

SCHOOLS AND SCHOLARSHIPS REPORT:
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For the fourth year in a row, over 34,000 students applied to Harvard. This year 2,023 students were offered admission, representing 5.9 percent of 34,295 applications. Admitted were record numbers of African-American (11.9%) and Latino students (13%). According to Dean Fitzsimmons, “Harvard’s revolutionary financial aid program led a large number of our admitted students to apply. Many were surprised to learn that for 90 percent of American families it costs the same or less to come to Harvard compared with public universities.”

In our area, Admissions accepted 12 applicants from 5 schools, and waitlisted 17 students. The class of ’18 will also include 4 students previously accepted who took a gap year. Only 47 of our 55 active interviewers could participate this year because several had children applying.

April 18th we again held an ice cream social to welcome our local admitted students and their families to the Harvard community. Current students and alums were on hand to chat about life at Harvard. This gathering also provided an opportunity for local students to become acquainted before they revisit campus during “Visitas” in late April. Students have until May 1 to accept a place in the entering class. Wait list decisions will be made by July 1st.

STUDENTS FROM OUR REGION OFFERED ADMISSION TO THE CLASS OF 2018:

- Acton-Boxboro Regional HS: Nihal Gowravaram, Samarth Gupta, Noah Zavolas
- Concord-Carlisle Regional HS: Isaac Xia
- Lincoln-Sudbury Regional HS: Lucia Alexander, Eliza Guild, Consuelo Hylton, Norma Hylton, Joseph Mooney, Benjamin Iuliano
- Middlesex School: Emily Jiang, Samuel Christenfeld
- Wayland High School: Hannah Osborn, Jason Goodman, Larry Guo, Grace Murphy



HCC welcomed Lucy Alexander, Norma Hylton, Consuelo Hylton, and other new members of the Class of ’18 over ice cream with new Harvard friends.

THE NUMBERS BELOW REPRESENT THE CLASS OF 2018 (AND ’17, ’16, ’15):

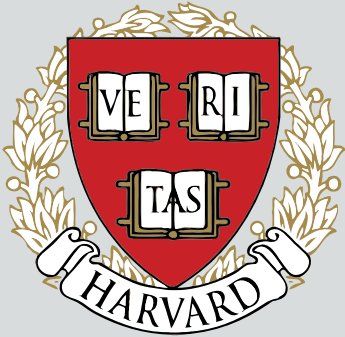
School	Applied	Accepted	Coming*	Wait-listed
Acton Boxboro	32 (24,33,16)	3 (2,4,3)	2 (1,4,3)	3 (6,7,3)
Concord Academy	13 (6,14,12)	0 (1,2,2)	0 (0,2,2)	4 (3,3,1)
Concord-Carlisle	26 (18,18,25)	1 (1,2,4)	0 (1,1,2)	5 (3,1,3)
Hudson	1 (2,5,2)	0 (0,0,1)	0 (0,0,1)	0 (0,1,0)
Lincoln-Sudbury	17 (18,17,16)	5 (3,0,1)	6 (2,0,1)	2 (4,3,1)
Littleton	0 (5,5,4)	0 (1,0,0)	0 (1,0,0)	0 (0,0,0)
Maynard	0 (1,2,0)	0 (1,0,0)	0 (1,0,0)	0 (0,1,0)
Middlesex	14 (20,23,18)	2 (3,5,2)	1 (3,5,1)	1 (4,8,2)
Wayland	13 (16,16,11)	1 (1,3,2)	4 (1,1,1)	2 (6,1,1)
TOTAL	116 (111,133, 104)	12 (13,16,15)	13*(10,13, 11)	17(26,25,11)

\* Includes 4 students who were accepted in a previous year; does not include 3 students who were undecided as of this printing.

To emphasize the important role our alumni interviewers play in the admissions process, I would like to pass along a message from Dean Fitzsimmons:

[Now] more than ever with so many applicants with stunning “paper” credentials, your interviews can tip the balance as we make our decisions in the long days of admissions meetings. Many of your interview reports were read on our large committee room screen by the entire admissions committee as we voted on each case.

THANK YOU, INTERVIEWERS!



TEN TOWNS SERVED:

- Acton
- Bedford
- Carlisle
- Concord
- Lincoln
- Littleton
- Maynard
- Stow
- Sudbury
- Wayland

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Annual Dinner Presentation by Professor Alyssa A. Goodman, PhD’89
Professor of Astronomy at Harvard and a Research Associate of the Smithsonian Institution



Dr. Alyssa A. Goodman is Professor of Astronomy and a Research Associate of the Smithsonian Institution. She received her undergraduate degree in Physics from MIT in 1984 and a Ph.D. in Physics from Harvard in 1989. She held a President’s Fellowship at the University of California at Berkeley from 1989-1992, after which she joined the Harvard faculty. In 1997 she received the Newton Lacy Pierce Prize from the American Astronomical Society for her work on interstellar matter. Promoted to full professor at Harvard in 1999, she was named a Fellow of the

American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2009. Professor Goodman recently served as Chair of the Astronomy Section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and on the National Academy’s Board on Research Data and Information. She has been Scholar-in-Residence at WGBH, is Founding Director of the Harvard Initiative in Innovative Computing, and is the recipient of numerous awards and honors including an Apple Science Innovator Award. She is a Microsoft Academic Partner. Prof. Goodman has been a Distinguished Lecturer at many U.S. colleges and universities and is the author of numerous journal articles and electronic media. Her research presently focuses primarily on new ways to visualize and analyze the tremendous data volumes created by large and/or diverse astronomical surveys, like The COMPLETE Survey of Star-Forming Regions for which she served as principal investigator for eight years. At Harvard, Dr. Goodman teaches courses on astrophysics and on the display of data, including one called The Art of Numbers.

Professor Goodman will discuss how new multimedia interactive tools are being integrated into Astronomy curricula at all levels, from Kindergarten through Graduate School. She will explain how these tools are being used more broadly in the interpretation, annotation, visualization and analysis of data in areas ranging from rap music to medical imaging. Her presentation will include interactive demonstrations of WorldWide Telescope Universe Information System (see http://worldwidetelescope.org) as well as other data-visualization tools that she has helped to develop. She will conclude with a preview of a new edX (online) course on the evolution of ”Prediction” from mysticism to math.

Partial proceeds from the dinner provide scholarship funds to help support students from our area. Beverages and appetizers will be offered at 6:30 pm, followed by a delicious buffet dinner at 7:15 pm. It promises to be an enjoyable evening, and we hope to see you there. Dinner is \$55/person, \$60/person at the door. Students \$25. To help us plan for the evening, please RSVP by June 1 to Diana Brigham Beaudoin using the enclosed dinner reservation/membership form which also is available on the Club website: www.harvardclubconcord.org.

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:**  
*Diana Brigham Beaudoin*

This is my final message as I step down from my three-year term as president of The Harvard Club In Concord (HCC). Notable milestones for the Club this year include awarding a scholarship last fall to an incoming student in the Class of 2017; hosting several successful fall and spring events, two of which were offered as regional events; convening three planning meetings of the Board of Directors; and welcoming two new Board members as we bid farewell to two colleagues. **Robin Tapper** of Wayland becomes the new president at the annual dinner on June 11th. Club membership continues to increase, and HCC interviewers have had another very successful year (see Schools and Scholarships report, p. 4). One of the Club’s greatest treasures is the time and talent contributed by its members and volunteers. Thank you for all that you’ve done for HCC this year!

These are a few highlights of the year:

**FALL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:** *Ella Duncan* ’17 from Littleton was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for educational expenses last fall. At Harvard she plans to pursue a joint concentration in Biomedical Engineering and Computer Science. She also is participating in the Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra. She has studied violin and music theory for the past 12 years and participated in the New England Conservatory’s Youth Philharmonic Orchestra. Funds were contributed by Harvard alumni living in the MetroWest area who have an interest in supporting the academic needs of entering students.

**HCC WEBSITE:** The new website is beginning to have an impact as it expands our outreach to area alumni. Watch for announcements of upcoming events and keep up with Harvard news through links to the *Harvard Crimson*, *Harvard Gazette*, *Harvard Magazine* and *The Coop*. Check it out: [www.harvardclubconcord.org](http://www.harvardclubconcord.org).

**CLUB EVENTS:** HCC hosted a wide variety of events this year. A special Thank You to **Steve and Jen Pascucci** of Concord for hosting a tailgate event on October 26th before the Harvard-Princeton football game. Good food, Great company!



LaRoccas and Pascucci Family Enjoy A Tailgate Lunch.



On March 16th **Dr. Jennifer Notkin Nielsen** ’82, Senior Program Manager for Nutrition and Health at Helen Keller International in New York, shared vignettes and fascinating photos from projects in Burkina Faso, Nepal, Bangladesh, Niger and Cambodia in *“Excerpts From A Dream Career: Traveling the World, Feeding the Hungry, Shaping the Future”* at the Wayland Public Library. A reception followed her remarks. HKI projects focus on fighting and treating preventable blindness and malnutrition. Nearly 40 million people are blind, and almost 2/3 of the world’s blind are women and children. Malnutrition is implicated in the deaths of almost 8,000 children under five years of age every day.

HCC Board member **Mandi Kunen** organized an evening in Cambridge on March 29th for dinner at *Spice*, a great Thai restaurant, followed by the 35th Anniversary Concert of the Harvard Din & Tonics, *“Having the Lime of our Lives,”* at Sanders Theatre. Over 20 alumni, spouses and their children enjoyed an evening of fun and great music. The Dins, an all-male *a cappella* singing group, entertained with popular jazz standards of the 1920s, ’30s and ’40s. Dins alumni were invited on stage to join the singing for several numbers, and three of their beloved Harvard professors were honored. The special bonds forged at Harvard in undergraduate years were evident throughout the evening.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**GLOBAL MONTH OF SERVICE:** HCC is sponsoring two events in May, organized by HCC Board member **Phil Schneider**. Check out the website for more details and join us: [www.harvardclubconcord.org](http://www.harvardclubconcord.org) (Home Page/Upcoming Events).

**May 4—**Walk for Hunger/Project Bread <http://www.projectbread.org/walk-for-hunger/> or contact Phil at [philschneider61@post.harvard.edu](mailto:philschneider61@post.harvard.edu).

**May 17-18—**Avon Walk for Breast Cancer [www.servings.org/](http://www.servings.org/) Ask for Volunteer Coordinator. Community Servings, an organization that HCC has supported for the past several years, is providing lunches to the Avon Breast Cancer Walkers. Volunteers will help distribute lunches to walkers.

The Club received special mention in the April 1, 2014 issue of the *Harvard Gazette*, “Harvard’s Graduates, Aiding Others.” Lisa Unangst, assistant director of HAA Clubs and shared-interest groups: “We’re so grateful for the efforts our alumni make to give back in ways that feel relevant and authentic to them.” She offered as one example The Harvard Club In Concord’s long-term partnership with Community Servings.

**INTERVIEWING:** One of the Club’s primary activities each fall is to interview candidates from our area for admission to Harvard College. A big Thank You to **Gabrielle Savage Dockterman**, Chair of the Schools & Scholarships Committee, and our 47 participating interviewers for another great year. Gabrielle’s annual Ice Cream Social for accepted students attracted a record number of students and parents this year.

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR TRANSITIONS:** **Robin Tapper** of Wayland begins her three-year term as HCC President in June. Directors **Ed Lang** of Lincoln and **Steve Pascucci** of Concord are stepping down this year. Ed served for many years as Club Treasurer. Steve will continue to interview. We thank each of them for their many contributions to the Club. We welcome two new members to the Board: **Margaret McKenna** and **Rajani LaRocca**, both of Concord. Rajani will chair the annual dinner committee next year.

Ninety-four years after a petition discovered in the archives called for an organizational meeting in 1920, The Harvard Club In Concord continues to grow and thrive. It has been a privilege to serve as your president these past 3 years and continue the legacy of service and fellowship. Meeting so many alumni, students and parents and working with such a talented and committed Board have been rewarding and energizing.

I wish to thank all Club members and alumni for your support of the Club and for students in our region. We are grateful for your generosity and for your commitment to Harvard and its future generations of students and alumni.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Dinner on June 11th at Middlesex School in Concord. To help us plan for the evening, please RSVP by June 1 to Diana Brigham Beaudoin, using the membership/dinner reservation form provided.\*



Best wishes,  
*Diana Brigham Beaudoin, President*

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