five and ten years removed), their Parent Class (the class twenty-five years removed), and their Grandparent Class (the class fifty years removed). The classes four and nine years out from graduation will be asked to share reflections with the juniors.