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Annual Meeting and Dinner Presentation June 13, 2018 . Middlesex School

1400 Lowell Road. Concord, MA 01742

READING AND CONSERVING NEW ENGLAND:

Insights from the Land's History and Future

By David R. Foster

Director of the Harvard Forest, Harvard Faculty, Ecologist and Author



At no time in the last five hundred years could one have predicted the next era in New England's history. In fact, New England's landscape history is one of transformation, recovery and opportunity. While the future remains in our hands and is very much in balance, insights from the past and possible scenarios for the next century can help inform our thinking and guide a conservation future for the region.

David is an ecologist and author of Thoreau's Country-Journey through a Transformed Landscape; Forests in Time-The Environmental Consequences of 1000 Years of Change in New England; and Hemlock—A Forest Giant on the Edge. He has

been a faculty member at Harvard since 1983 and Director of the Harvard Forest, the University's 4000-acre ecological laboratory and classroom, since 1990. David's research investigates landscape history and dynamics as a means of understanding the present in order to anticipate and help guide changes into the future.

In 2010 David and colleagues developed *Wildlands and Woodlands - A Vision for the New England Landscape*, which lays out an ambitious plan for the protection and conservation of forest and farmland across the region. His latest book, *A Meeting of Land and Sea: Nature and the Future of Martha's Vineyard (2017)*, explores the history, ecology, and conservation of New England's largest and most diverse island.

The Dinner will be held at the Middlesex School in Concord on Wednesday, June 13th. Beverages and appetizers will be offered at 6:30 pm, followed by a delicious buffet at 7:15 pm. Dinner is \$60/per person. Students \$25.

<u>Please RSVP by June 1st.</u> To register and pay on-line, please visit our website at www.harvardclubconcord.org. You will also have the option to to print out the registration form and mail it in.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

This year's events included a fun and delicious dinner cruise along the Concord River, another successful Harvard Global Networking Night at Bullfinch's in Sudbury, a beerbrewing session at Barleycorn's in Natick, and support for Project Bread through Boston's Walk for Hunger. Upcoming events include a trip to the fascinating Royall House and Slave Quarters Museum in Medford, our Annual Dinner in June, and another dinner cruise during the summer. We continue to be involved with the Summer Community Fellowship Program and are proud of our role in providing alumni interviews to students who apply to the College from our area.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE REPORT:

By Gabrielle Savage Dockterman, V.P. for Schools & Scholarships



This year Harvard's acceptance rate dropped below 5% for the first time in history. A record-low 4.59% of applicants were accepted: 1,962 students from a record applicant pool of 42,749 (up from the record 39,506 set last year). Our area fared better at 11.4%, with 14 students accepted (including 10 admitted during the early round) from the 123 students who applied.

For the first time in the past decade, more women than men were admitted. Women comprise 50.1% of the admitted class, up from 49.2% last year. The class is the most diverse ever, with the percentage of minority admits rising

across all racial groups, and first-generation college students comprising 17.3% of the class, up from 15.1% last year. International students make up 12% of admitted students, up from 11.4% last year.

The total cost of attending rose 3% to \$67,580 for the 2018-2019 academic year, **the lowest in the Ivy League** (not including Columbia whose new fees have not yet been announced). A record 20.3% of admits could qualify for Federal Pell grants for low-income students.

Last year, a record-high 84% of the 2056 students admitted joined the Class of 2021. This unusually large class size forced the College to house 28 freshmen in overflow housing, and no students were admitted from the waitlist. The target class size for the class of '22 is around 1665.



STUDENTS FROM OUR REGION OFFERED ADMISSION TO THE CLASS OF 2022:

Acton-Boxborough Regional High School:

Emma Frances Kearney

Concord Academy:

Hongshen (Ken) Lin,

Samuel Michael Sawyer (Sam) Welsh

Concord-Carlisle Regional High School:

Tucker Rawle Boynton, Logan Ellwood Dick, Matthew Zhang Li, Mariya Shtiliyanova

Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School:

Michael Gregory Isakov, Emma Chang Segel

Middlesex School:

Kamron (Kam) Christopher Landry, Edward Wallace IV (Ted) Pyne

Wayland High School:

Naomi C. Lathan, Jeffrey Robert (Jeff) Prince, Jaylen Christopher Wang

Many thanks to all 43 interviewers who helped shape the Harvard Class of 2022!

If anyone would like to become an interviewer, or resume interviewing after a hiatus, please email **gabrielle_savage_ab83@post.harvard.edu**. Interviewers must have graduated from Radcliffe or Harvard College, or hold a degree from one of Harvard's graduate schools.

