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Dear Students, Staff, and Faculty,

Today is bittersweet for us. Tomorrow, April 6th, we will be passing on the leadership mantle to Noelle Graham and Billy Wright. During this transition, we have seen first-hand Noelle and Billy's demonstrated dedication to advancing student causes, and we are confident they will carry on the torch with the positivity, strength, and grace that this time requires.

It has been the honor of our lives to serve as your Co-Presidents. We have been constantly inspired by the hard work you invest into building this community, and we are proud of the great things we have accomplished by working together. In advocating for enhancements to the university's wellness resources, recommending reform of the Character & Fitness portion of bar exam applications, and securing the release of the data from the HLS 2017 Mental Health Survey, we fostered an enabling environment for improved

student health and well-being. By championing LRW reform, pursuing more flexible class recording policies, and providing housing matches for ASW admitted students, we recognized the diverse needs of the student body and improved the academic environment for all students. And in launching new school-wide events like the Apple Picking trip, the Halloween Costume Contest, and our first Custodial & Dining Staff Appreciation Week, we created space for our community to thrive.

We welcome you to read more about Student Government's accomplishments this year in our annual report attached below.

Finally, while the members of this community may be scattered all over the world, we have learned that we are bound by ties that transcend our physical proximity to Wasserstein Hall, and we remain confident that our shared resilience will see us through these trying times. We hope that in this time of great uncertainty, we will find solace by reflecting on the dreams that have inspired our journeys so far. And that through this period of isolation, we will find the grace to appreciate our relative privilege, and to renew our individual and collective commitments to uplifting the causes of those who may not be as fortunate.

Thank you, and take care.

Sincerely,

Princess Daisy Akita & Daniel Egel-Weiss

Student Body Co-Presidents

Thank you to the 2019 - 2020 Student Government!

William "Billy" Wright, Chief of Staff

Sarah Rutherford, Director of Student Orgs

Hannah Dawson, Director of Comm./3L Rep

Joey Montgomery, Treasurer

Vivianna Hanley, Academic Affairs Co-Chair

Ebony Slaughter-Johnson, Academic Affairs Co-Chair

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Armani Madison, Diversity & Inclusion Chair
Josh Martin, Events Chair/2L Rep
Phebe Hong, Health & Wellness Co-Chair
Matthew Elkwood, Health & Wellness Co-Chair
Faith Jackson, Student Affairs Chair
Katie Bruck, Public Interest Co-Chair
Megan Jones, Public Interest Co-Chair
Brooke Davies, HLS Talks Co-Chair
Zachary Weinstein, HLS Talks Co-Chair

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Noelle Graham, 2L Rep
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Irfan Mahmud, 1L Rep
Velo-Vincent van Houden, 1L Rep
Erin Savoie, 1L Rep
Ivanka Diaz Canzius, 1L Rep
Kathryn Reed, 1L Rep
Ryan Gribbin-Burket, Transfer Rep
Nayara Ferreira Araujo Alves, LL.M Rep
Daniel O'Farrill Cortes, LL.M Rep
Jackie Mwangi, S.J.D Rep

Addressing Outstanding Student Concerns Re: COVID-19 Response

Last week, we heard from several of you regarding concerns that were yet to be addressed by HLS leadership. We have included below a list of concerns that we have raised directly with the Administration since last week. While many items are still being figured out, we are encouraged by the Administration's

willingness to hear us on each of these issues:

- Tuition reimbursements
- Facilities reimbursements
- Health insurance extension beyond July 31
- Hark Vouchers for students living in North Hall
- Provision of guidance regarding status of EIP
- Guidance on expected employer action for the upcoming summer
- Reprieve from interest accrual on private HLS loans
- Bar Exam Concerns - Diploma Privilege
- Providing support to graduating students given postponement of Bar

exams

- Elimination of cold-calling for the remaining weeks of the semester
- Continued ad board/disciplinary proceedings
- LLM Paper extension
- Elimination of LPs for 1Ls

Noelle & Billy will continue to work on these issues moving forward. We are confident in their ability to get answers to the many questions we all have during this uncertain time.

OCS Meetings Regarding Impact of COVID-19

Please click on the link below for the various times of these meetings. Each year (1L, 2L, 3L, and LLM) has its own separate meeting.

[REGISTER here.](#)

Student Government Teaching & Advising Awards

Nominations* for the 2020 Student Government Teaching & Advising Awards are open. Please take a moment to [submit your nomination](#) by 5 pm on Friday, April 17.

Faculty can define our educational experiences. If professors, instructors, visitors, Climenkos, career advisors, etc., took the time to mentor you or put in effort above and beyond what they were required to do, take a moment to nominate them for a student award!

*All nominations are read and appreciated, and unsuccessful nominations are carried forward into future years, so that even faculty who have a very significant impact on just a few students every year can be recognized in due time.

Wellness Resources

COVID-19 has made staying well and remaining connected to each other more important than ever. To that end, we hope you will find the [Dean of Students Office Remote Access Events](#) helpful as a way to remain connected.

Additionally, consider accessing these wellness resources from across the university:

- Leverage wellness workshops and resources posted on the [HUHS page](#). It's the scrolling section in the middle of the page.
- Access a [list of virtual events and resources](#) provided by The Center for Wellness
- Join a virtual class through [Harvard Athletics](#).

Change to Office Hours for HLS HIO Advisor, Peter O'Meara

Peter O'Meara, HIO Advisor for HLS, holds office hours for HLS students and scholars during the 2019-2020 academic year. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person office hours are suspended for the rest of the Spring 2020 semester. Please email Peter O'Meara directly with any questions at peter_omeara@harvard.edu.

Alternatively, if you would like to speak with Peter by phone, please call Peter at

his direct line, 617-496-2819, and he will answer using Jabber, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Meet in the Middle: Law Student Accountability Group

Mid-Week Zoom Meetings to Help HLS Students Stay on Track

- Four Wednesdays, April 8 through April 29 12, noon to 1:15 pm. Come to all the meetings or just the ones you want to attend.
- Facilitated by Harvard Academic Resource Center Graduate Academic Coach Dorothy Bisbee, JD, and developed with the Board of Student Advisers (BSAs). Meets on Zoom.

Do you keep putting off writing papers or studying for exams? Come join us on Zoom for a weekly priority check and energy boost! At the start of each session, everyone will state objectives for the next 45 minutes of focused work. During the work time, students may keep their cameras on or turn them off; everyone will be muted. Afterwards, participants will share their progress & new goals. Those who want to strategize more may stay on the call afterwards. Dorothy has worked with hundreds of HLS students, and can share tips about what has worked for them.

Topic: HLS Accountability Group

Time: This is a recurring meeting Wednesdays, 12 noon to 1:15 pm, April 8 through April 29

Join Zoom meeting

<https://harvard.zoom.us/j/211172647>

Managing Your Money During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought with it a harsh reminder of our financial fragility. During times of uncertainty, it becomes especially crucial to focus on what's within our control. In this free webinar, we will walk you through four

steps of navigating this and any financial crisis. Topics include organizing financial accounts and debt, bridging unemployment and income uncertainty, prioritizing outflows, and constructing credible support systems. The CARES Act and what to do with your stimulus check will also be discussed.

[Tuesday, April 7 at 2pm ET](#)

[Tuesday, April 7 at 7pm ET](#)

[Thursday, April 9 at 4pm ET](#)

HMS COVID-19 Student Task Force

Interested in reducing the effects of COVID-19 and flattening the curve? Volunteer to support health care workers outside the hospital. Our hospitals will become inundated with patients in the coming weeks. Health care workers will be working extra shifts to meet the high demand. Personal obligations will limit their ability to do so, especially as schools and childcare centers close. By supporting these health care workers outside the hospital we let them fight the pandemic inside the hospital. Student volunteer services include childcare, grocery and pharmacy runs etc. Please read more **here** to learn how you can stay safe while volunteering, to learn if you qualify, and to sign up. We thank you for your generosity. Questions? student.covid.response@gmail.com
Form: <https://bit.ly/studentssupport>

Harvard Graduate Council Elections

The Spring 2020 elections for the Harvard Graduate Council will take place on Monday, 6th of April 2020, 7-9 PM. Virtual meeting details TBD. The nomination link can be found [here](#).

The following positions are up for election this spring:

President*

Vice President*

Chair of Internal Operations

Chair of Finance

Chair of Events

Chair of Advocacy

Chair of Information

Link to current position descriptions: <https://hgc.harvard.edu/executive>

Eligibility: You must be a current Harvard graduate student enrolled in a graduate degree program to be eligible to run for any of the positions.

Check Out [HLS Intel!](#)

The logo for HLS Intel, featuring the text "hlsintel" in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font. The text is centered within a light gray rectangular background.

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