

— HGSE — Weekly

Office of
Student Affairs



Monday, October 7, 2024

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, October 7 through Thursday, October 10



Celebrate World Mental Health Week Across Campus!

Thursday, October 10, is World Mental Health Day! Student Wellbeing at Harvard has a whole week of programming to support you and introduce you to campus resources. Every student registered for an event will be added to a raffle for a free massage through the Center for Wellness and Health Promotion!

For the full list of events, please visit [Student Wellbeing at Harvard's website](#).

Note that some events require registration, due to limited space.

Monday, October 7 through Thursday, October 10



SET GenAI @ HGSE Feedback Opportunities!

The Student Experience Team **want to hear about your experience with GenAI use** at HGSE!

The team is running interviews throughout Oct 7-10, [please register your interest here](#). All interviewees will receive a \$10 Gutman voucher for their time.

If you are unable to participate in interviews but remain keen to share your feedback, the team is also seeking feedback through [this feedback survey](#). Respondents who are happy to share their email address will automatically be entered into a raffle to win HGSE swag!

Monday, October 7 through Wednesday, October 16



Call for Participants: Join our Focus Group - Share Your Graduate Admission Journey

As an HGSE student, you experienced the Admissions process firsthand and were successful! As we think ahead to future Admissions cycles, we are eager to learn from your experience as an HGSE applicant, specifically to residential Ed.M. programs. Although we will explore a wide variety of perspectives in the future, for these particular focus groups the admissions team is focused on hearing from domestic Ed.M. students with prior professional experience to understand how our Admissions, Marketing, & Communications teams can ensure that future students are able to learn about, apply, and attend HGSE. We invite you to reflect on what is working well and what can be improved for future applicants in a focus group hosted by the Learning, Teaching, and Assessment team.

Focus group sessions will be held on Zoom at the following times (EDT):

- **Monday, Oct. 7, 12pm-1:15pm**
- **Tuesday, Oct. 15, 12pm-1:15pm**
- **Wednesday, Oct. 16, 12pm-1:15pm**
- **Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:30pm-8:45pm**

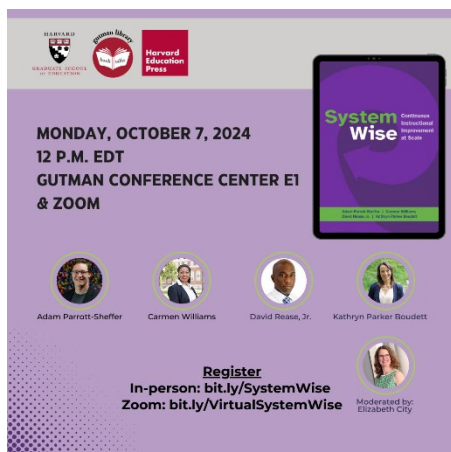
Student input is enormously valued at HGSE and is integral to our work, as educators, to understand and improve learning experiences. In appreciation for your time and contributions, those who participate in a focus group will receive an HGSE sweatshirt.

If you are interested in sharing your perspective, please share your availability by completing this [brief interest and consent form](#) as soon as possible. Space may be limited, so if we are unable to host you in this round of focus groups, we will save your information for future feedback opportunities.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for feedback that can support current

students and future Ed.M. cohorts. Please contact Katherine Farrar at kfarrar@gse.harvard.edu with any questions.

Monday, October 7, 12PM-1PM EDT [Hybrid]



Gutman Library Hybrid Book Talk - System Wise: Continuous Instructional Improvement at Scale

[RSVP here.](#)

Adam Parrott-Sheffer, Carmen Williams, David Rease, Jr., and Kathryn Parker Boudett provide a blueprint to scale up the 'Data Wise' process for continuous improvement, extending it from classrooms and schools to broader educational contexts.

Monday, October 7, 3PM-4PM EDT [In Person]



Harvard College Math Department Lecture by HGSE Adjunct lecturer Dan Rothstein

Harvard Science Center Room 309

What happens when students learn to ask their own questions? How can that improve teaching and learning?

To learn more and register, [click here.](#)

Monday, October 7, 4PM-5PM EDT [Virtual]



HARVARD Kennedy School

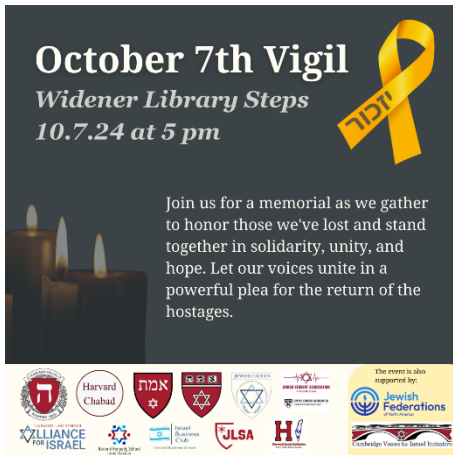
RAPPAPORT INSTITUTE
for Greater Boston

Rappaport Summer Fellowship Information
Session

Learn more about the HKS Rappaport Summer Public Policy Fellowship which offers local graduate students an opportunity to work at a Massachusetts state or municipal agency for 10 weeks. Students receive an \$8,500 stipend and meet with policymakers weekly. They are also paired with two mentors for the summer.

[Register here for the information session.](#)

Monday, October 7, 5PM EDT [In Person]



October 7th Vigil

Widener Library Steps

Join in for a memorial as the Harvard community gathers to honor those we've lost and stand together in solidarity, unity, and hope. Let our voices unite in a powerful plea for the return of hostages.

Monday, October 7, 6PM-7:30PM EDT [In Person]



Research Perspectives to Develop Children's Social, Emotional, and Academic Skills through Robotics and Brain Games in Chile

Gutman Conference Center 4

Harvard's EASEL Lab has partnered with Fundación Kiri, a multidisciplinary Chilean organization, to enhance school-age children's social and emotional learning (SEL) in Chile. This event will showcase the methods and findings from this partnership, including

the development of Brain Games, the adaptation of Brain Games for the Chilean context, Kiri's programming and the integration of Brain Games into its robotics curriculum, and the methods and preliminary findings from the evaluation study.

Wednesday, October 9, 11AM-1PM EDT [In Person]



Career Lab

Gutman 2nd Floor Suite

Do you have a question about your resume, internship opportunities, or career exploration? Stop by Career Services' Career Lab for a quick, 15-minute drop-in session. No appointment is needed. It's first come, first serve!

Career Lab happens every other Wednesday.

Wednesday, October 9 - Monday, October 28, 12PM EDT [Virtual]

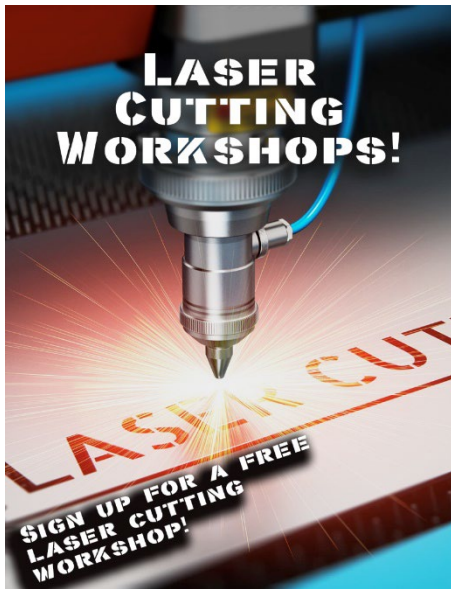


Webinar Series: Redesigning Education and Work for the Future

Join the [Project on Workforce](#) at Harvard for a lunchtime dialogue series to learn how leaders in education, industry, policy, and workforce development are innovating across the education-to-work ecosystem.

[Sign up here.](#)

FIRST SESSION: Wednesday, October 9, 12PM-1PM EDT [In Person]



Laser Cutting Workshops

[Sign up](#) to learn the basics of safely using the laser cutters in the HGSE makerspace.

Each session is approximately 1 hour long and will promptly start at the listed time. Space is limited.

Wednesday, October 9, 2PM-4PM EDT [In Person]



Stop by the HUHS Open House

Smith Campus Center in the HUHS First Floor Conference Room

HUHS is hosting its Fall Open House and we would love to see you there. This event is a tabling event and is open to the entire Harvard community. The Open House is an opportunity for attendees to learn more about the services and resources offered at HUHS, and include information from some of our campus partners who work closely with us throughout the year to enhance our care and reach.

Thursday, October 10, 3PM EDT [Virtual]

Innovative Approaches to Family and Community Engagement in Schools



GUEST Eyal Bergman GUEST Shadae Harris GUEST Karen Mapp HOST Josephine Kim

Thursday, October 10
3:00 PM ET

[Register here for the link.](#)

Research shows significant benefits for students and educators when schools actively partner with families to support young people's learning and development, including lower rates of chronic absenteeism. We dig into innovative strategies for engaging with families and growing effective home, school, and community partnerships.

Thursday, October 10, 5PM-6:30PM EDT [In Person]



HGSE Hangouts

First Floor of the Gutman Library

Join your fellow HGSE students every Thursday to unwind over snacks, conversations, and games. Whether you're looking to relax after a long week or meet new friends, this is the place to be all fall semester. Food will be served on a first come, first served basis.

Thursday, October 10, 6PM EDT [In Person]



World Mental Health Day: Healing Through the Arts

Join in for a screening of the film, Sing Sing, with a post-film discussion, classical music, dance and more!

For more information and to register, [click here.](#)

Friday, October 11, 12:15PM-1:15PM EDT [Virtual]



Navigating Election Season: Respectful Discourse and Staying Focused

Throughout election season, balancing academic and professional goals with the intensity of political discussions can be challenging. This virtual panel, featuring experts from diverse backgrounds—including running international education campaigns, strategizing for bipartisan youth leadership, and leading civil rights advocacy—will offer practical strategies for grounding yourself during times of stress. You'll learn how to engage with the election in a balanced way, navigate conversations across political differences with respect, and manage challenges while maintaining your well-being. Though nonpartisan, the discussion will provide insights into staying true to your priorities, thriving in tense moments, and fostering meaningful connections even in politically charged environments.

[Sign up here.](#)

Friday, October 11, 5PM-6:30PM EDT [In Person]



Navratri Night

Gutman Conference Center 1

Come celebrate the Indian Festival of Navratri with some Folk dance and Bollywood Music!

Sponsored by student organizations India at HGSE and HGSE Dance Club.

Friday, October 11 - Sunday, October 13 [In Person]



Africa Alive! 2024

The Center for the Study of African Societies and Economies (CSASE) will be hosting [Africa Alive! 2024](#), an unprecedented gathering of Harvard's African alumni and alumni passionate about Africa's future. The three-day program will feature insightful debate, high-level lectures from trailblazers in government and industry, and opportunities to engage a dynamic network of thought leaders with transformational ideas to accomplish the continent's priorities.

Space is limited, and registration is required. [Register here.](#)

APPLY BY Sunday, October 13



Student Conference Fund - Applications Open for Fall Conference Funding

HGSE is committed to supporting students' academic and professional development both within and outside of the classroom. The Student Conference Fund helps defray the cost of travel and registration fees for students who are presenting at or attending conferences. **The application deadline for funding for fall conferences is Sunday, October 13.** [Click here](#) for more information.

FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, October 15, 10:30AM-11:30AM EDT In Person



Voter Registration Organization Training

Location: Larsen 214

Please join Professor Richard Weissbourd of HGSE's Making Caring Common and trainer Michael Ansara to learn best practices for encouraging your community members to register to vote. This is a non-partisan training, focused on the importance of voting. Michael Ansara has spent many years as an activist and an organizer, including 15 years as a community organizer for Mass Fair Share. He has worked on political campaigns, coordinated voter registration efforts, and trained many organizers. This session is open to anyone in the HGSE community who knows eligible voters. [Please sign up here](#), to help us plan.

Tuesday, October 15, 12PM EDT [Virtual]



From Surviving to Thriving

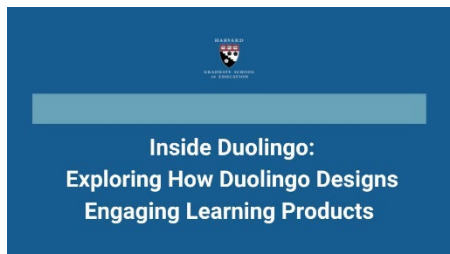
If you're caring for your children, aging parents, or even both, you don't need us to tell you how tough it can be. You're living it. What you need is real support, validation, and coping techniques you can use NOW.

Alexandra Drane is the co-founder and CEO of Archangels, the groundbreaking organization that's laser-focused on creating a culture of understanding and support for caregivers.

[Join her for a free webinar](#) with customized tips that you can put into practice no matter how overwhelmed you are. Yes, even you.

These Care Conversations webinars are free to attend, and a recording will be shared afterwards.

Tuesday, October 15, 4:30PM-5:30PM EDT [In Person]



Inside Duolingo: Exploring How Duolingo Designs Engaging Learning Products

Join Uriel Kejsefman, Senior Product Manager for Duolingo, for an overview of his role in managing the product development process and the product development lifecycle. Also, discuss Duolingo's UX and UI design processes and the lessons they've learned from engaging with learners. Uriel will also offer students an overview of how Duolingo uses AI to promote learning.

[Register on the Hub.](#)

Sponsored by Career Services

20-MIN SESSIONS: Wednesday, October 16, 11AM - 1PM EDT [In Person]



Alumni in Residence: Yael Duthilleul, Ed.M. '87, Ed.D. '96

Gutman 260 (located inside Student Services office suite on the second floor)

[Register for a 20-minute in-person session](#) to meet with HGSE alum Yael Duthilleul, Principal Education Technical Advisor at the Council of Europe Development Bank. Dr. Duthilleul has decades of experience working in global development roles at organizations including UNESCO and The World Bank. Read more about her background and [register here](#).

Thursday, October 17, 12PM - 1:30PM EDT [Virtual]



Crimson Connect: Alumni Student Networking

Join in for a virtual event that will connect HGSE alums and current students. Crimson Connect is designed to give students the opportunity to practice their professional networking skills and meet with alumni to hear about career paths and life after HGSE. Alumni from a variety of HGSE programs, graduation years, and geographies around the globe will attend and will share their post-HGSE career experiences.

[Register here.](#)

Thursday, October 17, 3PM EDT [Virtual]

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Education Now | High School Exit Exams: A Roadblock to Graduation or a Necessary Standard?

[Register here.](#)

In a ballot question this fall, voters in Massachusetts will be asked if they wish to end the requirement that high school students pass exit exams in math, English, and science to earn a diploma. With only a handful of states still using high school exit exams, we consider their effectiveness and discuss ways to help all youth succeed, including the most vulnerable.

Friday, October 18, 12PM-1PM EDT [In Person]



Professor Jonathan Jansen Student Networking Lunch

Longfellow 207

Join Chen Yidan Visiting Global Fellow, Professor Jonathan Jansen, for a casual catered lunch. Bring your questions!

[RSVP here.](#)

Friday, October 18, 12PM - 1:30PM EDT [Virtual]



Owning Your Space: Strategies for Empowerment

Register: <https://bit.ly/oct2024allianceevent>

Students are invited to attend this online session about navigating academic and other spaces, maximizing time at HGSE, and exploring different career pathways and opportunities. During a panel discussion and breakout sessions, attendees will have the opportunity to engage with alumni of color and learn about The Appian Way Alliance for Alumni of Color, a Shared Interest Group and vibrant community created to celebrate and support alumni and students of color at HGSE.

Monday, October 18, 12:30PM-1:30PM EDT [Hybrid]



The State of AI Literacy Worldwide - HGSE AI & Education Roundtable

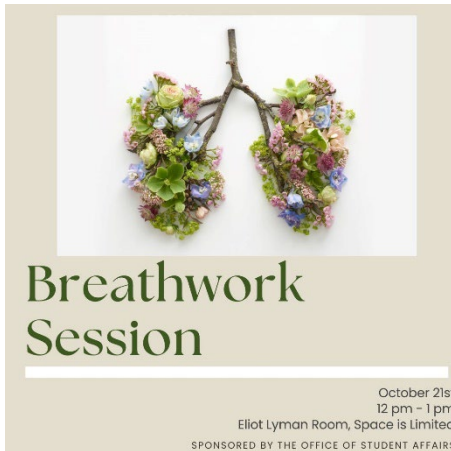
Gutman 305

What exactly does AI literacy encompass? Is it about empowering teachers, students, or both? Join us for the first of four hybrid sessions of The State of AI Literacy Worldwide, an AI & education roundtable, with Dr. Fengchun Miao from UNESCO.

[Register here.](#)

Presented by Gutman Library and the Dean's Office.

Monday, October 21, 12PM-1PM EDT [In Person]



Breathwork Session

Eliot Lyman (Longfellow 2nd Floor)

Please join us for an introductory Breathwork Class featuring Jason Felitto. This class is designed to provide a supportive space for our community to explore the power of breath and how it can enhance their physical, emotional, and mental well-being. Throughout this class, you will be introduced to a variety of breathwork techniques that have been proven to promote relaxation, reduce stress, and increase energy levels.

[Sign up today!](#)

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Monday, October 21, 12PM-1PM EDT [In Person]



Gutman Library Virtual Book Talk - The Privateers: How Billionaires Created a Culture War and Sold School Vouchers

[Register for the link here.](#)

Author Josh Cowen lays bare the surprising history of tax-funded school choice programs in the United States and warns of the dangers of education privatization. A former evaluator of state and local school voucher programs, Cowen demonstrates how, as such programs have expanded in the United States, so too has the evidence-informed case against them.

Tuesday, October 22, 12:25PM EDT [In Person]



Alternative Energy and Climate Change Poster Session and Ideas Fair

Are you researching alternative energies and climate change?

[Share your work](#) at Harvard Radcliffe Institute's annual science symposium poster session. **This year's symposium is titled "Power Shift: Energy Innovation, Sustainability, and Equity"**; the student poster session will be held during the symposium's lunch break.

Contributions on alternative energy – from any perspective, whether in the sciences, engineering, arts, humanities, social sciences, or policy analysis – are gladly welcome.

Questions? contact ventures@radcliffe.harvard.edu.

Tuesday, October 22, 5PM-6:30PM EDT [In Person]



Askwith Education Forum | Eliminating the MCAS High School Graduation Requirement

Askwith Hall

Voters in Massachusetts will soon decide if their state should end the requirement that high school students pass Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) exams to earn their diplomas and graduate. Join us for an informative discussion with education leaders on this issue.

To learn more and register, [click here](#).

Tuesday, October 24, 3PM-4PM EDT [In Person]



Lecture: Why Working Class Schools Still Fail Working Class Kids

Larsen 203

Attend a lecture by Chen Yidan Visiting Global Fellow, Professor Jonathan Jansen. An insider's perspective on a dysfunctional South African school, this lecture will cast light on the internal operations and external dynamics of a working class education that constrain learning, and how to break out of the cycles of despair that maintain the status quo.

[RSVP here.](#)

Monday, October 28, 12PM-1PM EDT [Virtual]



HGSE Stories of Success: Elliot Haspel, Ed.M. '09

Register: <https://bit.ly/elliotsuccessstory>

Join in for a virtual session to hear from HGSE alum **Elliot Haspel, Ed.M. '09**, who will be discussing his career path in education policy.

Elliot is a nationally recognized child and family policy expert and commentator, with specialties in early childhood and education issues, as well as the linkage between climate change and early childhood.

Come prepared to ask questions and join in conversation!

Thursday, October 31, 3PM EDT [In Person]

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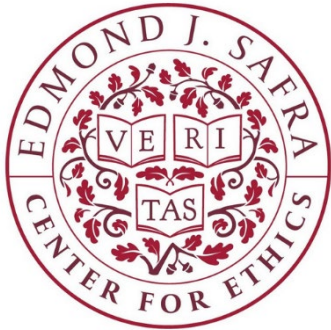
Education Now | Maintaining a Culture of Free Expression on College Campuses

[Register for the link here.](#)

Following widespread student protests in the spring, many American colleges and universities are reexamining how to balance free expression and open dialogue with preserving a safe, productive, and respectful learning environment. We look at lessons to be learned from evolving views about free speech policies on college campuses.

APPLY BY Friday, November 1, 11:59PM EST [In Person]

Graduate Fellowship in Ethics



The Edmond & Lily Safra Center for Ethics Graduate Fellowship Program invites applications from graduate students who are writing dissertations or are engaged in major research on topics in practical ethics, especially ethical issues in architecture, business, education, government, law, medicine, public health, public policy, and religion. [Click here](#) for more details.

If you have any questions, please contact ejsafrafellowships@fas.harvard.edu or [visit the website](#) for more information.

Thursday, November 14, 12PM-2PM EST [Virtual]



**Alumni in Residence: Patrick Healy, Ed.M. '19,
Performance Consultant, Coach**

[Register for a 20-minute session](#) to meet with Patrick Healy, Ed.M. '19, an experienced learning and performance consultant, coach, and instructional designer.

To learn more about Patrick's background and register [click here](#).

Thursday, November 14, 3PM EST [In Person]

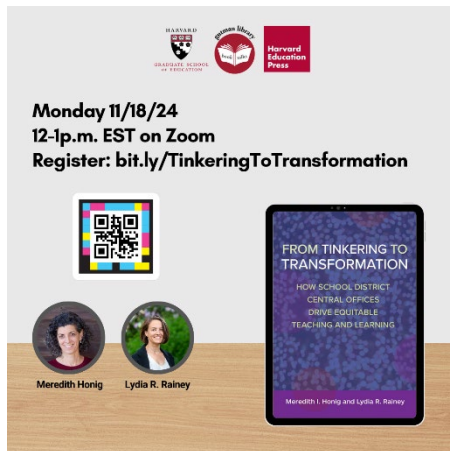


**Education Now | Teaching Students to Listen and
Talk Across Differences**

[Register for the Zoom link.](#)

In our polarized times, how can educators help young people cultivate the mindsets and skills needed to engage respectfully and constructively with people who have different points of view? Our panelists will discuss ways to guide students to listen to different perspectives, navigate conflict, and seek common ground.

Monday, November 18, 12PM-1PM EST [In Person]



Gutman Library Virtual Book Talk - From Tinkering to Transformation: How School District Central Offices Drive Equitable Teaching and Learning

[Register for the Zoom link.](https://bit.ly/TinkeringToTransformation)

Authors Meredith Honig and Lydia Rainey call on superintendents and other district leaders to rethink the very premises that underlie the long-standing ways of working in their central offices. Using lively case studies, detailed examples, and performance data from ten US school districts, Honig and Rainey deftly highlight how central offices must transform in order to support equitable teaching and learning in schools.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



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](#).



Masculini-Teas

MasculiniTeas is an intergenerational space for men and masc. students, staff, faculty, and post-doctoral fellows to come together in person and share the tea about their experiences and challenges navigating gender.

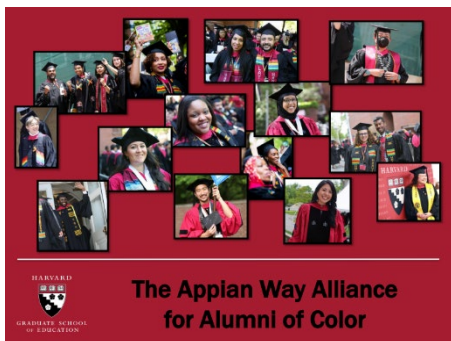
For more information and to sign up, email: OGE_shareRP@harvard.edu

Sponsored by the SHARE Team at Harvard

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 if

you have any questions or want additional information, and please join their [LinkedIn group!](#)

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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

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.

