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248 Massachusetts residents were accepted as a part of Harvard's class of 2014 including 22 Cambridge residents and 34 Boston residents.

HARVARD'S 20/20/2000 HOUSING INITIATIVE

Over the past decade, Harvard University has helped to build and renovate 4,350 units of affordable housing in Cambridge and Boston by investing \$20 million in low-interest loans through the Harvard 20/20/2000 initiative. Through it, Harvard has helped to fund approximately 17 percent of the affordable housing units built or renovated in Cambridge and Boston since 2000.

The Harvard 20/20/2000 initiative is a capital fund of \$20 million, over 20 years, provided at a 2 percent interest rate. Launched in 2000, it has supported 120 local housing projects to date.

"Quality, affordable housing means so much to families across the city, and the 20/20/2000 program demonstrates the value of the creative and productive partnerships that enable such progress," said Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, who has been a champion of affordable housing throughout his 17 years as mayor.

"Supporting the supply of affordable housing in Cambridge and Boston is just one of the many ways that Harvard is working to improve our local communities," said Harvard President Drew Faust. "We are pleased to join with the leadership of both cities on the 20/20/2000 initiative, which has helped to finance nearly one out of every six units built in Cambridge and Boston and provided many local working families with homes."



Photo Courtesy of the City of Boston

On Oct. 30, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino joined the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation, New Atlantic Development, Harvard University officials, and community members to celebrate the new Doña Betsaida Gutiérrez Housing Cooperative, located at the corner of Centre and Creighton Streets. The mixed-use building, named for a longtime Jamaica Plain activist, is the latest phase of the Blessed Sacrament affordable housing development, one of the largest recipients of 20/20/2000 funding in Boston. Above (l. to r.) State Rep. Jeffrey Sanchez, Harvard University Executive Vice President Katie Lapp, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, Doña Betsaida Gutiérrez, Boston's Director of the Department of Neighborhood Development Evelyn Friedman, Massachusetts Undersecretary of Housing and Community Development Tina Brooks, and Executive Director of the Jamaica Plan Neighborhood Development Corporation Richard Thal.



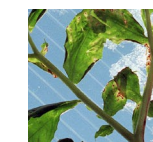
For an interactive map of 20/20/2000 projects, go to
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http://community.harvard.edu/housing_initiative



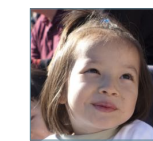
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Harvard helps to connect Boston & Cambridge students



Community Garden at Harvard sprouts



Local community cheers on the Crimson



HARVARD PARTNERSHIP LINKS BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS WITH INTERNET2

Students at three locations, including Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (CRLS) in Cambridge, the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science in Boston, and the Paradise Valley Unified School District in Arizona seemed like old friends with each other, the way they compared notes on the rigorousness of their courseloads and talked about social media.

But the students had never met before. Indeed, they weren't even in the same room. Instead, they viewed each other from 2,600 miles apart Wednesday (Sept. 22) on a high-definition screen, and talked in real time via a special Internet connection, thanks to a new partnership with Harvard and a special gift from Cisco Systems Inc.

"This is really high-end technology," said Nia Richardson, 17, an O'Bryant senior. "Knowing that we can communicate with classes in China or around the country is really exciting."

Harvard President Drew Faust, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, Boston Public Schools Superintendent Carol Johnson, and Cisco Vice President Ken Gaines at the O'Bryant "met" with Cambridge Superintendent Jeff Young and Dean Kathleen McCartney of the Harvard Graduate School of Education at CRLS and students in an Arizona classroom to kick off a new partnership designed to bring the world to local classrooms. Using an Internet2 connection donated by Harvard and speaking on TelePresence equipment donated by Cisco, the group celebrated the launch of this partnership on both sides of the Charles River.



Photo by Stephanie Mitchell/Harvard University

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Harvard University and Cisco unveil their gift to Boston and Cambridge schools that allows students and teachers to video conference with individuals around the world. At the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science in Boston, Drew Faust (from left), Ken Gaines, Carol Johnson, and Katie Lapp respond.

As part of this partnership, Harvard has agreed to share its access to the high-speed Internet2 connection with all 148 public schools in Boston and Cambridge. Internet2 is the most advanced networking consortium in the country, providing superfast connections to a broad range of the education sector, including universities, libraries, and museums. The partnership is the newest among hundreds of outreach programs in Boston and Cambridge.

"We see this as moving into the future with a new kind of partnership with technologies that those folks 375 years ago could never have imagined," Faust told the students. "We now, together, will have new ways of imagining what this technology can mean."

"I am so grateful to our friends at Cisco and Harvard for bringing the world to our students through this very cutting-edge technology," Menino said.

"This technology opens a list of possibilities that are unparalleled," Young agreed.

SUMMER SNAPSHOT: SUNNY SEASON BRINGS BIG IMPACT

In spring, trucks roll into Harvard Yard and students frantically pack up and move out. But Harvard by no means closes down. From June through August, campus is a whirl of activity, with summer school classes for local children and adults, undergrads running local youth programs, young scientists testing out research options at the Harvard Medical School, and more.



Photo by Stephanie Mitchell/Harvard University

David Wang '12, a former camp counselor turned Harvard undergraduate, who was a director of the **Chinatown Adventure** program this summer, called his experience “life-changing.” The program is one of 12 camps run by the Phillips Brooks House Association’s **Summer Urban Program** for underserved youths in Cambridge and Boston. The seven-week camps, for children 6 to 13, are run by Harvard undergrads and focus on literacy and math skills in the mornings. Afternoons include field trips to places like Paul Revere’s Boston home, the New England Aquarium, or a beach. There were about 900 campers this year. Wang, a pre-med concentrator, is considering joining Teach for America after graduation instead of heading directly to medical school, based on his experience working with local students. Even during the brief, seven-week period, he said, “I have been able to make a difference.” Counselors and campers alike are “changed by the summer,” said PBHA President Kaitlin Koga '11. The camp experience, she said, is “real and transformative.”

Since 1993, **Project Success** has connected high school students in Boston and Cambridge to mentored summer research internships at Harvard Medical School and its affiliated institutions. The summer program, operated by Harvard Medical School’s Office for Diversity and Community Partnership, includes career guidance counseling, and seminars and workshops given by faculty and administrators.

Harvard freshman Noel Haines spent the summer in a Massachusetts General Hospital lab. “I learned a lot of new things, met a lot of good people, learned a lot about the science field,” he said.

The Crimson Summer Academy at Harvard hosts children from Boston and Cambridge schools during the summer. Likang Zhang of Boston Latin Academy (left) works on a problem set with mentor Christine Hu '13.

This summer marked the tenth year of the **Cambridge-Harvard Summer Academy**, offering six weeks of courses for local students. It’s a partnership between the Cambridge Public Schools and the Teacher Education Program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and is held at the Cambridge Rindge & Latin High School that provides courses in science, English, math, and social studies.

For Cambridge Rindge & Latin School senior Pouchy Guerrier, coming to the **Crimson Summer Academy (CSA)** was “like starting kindergarten all over again.”

“CSA has changed my life,” said Guerrier, who was 13 and spoke little English when he moved from his native Haiti to Cambridge. “Before, I always worried about my accent, I didn’t think I’d go to college. Now, I’m comfortable talking to people, and I want to get a degree.”

The CSA is Harvard’s intensive residential and academic enrichment program that brings 90 high school students from Cambridge and Boston to Harvard over three consecutive summers. The program helps prepare talented, low-income students from the Boston area for selective four-year colleges. Students receive laptop computers and stipends to replace lost summer earnings, along with year-round mentoring, and \$3,000 scholarships to the colleges of their choice upon completion of the program. “It’s helped build my social skills, and my life plan,” said Guerrier.

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Photo by Julie Moscatel/Harvard University

Emily Wang of Cambridge enjoys a beautiful day in Harvard Stadium during Cambridge Family Football Day, one of many events open to the community that are sponsored by Harvard. What began nearly a decade ago has turned into an annual rite of fall for Cambridge residents.

FALL FORWARD: FOOTBALL AT HARVARD STADIUM

Family Football Days at Harvard are two events that are among the many sponsored by the University, which encourages and welcomes Harvard’s neighbors to campus year-round. Every year Harvard invites Cambridge and Allston-Brighton residents to Community Football Days to cheer on the Crimson.

Hundreds of residents turn out for Cambridge Family Football Day

Under a brilliant blue sky on Oct. 9, Harvard hosted 700 residents for Cambridge Family Football Day. This was the largest turnout on record as Harvard’s neighbors enjoyed lunch at the stadium and later watched Harvard beat Cornell, 31-17.

“The record number of Cambridge residents who turned out to watch the Crimson game this weekend points to the strong connection between Harvard and the Cambridge community,” said Mary Power, chief of community relations and executive director of community initiatives at Harvard. “We look forward to seeing even more neighbors — young and old alike — at the Community Football Days next year.”

Allston residents gather to chat and cheer at Allston Brighton Family Football Day

On Sept. 11 the Allston-Brighton Tent near Harvard Stadium was filled with neighbors sitting at round tables, eating sandwiches and cookies, and drinking soda. There was plenty of laughter, and music from the visiting marching bands. Harvard staff members handed out free tickets for the game between the Crimson and Holy Cross, which Harvard won, 34-6, in its season opener.

More than 300 residents gathered in groups, chatting while they ate. T. McAvoy and Beth Clemente Weitz were seated with another neighbor. McAvoy said it was a great annual event for the community, and Weitz agreed. Having grown up in Allston-Brighton, she had a long-term perspective.

“When we were growing up, Harvard felt elitist, but it’s different now,” said Weitz, whose 13-year-old daughter is being mentored in math for the second year by Harvard undergraduates at the nearby Harvard Allston Education Portal. “Now it seems Harvard is trying to do more for the community. You can see it in the Ed Portal, the farmers’ market, the skating rink, and the mini-golf and batting cages” at the Harvard Allston Field and Fairway.

GROWING FOOD & BUILDING COMMUNITY IN HARVARD SQUARE

Pumpkin carving, face painting, and pressing cider were just a few of the activities at the first annual Harvest Festival held this fall in the Harvard Community Garden. The event, planned by Harvard students who take care of the garden, marked the end of the garden’s first summer growing season.

Still producing flowers and fall vegetables, the garden was also brimming with students, community members, and passersby that day. They toured the garden and got tips on healthy and sustainable food production from the garden’s caretakers and enjoyed live music, cooking demonstrations and local and organic food.

The Harvard Community Garden is an ongoing collaboration managed by the Center for Health and the Global Environment at the Harvard Medical School, working closely with students, faculty, and administrators at Harvard, including the Office for Sustainability, the Food Literacy Project of Harvard University Dining Services, Landscape Services, the Graduate School of Design, the Faculty of Arts & Sciences, and the Harvard Garden Association.



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Students and community members enjoy Harvest Festival at the Harvard Community Garden, bringing together the community to raise awareness about the critical role that food plays in our environment and our health.



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news.harvard.edu/gazette/section/calendar/gazette-calendar/

PLAY BALL!

During the pre-game ceremonies at Fenway Park on Sept. 22, Harvard President Drew Faust threw out the first pitch for the game against the Baltimore Orioles.

Faust wore number 28 on her jersey, signifying her place in history as the University’s 28th president.



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