

Alumni Engagement Opportunities for Harvard College Undergraduates



Welcome to the Harvard Alumni Association!

The Harvard Alumni Association (HAA), Harvard's official University-wide alumni association, is an organization composed of all University students (yes, you!) and graduates. The HAA maintains and enhances a highly engaged, vibrant community of alumni and friends worldwide. This is your community, today and after you graduate, and your unique experiences and perspectives bring it to life. After you complete one semester at Harvard, you're a lifetime member!

The College Alumni Programs office of the HAA serves more than 100,000 Harvard and Radcliffe College alumni and undergraduates. It oversees and develops programming to preserve and maintain Harvard traditions and to create new opportunities to connect members of the Harvard community with one another and with the University.

We hope you take advantage of these opportunities to engage with your alumni community. Visit alumni.harvard.edu/college/undergraduates for more information.

Careers and Networking

- Connect with more than 400,000 alumni through the HAA Alumni Directory at community.alumni.harvard.edu/person. You can update your own profile and search for other alumni. Searches can be filtered by school, class year, or location, and you can select the Career Network option to find alumni who have volunteered to share their experiences with you.
- Attend Global Networking Night with alumni from all Harvard schools.
- Attend the Public Interested Conference to hear from inspiring speakers, interact with alumni, participate in engaging activities, and meet peers who share a passion for public service.
- Learn networking tips and tricks and meet alumni in a casual setting at HAA Networking 101.
- Reach out to alumni to schedule an Alumni Coffee Chat to learn more about their experiences.
- View jobs, internships, and projects for students posted by alumni at Crimson Careers, managed by the Mignone Center for Career Success.
- Connect with alumni for a career chat, resume review, or mock interview through Firsthand Advisors, managed by the Mignone Center for Career Success.

Engagement

- Join one of nearly 200 Harvard Clubs, which are regionally-based groups.
- Join one of nearly 60 Shared Interest Groups (SIGs), which are affinity-based communities (similar to student organizations).
- Connect with alumni from your student organization by sending them newsletters or inviting them to events. Contact haa_collegealumniprograms@harvard.edu for more information.
- Gather with alums at one of the HAA's many events held worldwide.
- Follow @HarvardAlumni and @HarvardCollegeAlumni on Instagram. Feel free to post images from the campus and your experiences and tag the accounts.
- Check out the Harvard Alumni Association and Harvard College Alumni pages on Facebook.
- Attend an HAA 101 info session to learn more!

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Leadership

- Help bond your Class through leadership on the Class Committee beginning your senior year as you develop resources and plan class-wide events throughout the year, culminating in Senior Week and Class Day.
- Help advise the HAA on ways to best engage the undergraduate and alumni community and promote, lead, and review events and programs by serving on the HAA Student-Alumni Engagement Committee. Contact haa_collegealumniprograms@harvard.edu for more information.
- Work with the HAA in the spring semester through Reunions in support of Senior Week, Commencement Week, and Reunions and Harvard Alumni Day as an HAA Student Lead Ambassador. Contact haa_collegealumniprograms@harvard.edu for more information.

First-Year Convocation

Convocation welcomes the incoming first-year students to Harvard College, providing them with an understanding of the values, history, and traditions of the institution. On September 1, 2009, Harvard College inaugurated a new tradition of formally welcoming the incoming first-year students. The Class of 2013 experienced the first First-Year Convocation, a celebratory ceremony akin to the ritual pomp and circumstance of Commencement. The tradition of Convocation has continued each year since.

Prior to the ceremony, alumni volunteers and first-year students process into Tercentenary Theatre for the program. Before the procession, first-year students also receive their class pins from the alumni.

HAA 101 Info Sessions



Ever wondered what the Harvard Alumni Association is, or how to get involved? Want to learn how to connect with alumni now and stay connected to this community in the years to come? Looking for a mentor who has been in your shoes? Wondering how to join a Club or a Shared Interest Group? The HAA hosts information sessions throughout the year for students to learn more about our organization and the resources available to you.

HAA Networking 101



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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. These are not hiring or recruiting events, but simply an opportunity for students to become more comfortable with networking in large groups, while meeting new members of the Harvard community.

Following a short presentation on HAA resources and the basics of networking, you will be able to practice your skills in a series of breakouts. Note that these are not career-specific sessions, but an opportunity for you to learn about and practice networking and meet new members of the Harvard student and alumni community!

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 in the Career Network in 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 to get career advice on different pathways, strengthen your informational interviewing skills, expand your support network as you consider opportunities beyond Harvard, learn about their student and alumni life experience, and more! While January is a great time to set up Coffee Chats, note that you have access to these platforms to connect with alumni year-round and can reach out them at any time.

Public Interested Conference



Public Interested is a collaborative event coordinated by the Center for Public Service & Engaged Scholarship at Harvard College. This conference is designed to allow students to explore various public interest topics and careers and network with alumni working in and interested in those fields. Alumni and students can hear from inspiring speakers, interact with other alumni, participate in engaging activities, and meet peers who share a passion for public service.

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Creative Careers Conference



The Creative Careers Conference is a collaborative event planned by the Office for the Arts, the Harvard Alumni Association, and the Mignone Center for Career Success. The conference will provide an opportunity for current Harvard College undergraduates and alums interested and working in all aspects of the arts experience and creative pursuits to learn and connect with each other. Students will be able to learn about the experience of alums, and alums will be able to share their journeys and advice about their pathways to creative careers.

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.

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 your junior year is a time to reflect on your Harvard experience so far and think about how to make the most of your upcoming final year at Harvard. We

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hope you take this opportunity to reconnect with your class community and Class Family ahead of your senior year!

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).

Senior Year Programming



The HAA organizes additional student-alumni engagement programming for seniors in partnership with the Class Committee. Events in the past have included a Senior Thesis Study Break Dinner for thesis-writing seniors with alumni who wrote a thesis and a Real World: Alumni Orientation info session specifically for seniors as they are about to graduate.



Student Organization Alumni Engagement Info Sessions

The HAA hosts information sessions throughout the year for leaders of student organizations to learn more about our organization and the resources available to student organizations to connect with their alumni members. These sessions will cover the importance of keeping in touch with alumni members, as well as how to track alumni members, how to send them email communications, and how to best engage them with your group.

Do you have questions or program ideas? Contact the College Alumni Programs office at haa_collegealumniprograms@harvard.edu.