Dear ,

My driveway is still covered with ice and there are mountains of snowcrete engulfing my garage door and my mailbox. So, naturally my mind turns to the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milano Cortina where ice and snow are good things. I'm looking forward to watching the Opening Ceremonies on Friday, February 6th and cheering on our Harvard Olympians and Paralympians.

Of course, I contacted the Varsity Club and they sent me the link to the central hub for Harvard-related coverage. This link lists our athletes and provides background stories on them, along with dates and times for competitions. Who knew that Harvard athletes won 13 medals at the 2024 Paris Olympics, a new school record for the most Olympic medals in a year? Go Crimson!

To get you further into the Olympic/Paralympic spirit, won't you join me on Saturday, February 7th at the National Building Museum's indoor skating rink for a spin or jump or double axel or two? Or perhaps, you'd rather watch your sports on ice instead. If so, we're co-hosting a Harvard ice hockey watch party with RPI on Saturday, February 21st.

In February, my mind also turns to Black History Month. Former Harvard Club of DC

President, Jeff Tignor ’96, is hosting a Black Alumni Happy Hour on Tuesday, February 10th. Please join him. In addition, we’re delighted to introduce our own Johnisha Levi ’99. She will discuss her first book, *Number's Up: Cracking the Code of the American Family,* as part of our Books & Brews Series on Thursday, February 26th. *Number's Up* explores family secrets, systemic injustice, forgiveness, and the resilience of the human spirit. You won’t want to miss it. Finally, don’t forget our bi-monthly University Club Happy Hour on Thursday, February 5th. We have plenty of tickets available to one of our favorite networking events.

Speaking of favorite events, in case you missed our sold out event at WineLair last week (see photos below), we hope to have another one in the Spring.

Stay warm and safe!

Katherine

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Upcoming Events

February Happy Hour at The University Club

Thurs., Feb. 5, 6:30-8:30pm
The University Club
1135 16th St. NW
Washington, DC 20036

Join fellow Harvard alumni for a distinguished evening of connection and conversation at our February Happy Hour at the University Club.

Learn more about the exclusive joint membership opportunity between the Harvard Club

and the University Club of Washington, DC.

This gathering welcomes alumni of all ages and backgrounds, fostering a vibrant and inclusive Harvard community.

Guests will enjoy a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and guided tours of the Clubhouse. Admission includes a curated selection of light refreshments.

Dress code: acceptable attire at our Happy Hours is business casual or military equivalent. Business casual is defined as a tucked-in collared shirt and slacks for men and similarly appropriate attire for women. A coat for men and corresponding attire for women are required in the Taft Dining Room. No athletic attire, please.

Valet parking is available for $14 (for up to 2 hours) to $19 (2 to 5 hours).

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February Chinese Table

Sat., Feb. 7, 10:30am-11:30am
Valley Brook Tea
2015 Massachusetts Ave NW
Washington, DC, 20036

Whether you're a beginner, intermediate, or fluent and just miss speaking Chinese, the Harvard Club wants to see you at the Chinese Table at Valley Brook Tea (2015 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036) from 10:30am – 11:30am on Saturday, February, 7th! Come to Dupont Circle, order a cup of tea, and practice

your Chinese in an intimate setting.

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Winter Skate Spectacular at the National Building Museum (Members Only!)

Sat., Feb. 7, 2:00pm-3:00pm
National Building Museum
401 F St NW
Washington, DC 20001

Glide into winter fun with fellow alumni and their families at the National Building Museum's Winter Skate Spectacular—an indoor skating experience that delivers all the magic without the chill. Lace up and spin across smooth synthetic ice beneath the Museum's soaring Great Hall, perfect for first-timers and seasoned skaters alike.

We have reserved a limited number of tickets which includes skate rental and full Museum admission, so you can carve a few laps, then wander around world-class exhibits at your own pace. Cozy, festive, and unforgettable, it's the coolest way to skate while staying warm. ❄️⛸️

Please note that our allotted time is 2:00-2:45pm, we suggest that you arrive at least 20 minutes before the start time to get your skates.

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Capital Area Food Bank | Community Service Event (SOLD OUT!)

Sat., Feb. 7, 1:00pm-3:30pm
Capital Area Food Bank
4900 Puerto Rico Avenue NE
Washington, DC, 20017

Join us for volunteer opportunity at the Capital Area Food Bank on February 7 (Saturday) from 1:00–3:30 PM!

The Capital Area Food Bank is the largest hunger-relief organization in the Washington, D.C. region, partnering with hundreds of local nonprofits to provide millions of meals and promote equitable access to nutritious food for people in need across D.C., Maryland, and Virginia.

Volunteers will help sort and pack food that will be distributed throughout the community to families, seniors, and individuals facing food insecurity. It is a great way to make a real impact, learn more about the work of Capital Area Food Bank, and connect with Harvard alumni community.

Please note that volunteers are required to wear close-toed shoes and are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing. Volunteers must be at least 12 years of age to volunteer. All under the age of 18 must be accompanied by and actively supervised by a parent or legal guardian.

If for some reason you cannot participate, please let us know as soon as possible so another volunteer can take your place.

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Black Alumni Happy Hour

Tue., Feb. 10, 6:30pm-9:30pm
Penn Social
801 E St NW
Washington, DC 20004

Celebrate Harvard Black Alumni of the past, present, and future this Black History Month by joining us at Penn Social for a celebratory happy hour. Hosted by the club's past president, Jeff Tignor '96.

Admission price includes a ticket redeemable for a selection of snacks and refreshments.

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Young Alumni Happy Hour

Fri., Feb. 20, 6:00pm-8:00pm
Continental Pool Lounge
1911 Fort Myer Dr
Arlington, Virginia 22209

We're back! Join fellow young alumni from Harvard, Yale, Stanford, and Princeton at our joint happy hour at Continental Pool Lounge in Arlington! The space has a lounge and plenty of bar games. Whether you're new to the area or

have been here for a while, this is the perfect opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

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Men's Hockey Gamewatch: Harvard vs RPI

Sat., Feb. 21, 6:30pm-9:30pm
Crystal City Sports Pub
529 S 23rd St
Arlington, VA 22202

Let's support Harvard Men's Hockey Team as they go head-to-head with RPI! Join us for a co-hosted watch party with RPI Alumni in Arlington, in Crystal City Sports Pub on February 21—wear your crimson, bring your cheers!

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Transatlantic Partnerships in a Changing World – Why US-Europe Cooperation Is Critical Now | A Dinner Conversation with Dr. Alexandra de Hoop Scheffer and Dr. Joe McCarthy

Tues., Feb. 24, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Hogan Lovells
555 13th St NW
Washington, DC 20004

Join us for an engaging dinner-conversation as part of Harvard Club of Washington, DC's Passport to Diplomacy Series with Dr. Alexandra de Hoop Scheffer, president of the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF), with Dr. Joe McCarthy, former Senior Associate Dean and Director of Degree Programs at the Harvard Kennedy School.

As global power dynamics shift and shared challenges intensify, transatlantic partnerships are more critical than ever to maintain security, prosperity, and democratic resilience. In this conversation, Dr. de Hoop Scheffer will explore why close U.S.–Europe cooperation is crucial for safeguarding democratic values, economic stability, and collective security in an increasingly uncertain world, and how institutions like GMF serve as vital bridge-builders—connecting leaders, ideas, and policies across the Atlantic at a pivotal moment.

Dr. Alexandra de Hoop Scheffer is president of the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF). Previously, as acting president and senior vice president for geostrategy, she led GMF's geostrategy and geoeconomics policy initiatives across Europe, the United States, and the Indo-Pacific. With over 20 years of experience at the intersection of international relations, policy research, and public engagement, she is a leading authority on geopolitics, transatlantic relations, and global security. Her expertise has guided governments and businesses in shaping defense, diplomacy, and geo-economic strategies on both sides of the Atlantic. Prior to joining GMF, she held key advisory and policy positions in the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, academia, and international organizations. A dual French-Dutch citizen, she holds a PhD in political science and two master's degrees in political science and conflict studies from Sciences Po Paris. She also studied at King's College London's War Studies Department. She is a frequent public speaker and writer on European affairs, transatlantic relations, and international security.

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NUMBER'S UP with author Johnisha Levi in conversation with Bernardine Watson | Books & Brews

Thurs., Feb. 26, 5:00pm-7:00pm
Reservoir Center
301 Water Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

For February Books & Brews, we're inviting you to an intimate conversation featuring author Johnisha Matthews Levi AB'99, as she discusses her memoir *Number's Up: Cracking the Code of an American Family*. In this gripping work, Levi uncovers the hidden life of her late father—a Black WWII veteran who became a "numbers man" in Washington, D.C.—and uses her family's story to illuminate the racial and economic barriers that shaped underground Black economies. Blending personal discovery with social history, Number's Up explores family secrets, systemic injustice, forgiveness, and the resilience of the human spirit. Author and poet Bernardine Watson will also be our guest and she will have a conversation with Johnisha about *Number's Up*.

Join us for a compelling conversation about identity, truth-telling, and what it means to reckon with the past.

Refreshments and small bites will be served.

Born and raised in Washington, DC, **Johnisha Matthews Levi AB'99** (she/her) brings a critical eye to her writing based on her experiences as a development professional for social impact nonprofits, a former litigation attorney, and a culinarian. Johnisha graduated from Harvard University, New York University School of Law, and Johnson & Wales University. Her writing has appeared in *Yes! Media, Wildsam, the kitchn*, and *Northern Virginia Magazine*.

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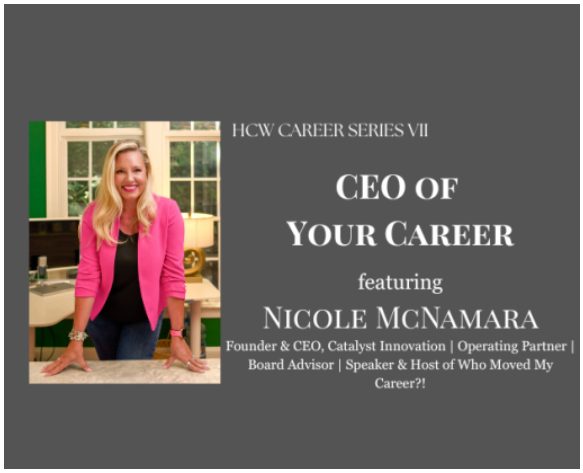
CEO of Your Career | Career Series VII featuring Nicole McNamara

Tues., March 3, 11:30am-1:30pm
Refraction Innovation Hub
7950 Jones Branch Drive,
8th Floor North
Tysons, VA 22102



The traditional career playbook no longer applies.

In a year marked by significant workforce restructuring—from federal layoffs to major corporate reductions—the path forward requires strategic thinking, not just tactical execution. Join Nicole McNamara, Founder & CEO of Catalyst Innovation and host of Who Moved My Career? (top 10% of podcasts globally with listeners in 59 countries), for a candid conversation about modern career management.

Drawing from her CEO of Your Career framework, Nicole will share how accomplished professionals are successfully navigating transitions—from building personal boards of advisors to exploring models beyond traditional employment that offer both flexibility and stability. You'll leave with a practical go-to-market strategy for your career, whether you're in transition or positioning for your next move.

This is a substantive discussion for leaders who understand that managing your career with the same rigor you'd apply to launching a product isn't optional anymore, it's essential.

We will be serving lunch, and there will be plenty of opportunities to network.

Nicole McNamara is the Founder and CEO of Catalyst Innovation, a boutique strategy

and transformation consultancy that helps companies grow faster, work smarter, and build what's next.

A former executive at Salesforce, where she led the Innovation team known as Ignite, Nicole built a reputation for making transformation both fast and human—helping organizations including OpenAI, Marriott, the PGA Tour, and Samsung translate complex technology investments into real business outcomes.

Through Catalyst, Nicole partners with mid-market and PE-backed companies to bridge the gap between strategy and execution—turning systems into strategic advantage and unlocking the business value technology promised, but rarely delivers on its own.

Beyond her advisory work, Nicole is the host of the podcast Who Moved My Career?!, where she explores pivotal career moments, reinvention, and leadership in times of change. She is a frequent media contributor and commentator on AI, the future of work, and leadership transformation, with appearances including CBS News, WUSA9, and CRM Magazine.

Nicole also serves on multiple nonprofit and community boards, focused on women's leadership, social impact, and youth development. Known for her "Velvet Hammer" leadership style—warm, direct, and unapologetically results-driven—she brings clarity, empathy, and momentum to every boardroom, stage, and conversation.

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Events with Other Clubs & SIGs

Black History Month - Dean of Harvard Divinity School to Speak at UMES

Thurs., Feb. 5, 12:00pm-1:00pm
UMES
Student Service Center Theater
Princess Anne, MD 21853

Dr. Marla F. Frederick is the first black woman to serve as Dean of Harvard Divinity School in its 207-year history. Come hear from this history-maker!

No registration necessary.

For questions, please contact:
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University of Maryland Eastern Shore

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Oxbridge/IvyPlus Young Alumni Social

Fri., Feb. 13, 5:00pm onwards
Register to see address

Woin us to meet Young Alums from a wide variety of backgrounds and fields as we come together for meaningful conversation and new connections.

In an era where so much of our

interaction is filtered through screens and scrolls, opportunities for Face-to-Face (F2F) interaction are more valuable than ever.

There's something irreplaceable about real dialogue—about enjoying a laugh, an idea, or a story in real time with others who share your curiosity and drive!

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Spring Trivia Night

Thurs., March 5, 6:30pm-8:30pm
Blackfinn Ameripub
1620 I St NW
Washington, DC 20006

Whether you're a trivia master or just seeking a fun night out, this event is for you. Gather your friends or come solo and make new connections as you dive into questions across diverse categories like sports, music, history, and beyond!

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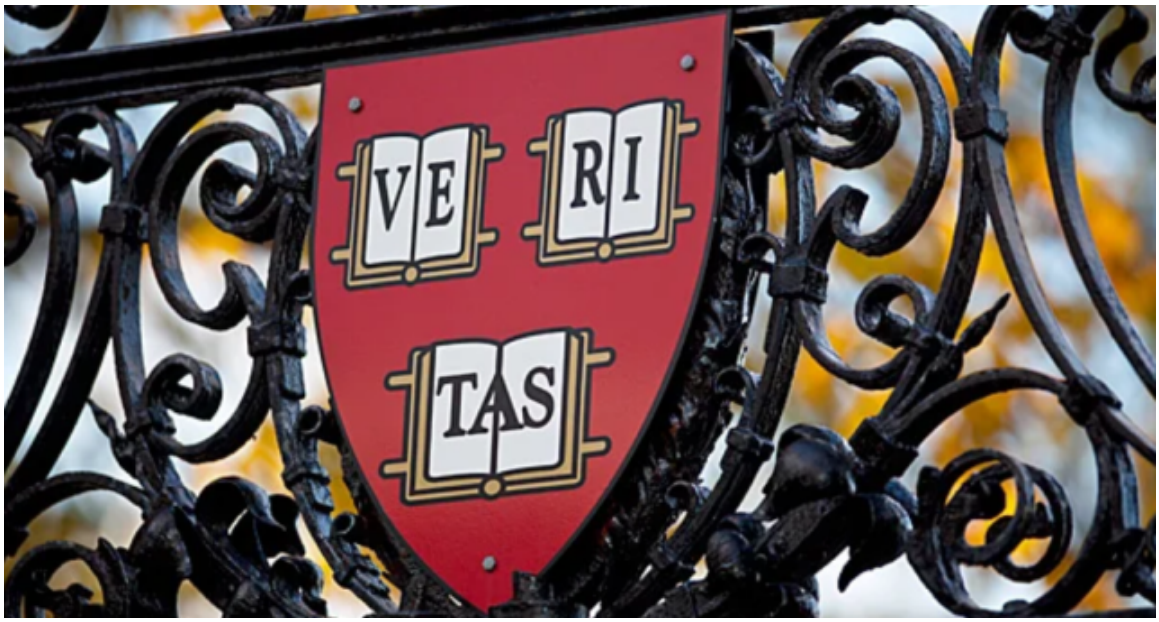

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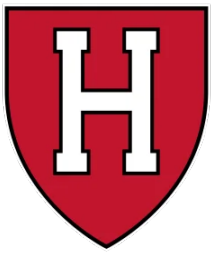

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