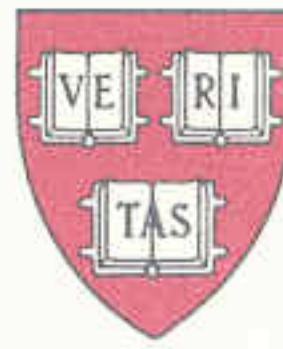


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Dear Member of the Class of 2001:

I invite you to participate in an unprecedented study at Harvard--*The Harvard Study of Undergraduate Writing*. During the next four years, we will be following your class, surveying you from time to time about your writing experiences at Harvard, asking you about those courses, instructors, and personal experiences which have influenced you.

This is the **first** longitudinal study to follow a college class through all four years. If you participate, you will have the chance to teach Harvard something important about the undergraduate experience. Your comments will always remain confidential.

How to join the study

To participate in the study, you need to fill out a short questionnaire twice during this year, now and again in May. Then in the next three years, you'll fill out a brief questionnaire each May. Answering the questionnaire will take about one-half hour.

The first questionnaire is already on the web and waiting for you to complete.

To access the questionnaire, point your web browser to: <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~wrstudy>

Please complete the questionnaire by **OCTOBER 6th**.

Each time you complete a questionnaire, we will send you a gift certificate for a free pizza at Pizzeria Uno in Harvard Square.

Thank you for participating.

Yours,

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