Dear HCUK members,

With April fast approaching, we are looking forward to hearing news from Harvard about those successful UK regular decision applicants that will join Harvard’s class of 2020. I want to thank everyone who has interviewed candidates and persevered with the new interviewing portal. If there are any College grads that would like to interview next year, please contact our interview coordinator, Verity Langley (vll@me.com). The events group, led by Caroline Costin (AB’01), has been off to a strong start with a number of events lined up in the arts, that have had already had a tremendous response. Caroline has had the steadfast support of past HCUK presidents, Bob Gould (AB ’67), Jan Bunstead (EDM ’75) and Joan MacIver (AB ’75). We are still always looking for volunteers, so please contact Verity if you would like to assist. Finally, in the next few weeks we hope to share information on the HCUK’s centenary celebrations as we have a number of events marking our 100 years in the UK!

As always if you haven’t renewed your membership, please do so on our website, Harvard Club of the United Kingdom (http://www.hcuk.org/memsub.html).

Martha Genieser AB ’91

HARVARD PRIZE BOOK

The Harvard Prize Book is awarded to “an outstanding student in the penultimate year who is academically excellent, exhibits exceptional personal qualities and makes a significant contribution to the school or community.” The objective of the HCUK program is to raise Harvard’s visibility amongst UK secondary schools and to encourage talented students to apply to Harvard College. In June, 135 Harvard Prize Book Program awards were mailed to UK based schools to be presented.

Below is an example of an unsolicited response we received from a recent recipient of the prize:

"...I recently won the Harvard Book Prize and so would like to first and foremost express my multitudinous gratifications for such a prestigious consideration. Not to try and paint a sob story, but I genuinely could not believe the letter (I cried from shock). Although it wasn’t addressed to me specifically and although I am aware that there is probably a standard letter sent to everyone who wins this award, I couldn’t help but feel, for the first time, recognised for my efforts. I go to a regular state school and belong to a lower socio-economic household so Harvard (sometimes even university as a concept) is really such stuff that dreams are made of. Its a dream I put away a long time ago as a 14 year old, and a dream that this letter has summoned. I am now happily forced to consider Harvard as one of my potential university applications. ...."

We encourage all members to consider making a minimum contribution (to fund one prize) of £30 annually. Go to www.hcuk.org and click the Harvard Prize Book tab. Thank you!

RECENT EVENTS

A sold out crowd of club members and guests enjoyed a wonderful sneak preview of the highly anticipated docudrama “TRUTH” in the plush, intimate surroundings of Warner Bros. London screening room on 25 February. Treated to gourmet canapés and drinks beforehand, the audience also enjoyed a short “behind the scenes” presentation before the screening by Josh Berger AB ’88, the head of Warner Bros. UK and our host for the evening, as well as thank yous from Club president, Martha Abbruzzese Genieser, and Schools and Scholarship co-chair, Libby Pierpont Engstrom, for the significant funds raised from the evening to support the club’s schools and scholarship work. Based upon this success and the popularity among club members and alumni for this type of event, the hope is to make this an annual fixture on the club’s event calendar. The club is deeply grateful to Josh and all of his Warner Bros. staff for making it happen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VISIT OUR WEBSITE HCUK.ORG

MARCH

March 17th Earning a Living in the Writing Business http://www.hcuk.org/article.html?id=398

March 18th Private lecture on the Delacroix exhibition http://www.hcuk.org/article.html?id=400
APRIL

12th April A masterclass in personal psychology [http://www.hcuk.org/article.html?aid=408]

13th April Reception with Iris Bohnet, a Professor of Public Policy at Harvard's KSG [http://www.hcuk.org/article.html?aid=405]

21st April SAVE THE DATE Talk by Christopher North of Amazon [http://www.hcuk.org/article.html?aid=399]


MAY

May 12th SAVE THE DATE! The next Putting the Soul back into Business event

May 18th The Seven College Conference presents Tracey Chevalier at their annual luncheon [http://www.hcuk.org/article.html?aid=401]

JUNE

June 18th SAVE THE DATE! Emmanuel Dinner at Cambridge

JULY

July 30th SAVE THE DATE! HCUK 15 mile walk over the Seven Sisters

Please get in touch if you have space to donate for an event. Contact util@me.com

NON CLUB EVENTS

MARCH

8th March Transforming Food and Agriculture HBISA Event (HCUK Members are not discounted) [http://www.hbsa.org.uk/s/1738/co/index2.ashx?sid=1738&catid=6&postid=46636&con=100336&ncon=100336&crurl=5&category=61&coinid=2068&authkey=authkey]

10th March HKS London Alumni Briefing with Seth Moulton [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tChorGdxNcrev1dg5sWISGBL-a5uuJwKVhJvvJ394Pg/viewform?c=0&w=1]


16th March Yale Club evening of capella [http://yale.org.uk/event-2157906]

23rd March Professor Matthew Desmond on Evicted [http://www.hcuk.org/article.html?aid=403]

PUBLIC SERVICE

If you are interested in volunteering for any charities, or if your charity is seeking volunteers, please contact Tamara Howard at thhoward@btinternet.com or Caroline Chang at caroline.chang@farcap.com.

BULLETIN BOARD

Verity Langley, Membership and Interview Coordinator of HCUK, is available for PA work, remote administration or occasional work in London. With experience of a wide range of professional assistance, she is available to work remotely or willing to travel if preferred.

CV and references are available on request. Contact vll@me.com

Tallulah Axinn is currently a sophomore at Harvard College concentrating in Applied Mathematics with a focus in Computer Science. She is interested in fashion, design, and artificial intelligence and is currently looking for a summer internship in the UK. Tallulah is a native French speaker and a dual citizen of the US and UK. She can be reached at axinn@college.harvard.edu.
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