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Join the Harvard Club and The Washington Ballet (TWB) for a night of festive holiday celebration on Saturday, December 16 at the historic Warner Theater.

In addition to the show, the Harvard Club is excited to host a private reception featuring the Artistic Director, Julie Kent. A world-celebrated prima ballerina, she is the longest serving ballerina in American Ballet Theatre’s 77 year history.

We're excited to offer this exclusive insider's peak inside our nation's premier ballet company. You'll have the opportunity to learn more about her past work, vision for TWB, and the Nutcracker.

Cost: Exclusive Harvard Club of Washington, DC private reception and balcony-level tickets are available for $55 or $70. The $70 tickets are middle seats with more central view of the stage.

When: Saturday, December 16, Reception at 5 pm, Show at 7 pm
Where: Warner Theater, 513 13th St. NW, Washington, DC 20004

Washington Capitals vs Carolina Hurricanes

Join the Harvard Club of Washington, DC at the Capitals game on Thursday, January 11th! Cheer on the Caps as they take on the Carolina Hurricanes.

Before the game, we will be hosting a happy hour and exclusive talk from Don Fishman, AB ’91, KSGEE ’03. Don currently serves as the Capitals Assistant General Manager and Director of Legal Affairs. He is excited to speak to the group about the Capitals team, salary cap, player contract negotiations and college hockey’s impact on the NHL. Don was the voice of Harvard Hockey on WHRB radio during his time at Harvard.

Tickets: $45 for members and their guests, $60 for non-members. Includes a free T-shirt.

When: Thursday, January 11 from 6:00pm - 9:30pm
Where: Capital One Arena, 601 F St. NW, Washington, DC 20004

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Note: Be sure to check our website (http://hdcc.clubs.harvard.edu) for updates as new events are added regularly.
Dear Fellow Alumni,

As 2017 draws to a close, I would like to thank our members, donors, and volunteers for their continuing support of the Harvard Club of Washington, DC. The Club has seen phenomenal growth this year with a 35% increase in membership – there are now over 1,450 members in our Club! Our growth has been fueled by our vision to build a vibrant community where all alumni can find value.

To build value, our leadership team has worked hard to engage alumni across different generations, schools, and shared interests. We have increased the diversity of our events and provided additional opportunities to connect with fellow alumni and reconnect with Harvard. In November, the Harvard Club co-sponsored the “Your Harvard: Washington, DC” event at the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of African American History and Culture, which featured a panel discussion about education as the civil rights issue of our time. This event drew over 600 alumni and included remarks by President Drew Faust. Earlier this fall, the Harvard Club welcomed the Dean of Harvard Medical School, George Daley and held a special reception with Head Harvard Football Coach Tim Murphy. The Club also organized our inaugural “Spring Back to Harvard” event with a family friendly picnic, which drew over 120 attendees.

In addition to strengthening our events, the Harvard Club remains committed to serving our community. Our Schools Committee offers alumni interviews to every candidate who applies to Harvard College from the Washington, DC metro area. Our Schools Committee also awards book prizes to outstanding high school students and participates in numerous college fairs. Through our Community Service Committee, the Club supported two Harvard College students, Una Corbett AB ’20 and Neel Mehta AB ’18, who pursued public interest internships this past summer. (You can learn more about these students and their work in this newsletter.) Our Community Service Committee has also organized numerous volunteer opportunities, which have included serving breakfast to the homeless, planting trees, writing letters to service members, helping college students practice networking skills, and packing overnight bags for children entering foster care.

Where do we go from here? The Harvard Club needs to sustain our momentum in 2018 by building our leadership team and growing our operating funds. As you may know, the Harvard Club Board of Directors consists entirely of alumni volunteers – many of whom juggle full-time jobs, parenting, and other family commitments. Because we cannot fulfill our mission without additional support, I am presenting 3 opportunities for your consideration today:

1. **Donate your time and talents to the Harvard Club.** While we welcome volunteers throughout the year, we are currently focused on recruiting additional leaders for our Recent Graduate, Community Service, and Event Committees, a detailed-oriented volunteer to assist with administrative functions, a technology lead to manage our website, and a Director of Marketing and Communications. If you are interested in any of these roles, please email volunteer@harvard-dc.org.

2. **Help us support additional Harvard College interns next summer.** Our current budget for two summer interns is $7,000. I would like the Club to support a third intern next summer because giving back to our community lies at the core of our mission. *Can we raise the bar even higher and support four interns?* We need your support! If you are not yet a member, please consider joining the Harvard Club. If you are a member,
consider renewing at a higher membership level or donating additional funds at http://hcdc.clubs.harvard.edu/donate.html (Enter your amount in the “Unrestricted donation to HCW” line and add “Summer Internships” in the Special Instructions field on the checkout page.)

3. **Provide us with your feedback.** What are we doing well? Where can we improve? The Harvard Club relies heavily on member feedback to improve our programs and operations. Our members also help us generate leads, ideas, and support for new events. To provide feedback, please email feedback@harvard-dc.org.

Thank you for all that you do to support the Harvard community. I wish you and your families the very best this holiday season.

All the best,
T.K. Yang AB ’98

President
Harvard Club of Washington, DC
president@harvard-dc.org

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**Harvard Club Physical Facility Updates**

In response to alumni interest in a physical facility, the Harvard Club Board of Directors conducted an extensive evaluation of potential options this past year. A careful assessment of our financial position and operating model confirmed that the Harvard Club is not in a position to purchase, lease, and/or operate a physical facility as a near-term strategy. However, this does not mean that DC area alumni need to wait years before they can enjoy the benefits of a physical facility.

The Harvard Club of Washington, DC Board of Directors is pleased to announce a **joint membership promotion with the University Club of Washington, DC** (https://www.universityclubdc.com/). Alumni who join or renew their Harvard Club membership at the Sustaining Facility Membership (single) level of $600 or Sustaining Facility Membership (couple) level of $750 will be eligible to receive significant savings in University Club membership, food/drink, and health club incentives – valued at several thousand dollars on average. This promotion is available from today through May 31, 2018. For additional information, please check out our Physical Facility page at: http://hcdc.clubs.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=1516

All questions regarding this membership promotion should be directed to the Harvard Club of Washington, DC Physical Facility Committee at facility@harvard-dc.org or Kathleen Keenan, Director of Membership of the University Club, at kkeenan@universityclubdc.com or 202-824-1380. The Harvard Club appreciates your feedback as we continue the development of our physical facility roadmap to meet the needs of Harvard alumni in the DC area.
Harvard vs George Washington University Basketball Game

Watch in person as the Harvard Crimson men's basketball team takes on the George Washington Colonials at the GW Charles E. Smith Center at Foggy Bottom in downtown Washington, DC.

Atlantic 10 Conference GW Colonials and Ivy League Harvard Crimson will be playing for the second year in a row. We encourage fans to sit in Section 216, which is directly across from the Harvard bench and has good ticket availability at this time.

There are four concession locations operated at the Smith Center by Paradise Ice Cream Catering. Menu options range from a variety of standard game day items to more health conscious alternatives.

Cost: Discounted tickets $25 in mid-level Sections 212-217 or $20 in end-zone Sections 219-222. This is special discounted pricing. No additional ticket fees.

When: Saturday, December 23 from 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Where: GWU Charles E. Smith Center, 600 22nd St., NW Washington, DC 20052

January All Harvard Happy Hour at Marrakech's Aura Lounge

Wednesday, January 3, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

2147 P Street NW, Washington, DC 20037 (Dupont)

Happy hour may be a state of mind, but it's also a great way to meet alums from all of Harvard's schools. All are welcome to attend. We ask that you purchase a drink at special happy-hour prices in consideration of Marrakech's Aura Lounge providing a free buffet of salad and other light fare.

Global Networking Night – Washington, DC

Tuesday, January 9, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

555 13th Street NW, Washington, DC 20004 (Metro Center)

The Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) and Harvard Club of Washington, DC invite you to join fellow local alumni for our next Global Networking Night (GNN) on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. GNN is a great opportunity to explore and expand your Harvard Network; the last event drew more than 5,500 alumni in over 90 cities!

Light refreshments will be provided. $5 suggested contribution. Wine/Beer available for purchase online ($6) at: http://hcdc.clubs.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=1511 or onsite ($10). 21 and older, please.
Habitat for Humanity

Join fellow members of the Harvard Club for a day of service building affordable housing with DC Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, January 20 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. There is no cost to volunteer or specific construction experience needed. Space for this event is limited and advance registration is required.

Cost: Free, but limited to Harvard Club members and their guests
When: Saturday, January 20 from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Where: Location TBD – we expect to assist at a building site in Northeast DC

The Ambassador of Jordan, HE Dinar Kawar, Has Invited Us!

Join fellow Harvard Club members and guests on January 25 at the Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Agenda
- 6:30 - 6:45 pm  Registration; Out of respect for the Embassy staff, please do not arrive before 6:15 PM
- 6:45 - 7:05 pm  Talk by HE Dina Kawar
- 7:05 - 7:30 pm  Q&A and “Engagement” between the Ambassador and Harvard Club members
- 7:30 - 8:30 pm  Seated Dinner Reception

Ambassador Dina Kawar was appointed as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United States of America in June 2016.

Ambassador Kawar also served as the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations from August 2014 to June 2016. She has led the Jordanian delegation during Jordan’s non-permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council from 2014 to 2015 and became the first Arab woman to ever preside over the Council. In February 2016, she was appointed by the President of the General Assembly as a co-facilitator for the high-level meeting of the plenary of the General Assembly on the large movement of refugees and migrants to take place in September 2016.

Ambassador Kawar holds a master’s degree in international affairs from Columbia University and a bachelor’s degree in international relations from Mills College, both in the United States. She attended Harvard’s Center for International Affairs from 1986 to 1987. She speaks Arabic, French and English.

Cost: This event is limited to Harvard Club members and their guests. $45/person
When: Thursday, January 25 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Where: The Embassy of Jordan, 3504 International Drive, NW Washington, DC 20008

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2017 Summer Community Fellows

Una Corbett, AB ’20
Quincy House • Social Studies with a citation in Spanish

I’m Una Corbett, a sophomore in Quincy House -- the best house -- studying Social Studies with a focus field in feminist studies and a citation in Spanish. On campus, I participate in a female mentorship program called Strong Women Strong Girls, serve as a representative on the Women’s Cabinet, do field organizing for the Harvard College Democrats, and work as a tour guide. In my free time, I can be found exploring the Harvard Art Museums, fueling my caffeine addiction in one of the Square’s many coffee shops, or running along the Charles. My favorite part of being at Harvard is the passion and drive of the people around me -- I have friends and classmates who are interested in everything from international relations to bird-watching, and I learn so much simply by listening to my peers.

This summer, I was an intern at the Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF), meaning I got the chance to become part of a close-knit team of feminist activists working to promote women’s equality in legal, political, economic, and social spheres. I wrote blogs on feminist issues, helped to update a report on single-sex education in the U.S, attended protests and Congressional briefings, lobbied lawmakers, and coordinated with feminist groups on college campuses around the country. It was an incredibly rewarding experience that has solidified my goal to pursue advocacy-oriented nonprofit work after college -- and I have the Harvard Club of Washington, D.C. to thank for making it possible. Without the Club’s support, I would never have been able to spend the summer in D.C. doing the work that I love.

Neel Mehta, AB ’18
Pforzheimer House • Computer Science Concentrator

My name is Neel Mehta, and I’m a senior at Harvard College (class of 2018). I’m a computer science concentrator and a proud resident of Pforzheimer House, which I represent on the Undergraduate Council, the College’s student body government.

Harvard has been home to some of my most cherished memories, like meeting my now-best friends as a nervous freshman in Annenberg Hall or spontaneously running down to Kirkland House to shake hands with Hillary Clinton once I learned she was in town. I also love our historic yet quirky traditions. For instance, on the night of Housing Day, Pforzheimer’s archrival Adams House stole our polar bear mascot, so at 3 a.m. I led a team to Adams to retrieve the bear — despite the best efforts of student guards in the Adams dining hall — and return it to Pforzheimer just in time for us to storm Harvard Yard.

The single biggest thing I have taken away from Harvard has been a commitment to public service. So when I left behind well-paying Silicon Valley internships to work in the federal government, the Harvard Club of Washington, DC was gracious enough to sponsor me. I worked with technology projects at the U.S. Census Bureau and loved it — I know now that I want to work in the public sector in the future. I’d like to thank the Harvard Club of Washington, DC for helping make this life-changing experience possible!
Member Profile

Marian C. Bennett, AB ’66
Board Member and Community Service / Committee Co-Chair

I am a member of the Harvard class of 1966. When I was in college, dorms were not co-ed, Radcliffe College had separate athletic facilities, and women were not permitted in Lamont Library except for certain hours a few days a week. I once sat on the right side of Memorial Church and an usher came over to me and asked me to move -- the right side was reserved for men.

This is just a sample of what it was like to be a woman at Harvard in those days. At graduation, we women received the same Harvard degree as men but our diplomas were signed by the Presidents of Harvard and of Radcliffe. In later years I explained that just as we African Americans had to be twice as good as European Americans to be considered half as good, we women at Harvard had to receive two signatures on our diplomas to equal the men's diplomas. Thank goodness those days are over!

The sixties at Harvard was a time for civil rights activism, the burgeoning women’s movement, and the start of the anti-war movement. In the summer before my senior year, I worked on voter registration of blacks in Charleston, South Carolina, and taught in the country’s first Head Start Program in an elementary school near my grandmother’s house. That was my introduction to the political injustices of the South.

On July 4th, 1965, my group of voter registration workers (Negroes and whites as we were called) decided to have a picnic on a beach. We went to Edisto Beach, which had been closed to avoid integration. We crossed the ‘No Trespassing’ signs on the beach after we saw European Americans enjoying the beach’s concession stand. After about ten minutes, two state troopers arrested us for trespassing, and I spent Independence Day in jail. Back then, the non-academic activities could have as much impact on students as the academic program.

I had entered college thinking I was going to major in French history and philosophy. In my sophomore year, a course by Dr. Bernard Bailyn in American colonial history changed me into an American history fan forever. I went on to the University of Pennsylvania Law School and I spent my entire legal career in the Federal Government, retiring in 2015.

I participated in Harvard Club of Washington, DC activities while I was working as a Federal Government attorney and, when I retired, I decided to become more active with the Club.

I have served on the Club’s Board of Directors since 2015 and currently co-chair the Community Service Committee. I help select the Summer Community Fellows that the Club sponsors each year with stipends that permit deserving undergraduates to work at unpaid government or non-profit summer internships in the Washington, DC area.

It is wonderful to be engaged with the stimulating Harvard community of Washington, DC, to be with college friends at Harvard events, and to be around the young Harvard graduates who bring such new ideas and energy to the Club and its events. Being a member of the Harvard Club’s Board of Directors has also given me a reason to reach out to classmates and other Harvard friends in the area to encourage them to join the Club.

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Public Service Award Luncheon
May 24, 2017

Public Service Award Luncheon Honoring Former DC Chief of Police Cathy Lanier with HCW President T.K. Yang, HCW member and Former Ward 8 ANC Commissioner Tina Fletcher, Former DC Mayor and current Ward 7 Councilmember Vincent Gray, and DC Chief of Police Peter Newsham

HKS DC Alumni Council with Cathy Lanier

Elissa Leonard and Guests

Rosa Brooks and Guests

Willard InterContinental Crystal Room

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Highlights from Past Events

NPR Tour led by NPR White House Correspondent Scott Horsley with HCW Vice President (Events) Diana Preston

Spring Back to Harvard Picnic in Bethesda, MD with HCW member Ben Nguyen

Great Falls in Potomac, MD with HCW Board Member Chengyan Zhang and HCW member and hike co-leader Barbara Saffir

Harvard Club at the 2017 Virginia Gold Cup

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Harvard-Georgetown Football Game
September 30, 2017

Harvard-Georgetown Football Game at RFK Stadium

Pre-Game Reception with Harvard Varsity Club Executive Director Bob Glatz
Community Service

So Others Might Eat (SOME) breakfast with Jemma Holder, HCW Board Member and Community Service Committee Co-Chair Sharifah Holder, Cristina “Nina” Hernandez, and Travis Taylor

AARP Meal Pack Challenge with HCW members and organizers Katrina Foelsche, Sharifah Holder, Casandra Woodall, and Alexis Masterson

So Others Might Eat (SOME), Martha’s Table, and KIPP KCP National Honor Society sandwich making with HCW members and organizers Allison LaFave, Cristina “Nina” Hernandez, and Kavya Naini

Sandwich making with HCW members and organizers Cristina “Nina” Hernandez, Kavya Naini, and Jemma Holder

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Harvard Club of Washington, DC 2017 Annual Membership Drive

Please consider joining or renewing your Membership to the Club during our Annual Membership Drive (ending at midnight, Dec. 31, 2017). Regular, Patron, Sustaining, Couples, and Sustaining Physical Facility Membership levels are available. Discounted rates apply to recent College graduates, current students, and members of the Class of ’67 or earlier.

The Harvard Club is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity. Your dues and other contributions may be tax-deductible. Please check with your financial advisor.

Please join or renew today at http://hcdc.clubs.harvard.edu/memsub.html. Thank you!

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If you find that you cannot attend an event, please find a substitute or consider all fees paid as a charitable donation to the Harvard Club of Washington, DC. Your cooperation in this regard would be appreciated, as refunds are not possible. The Harvard Club of Washington, DC, is a 501(c)(3) organization and does not receive financial support from the University. Funds raised from these events will support the Harvard Club in its charitable mission, including the sponsorship of summer stipends for Harvard College students.

If you have any questions regarding an event, please contact: Caren Pauley, Executive Director, Harvard Club of Washington, DC at caren@harvard-dc.org or 202-337-1300. Registration forms should be mailed to: 3220 N St, NW #295, Washington, DC 20007.