



Dear [first_name],

We have exciting news to share! The Wellesley College Alumnae Association has chosen Erika Spitzer '06, WCLA Past President, as a 2018 recipient of the Sed Ministrare Volunteer Award! Erika is one of three recipients of the annual award who are chosen from volunteers in over 100 WCAA clubs and classes. It's a wonderful recognition of her service as well as the renewed mission of our Wellesley Club of Los Angeles! We're here to support connections with our amazing alums and with the college.

Trustee Lawry Meister '83 is generously inviting alums to [celebrate the Sed Ministrare Award](#) at her home on Saturday afternoon, **November 3**. Don't miss this special event and stay tuned for updates on guest speakers! We request advance RSVPs as event capacity will be limited.

Also, we've brought back our annual [Day to Make a Difference](#) and hope you'll join us on **October 6** for a WCLA volunteer day at the L.A. Kitchen! They have an awesome purpose to reclaim healthy, local food that would otherwise be discarded, to train men and women who are unemployed for jobs, and to provide healthy meals to fellow citizens. Young alums are invited to join Day to Make a Difference before the Monthly Young Alum Lunch.

We're planning our very popular annual career event in the first quarter of 2019. If you are interested in being a host, contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu.

Thanks to all who voted in our holiday party polls! Save the date... [Wellesley returns to the Wellesbourne on December 8th!](#)

Do you love insta? Our board would like to find an alum to launch a WCLA Instagram channel. Also, we're looking for a Website Manager (Database) and a Programming Co-Chair. If interested, email WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu.

We hope to see you at a WCLA event soon!

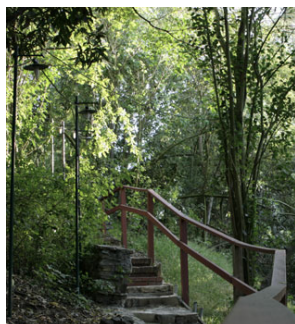
Best wishes,

Your WCLA Board

Upcoming Events

Events below are listed in chronological order

WAPA Urban Stairs Hike - September



For a change of pace, we're going to head to Upper Beachwood Canyon for an urban stairs hike. Enjoy the beautiful homes and landscaping of Hollywoodland. This 2 mile hike is fairly strenuous with lots of stairs but we'll take it slow. While this event is geared toward LGBTQ+ alums, ALL are welcome. Friends welcome.

Date: Saturday, September 29th, 2018

Time: Gather at 9 AM, hike will start at 9:15 AM

Location: Meet outside Beachwood Cafe 2695 N. Beachwood Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90068

Difficulty: Strenuous

Distance: Approximately 2 miles

Event details: Click [here](#)

Please contact Malique Carr if you have interest/questions.

WCLA at CicLAvia and the LA Phil's 100th Anniversary



Come join us for a leisurely CicLAvia bike ride along auto-free streets from Walt Disney Concert Hall to Hollywood. This is a rare treat of open streets in the heart of LA in celebration of the LA Phil's 100th anniversary. Six hubs along the route will feature art, food trucks, live music, and

more. All alums, families, and friends are welcome to join for this free event!

Date: Sunday, September 30th, 2018

Time: Gather at 10 AM, we'll start the ride shortly thereafter

Location: Meet at the Grand Hub & Stage Grand Ave & 1st Street in Downtown LA

Distance: 16 miles round-trip (mostly flat), or feel free to join/leave as you wish

Event details: Click [here](#)

RSVP: Please RSVP by 9/29 on the WCLA website so we know you're coming. Additional details or any changes will be emailed prior to the event. Contact [Brenna Vredevelde '05](#) if you have interest/questions. (Meeting for breakfast before we set out is also an option.)

Day to Make a Difference



Join a Group Volunteer Day to help solve the problem of food security in LA County.

Date: Saturday, October 6th, 2018

Time: 9:30am-12:30pm

Location: L.A. Kitchen 230 W Avenue 26 Los Angeles, CA 90031

Additional info: An email with further details regarding the event, including dress code and parking directions, will be sent

out to all confirmed volunteers on 10/4. Friends and plus ones are welcome to join.

Register: Please RSVP by 9/29 so we can get a final headcount. If registering after 9/29, please contact Charlotte in addition to filling out the form. RSVP [here](#).

Event details: Click [here](#)

Questions: Contact [Charlotte Kiang](#)

Young Alums Monthly Lunch - October



Make new friends in LA: Alumnae classes '13-'18 or young at heart! Join the Day to Make a Difference followed by lunch at a nearby spot (Chinatown, perhaps).

Date: Saturday, October 6th, 2018 (recurring on the first Saturday of every month)

Time: Following the Day to Make a Difference event at

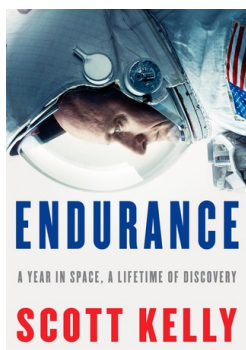
approximately 12:30 PM

Location: TBD; Look for the Green Wellesley baseball cap!

Event details: Click [here](#)

Please contact [Rachel Thommen](#) if you have interest/questions.

WCLA Book Club - October



Book for October: "Endurance: A Year in Space, A Lifetime of Discovery" by Scott Kelly

The Club meets one Sunday a month. We read a wide variety of genres and try to keep a good mix of fiction and nonfiction.

Anyone who wants to be added to the book club distribution list in welcome to join!

Date: Sunday, October 14th, 2018

Time: 1-3pm

Location: Central Court at LACMA, between the LACMA Cafe and the bookstore, 5905 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90036

Event and contact details: click [here](#)



Sed Ministrare Award - Tea

Join the WCLA to celebrate our club's renewed mission and honor Erika Spitzer, WCLA Past President, for receiving the Sed Ministrare Volunteer Award

Date: Saturday, November 3, 2018

Time: 3-5pm

Location: Home of Trustee Lawry Meister '83 Pacific Palisades, CA; Address provided upon RSVP.

Parking: Street parking available

Register: Please RSVP by clicking the event page link [here](#). Event is free for members and \$15 for non-members/guests. Capacity is limited. Please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu if you have interest/questions.

WCLA Career and Life Transitions Group - November



Stuck in a rut? Try something new! New job! New life challenge!

Date: Sunday, November 11th, 2018

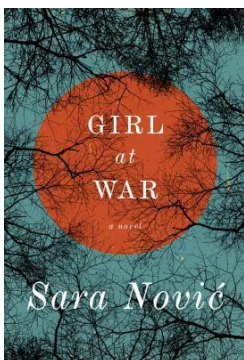
Time: 4:30-6pm

Location: 350 North Canon Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Event and contact details: click [here](#)

Questions? Contact [Julie Hogenboom](#)

WCLA Book Club - November



Book for November: "Girl at War" by Sara Novic

Date: Sunday, November 11th, 2018

Time: 1-3pm

Location: Central Court at LACMA, between the LACMA Cafe and the bookstore, 5905 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90036

Event and contact details: click [here](#)

Wellesley at the Wellesbourne - Annual Holiday Party Save-the-Date

Date: Saturday, December 8, 2018

Time: 5-7pm

Location: The Wellesbourne 10929 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90064

Parking: First 3 hours across the street at the Landmark Movie Theatre or public metered parking at the corner of Pico and Midvale Avenue.



Attire: Holiday!

Register: Get your tickets at the event page [here](#)! Please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu if you have any questions.

Photo Album

"Welcome to L.A." Art Tour from the Friends of Art and WCLA Young Alums



Summer Send-Off for the Class of 2022



Please check out our WCLA website to see more photos from these and other events in our [photo albums](#).

Get Involved

Join **The Hive** networking platform: <https://hive.wellesley.edu>

Wellesley in Entertainment (WIE)

If you are working or want to work in film, TV, media, communications, or the arts, join the Wellesley In Entertainment group and attend informational panels, networking events, and screenings of alum work. Contact [Kate Erickson '05](#).

Wellesley Latina Network (WLAN)

To get involved with WLAN and support Latina and Hispanic Admission/Recruitment, College Connection and Alumnae Community at Wellesley and in the Alumnae Network, please contact [Kathy Silva '16](#).

Wellesley Alumnae of African Descent (WAAD)

To get involved with WAAD, please contact [Jackie Olivier '82](#).

Wellesley Alum Pride Alliance (WAPA)

To get involved with WAPA, please contact WCLA.WAPA@gmail.com.

Wellesley Friends of Art

To get involved or learn more, please contact [Friends of Art](#).

Wellesley Entrepreneurs' Group

If you are an entrepreneur, or interested in becoming one, and would like to join a monthly meeting of the Wellesley Entrepreneurs group for Southern California, please contact [Stephanie Sunwoo '97](#) or [Karen Jordan '91](#).

WCLA Career and Life Transitions Group

Stuck in a rut? Try something new! New Job! New life challenge! A small group from the '80's classes have been gathering every two months at a Beverly Hills wine bar to catch up and share ideas about new directions--planned and unplanned. If you are interested in joining, please contact [Julie Hogenboom '87](#).

Please Support our Club

Student Admissions - Represent Wellesley at Career College Fairs and/or participate in prospective student interviews.

To learn more, click [here](#).

Please contact admission@wellesley.edu to volunteer.

Wellesley Book Award Program

The Book Award Program recognizes high-achieving young women who have excelled and gives them the opportunity to become better acquainted with Wellesley. It also helps some areas of the country such as California become more familiar with Wellesley. Please learn more about the book award [here](#).

If you are interested in donating a book award, please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu. It is a \$30 donation to sponsor each book award.

WCLA Board Volunteers and Event Hosts

If you are interested in serving on the WCLA board or in offering your home as a location for WCLA events, please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu. Click [here](#) for more information on board positions.

WCLA Membership

If you live in the Los Angeles area, please consider becoming a member of WCLA or renewing your membership. Membership provides discounted event tickets, and of course, the chance to support your local Wellesley Club including valuable programs such as lectures with visiting Wellesley professors and faculty, alumnae career panels, recruitment in local high schools and college fairs, and the annual Book Awards.

Lifetime Membership: One-time cost of \$500

Annual Membership Dues:

- Recent Graduate (Class of '17): \$0
- Young Alumna (Classes of '13-'16): \$25
- Regular Membership: \$50

Annual memberships are valid for one year from the date of purchase. Recent Graduate and Young Alumna membership levels are updated at the end of each academic year. Dues can be paid [online](#). Please be sure to log in to the WCLA site first.

If there are issues with logging into the system, you can first try the reset app which can be found [here](#). If you need further technical help with your login, please use [this form](#).

You can also mail a check to Brenna Vredevelde, one of WCLA's Co-Treasurers. Contact her at [bvredevelde@gmail.com](mailto:bvredeveld@gmail.com). Please make checks payable to Wellesley Club of Los Angeles, include your graduation year and specify as "membership dues".

Connecting

WCLA on Facebook

Stay up to date on events, share information with fellow alums and join our Facebook Community here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WellesleyClubLosAngeles>

Help for joining the WCLA Facebook Group:

1) First join the master Wellesley College Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/groupsatwellesley/>

If you are unable to join because it asks for a Wellesley email address, contact the Wellesley Help Desk to reset your password helpdesk@wellesley.edu or 781-283-3333.

2) Request to join the Wellesley in LA group at this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WellesleyClubLosAngeles/>

Wellesley Hive: <https://hive.wellesley.edu/hub/the-hive/home>

Wellesley Club of Los Angeles: <https://losangeles.alum.wellesley.edu/>

Wellesley Young Alumnae in Los Angeles: [Wellesley Young Alumnae in Los Angeles](#)

WCLA Board

A big welcome to our newest board member: Natalie Catalan '18!

Acknowledgement to Brenna Vredevelde who is now VP, Operations/Website in addition to her role as Co-Treasurer

President: Lori Dreischmeier

Vice President: Erin Copenbarger

Co-Treasurer and Website Manager: Brenna Vredevelde

Co-Treasurer: Henrietta Wong

Secretary: Alexandra Hatem

Alumnae Admission Representative (AAR), LA: Mei Ling Messner

Alumnae Admission Representative (AAR), OC: Rachel Newman

Book Award Chair: Alexandra Nagourney

Young Alumnae Representative: Rachel Thommen

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Programming Chair & Faculty Speaker Chair: Ilene Tsui

Day to Make a Difference/Community Service Chair: Charlotte Kiang

Membership Chair: Natalie Catalan

Wellesley in Entertainment (WIE) Representative: Michelle Lirtzman

WLAN Representative: Kathy Silva

WAAD Representative: Jackie Olivier

WAPA Representative: Malique Carr

WCLA Book Club Representative: Ottavia Montingelli

Friends of Art Representative: Melissa King

Wellesley Entrepreneurs Representative: Stephanie Sunwoo

Past President: Erika Spitzer

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