Upcoming Events

• Saturday, September 14, 2-4PM – Animated Tales for All. Watch a vibrant collection of animated shorts narrated in some of the 68 Indigenous languages of Mexico. Created by visiting Mexican designer Gabriela Badillo and selected from her project 68 Voices, 68 Hearts, these films foster pride, respect, and the use of Indigenous Mexican languages among speakers and non-speakers. Register at: reservations.hmsc.harvard.edu. Yenching Library Auditorium, 2 Divinity Ave.

• Tuesday, September 17, 6PM – Assembling the Dinosaur. Late-nineteenth-century discoveries of dinosaur fossils in the American West turned the United States into a world center for vertebrate paleontology. Around this time, the U.S. also emerged as an economic powerhouse of global proportions, and large, fierce creatures like Tyrannosaurus became powerful emblems of American capitalism. Tracing the links among dinosaurs, capitalism, and culture during this era, Lukas Rieppel reveals how these giant reptiles became intertwined with commercial culture, philanthropic interests, and the popular imagination during America’s Gilded Age. Geological Lecture Hall, 24 Oxford St.

• Thursday, September 19, 7-11PM – Veritas Cinema Series: Captain America Winter Soldier. Keeping with the theme of Ethics and Morality, Winter Soldier will explore Steve’s struggle with adapting to a time when Right and Wrong are not as cut and dry as they were when he last walked the earth. This free event will bring students, faculty, staff, and community together. There will be popcorn! Smith Center.

• Friday & Saturday, September 20 & 21, 7:30PM – An Evening with Champions. An Evening with Champions is a world-class figure skating exhibition on Harvard’s campus, celebrating 49 years and $3 million donated. EWC is a student-run non-profit dedicated to fighting cancer by raising money for The Jimmy Fund, the fundraising arm of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. This annual, world-class figure skating exhibition has featured national and Olympic champions such as Yuna Kim, Michelle Kwan, Evan Lysacek, and more! Free for first-year students on Friday, September 20, and only $12 on Saturday, September 21! Visit the Harvard Box Office for ticket info: boxoffice.harvard.edu. Bright-Landry Hockey Center.

• Friday, September 20, 2-4PM – FYE Fall Open House. Looking for a fun way to kick off your weekend? The First-Year Experience Office invites you to our Fall Open House. Come mingle with the deans and staff, and meet other first-years while enjoying seasonal pies, cider donuts, cheese and crackers, chips and dip, fresh apple cider, and more. Also, enter a raffle to win great Harvard swag! First-Year Experience Office, 6 Prescott St.

Message from the Dean

Dear Class of 2023:

Congratulations on completing your course registration! I am sure many of you are looking forward to having a somewhat predictable schedule, and to engaging more deeply in your chosen areas. If, however, you are having any second thoughts, your professors, academic adviser, proctor, and Resident Dean are all wonderful resources to consult.

Finally, I hope that each of you is finding time to take care of yourself as sleeping, eating, exercising, socializing, and finding time to connect with others should always have space in your schedule. With that being said, if you’re looking for an opportunity to connect, the First-Year Experience Office is hosting an Open House at 6 Prescott Street on Friday, September 20, from 2-4PM. Come by at any time, and connect with our staff!

Sincerely,
Dean Straker

Class of 2023 Convocation
Meet Weatherhead Center Affiliates, and learn about opportunities at:

- Refreshments served! to faculty, fellows, or postdocs; IRoC events on campus; seminars; and grants for student WCFIA affiliates; Winter Break grants for research and travel; research assistant positions for undergraduates:

Get Some Wheels at PBHA’s Annual Bike Auction. Missed the shuttle again? Late to class and meetings? Get a bike. PBHA’s bike auction offers no better prices and no better cause. Initial bids start at $25-$125. Bikes are sold as is. Saturday, September 21, 11AM-12PM, bike viewing; 12-1:30PM, auction, PBHA Lawn.

Join the Conversation at ArtsBites: Rhiannon Giddens. Time for food and conversation! ArtsBites is the OFA round-table discussion series with undergraduate students and visiting artists. On Thursday, October 3, we welcome the celebrated musician and activist Rhiannon Giddens, who excavates the past to reveal bold and candid truths about our present. Open to all undergraduate students, but registration is required. Food is free. Seating is limited to 20 students. Please register here: ofa.fas.harvard.edu/event/artsbites-rhiannon-giddens. Thursday, October 3, 5PM, Office for the Arts, 74 Mt. Auburn St.

Get to know your Annenberg management staff! Say hello if you pass, and let them know if you need anything. Keep a look out for Meet the Manager stations in Annenberg on October 8, 14, 15, 22, 23, and 30.

Resources for First-Years

Koru Mindfulness Classes. Koru is a four-week introduction to the practice of Mindfulness. Mindfulness is about developing the ability to be fully attentive to all of the moments of your life, reducing the amount of time you spend worrying about the future or fretting about the past. Feel calmer, more rested, and have greater self-compassion. In four weeks, you will learn practical skills and various meditations in a small group learning environment. Attendance at all four sessions is required. Two sessions are open to all Harvard students: Mondays, September 16 - October 7, 7-8:15PM; or Wednesdays, September 18 - October 9, 4:30-5:45PM. Smith Campus Center 6th Floor, Monks Room. Register online at: wellness.huhs.harvard.edu/koru-mindfulness.

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Open House. Come meet Weatherhead Center Affiliates, and learn about opportunities for undergraduates: summer travel grants for thesis research; study groups led by WCFIA affiliates; Winter Break grants for research and travel; research assistant positions to faculty, fellows, or postdocs; IRoC events on campus; seminars; and grants for student groups. Refreshments served! Thursday, September 19, 4:30-6PM, CGIS Knafel Cafe.

Academic Resource Center (ARC) Workshops. The ARC, located at 1414 Mass Ave., Floor 3R, offers workshops centered on building and strengthening the skills necessary to succeed academically. Sign up for any of the following here: academicresourcecenter.harvard.edu/workshops.

- Note Taking: Making Sense of the Lecture. Developing active listening skills and effective note taking techniques will help you absorb the information you learn in your lecture courses. Learn more about systematic notetaking and how you can use your notes to learn and study. Friday, September 20, 1:30-2:30PM, ARC, Room 382.

- Understanding Your Syllabus. Learn how to navigate your courses, and use the syllabus to plan your work. Tuesday, September 24, 12-1PM, ARC, Room 382.

Opportunities for First-Years

Apply Now to Be a First-Year Food Literacy Project (FLP) Fellow for Fall 2019. The Food Literacy Project is HUDS’ food education initiative. Focusing on sustainability, nutrition, food preparation, and community, the FLP seeks to empower everyone to make informed food choices. Interested in educating the Harvard community about food? Send your résumé and a cover letter to: foodliteracy@harvard.edu. Explain why you are interested, and what you can bring to the Fellow position. All students are encouraged to apply. Applications are due Friday, September 20. For more, visit: dining.harvard.edu/food-literacy-project.

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Shop the Farmers’ Market at Harvard. Stop by and get fresh produce, baked goods, dairy products, and more. Why buy local? It builds community! Buying directly from farmers allows you to understand the processes that make up food systems, gives insight into the seasons and the land, and creates a connection between you and the people who grow your food. It benefits the environment, and it supports local families. Tuesdays, through November 26, 12-6PM, Science Center Plaza.

Faces of Annenberg

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