

Dear Students,

It may seem hard to believe, but spring classes will be over in about a month. As graduating students prepare for Commencement and continuing students for the well-deserved summer recess, we will be inviting you to participate in a number of brief online nomination/voting polls and several key school-wide surveys. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to recognize deserving student colleagues and faculty members and to share feedback with us about your experience at HGSE.

Over the coming weeks, **graduating students** will be asked to recognize fellow students who have positively affected their experiences at HGSE by voting for the *Commencement Marshals*. Students will also be invited to apply for the *Phyllis Strimling Award*, which recognizes efforts to advance women and society. Please stay tuned for announcements of each of these opportunities and the criteria for recognition.

In addition, **graduating students** will be asked, beginning later this month, to share information about their plans following graduation. This information will be used in analyses that inform the career services we provide to students and alumni and is also helpful to prospective students. Additionally, we use this information to advocate within and outside of Harvard to raise funds for student financial aid and to share stories about your impact on the field of education.

All Master's students will have the opportunity to nominate graduating students for the *Intellectual Contribution Award*. This award recognizes students whose dedication to scholarship enhances the academic life of the community and positively impacts their fellow students.

All students will be invited in the next few weeks to nominate HGSE faculty members for the *Morningstar Family Teaching Award*, which recognizes excellence in teaching and advising students throughout the year.

All students are required to complete online *HGSE course evaluations* for each spring and yearlong course in which they are enrolled. HGSE places a great deal of value on the evaluation of its courses and programs, and we thank you for participating in this important process.

All students will also be asked to complete *HGSE's Student Experience Survey*, which seeks feedback on all aspects of the student experience. Building from the Mid-Year Student Experience Survey, we will use this information to reflect on changes over time and to shape future services, program offerings, and other activities. We are very grateful for the extra effort on your part to help us capture our successes and challenges. I hope every one of you will take this survey when you receive it in late April.

Please keep an eye out for emails and announcements about each of these nomination and survey opportunities, and thank you in advance for your thoughtful input.

Best,
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