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Preview: Thesis Dinner, Networking 101, and Alumni Coffee Chats

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To: Seniors



Dear [FIRST],

The New Year brings several opportunities to engage with your Harvard alumni community! Read on for more about HAA 101 info sessions, [HAA Networking 101](#), the [Senior Thesis Study Break Dinner](#), Alumni Coffee Chats, and the Public Interested Conference. We encourage you to participate in some or all of these programs! Event attendees will be entered into a raffle to win Harvard swag, including stickers, water bottles, and coffee mugs!

HAA 101 Info Sessions



Want to learn more about the Harvard Alumni Association and how to connect with alums now and stay connected in the years to come? Looking for a mentor who has been in your shoes? If you missed the recent HAA 101 info sessions, you can now view the session recording and the slides.

HAA Networking 101: Meet Alumni and Practice Networking

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Want to learn more about the basics of networking and the resources available to you, or looking for an opportunity to practice your skills? Come learn about resources, get tips and tricks, and meet Harvard College alums in a virtual and casual setting at HAA Networking 101.

Following a short presentation about resources, you will be able to practice your skills in a series of breakouts. Note that these are not career-specific or hiring sessions, but an opportunity for you to learn about and practice networking and meet new members of the Harvard student and alumni community!

Sessions will be held on:

- Friday, January 12, 4:00–4:50 p.m. (ET)
- Monday, January 15, 8:00–8:50 p.m. (ET)

[Register for HAA Networking 101 now!](#) Zoom links and calendar holds will be sent to registrants before the sessions.

Senior Thesis Study Break Dinner



Will you be back on campus early to work on your thesis? Enjoy a much-deserved study break and meal at the Harvard Alumni Association on Tuesday, January 16, at 6:00 p.m. Wondering how to navigate the final months of thesis writing? Alumni thesis writers will join us to share their experiences and best practices. Connect with fellow thesis writers and get excited for your senior spring!

[Register for the dinner by January 9.](#) More information will be shared with registrants.

Alumni Coffee Chats



Did you know that thousands of alums from around the world have signed up for [Firsthand Advisors](#) to connect with you? [Login to Firsthand](#), set up your profile, and get ready to connect!

The [HAA Alumni Directory](#) includes thousands of alums who have volunteered to offer career advice to students. Search them or look for a “Career Network” label when browsing alumni in your fields of interest. [Log in and connect today](#).

We encourage you to use both of these platforms in January to reach out to Harvard College alums to set up informational “Coffee Chats” (either virtual or in person where appropriate)! This is a great opportunity to:

- Get career advice on different pathways.
- Strengthen your informational interviewing skills.
- Expand your support network as you consider opportunities beyond Harvard.
- Learn about their student and alumni life experiences.

If you’re not sure where to get started, first review the HAA 101 info session and attend an HAA Networking 101 event to learn more about how to access these platforms, what to write in your outreach to alums, and how to build and practice your networking skills.

After your outreach and chats, [fill out this brief survey](#) to let us know about your experience. While you have year-round, access to these alumni advice and mentoring platforms, we encourage you to use these in January when you have time before classes start!

Public Interested Conference



Are you interested in public service activities or careers? Meet peers who share a passion for public service, explore a range of public interest careers, network with alums, and hear from inspiring speakers at the annual Public Interested Conference, which will be held in person this year on Saturday, February 3! More information and a registration link are forthcoming.

Best,
John Prince AB '13
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PS: Still looking for spring break plans? Join Harvard alumni in Greece for an intergenerational travel program featuring Professor Greg Nagy and Professor Naomi Weiss. This annual favorite, "[Spring Break in Greece for Students & Alumni](#)," March 8–16, 2024, is designed specifically for students and alumni traveling together and offers special discounted pricing for current Harvard College students. [Registration for the trip is now open](#), but space is filling quickly. Additionally, the Harvard Alumni Association will grant select current Harvard College students with a travel support fellowship to cover the full cost of the program. The deadline to apply for the [HAA Student Travel Support Fellowship](#) is **January 3**. For more information, contact Harvard Alumni Travels at haatravels@harvard.edu.

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