

SCHOOLS AND SCHOLARSHIPS REPORT
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Many thanks to our 40 interviewers who helped the Admissions committee select the class of 2019. Harvard College offered admission to 1,990 of its record 37,307 applicants. Competition for the coveted spots was fiercer than ever, with Harvard breaking its own record, accepting only 5.3% of applicants. Harvard again topped the Ivies as the most competitive. It was surpassed only by Stanford, which topped all colleges at 5%, edging out Harvard for the second year in a row.

Fewer students applied from our area than in recent years. We had 94 applicants from 10 schools. Of those, 11 were offered admission, bringing our total to 12 (including one previously admitted student who took a gap year).

It is a testament to the high quality of schools in our area that none of our 23 early applicants was rejected in the early round. Roughly 1/3 of these (8) were admitted early. The rest were deferred, considered later with the regular applicant pool. Ultimately, none of the deferred early applicants was admitted in the final round. Only 5 early applicants remain on the waitlist.

In total, 17 students from our area are on the waitlist. If any spots offered are not taken, waitlist decisions will start in May and be completed by the end of June.

STUDENTS FROM OUR REGION OFFERED ADMISSION TO THE CLASS OF 2019:

- Acton-Boxborough Regional HS: Steven Jin
- Concord-Carlisle Regional HS: Leo Fondriest, Jacob Meyerson
- Lincoln-Sudbury Regional HS: Clara Cousins, Michael Tylko, Krystal Phu, William Ryan
- Middlesex School: Hamza Usman, Shawn Wallace
- Wayland High School: Kathleen Barrow, Benjamin Porter, Katherine Wang

THE NUMBERS BELOW REPRESENT THE CLASS OF 2019 (AND '18 '17, '16, '15, '14):

School	Applied	Accepted	Wait-listed
Acton-Boxborough	22 (32,24,33,16,22)	1 (3,2,4,3,2)	5 (3,6,7,3,2)
Concord Academy	6 (13,6,14,12,16)	0 (0,1,2,2,0)	1 (4,3,3,1,1)
Concord-Carlisle	14 (26,18,18,25,23)	1 (1,1,2,4,3)	2 (5,3,1,3,4)
Home-schooled	1 (0,1,0,0,1)	0 (0,0,0,0,0)	0 (0,0,0,0,0)
Hudson	3 (1,2,5,2,5)	0 (0,0,0,1,0)	0 (0,0,1,0,1)
Lincoln-Sudbury	21 (17,18,17,16,17)	4 (5,3,0,1,2)	3 (2,4,3,1,7)
Littleton	2 (0,5,5,4,2)	0 (0,1,0,0,0)	1 (0,0,0,0,0)
Maynard	1 (0,1,2,0,1)	0 (0,1,0,0,0)	0 (0,0,1,0,0)
Middlesex	13 (14,20,23,18,18)	2 (2,3,5,2,3)	3 (1,4,8,2,4)
Wayland	11 (13,16,16,11,9)	3 (1,1,3,2,1)	2 (2,6,1,1,3)
TOTAL	96 (116,111,133, 104,104)	11 (12,13,16,15,11)	17 (17,26,25,11,21)

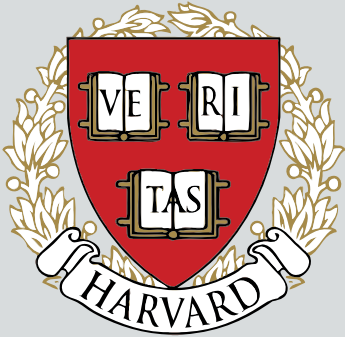
This past November, Mary Magnuson from Admissions led a “Mock Admissions Committee Meeting” at our home in Carlisle. Roughly 16 of our interviewers played the role of the Admissions Committee. We reviewed and discussed real applicants’ files (the names were changed to protect the innocent), and together we debated their fate. All the applicants were so strong, it seemed impossible to choose! Yet after we had hashed it all out, in fact our vote ended up being essentially the same as what Admissions had actually decided. We came away with a deeper understanding of the entire process.

Thanks again to all interviewers for participating this year. Thank you especially for navigating the sometimes-choppy waters of the online system. It really does streamline the process if interviewers use the system whenever possible rather than email. Harvard is working on a new and improved interviewer website for next year.

If anyone would like to become an interviewer, or resume interviewing after a hiatus, please email gabrielle_savage_ab83@post.harvard.edu.



Admitted students chat with recent Harvard grads over ice cream



TEN TOWNS SERVED:

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

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LIFE IS A COMEBACK
Annual Dinner Presentation by Football Coach Tim Murphy

One of the game’s finest teachers and motivators over the last quarter century, Tim Murphy is Harvard’s all-time winningest coach, and since the formation of the Ivy League in 1956, only two Ivy coaches have compiled more wins than his 147. His Harvard teams have captured eight Ivy League championships (‘97,’ 01, ‘04, ‘07, ‘08, ‘11, ‘13, ‘14) and have combined to own the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision’s best record over the last 14 seasons (114-25, .820), as well as an astounding 13-1 over that stretch in The Game, the annual rivalry tilt between Harvard and Yale.

Murphy is the first Harvard coach since the iconic Percy Haughton to lead the Crimson to three unbeaten, untied seasons during his tenure (‘01, ‘04, ‘14). Having previously coached five seasons at Cincinnati and two at Maine, Murphy owns career records of 179-107-1 overall, and is 147-62 with the Crimson.



Join us on June 9th and hear Coach Murphy as he discusses: Life Is a Comeback!

Dinner will be held at the Middlesex School in Concord. Beverages and appetizers will be offered at 6:30 pm, followed by a delicious buffet at 7:15 pm. Dinner is \$55/person. Students \$25.

To help us plan for the evening, please RSVP by June 5 to Robin Tapper using the enclosed dinner reservation/membership form, which is also available on the Club website: www.harvardclubconcord.org.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

HCC AT THE HASTY PUDDING

Oops Madrid It Again!—the Hasty Pudding’s 167th production—was clever and hilarious! So much fun that we are thinking of making a trip to the Pudding an annual event. Meeting first for dinner at Spice, the lively Thai restaurant right next door, made the night complete. If you missed the show this year, make sure to sign up to see this talented and witty group of young men in 2016. Our thanks to Jody Sabia Pongratz for organizing this event.



HCC AT THE RADCLIFFE PITCHES

Did you know that the Radcliffe Pitches, the all-female a capella group, was founded in 1975? This spring the



Pitches celebrated their 40th anniversary, and we heard them perform their “Fabulous Forties” concert at Sanders Theater. They were truly fabulous! The current Pitches were joined on stage by the original group members as well as the Harvard Krokodilos. Our evening began at Russell House Tavern in the Square so that Club members could chat

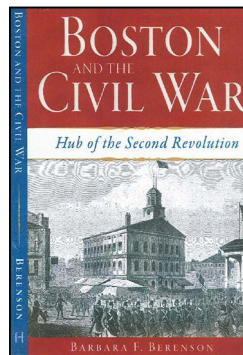
and connect before the show. Many thanks to Mandi Zaltas Kunen for coordinating this fun evening.

INTERVIEWING FOR HARVARD ADMISSIONS

One of the important functions of our Club is to provide alumni interviews for the College. It’s a pleasure to meet these talented and accomplished students while helping the Admissions Committee gain more insight into these applicants. This year Gabrielle Savage Dockterman, coordinator of the alumni interviewing process in our Club, arranged for a member of the Admissions Committee to meet with our interviewers and conduct a Mock Admissions Committee Meeting. A great learning experience for all of us! And, as she has for many years, Gabrielle hosted an Ice Cream Social at her home in Carlisle for admitted students and interviewers - always a fun event. Many thanks to Gabrielle! And many thanks and much appreciation to all our volunteer interviewers!

GUEST LECTURE ON CIVIL WAR BOSTON

In April, HCC sponsored a fascinating lecture at the Wayland Library by author and historian Barbara Fischbein Berenson '80 about her new book, *Boston and the Civil War: Hub of the Second Revolution*. We learned how Boston’s abolitionists helped to forge a second American Revolution dedicated to ending slavery. A new perspective and truly interesting!



HARVARD ARTS MUSEUM

This coming October, thanks to Mandi Zaltas Kunen, we will be visiting the new Harvard Arts Museum. The new complex is an impressive integration of three museums: the Fogg Museum, the Busch-Reisinger Museum and the Arthur M. Sackler Museum. We’ll start with brunch in the Square and then head over to the museum, where we’ll have plenty of time to tour the exhibits and the impressive new facilities. It’s guaranteed to be a delightful afternoon.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thanks to Phil Schneider for his efforts organizing our community service activities. As always, Phil has worked with Community Servings, a not-for-profit food and nutrition program that provides home-delivered meals to individuals and families coping with critical and chronic illnesses. Phil also will be organizing a group to participate in the Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 3rd.



Phil and his grandson Ned participate once again in the Walk For Hunger

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Harvard Club has been participating in the Summer Community Fellowship Program for a number of years. Through this important program, we have the opportunity to provide fellowships to Harvard undergraduates who want to spend their summers working for non-profit organizations.

ANNUAL DINNER

We are excited to hear Coach Murphy speak and look forward to another wonderful night at our Annual Dinner. Many thanks to Rajani LaRocca for taking on the role as Annual Dinner Chair.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Robin Jill Tapper

In so many ways, Harvard connects us to the past as well as to the future.

And for me the Harvard Club in Concord is the vehicle that facilitates many of these connections. Whether I’m interviewing prospective students, attending a Harvard performance or event in the Square, or just catching up and connecting with fellow alums, my sense of belonging and engaging with this wonderful community is always expanding.



Harvard is quite different from when I attended many years ago. Computer Science classes have surpassed Economic classes in the list of most popular courses; some of the River Houses have been completely renovated and now have hallways in place of the traditional entryways; students enjoy meals in Annenberg Hall instead of taking grueling final exams there (and the food is a lot better!); and ice cream stores have been replaced by Starbucks and the like. But on a more serious note, while the physical landscape may have changed over the years, Harvard remains a unique and special place—a community of opportunity, of intellectual excitement, of culture and athletic accomplishment, and I feel very lucky to have that as part of my history and have the friendships, new and old, as part of my future.

I hope you will join us at the Harvard Club in Concord and make your own connections within our Harvard community.

Best wishes,
Robin Jill Tapper, President

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