

Dear [first_name],

As 2018 comes to a close, we are thankful for our Wellesley community in Southern California and excited for all the ways we have connected this year: seeing you at our holiday party and other events, being in touch via email and Facebook, receiving your generous book award donations, appreciating your hospitality in hosting events and being grateful for your support.

Please find a link for the Wellesley College [2018 holiday video](#) that was just released and which we hope you'll enjoy.

We truly appreciate our Wellesley connection and look forward to more opportunities in the new year.

The WCLA Career Transitions Group invites us to join a Conversation with [Nancy Hammerman '77 on her experience with a "Pause Reset"](#) and her revamped career on January 27, 2019. Also, Wellesley in Entertainment invites us to their annual WIE Screenwriting Competition for Wellesley Seniors Fundraiser: [a Conversation with filmmaker Meera Menon](#) on Saturday, February 9, 2019.

Additionally, we'd love to hear *your* suggestions for volunteer service; please take our "Day to Make a Difference" poll [here](#).

Classes of 2017 and 2018!

A new Young Alumnae Trustee (from the classes of 2017, 2018, and 2019) will be elected to the Wellesley College Board of Trustees for a three-year term in April 2019. *Application materials are due by December 31, 2018.* For details, please click [here](#).

If you have any suggestions or questions for our club, please contact

WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu. We'd love to hear how to better serve you in 2019.

Thank you and best wishes this holiday season!

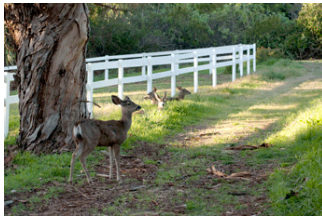
Best wishes,

Your WCLA Board

Upcoming Events

Events below are listed in chronological order

Young Alum Hike - Inspiration Point Trail, Will Rogers State Park



Get some fresh air and breathtaking views on a light 2.1 mile hike. For more information about the hike and parking visit the Inspiration Point Trail AllTrails site [here](#). Please contact Rachel Thommen if you would like to join!

Date: Saturday, January 12, 2019

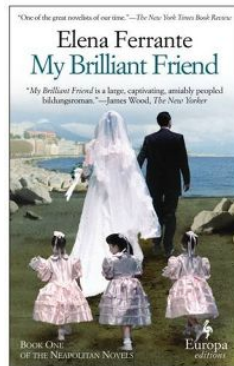
Time: 1:30pm

Location: 1501 Will Rogers Park Road, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Note: Subject to change due to weather conditions

Interested? Email [Rachel Thommen](#)

WCLA Book Club - January



The WCLA Book Club is open to all Wellesley alumnae and includes a wide range of ages. We read a variety of genres and both fiction and nonfiction. Anyone who wants to be added to the book club distribution list is welcome to join!

Book for January: We will be discussing the first novel in Elena Ferrante's Neapolitan Series, [My Brilliant Friend](#). For those of you who have read the first book already, you always have the option of reading a later book in the series.

Date: Sunday, January 13th, 2019

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](#)

WCLA Career Transitions Group: Nancy Hammerman '77 Speaks on "Pause Reset"!

Nancy Hammerman '77 shares her experience having a "pause reset" in her career and why she is so excited and optimistic!

Date: Sunday, January 27th, 2019

Time: 3:00-5:00pm



Location: Village Workspace in the Westside Towers [11845 West Olympic Boulevard #1100W, Los Angeles, CA 90064](#)

Parking: Free parking on side streets and across the street at Bed Bath & Beyond; metered parking on Olympic Boulevard; parking in the Westside Towers is \$2.55/15 minutes with a daily maximum of \$17.85.

Register: Please get tickets at the event page [here](#).

Please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu if you have questions.

Young Alum Brunch - The Kitchen, Silverlake



Instead of a monthly lunch, we are going to change venues and opt for brunch every other month. Join us in Silverlake at [The Kitchen](#).

Date: Saturday, February 2, 2019

Time: 12:00pm

Location: 14348 Fountain Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90029

Please contact Rachel Thommen if you would like to join so she can know how many seats to save!

Interlvy+ Mammoth Trip



Get ready for a fun-filled weekend of snow sports at Mammoth Mountain with alums and friends. This trip is for adults of all skill levels. Last year the group included downhill skiers, cross country skiers, snowboarders, and snowshoers. The trip sold out with 48 attending. We had 26 women and 22 men. Fifteen schools were represented: Caltech, Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, MIT, Princeton, RPI,

UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, UCLA, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, Wellesley, and Yale.

Check out the Facebook page for more information: [Interlvy+ Mammoth Trippers](#)

For all information and registration visit the [MIT SoCal site](#).

Date: Friday, February 8 - Sunday, February 10, 2019

Cost: \$409 if you register before 1/2/2019; \$469 after (pricing does not include rental costs or lift tickets)

Questions? Email [Michal Clements](#), Inverlvy Organizer and UPenn Alum

Wellesley-in-Pasadena: Faculty Speaker - Sara Wasserman Save-the-Date

Date: March 3, 2019

Time: TBD

Location: Pasadena location TBD

Register: Please get tickets at the event page [here](#).



Please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu if you have questions

WCLA Career and Life Transitions Group



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

New life challenge!

Date: Sunday, March 17, 2019

Time: 4:30-6:00pm

Location: 350 North Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, CA

Questions? Contact [Julie Hogenboom](#)

Photo Album

These are just a few of the photos from the Sed Ministrare Award Presentation event!



Thanks for coming out to WAPA's Night at the Theatre! What a powerful and inspiring performance!



The WAPA urban hike through Hollywoodland was a blast! Thanks for coming out!



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, contact Malique Carr '05 at 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](#). Facebook: [Wellesley Entrepreneurs of Los Angeles](#)

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. Many of us want or need to try something new, and we're figuring it out together! 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

WCLA actively participates in the [Wellesley College Book Award program](#) honoring young women who have been top scholars in high school as well as talented performers in extracurricular areas. The program recognizes students--many of whom may not have otherwise known about Wellesley--for their academic leadership and personal contributions to their schools and communities. If you know of a high school

that would benefit from participating please send a note to WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu. Also, please let us know if you have a contact at any of the schools listed below.

Alliance Gertz-Ressler High School

Eagle Rock High School

John Marshall High School

La Salle High School

New Roads School

Orange Lutheran High School

Segerstrom High School

If you would like to sponsor a book, you can donate [online here](#) or email WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu. Each book costs \$30; please feel free to contribute what feels right for you.

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. 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

Please welcome new board member Jean Futami '83, Membership Co-Chair

President: Lori Dreischmeier '86

Vice President and Holiday Party Chair: Erin Copenbarger '95

VP, Operations/Website and Co-Treasurer: Brenna Vredevelt '05

Co-Treasurer: Henrietta Wong '08

Secretary: Alexandra Hatem '12

Alumnae Admission Representative (AAR), LA: Mei Ling Messner '17

Alumnae Admission Representative (AAR), OC: Rachel Newman '08

Book Award Chair: Alexandra Nagourney '13

Young Alumnae Representative: Rachel Thommen '17

Social Media: Mai Perches '10

Newsletter Editor and Website Events: Beth Schaaf '11

Photographer and Website News: Jda Gayle '13

Programming Chair/Faculty Speaker Chair: Ilene Tsui '10

Day to Make a Difference/Community Service Chair: Charlotte Kiang '13

Membership Co-Chair: Natalie Catalan '18

Membership Co-Chair: Jean Futami '83

Wellesley in Entertainment (WIE) Representative: Kate Erickson '05

WLAN Representative: Kathy Silva '16

WAAD Representative: Jackie Olivier '82

WAPA Representative: Malique Carr '05

WCLA Book Club Representative: Ottavia Montingelli '06

Wellesley Friends of Art Representative: Melissa King '92

Wellesley Entrepreneurs Representative: Stephanie Sunwoo '97

Past President: Erika Spitzer '06

Board Observer: Lian Jue '98

Board Observer: Melissa Cheng '05

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