

August 5, 2020

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Dear Dr. Hauser,

I learned of your “**IECA College : Harvey Mudd**” Message from another IECA Member. Please read my response to your Message regarding my ten HMC Facts. I want you and other IECA Members to properly understand the current HMC. FYI, “**And he is angry**” is NOT an accurate description of me and my concerns about HMC. I am concerned that HMC is being destroyed academically by President Klawe. I am not the only HMC alum that has this concern.

I am impressed that you have taken the time and effort to analyze my August 4, 2020 email message, even though your analysis is severely flawed. I would appreciate a response to the points that I have queried you about below.

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Fact 1) You have not disputed the accuracy of my statement. FYI, here is the appropriate section of the 1973 College Rater, which shows the very high ranking of HMC 47 years ago:

**III. PRIVATELY SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS (except women’s colleges):**

Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1. Harvard . . . . .	1023	8. Columbia . . . . .	901
2. Yale . . . . .	992	9. Haverford . . . . .	900
3. California Inst. of Tech. . . . .	975	10. Swarthmore . . . . .	899
4. Chicago . . . . .	974	11. Stanford . . . . .	891
5. Massachusetts Inst. of Tech. . . . .	945	12. Johns Hopkins . . . . .	888
6. Princeton . . . . .	908	13. Harvey Mudd . . . . .	881
7. Dartmouth . . . . .	908	14. Brown . . . . .	879

Fact 2) You have not disputed the accuracy of my statement. The current 8/4/20 HMC Fast Facts state “Graduate Placement 2019: Graduate or professional school: 23 percent”. This statement about “Graduate or profession school” does not mean “sending 23% of grads to science PhD programs.” The 1/9/15 HMC Fast Facts stated “Graduate Placement: Graduate or professional school: Nearly 40 percent”. Among the 13 Physics Majors in the HMC Class of 1965: 10 (77%) received PhDs in Physics and other fields and 1 (8%) received a MS; one Co-Valedictorian (me) received a PhD in Physics from Stanford and the other Co-Valedictorian received a PhD in Physics from Caltech.

Fact 3) You have not disputed the accuracy of my statement. I have checked the HMC Physics Majors who have received Physics PhDs at Stanford, Caltech, and UC Berkeley and there has been a dramatic decline since the 1960s at all three universities. There is extensive evidence that the percentage of HMC graduates who attend top STEM graduate schools has declined in all fields. Please tell me if your son

applied to and was accepted at any of the top computer science graduate schools (Carnegie Mellon, MIT, Stanford, UC Berkeley). The U Chicago computer science graduate school is ranked #30 (see <https://www.usnews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-science-schools/computer-science-rankings>).

Fact 4) You have not disputed the accuracy of my statement. My contention is the HMC is violating its original Mission Statement based on the evidence that I have presented in my ten facts. HMC students cannot “assume leadership in their fields” as “engineers, scientists, and mathematicians” if they have only a BS degree and a high initial salary.

Fact 5) You have not disputed the accuracy of my statement. HMC “now preferentially selects females and minority students” as explained in the two cited references and elsewhere. The percentage of white male students has declined from about 95% in the 1960s to about 15% now and this is NOT a merit-based decline.

Fact 6) You have not disputed the accuracy of my statement. HMC tuition has gone up much faster than inflation and faster than at other colleges and is now essentially the highest tuition in the US. President Klawe is among the highest paid college presidents in the US.

Fact 7) You have not disputed the accuracy of my statement. Please comment on my evidence that “HMC professors have these political leanings: 65% very liberal, 32% liberal, and 3% conservative. There are NO conservative professors under the age of 50.” A HMC student cannot receive an objective college education with that level of liberal domination. Can you or your son name a single conservative HMC professor?

Fact 8) You have not disputed the accuracy of my statement. There is overwhelming evidence that HMC has embraced the BLM Movement since June. Please read the June 3, 2020 HMC “Statement of Solidarity” with BLM: <https://docs.google.com/document/u/1/d/e/2PACX-1vR9P0Z4aolVclypiYYGQqz3Zp2prOVAo9dZsGuJi4CQImxDHRmthmjpEpH0jTGzdgUoNKPowKNC6RL/pu> . Furthermore, you made a false statement about me when you wrote: “‘Black Lives Matter,’ a position with which this author clearly and vehemently disagrees.” I provide profound evidence in Fact 9) that Black Lives Matter a GREAT deal to me.

Fact 9) You have not disputed the accuracy of my statement. Indeed, you completely ignored the disrespect shown at HMC for Dr. Chrissy Lawrence in 2015 and you grossly misrepresented my 2015 disinvitation to speak at HMC. I was disinvited because I made the following ENTIRELY ACCURATE statement about the entirely inappropriate 2015 HMC Commencement Speaker Mary D. Nichols, JD: “I can make a strong case that she is the most dishonest and unethical government official in California.” As part of the documentation of the accuracy of my statement, please listen to the three-minute 2010 statement by my BROTHER Jon Cloud of San Diego: <http://scientificintegrityinstitute.org/Cloud042210.wav> (this .wav file plays on an iPhone or similar device). Note the historically important sentences that he cites from memory. Also, please listen to the nine-minute 2012 statement by my BROTHER Randy Thomas of Watts: <http://scientificintegrityinstitute.org/thomas.mp3> . These links are clearly shown on page 5 of the PDF cited in Fact 9 of my August 4 email: [www.scientificintegrityinstitute.org/HMCBlock011219.pdf](http://www.scientificintegrityinstitute.org/HMCBlock011219.pdf) . Nichols and her corrupt regulatory agency destroyed the careers of my BROTHERs Jon and Randy and you ignored all of this in your “**And he is angry**” summary. You certainly did not do “a very careful reading of his letter and references.”

Fact 10) You have not disputed the accuracy of my statement. Indeed, you made a false statement about me by claiming "Again, this is an author who is seemingly very angry about efforts to include people of color in academia and STEM." I strongly support merit-based inclusion of people of color in academia and STEM, just like I strongly support my blue-collar BROTHERS Jon and Randy. What I am really concerned about is the extensive evidence that "President Klawe . . . is playing a major national role in the current AAAS **deconstruction** of science and the scientific method." However, the evidence of **deconstruction** is too complicated to present and explain in this email message.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Holly Hauser

**Date:** August 4, 2020 at 2:35:46 PM CDT

**Subject:** RE: IECA College : Harvey Mudd

**Reply-To:** IECAONLINE-college@ConnectedCommunity.org

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Aug 4, 2020 3:36 PM

[Holly Hauser](#)

Of course, I also received this email. I think everyone did. But I would like to respond, even though I initially felt this diatribe did not warrant a response. So, please forgive my rather long email!

**Please understand - after a very careful reading of his letter and references, it appears that this is what happened... info all referenced in his documentation. This is an HMC alum who asked to speak at a physics event. He was welcomed to campus and given a speaking date. But, in the meanwhile, another speaker was invited to graduation. He**

**sent a nasty email to the STUDENT who had invited that speaker. She forwarded the email to HMC administration, who responded: "While we are open to having speakers on campus with differing points of view, I think it is untenable for one of our speakers to attack another in such a fashion, especially in an email to a current student who will be attending commencement. " He was disinvented. And he is angry.**

I read this wild email last night in great detail, as my child, who happens to be a white man, graduated from HMC with a dual degree in mathematics and computer science in May 2020 and will start his PhD in CS/ machine learning at the University of Chicago in September. Most of his friends are also entering PhD programs, with Cornell's operations research program the one I think a couple of his friends have chosen. My son had several other options. During his time at Mudd he published original research with a professor, and has been supported in presenting his work at both US and international mathematics academic conferences.

So, I will comment on each of his points and I hope you will forgive me... my son and I assumed those who received this would know enough about HMC to just hit delete, but since it's a small school and these are serious charges, perhaps it's better to look at them critically. Especially as I now see this thread weaving through our forum, elevating this voice - a voice which to me sounds filled with hatred, racism and sexism.

To the 10 points:

1. Ranking. HMC does consistently top the Payscale rankings as the highest paid graduates in the United States. [www.payscale.com/research/US/School=Harvey\\_Mudd\\_College/...](http://www.payscale.com/research/US/School=Harvey_Mudd_College/...) #1 for pay, #1 for return on investment. It is ranked #23 in liberal arts colleges by US News. I don't know how the formulas differ from the 1973 College Rater to the 2020 US News, but I don't necessarily think the US News rankings fairly represent all aspects of a great education. That having been said, HMC remains a highly ranked college.

2. Lower portion of students pursuing graduate degrees. Context please? I don't know what he is comparing to... but sending 23% of grads to science PhD programs is pretty impressive. According to CBS news' reporting from the National Science Foundation, Harvey Mudd College was second only to Caltech and above MIT (3rd) in the number of students per capita going on to receive engineering and science PhDs between 1997-2006. Sorry if my data is slightly out of date; I have only so much time to refute this nonsensical letter. [www.cbsnews.com/news/...](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/...)

3. The number who go to the "best" schools has declined... and here the author references only his own website. Specifically, if you read his reference, he got his Physics PhD at Stanford and wonders why fewer HMC students are attending Stanford for their PhDs in Physics... He looks ONLY at Stanford (because the "best schools" is one school, his school) and ONLY at Physics PhDs (because that's what he has, a PhD in Physics from Stanford). So, you decide. Is that information relevant to you?

4. Yes. The first part of this is true. Since the 1960s when this writer graduated, HMC has indeed added computer science to the curriculum and continues to emphasize social justice with scientists. In fact, the enduring mission statement of HMC since its founding has been:  
*"Harvey Mudd College seeks to **educate** engineers, scientists, and mathematicians well versed in all of these areas and in the humanities and the social sciences so that they may assume **leadership** in their fields with a clear understanding of the impact of their work on society."*  
As to part B, I cannot tell you the specific motivations of some students to take highly paid jobs (see #1 ranking), but it is true that the graduates of HMC are the highest paid graduates in the United States.

5. I also believe this point is true, and that HMC has worked to expand access to female and minority students to a world class STEM education. I would ask that if you want specifics on their program, you speak to Maria Klawe, PhD, the president of Mudd for clarification. I believe she is very proud of the fact that HMC was the

first college in the US to graduate more women than men in both computer science and engineering. [qz.com/730290/...](http://qz.com/730290/...)

I only question the author's assertion that this creates a campus environment detrimental to white males OR that white males are somehow inherently better at STEM. I would need evidence beyond his opinion on these issues, and even then, as a scientist and a woman and a mother of a white man who attended HMC and loved it, I don't think I would buy what he is trying to sell. I'm personally pretty happy that my son respects women and people of all shades and colors as equals in intellect and talent.

6. Yep, tuition has gone up since 1960. Here and everywhere.

7. Yes, it does seem that Mudd hired a professor with an expertise in racial issues and an interest in BLM, according to the referenced article: "Joining Harvey Mudd College this fall as an assistant professor of psychology, Gampa recently received his PhD in social psychology from the University of Virginia. There, he conducted research on racial attitudes and actively organized students against white supremacist groups such as the KKK."

Again, whether you celebrate or disparage this decision I will leave to you, my esteemed colleagues.

8. I am not sure whether Prof. Klawe reversed her position on BLM. However, she was apologetic to the community when she did not initially explicitly write that "Black Lives Matter" in an email, and she clarified her position immediately. So, perhaps our author would see this as even worse. Regardless, Prof. Klawe has publicly stated that "Black Lives Matter," a position with which this author clearly and vehemently disagrees.

9. Here is the crux. If you are really interested, read the email chains he has attached. I have tried to summarize his issue, that he was disinvited to speak after sending what HMC believes was an email that "crossed the line" to a STUDENT, in bold at the top of this way too long rebuttal.

10. This made me smile a little. The first guy listed on the AAAS website BoD is a professor of physics and molecular and cellular biology at Stanford... which is also (see #3) the only acceptable physics program. So, maybe he's a little confused? The other board members represent schools such as Brown, MIT, Georgia Tech, Case Western Reserve, University of Michigan, University of Washington, University of Maryland, etc... as well as groups like the NIH and the Gates Foundation. I don't think they are secretly working together to destroy science. Here is their comment on the #shutdownstem movement:

Science, engineering, and medicine are not immune to the discrimination, subjugation, and silencing of minority colleagues and voices. The reasons for this are deeply ingrained in the systems that govern the conduct of these fields. When we hold up a mirror to the scientific enterprise, we see that it's not only politicians and law enforcement that need to be reminded that Black lives matter..."As part of this, AAAS acknowledges and supports [#ShutDownSTEM](#), a grassroots movement that aims to 'transition to a lifelong commitment of actions to eradicate anti-Black racism in academia and STEM.'"

Again, this is an author who is seemingly very angry about efforts to include people of color in academia and STEM.

Do I feel better or worse that I spent all of my disposable income and more to send my son to Mudd? BETTER.

[#blm](#). #girlswhocode. Pick your hashtag - I would urge any student talented enough and fortunate enough to have the opportunity to attend this incredible academic institution to take it and embrace it and come away a better person for it.

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Original Message:

Sent: 8/4/2020 1:50:00 PM

Subject: Harvey Mudd

Hey Everyone,

I just received an email that I want to share. I'm somewhat perplexed as to how this person got my email - I'm sure there is some consulting list he found. But more so, what his purpose in sending this to us?

Christine

August 4, 2020

*Re: Harvey Mudd College Promotes Diversity and Social Justice, Not Rigorous STEM Education*

*Dear College Admission Counselor,*

*I am writing because I understand that you counsel high school students on college admission. I request that you inform those students who are interested in STEM colleges about the recent radicalization that has occurred at my alma mater, Harvey Mudd College (<https://www.hmc.edu/>). Since 2006 the current HMC President Maria M. Klawe has steadily replaced academic excellence, academic diversity, and academic freedom at this formerly distinguished STEM college with a strong emphasis on diversity and social justice. Since June HMC has fully supported the Black Lives Matter (BLM) Movement. Potential HMC students need to be aware of these facts:*

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Thank you very much for your consideration.

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