

SEPTEMBER 2024 Newsletter



Editorial by Jean-François Mazelier (E.95) President of the HEC Alumni Piano Club A New Season with the HEC Alumni Piano Club

Accomplished pianists, passionate beginners, lovers of beautiful scales...

This autumn marks the eighth year of existence of the [HEC Alumni Piano Club](#), the meeting place for music lovers within the HEC Alumni community. We believe that music, like academic excellence, nourishes the spirit and forges unique bonds. More than 340 enthusiasts meet regularly for private concerts, masterclasses and exceptional encounters with the great names in piano. It's what makes the Club one of our most dynamic [leisure clubs](#).

Once again this year, our ambition is to help you discover the piano in all its forms. We're starting off with a bang, with a concert on [27 September at 8.30pm](#) at the Salle Cortot in Paris, a splendid venue for 18-year-old pianist Stella Almondo, who will be celebrating the release of her first album, *Passion*.

It's a meeting that sets the tone for our Club, which in recent years has welcomed the concert artists of tomorrow in private recitals for alumni and signed a partnership with Steinway & Sons to offer you the *Rencontres HEC-Steinway*.

We look forward to sharing privileged exchanges with the greatest soloists, offering exclusive access to concerto rehearsals (like those of Alexander Gadjeg and Daniil Trifonov in the past) and renewing our visits to the finest concert halls: Philharmonie, TCE, Salle Gaveau, École Normale and the CNSM. On the practical side, the Club will continue to offer advice to current and future piano owners, notably through workshops with piano makers. And why not try out new experiences such as themed trips to Warsaw 'in the footsteps of Chopin'?

If you're interested, [join the Club!](#) We'll keep you up to date with upcoming concerts. Most of the activities on offer are free for HEC students.

Let's get together and share the magic of the piano!

The 3-Minute Update

👉 Info

Paris 2024, Find Out How Our Alumni Contributed

Transport, sports facilities, jobs, housing, etc.; economic and financial mechanisms; TV rights, the rules of the game; students and sportsmen and women, etc. Find out more about the involvement of some of our graduates in the feature articles on [HECStories](#).
[Read the articles](#)

👉 Initiative of the Month

HEC Companionship for a Purposeful Career Program 2025 - Information Meeting - 26 September

What if a final-year student, with whom you have no hierarchical link, were at your side to challenge your managerial stance and the direction your career is taking? What if you, too, could challenge this young person about their own attitude regarding their peers and their initial career choices? And what if, in addition to challenging each other in a non-judgmental way, you were to support each other in adjusting your way of acting or your career choices? [HEC Life Project](#) invites you to take part in the 'HEC Companionship for a Purposeful Career Program', a transformative intergenerational experience, bringing together alumni and final-year students at HEC, to put meaning at the heart of your professional posture and choices.
[More information and registration](#) (in French)

Your Association



Big Plans for 2024... To Take Advantage, Remember to Subscribe to HEC Alumni!

There is still time to subscribe to HEC Alumni to take full advantage of the fantastic 2024 season! Meetings, coaching and training sessions, professional opportunities, cultural events... We offer a range of resources and services to support you in your projects, your desires, and your career path. You're part of the world's most powerful alumni community, don't deprive yourself of its tremendous opportunities!

[Join us to benefit fully from all advantages](#)



Welcome Evenings for New HEC Graduates

Congratulations to the new HEC graduates! To welcome you to the alumni community, the class of 2024 is invited to an afterwork at HEC Alumni.

- [Registration for September 19](#): for all new 2024 graduates from pre-experience and doctorate programmes,
- [Registration for October 04](#): for all new MBA, EMBA and Executive Master graduates from the Class of 2024.

Intergenerational Football Tournament: Back on the Pitch!

Free event, barbecue on site, open to all, alone or with your family! The winning team will go home with a trophy! You don't need to be in great shape or even play to take part: the main thing is to share a great day together. This is the perfect opportunity to catch up with old friends, share memories and celebrate our common passion, all in a friendly atmosphere! An HEC Alumni journalist will also be on hand to hear your stories and retrace the history of the Football Club over the years. We look forward to seeing you there to make the party even better!

[Info and registration](#)

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[Join the HEC Football Club to stay informed of future events](#)

Our Selection from HEC Stories



Pauline Blanc-Patin (M.17): For an Inclusive Digital Future at the Red Cross

As head of the Innovation division of the French Red Cross, Pauline leads a life dedicated to human and social commitment. One of the world's largest humanitarian organizations is supported by this young leader with sharp ambitions to improve the resilience of individuals and communities in the face of contemporary challenges, especially concerning digitalization. [Portrait of a visionary](#)



Oumar Ndiaye (EM.22), a Facilitating Agent for Africa's Development

Juggling between refugee camp visits and political negotiations, Oumar Ndiaye (EM.22), Executive Director of African humanitarian organization AIRD, stresses the significance of pursuing careers in development.

[Read the article](#)

Meetings Not to Be Missed

Visit to 'Monte Rosa 91' and Aperitif - 17 September

As guests of the AXA Group, we will visit 'Monte Rosa 91' at Milan, the building renovated by the Renzo Piano team of architects. The building, first renovated in 2003, housed the 'Sole 24 Ore', and has now once again been renovated by the Renzo Piano team. Organized by the [Italy Chapter](#).

Back to School Boat Tour in Amsterdam – 19 September

Meet us at the pier on the Oosterdoksade for a lovely boat trip. In the event of bad weather, the boat will be a saloon boat. Organized by the [Netherlands Chapter](#). [Register](#)

Wine & Cheese Get Together in New York - 19 September

Come join the fun for an informal networking evening with French wine and cheese offered by HEC Paris to start this new academic year with positive energy and fun.

[More information and registration](#)

Munich Afterwork – 19 September

Join us for this great opportunity to network, catch up and generally get the new school year off to a good start. Organized by the [Germany Chapter](#). [Register](#)

Venice, California Afterwork – 24 September

Organized by [USA - Los Angeles Chapter](#).

Vienna - AI evening at Austria's Microsoft headquarters – 30 September

Organized by [Austria Chapter](#).

Geneva – Evening with New CEO of Bulgari Horlogerie – 10 October

Our [Swiss Chapter](#), together with the [Dauphine-Savoie Regional Club](#) are organizing this not-to-be-missed event with Jonathan Brinbaum, the CEO of Bulgari Horlogerie. It will also be the occasion to meet Hortense de Roux, the newly-elected President of HEC Alumni and Marguerite Gallant (H.03), HEC Alumni's Executive Director.

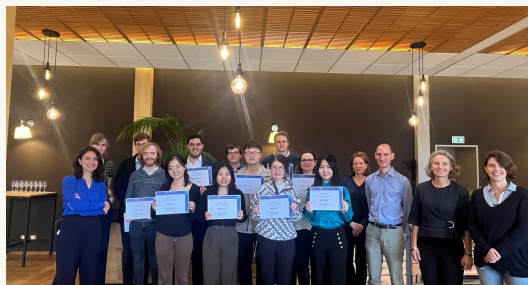
On the Campus



Back to School Reaches the Summits!

The adventure began at altitude for our students in the 1st year of the Grande Ecole programme! The new year's intake met in Chamonix from 21 to 24 August for the now traditional 'Sense and Responsibility' seminar. Between challenges in the great outdoors and inspiring encounters, they explored the challenges of ecological and social transition. This intense collective experience is an unforgettable moment in the HEC curriculum, and the first stage in the training of leaders who will generate a positive impact on society.

[To find out more](#)



HEC Foundation Scholarship Award Ceremonies

September is always a great time to meet the student beneficiaries. Coming from the 4 corners of the world and from different HEC programmes, they allow us to measure the richness and great diversity of our students' profiles! Scholarship award ceremonies are organised every year to welcome new doctoral students and international MBA and Masters students. This year, Masters students will have the chance to meet Flore (H.04) and Louis-Benoît des Robert (H.03), both of whom have been very committed to HEC for many years.

[More information](#)

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