Upcoming Events

- **Friday, December 1, 7:30-8:30PM** — **World AIDS Day Vigil**. Please join the Global Health & AIDS Coalition for a World AIDS Day vigil to honor the lives lost to the global HIV/AIDS epidemic, to reflect on the progress that’s been made, and to gain inspiration for all the work ahead. Hear guest speakers, poetry, and observe a candlelit moment of silence. Memorial Church Porch.

- **Friday, December 1 & Saturday, December 2, 8PM** — **Voice in the Night: 47th Annual Dr. S. Allen Counter Christmas Concert**. The black voice has continually stood out as a clarion call for hope, freedom, and justice in the face of darkness. Black music will never cease to be that voice in the night, calling us to hope, to fight, and to never give up. Join Kuumba at this free concert! Reserve your tickets at the Harvard Box Office or with a Kuumba board member. Memorial Church.

- **Saturday, December 2, 4PM** — **Harvard Women’s Hockey vs. Princeton**. Cheer on your Harvard Women’s Hockey team at this special Light the Bright-Landry event! Admission is free. Also, enjoy free food, foam glow-sticks, and neon t-shirts! Bright-Landry Hockey Center.

- **Sunday, December 3, 8-9:30PM** — **Music for the Mass**. Join the Harvard Art Museums for an inspired performance by professional musicians and Harvard and New England Conservatory students. Free admission, but limited seating. Tickets will be distributed beginning at 7:30PM. Limit: one per person. Adolphus Busch Hall, 29 Kirkland St.

- **Sunday, December 3 & Thursday, December 7, 9PM** — **Enhanced Brain Breaks**. Sunday, December 3: Annenberg Coffee House, featuring specialty coffees, cookies, cakes, biscotti; Thursday, December 7: Brain Food, featuring make-your-own parfaits. Annenberg.

- **Tuesday, December 5, 8PM** — **Movie Night**. Come relax, sing along, and enjoy *The Lion King*! Popcorn will be served. Hope to see you there! The Student Oasis, Memorial Church, ground floor.

- **Thursday, December 7, 4PM** — **Cookies, Cocoa & Coloring**. Take a break from the books, and relax. Bring your friends, sip some cocoa, eat a few cookies, and even color outside the lines! The Student Oasis, Memorial Church, ground floor.

- **Thursday, December 7, 6PM** — **Garden Party: From Genesis to The Descent of Man**. Join the Mahindra Humanities Center for a discussion of origin stories. Emerson Hall 105.

Message from the Dean

Dear freshmen:

Just a note to congratulate you on successfully finishing your first term at Harvard. It’s clear you have worked really hard—at least, at times—and confronted new challenges and the need to adapt earlier strategies for writing papers and preparing for exams. I hope you look back on the term with a sense of accomplishment and a better idea of what college offers, and how you might most profitably use these four wonderful years.

Now, it’s time to relax and enjoy the opportunity to catch up with family and friends. I wish you the best for the holidays and the chance—in an unhurried way—to take your learnings from the fall to set up a really satisfying spring term.

Sincerely,
Tom Dingman

Freshman Fun

**Freshman Chanukkah Party**

**Wednesday, December 6, 8-9PM**

**Straus Common Room**

Celebrate Chanukkah a bit early with your favorite foods and games! There will be latkes (potato pancakes), chocolate gelt, Chanukkah cookies, and lots of dreidels. All freshmen are welcome to come celebrate the Jewish festival of lights!

Fall First-Year Faculty Dinner

First-year students, faculty, teaching fellows, preceptors, coaches, and others enjoyed getting to know each other over a reception and dinner at the Fall First-Year Faculty Dinner on Tuesday, November 28.

Annenberg Closure

Annenberg Dining Hall will close for Winter Break after dinner on Tuesday, December 19. Dining service will resume on Sunday, January 21. For detailed information on available dining halls during Wintersession, please visit: dining.harvard.edu. Have a fantastic, relaxing break!
Scholarship opportunities available.

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A unique opportunity to travel with both current students and alumni. Travel to Morocco or Greece during the 2018 spring break. The trips are led by Harvard faculty and offer a chance to explore different cultures, architecture, and history.

Harvard Alumni Travels invites Harvard college students to take part in these exciting trips. Applications are due Wednesday, December 6. For more information, visit: alumni.harvard.edu/travel/trips; haatrails@harvard.edu; or 617-946-0806. Scholarship opportunities available.