

# — HGSE — Weekly

Office of  
Student Affairs



Monday, December 9, 2024

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## FEATURED ANNOUNCEMENTS



### HGSE Gingerbread House Competition

Congratulations to "The Latin Dream Team" for being selected by the HGSE community as the winners of the 2024 Gingerbread House Competition! And a big thank you from the Office of Student Affairs to all the participants!

**Sign up by Tuesday, December 10**



**The Power of Critical Hope: Reset. Reimagine.**

**Join a Planning Committee for the 2025 Alumni of Color Conference (AOCCEM)**

[Click here to sign up.](#)

The time is now to lead with purpose and courage. Join us on the Leadership Convening Committee and be part of a movement rooted in critical hope and transformative change. We are calling on visionary leaders to reimagine what's possible and reset our collective future. This is your moment to drive impact and inspire others. Answer the call and become a catalyst for change.

AOCCEM dates: February 28-March 1, 2025

**Deadline: Sunday, January 12 at 11:59PM**



**MBTA Spring 2025 Semester Passes - Order Yours Today!**

Through the MBTA Semester Pass Program, HGSE Office of Student Affairs is excited to offer T passes at a 25% reduced rate for all students. To receive this discount, students must purchase the pass for the entire four-month period (February 1st through May 31st), through the HGSE marketplace portal.

There are a number of different pass types available, so be sure to check which pass would best fit your needs. For pass descriptions, please visit the [MBTA website](#).

**[To place your order, click here.](#) All purchases are**

*final sale and are non-refundable.*

**The deadline for ordering is Sunday, January 12th at 11:59pm EST.**

Students will be notified in late January when the passes are ready for pickup!

**Due Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2025**

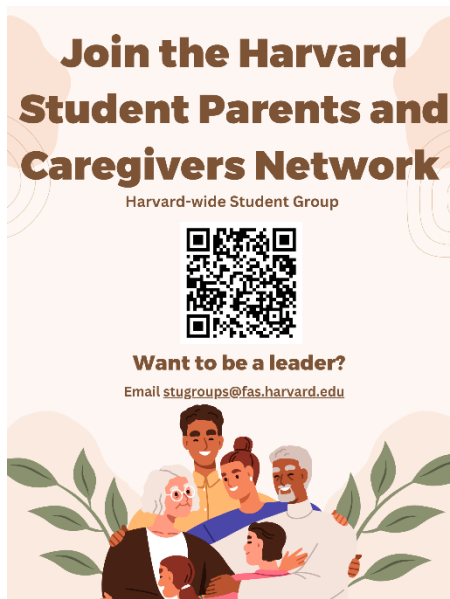


**Spring Resume Book is now open!**

[Click here to submit your resume.](#)

Get noticed by employers by uploading your resume to the Spring Resume Book! This digital, searchable resource will be shared with all employers who attend one of the spring career fairs.

**Ongoing**

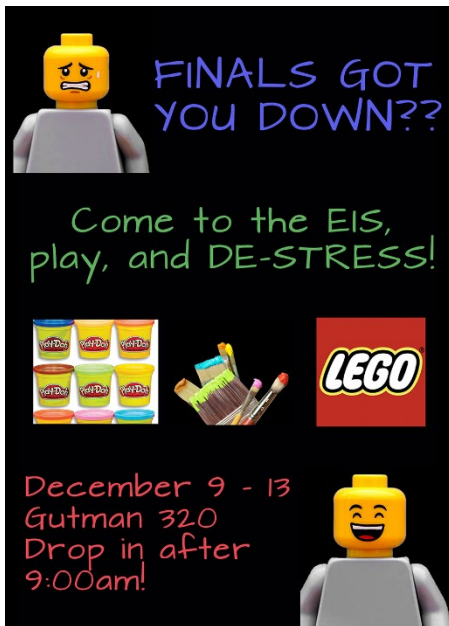


**Join the Harvard Student Parents and Caregivers Network**

This Harvard-wide student group is welcoming new members and leaders! Email [stugroups@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:stugroups@fas.harvard.edu).

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday-Friday, December 9-13 [In Person]



**Playtime at HGSE's Education Innovation Studio!**

**Monday–Thursday, 9am–8pm**

**Friday, 9am–5pm**

**Location: Gutman 320**

Frazzled by finals?

Weary about the weather?

Bothered by boredom??

Come to the Education Innovation Studio and spend some time crafting and playing. Our doors will be open daily and several relaxing activities will be available.

Available now!



**Indian Education Forum**

A student organization of the  
Harvard Graduate School of Education

**Introducing the Indian Education Forum  
Newsletter: Children's Day Edition!**

HGSE's student organization, Indian Education Forum, is thrilled to announce the launch of [their first newsletter!](#)

Stay connected with the latest updates, inspiring stories, and key insights into our mission to empower education. Discover how we're building a global community dedicated to fostering collaboration and innovation in education.

Dive into this edition to explore:

- Expert voices shaping the future of education.
- Inspiring stories of impact and transformation.
- Tips, trends, and recommendations for educators and advocates alike.

Got ideas to share? We'd love to hear from you! Contribute your thoughts, stories, or suggestions by [filling out this form](#).

Let's shape the future of education together!

**Monday, December 9, 2024, 4-5PM [In Person]**



### **Safe Space Circle Event**

**Location: Gutman 440**

Take a break from the stress of finals and connect with your peers in a supportive and welcoming environment. Our main activity will be a circle-sharing session, where you can share your thoughts, feelings, or stories—whether they're about challenges, achievements, or anything in between. If you prefer a quieter space, there will also be a bracelet-making zone where you can get creative and unwind. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. This event is sponsored by Safe Space, a HGSE student organization.

**Submission Deadline: Monday, December 9, 2024**

**Conference: May 22-23, 2025 [In Person]**



## **Cross University Collaborative Mentoring Conference (CUCMC)**

**Location: University of Pennsylvania**

[Click here for more information.](#)

CUCMC is a unique conference that promotes student leadership and mentorship across universities, with a mission to support intergenerational scholarship. This year, we will explore the theme: “Child and Family Research Advancing Social and Education Equity by Creating and Supporting Dynamic Family-School-System Connections.” We encourage you to submit a presentation that aligns with this theme.

**Monday, December 9, 2024, 12PM-1PM [In Person]**



## **Leading Your Job Search**

**Location: Larsen 214**

[Click here to register.](#)

Bring your lunch and join the session hosted by the CSO! Frequently, jobs come from networking and other self-directed strategies, not just job listings. Learn creative job search techniques that will broaden your opportunities!

## **FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

Series begins January 2 [Virtual]



January CareTalks from Care.com

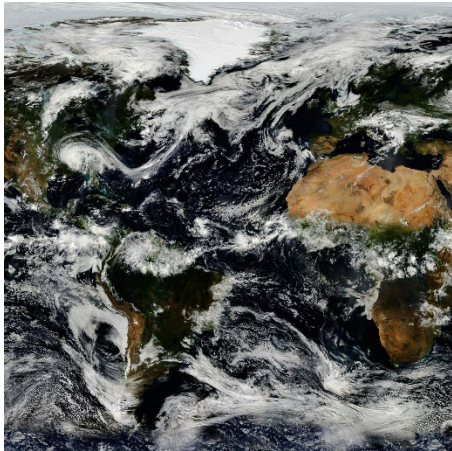
Click the links to register.

- Jan. 2 [Emotional Wellness](#): Be Positive
- Jan. 8 [Financial Wellness](#): Retirement & Estate Planning
- Jan. 14 [Disability & Neurodiversity](#): Caring for Your Child With Disabilities
- Jan. 15 [Aging and Adult Care](#): Putting You in the Care Equation
- Jan. 16 [Success at Work](#): The Science of Goal Setting
- Jan. 22 [Child Care & Parenting](#): Raising Well-Balanced Children
- Jan. 28 [Your Healthy Lifestyle](#): Eat Your Way to a Healthy Year

This series will continue throughout the year. [Click here to download the brochure.](#)

Register by January 10

Class runs online on Fridays, 1PM-2PM, January-April 2025



### How to Create a Climate Venture - Online Class in Spring 2025

[Click here to register.](#)

[This course](#) through Harvard's iLabs is for people who want to found a climate start up to tackle climate change, but do not yet have an idea or whose idea is nascent. The class runs from February to April 2025 and meets Fridays 1-2pm ET. Questions? Please reach out to Rebekah Emanuel at [rebekah\\_emanuel@harvard.edu](mailto:rebekah_emanuel@harvard.edu).

**Saturday, December 14, 2-2:30PM [In Person]**



### Science Spotlight: Sweaty Shrubs

**Location: Harvard Museum of Natural History, 26 Oxford Street, Classroom B, Third Floor**

Meet up-and-coming scientists and learn about questions at the forefront of research today in this series of short talks. Speaker: Melissa Mai, Graduate Student, the Holbrook Lab How do plants deal with too much salt? From the world's driest desert and tropical coastlines to your own neighborhood, plants get exposed to more salt than they'd like. Some plants have developed unique adaptations to handle extra salt, including a shrub that sweats! Join Harvard scientist Melissa Mai as she explains how multiple branches of science come together to help unearth this shrub's secrets.

20-minute talk followed by 10-minute Q&A session. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

Regular museum admission rates apply.

Presented by the Harvard Museum of Natural History  
and Harvard Museums of Science & Culture.

Thursday, January 23, 4-5:15PM [In Person]



### Skip the Small Talk

Location: GCC Area 5

[Register](#) by Monday, January 13.

Kick off the spring semester by connecting with your classmates! Join us for Skip the Small Talk, an event where you can get to know others by talking about the things you actually care about! We'll be offering prompts with "big talk" conversational questions to get you started, and we'll have lots of structure to facilitate meaningful conversations. We'll give you ground rules and guide you through the event to make sure you feel comfortable and safe sharing as much of yourself as possible while still feeling in complete control of how much you divulge.

Want to learn more about Skip the Small Talk?  
Visit the website at <https://www.skipthesmalltalk.org>.

## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

**TOGETHER WE THRIVE**

**HGSE ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION INITIATIVES**

Together We Thrive is a new collaborative initiative born out of HGSE's DEI Coordinating Committee (DEICC) to highlight the important accessibility and inclusion resources for our community to utilize. Revitalized in Spring 2024, the DEICC is a cross-campus coalition sponsored by the Dean's Office to coordinate community-wide, DEI-related efforts for maximum impact. This group identified three initial recommendations to better support accessibility and inclusion at HGSE:

- Religious Observances Calendar
- Barriers to Access Form
- Event Accessibility Checklist

Available online, in Outlook, or as a PDF

<https://bit.ly/religiousobservanceshgse>   <https://bit.ly/hgsebarrierstoaccess>  
<https://bit.ly/eventaccessibilitychecklisthgse>

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**WAGs**

Join Student Support Services Academic Coaches in our weekly **WORKING ACCOUNTABILITY GROUPS!**

More information and Zoom links on the Hub.



## Work Accountability Groups

Student Support Services in the Office of Student Affairs will be offering Work Accountability Groups (WAGs) twice a week on Zoom (Thursdays 8-10 PM and Sundays 2-4 PM) throughout the year. These accountability groups are two hours long and provide a space for students to work together with fellow students, in the comfort of their own workspace, and in a supportive environment. An Academic Coach will run the accountability group and will be there to provide structure and any immediate support needed by students. Stay tuned in the OSA Weekly newsletter for the start date for this year's WAGs.

For more information, please visit the [WAG website](#).

## CRIMSON CUPBOARD



### Crimson Cupboard

The Office of Student Affairs has a limited number of shelf-stable food items available to students who may be facing food insecurity. To access the cupboard, please fill out this [brief survey](#) with your contact information. Rilda Kissel (Associate Director of Student Support Services) will follow up to arrange a time for students to access the pantry.



### The Appian Way Alliance for Alumni of Color

The mission of [The Appian Way Alliance for Alumni of Color](#) (The Alliance) is to create a vibrant, inclusive, active, and supportive community of HGSE alumni and students of color. The Alliance creates opportunities through community-wide and regional events for alumni of color to connect with one another; enhances relationships between alumni and students of color; provides academic, career, and other types of support to students; and proactively addresses issues of equity, inclusion, access, and diversity at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and in our communities. Please contact The Alliance at [HGSEalliance@gmail.com](mailto:HGSEalliance@gmail.com) if you have any questions or want additional information, and please join their [LinkedIn group](#)!



### Mindfulness for Students at the Center for Wellness and Health Promotion

As we start the new semester here at [CWHP](#), we are excited to offer a variety of mindfulness programs to support your wellbeing. Subscribe to the monthly newsletter [here](#) for more information on wellness offerings, classes, and workshops!

## RELIGIOUS RESOURCES



### Harvard Chaplains

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The Harvard Chaplains, a professional community of more than thirty chaplains, represent many of the world's religious, spiritual, and ethical traditions, and share a collective commitment to serving the spiritual needs of the students, faculty, and staff of Harvard University. Learn more on the [Chaplains website](#).



#### Prayer Space on the HGSE Campus

Longfellow 214 is a dedicated prayer space here on the HGSE campus. Recognizing that not all buildings are open during the weekends, Gutman 440 has been reserved as prayer space on Saturday and Sundays, during regular Library hours.



#### The Memorial Church of Harvard University

The Memorial Church of Harvard University, part of a [vibrant interfaith network of Harvard](#), is an interdenominational Protestant church in the midst of Harvard Yard that serves as a place of spiritual refuge to the entire community. “MemChurch” stands opposite Widener Library as a visible reminder of the historical and spiritual heritage that has sustained Harvard for nearly four centuries. In addition to our [regularly scheduled services](#), we also offer a variety of [programming](#) for students, adults, and children.



## Harvard Hillel

[Harvard Hillel](#) is a Jewish home on campus that seeks to:

- Welcome students to experience the variety of Jewish identity, tradition, practice, values, culture, and community.
- Inspire and enable Jewish connection, celebration, and action.
- Prepare students to join, create, shape, and lead Jewish communities; strengthen the Jewish people, and live proud Jewish lives.
- Share Jewish sources, traditions, ideas, and innovations, and their relevance in our world.
- Forge connection and engagement with the State of Israel.
- Foster friendship in a nurturing and refreshing sanctuary amid the stresses of student life.
- Engage the unique opportunities of Harvard and make Jewish thought and culture integral in the life of the University.

Whether you're looking to unwind with friends, dive deeper into Hebrew language and culture, or celebrate the High Holidays, Harvard Hillel has got something for everyone. [Sign up for the Grad Events newsletter](#) today.



**Please Note:** In addition to student events and resources, the HGSE Weekly Newsletter is the official communication channel for important information regarding Commencement.