Dear ,

Happy Almost Valentine's Day! It's that week between the Super Bowl (sorry to the Patriots' fans out there) and Valentine's Day, but this time it's filled with Winter Olympics coverage as well (and how about that phenom, Ilia Malinin, from our very own Vienna, VA?). Remember when January lasted forever and it was filled with snow and ice and you didn't know what day it was or have much to do? Well, we're moving on with gusto.

We've got you covered for Valentine's Day. We've procured a small group of tickets for the Folger Theatre's "Love Songs of the 15th Century" concert on Friday, February 13th. The Folger Consort, the award-winning early music ensemble-in-residence will envelope you in "the rich fabric of courtly life in 15th-century France and Burgundy, a period and region that extolled the romances between chivalrous knights and noble ladies in paintings and illustrations, poetry and music." I could do with some chivalrous knights and noble ladies right about now. Please join us.

If you'd rather just network yourself to find your own chivalrous knight or noble lady, or perhaps just make a new friend or catch up with an old classmate, we've got two upcoming happy hours for you. Jeff Tignor, former Harvard Club of Washington, DC President, is

hosting a Black Alumni Happy Hour **tomorrow night**, Tuesday, February 10th. In addition, we're offering a Young Alumni Happy Hour on Friday, February 20th.

And if networking isn't your bag, we have a Harvard Hockey watch party with RPI coming up on Saturday, February 21st. (Speaking of hockey and things ice-related, check out the pictures below of our Harvard Club adventure at the National Building Museum's "Skating Spectacular." I now know what skating indoors on synthetic ice is all about!) We also have the next installment of our "Books & Brews" series featuring Johnisha Levi '99 in conversation with Bernardine Watson on Thursday, February 26th, talking about *Number's Up*.

I'm looking forward to seeing you. As always, if you have any ideas for events or venues, please let us know. I'm standing by at president@harvard-dc.org.

Stay warm,

Katherine

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Upcoming Events

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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Love Songs of the 15th Century

Fri., Feb. 13, 7:00pm-9:30pm
Concert starts at 8:00pm
Folger Shakespeare Library
201 East Capitol Street, SE
Washington, DC, DC 20003

Join us for an early Valentine's Day celebration at the Folger Theater. We'll be traveling through music in time to the rich fabric of courtly life in 15th-century France and Burgundy, a period and region that extolled the romances between chivalrous knights and noble ladies in paintings and illustrations, poetry and music.

This Valentine's Day concert draws heavily from the Chansonnier Cordiforme (c. 1470s), a heart-shaped manuscript with the most popular love songs of the 15th century by Guillaume Du Fay, Gilles Binchois, Johannes Ockeghem, Antoine Busnoys, and others. Full of passion and beauty, these secular songs and popular chansons serve as musical counterparts to the elegantly rendered illuminations in contemporary manuscripts.

The concert program features multiple songs sung from a woman's perspective, including the sole surviving musical setting of a ballad written by poet Christine de Pisan, author of

the early feminist utopia *The Book of the City of Ladies*.

We are also invited for a lively pre-concert discussion with Christopher Kendall and Robert Eisenstein, co-Artistic Directors of the Folger Consort from 7:00pm-7:30pm before the performance.

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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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POSTPONED: 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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March LGBTQ+ Happy Hour

Mon., March 2, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Licht Cafe
1520 U St NW
Washington, DC 20009

Let's celebrate the coming of Spring together at the Harvard Club LGBTQ+ March Happy Hour!

We're once again meeting at Licht Cafe on U Street to mingle, build friendships, build a community, and plan future events. Your ticket includes a yummy refreshment from the Licht Cafe menu. Everyone is welcome!

How to get there: 52, 54, 59, 90, 96, S2, S9 Buses, WP-AM Circulator, Green and Yellow lines to U Street/African-American Civil War Memorial/Cardozo. Some metered street parking available.

Accessibility: Licht Cafe is up a fairly steep flight of stairs.

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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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Equinox x Harvard Club: Wellness Day + Social Hour at Equinox Anthem Row

Sat., March 7, 1:00pm-2:00pm
Equinox Sports Club DC
1170 22nd St NW
Washington, DC

In celebration of Harvard Club of Washington, DC's partnership with Equinox, we are delighted to invite you to a special event at Equinox!

You're invited to experience one of 3 EQX signature classes with fellow Harvard Alumni that'll jumpstart your fitness routine in the new year! Come for the class, stay for lite bites and refreshments in our member lounge.

In addition to the event, you're invited to enjoy a complimentary experience at an Equinox club of choice. 2-day membership. Spots are limited. Please RSVP by clicking this link.

To learn more about our Harvard Club of Washington, DC x Equinox Partnership, click HERE.

To register for the Free Classes and Partnership Introduction RSVP here. Please note that

spaces are limited.

Please plan to arrive 20 minutes early to check in..

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Events with Other Clubs & SIGs

Oxbridge/IvyPlus Young Alumni Social

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

Join 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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Ask the Recruiters: A Zoom Discussion

Wed., Feb. 18, 6:00-7:30pm
Zoom link to be provided prior to the event.

This is an opportunity for Harvard alumni and friends to ask career development and job search questions of two fellow alumni who are executive recruiters.

Kelly McLaughlin (EdM '15) is a Managing Associate at Isaacson, Miller in Philadelphia. Kelly specializes in helping universities recruit senior leaders. She primarily focuses on higher education leadership searches, previously serving Boston University, Georgetown University, the University of Michigan, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Virginia, William & Mary, and others in their searches for senior leaders.

Peter Gray (AB '91) is CEO of Peter Gray Executive Search in Madison, Wisconsin. He guides nonprofit organizations and social impact employers through strategic hiring. His placement experience includes 40 CEO leadership successions, many at nonprofit organizations in the affordable housing and social services sectors.

While Kelly and Peter each has a narrow focus in the types of positions they recruit for, they have broad expertise in topics of how to navigate career development and a job search, and how to engage constructively with recruiters.

Moderator: Harvard Club Board Member, Zachary Herrmann (EdLD '17), serves as the Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education. Dr. Herrmann leads the Penn Leadership Education Institute, the Project-Based Learning for Global Climate Justice initiative, and designs partnerships and professional learning efforts focused on teacher and leader development, team effectiveness, negotiation, and creative problem solving.

Bring your questions!
Date & Time: Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 6 - 7:30pm

Location: Zoom link to be provided prior to the event

Cost: Free! RSVP required.

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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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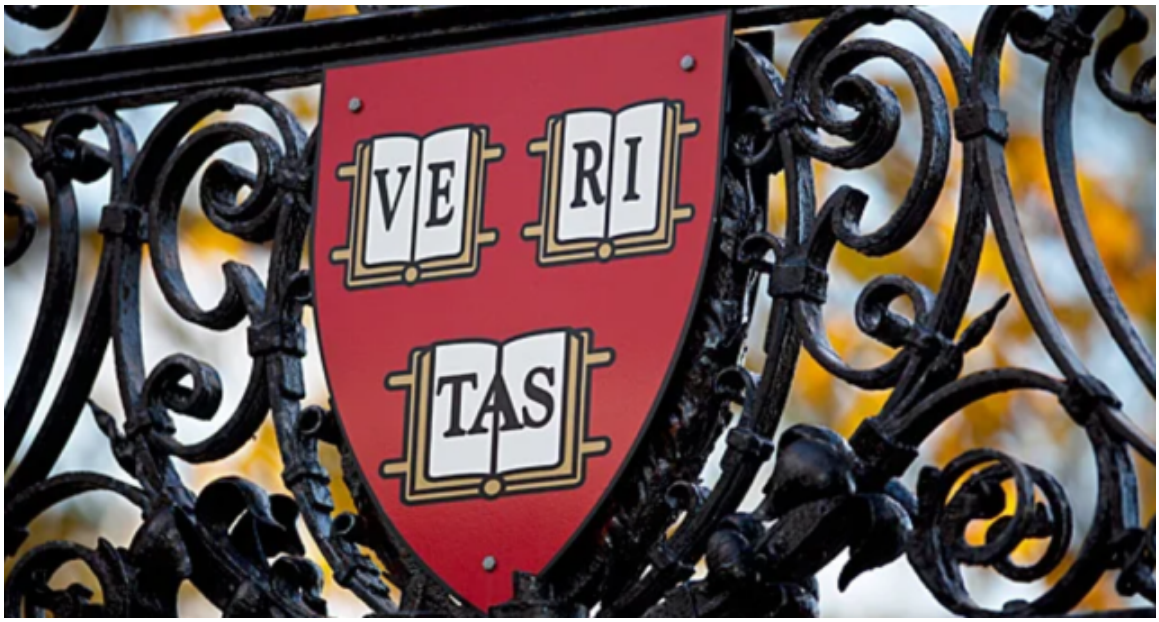

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