



Wellesley College Club of Los Angeles



Dear [first_name],

We've got some super exciting things coming up at WCLA in October! Check out these important updates and event details below:

- **Wellesley Circles** - RSVPs for our new initiative are pouring in! We're so excited to share this new program with you at one of our kick-off events in either Los Angeles or Orange County on **Sunday October 6 from 2:30 to 4:45pm**. [Wellesley Circles](#) are a great opportunity for alums to gather once a month in small groups of 6-12 people to help empower and support one another personally and professionally. These gatherings are also neighborhood-based and won't require you to battle LA traffic!
- **Day to Make a Difference** - We've just added a [Day to Make a Difference](#) event on **October 19 at Harvest Home** in addition to our other fall events.
- **Julie Lindahl '88, author, is visiting from Sweden** - Julie is the author of *The Pendulum: A Granddaughter's Search for Her Family's Forbidden Nazi Past* in which she details the journey she took after discovering that her grandfather was in the Nazi SS. *The Pendulum* grapples with the circumstances of her grandparents' choices and the consequences across generations. She will be speaking at events at [UCLA Law](#) and [Claremont McKenna College](#). We hope you can come out for one of these special events.
- **Important Correction** - The correct link to register for the [Free Kids Foil Fencing Class Taught by an Olympian](#) is [here](#). The previous e-newsletter incorrectly linked the RSVP to the Harvard Club site.
- The WIE's alum film festival is looking for a volunteer graphic designer to create a logo for the festival. If you are interested, please contact [Beth Schaaf](#) and [Emily Peters](#).

As always, please reach out with any suggestions or questions by contacting: WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu.

We hope to see you at an event soon!

Your WCLA Board

Upcoming Events

Events below are listed in chronological order

- September 29: Young Alums - L.A. Chocolate Salon at the Pasadena Convention Center
- October 5: WAPA - Morning Paddle
- **October 6: Wellesley Circles Kick-Off Events in LA and Orange County**
- October 12: Free Kids Roil Fencing Class Taught by Olympian
- **October 19: Day to Make a Difference (Potluck Brunch with Harvest Home)**
- October 20: WCLA Book Club
- October 22: A Conversation with author Julie Lindahl '88 and Leslie Gilbert-Lurie
- October 23: Brown Bag Lunch with author Julie Lindahl '88 visiting from Sweden
- October 26: WIE's Women in Gaming Panel Discussion
- November 10: Career Conversation with Melissa de la Rama '01
- November 16: Young Alum Beach Clean Up
- December 14: Wellesley at the Wellesbourne - Annual Holiday Party
- February 2020: 1st Annual All Ivy Greater Palm Springs Gathering

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- Reach the **Wellesley Club of Los Angeles:** WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu
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- **WCLA on Facebook**
 - **Wellesley Young Alumnae in Los Angeles:** This Facebook page is for all Wellesley Alumnae of Los Angeles/Orange County
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/102080626551375/?t=60722-304008>

****UPCOMING EVENTS******Young Alum September Event - L.A. Chocolate Salon at the Pasadena Convention Center**

Please join us to celebrate our love of chocolate and Rachel's birthday at the [13th Annual Los Angeles Chocolate Salon](#)! It is the premier artisan chocolate event in the city featuring chocolatiers, confectioners, and other culinary artisans. Highlights include tastings, chef and author talks, demonstrations and interviews by TasTV's "Chocolate Television."

Date: Sunday, September 29

Time: 10-12pm, convention runs until 6pm if you'd like to stay

Location: Pasadena Convention Center, 300 East Green Street, Pasadena, CA 91101

Parking: Info [here](#)

RSVP: Email Nicole.Gebriel@gmail.com & rthommen@wellesley.edu

Tickets: \$20 advanced purchase, click [here](#) to get yours

WAPA Event - Morning Paddle



Come join Wellesley Alum Pride Alliance and the IvyQ Meetup Group for a morning paddle (SUP or kayak). We'll launch from Mother's Beach in Marina Del Rey. There should be no waves and you may see a seal or two. We'll paddle for an hour and then walk to Noah's Bagels for some breakfast. Note that this is not a lesson so please choose the vessel that you are comfortable with. There is a group discounted rate of \$20 for the hour rental which includes either a kayak or SUP, paddle, and life vest. To join, you must make reservations by calling Maile at 805-748-2263 and mention IvyQ for the discount. Arrive no later than 8:45.

You will need to be there early to sign the waiver, get the gear, and be ready to go by our start time of 9am.

Date: Saturday, October 5

Time: 8:45am - 11:00am (We'll be on the water by 9am)

Location: Pro SUP Shop, 4175 Admiralty Way, Marina Del Rey, CA

Parking: Jamaica Bay Inn Parking discounted flat rate of \$5 when you mention you're going to paddle at Pro SUP Shop

Tickets: \$20 discounted rental, Call Maile at 805-748-2263 to reserve your SUP or kayak (mention that you're with IvyQ for the discount)

Questions: Email [Malique '05](mailto:Malique'05)

Wellesley Circles Kick-Off



Join WCLA to learn about Wellesley Circles at one of our launch events in LA or Orange County! Wellesley Circles are monthly neighborhood-based gatherings with the purpose of empowering and supporting one another personally professionally. Come to this event to learn more!

Wellesley Circles - Los Angeles Kick-Off

For those interested in joining a group in Los Angeles, the Valley, or South Bay

Date: Sunday, October 6, 2019

Time: 2:30-4:45pm

Location: Home of Gail Title '67, Westwood address provided upon registration

Parking: Plenty of street parking available

Pricing: Free for members and \$15 for non-members and guests. We expect the events to fully sell out. Please register to secure your seat.

Questions?: Contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu

Click [here](#) for details and to register.

Wellesley Circles - Orange County Kick-Off

For those interested in joining a group in North or South Orange County

Date: Sunday, October 6, 2019

Time: 2:30-4:50pm

Location: Private address in South Orange county provided upon RSVP.

Parking: Plenty of street parking available

Pricing: Free for members and \$10 for non-members and guests. We expect the events to fully sell out. Please register to secure your seat.

Questions?: Contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu

Click [here](#) for details and to register.

Free Kids Foil Fencing Class Taught by Olympian



This special class is a great opportunity for your child to experience the sport of foil fencing.

The class will be run by Elite Fencing Club owner Tarek Ayad. Tarek has been a member of the Egyptian National Team since 1998 and is a two-time Olympian, having competed in London 2012 and Rio 2016. Participants should wear shorts and sneakers and bring a water bottle. All equipment will be provided. Parents are welcome to observe the class from the gym's air-conditioned parents' lounge. For more about Elite Fencing Club, click [here](#).

Date: October 12, 2019

Time: 2:00-3:30pm

Location: Elite Fencing Club, 4943 McConnell Ave, Suite N, Los Angeles, CA 90066

Parking: Plenty of parking is available

Cost: Free

Contact: Jon Aibel, harvardsocial@icloud.com

Click [here](#) to register.

Day to Make a Difference - Potluck Brunch with Harvest Home



Please join us in serving a fall potluck brunch to the residents and staff of Harvest Home!

[Harvest Home](#) is an organization that provides housing, support, and programming for pregnant women who are experiencing homelessness. WCLA volunteers attending this event are asked to bring 1 brunch dish to share with the group, which will include approximately 20 people including WCLA volunteers. A small kitchen is available at the home for heating and serving meals, but to the extent possible dishes should arrive ready to serve.

Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019

Time: 9:30am-12:30pm (The brunch will take place from 10am to 12pm, with 30 minutes allocated on either end for set up and clean up.)

Location: 503 Grand Blvd, Venice, CA 90291 (Enter the property through the wooden gate facing Grand Blvd. Ring the doorbell at the white gated door.)

Parking: Street parking is available and unrestricted on weekends.

Cost/Ticketing: No cost to attend but volunteers are asked to bring 1 brunch dish of their choosing to share with the group

RSVP: Email charlotte.kiang@alum.wellesley.edu - if possible, please let us know what dish you are planning to bring to help avoid duplication.

WCLA Book Club - October



For October we've picked *The Windows of Malabar Hill* by Sujata Massey. We will be meeting in the usual location as long as there is still seating available there. The construction project in that area of the museum and the closure of the LACMA Cafe means that our usual table and chairs may soon be removed. There is additional seating around the LACMA entrance area, including by the Levitated Mass exhibit, so we'll relocate there if necessary. If you come and can't locate us, make sure to call my cell (323-336-5391).

Date: Sunday, October 20

Time: 1-3pm

Location: The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) Central Court, between the LACMA Cafe and the bookstore, 5905 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90036

Parking: Either in the LACMA garage (\$12) or street parking around LACMA at meters which on Sundays are typically free.

RSVP: Email [WCLA Book Club](#)

A Conversation with Julie Lindahl '88, visiting from Sweden, and Leslie Gilbert-Lurie



Julie Lindahl '88 is the author of *The Pendulum: A Granddaughter's Search for Her Family's Forbidden Nazi Past* and Leslie Gilbert-Lurie is an author and human rights activist and the daughter of a Holocaust survivor. The

Promise Institute for Human Rights at the UCLA School of

Law hosts the two authors for presentations and a conversation about their experiences.

Date: Tuesday, October 22

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Location: UCLA School of Law 385 Charles E. Young Drive East, 1241 Law Building, Los Angeles, CA 90095

Parking: Details to be provided

Pricing: Free

Questions?: Contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu

Details: Click [here](#) for details and to register.

Lunch (Brown Bag) with Julie Lindahl '88, visiting from Sweden, author of *The Pendulum*, a story of Two People Who Gave Up on Democracy



Join us at this event hosted by the Mgrublian Center for Human Rights at Claremont McKenna College!

[Brazilian-born Swedish American Julie Lindahl '88](#)

discovered that her grandfather was in the Nazi SS and relates a journey in which she grapples with how and why her grandparents made their choices and the consequences of them across generations. She is the author of *The Pendulum: A Granddaughter's Search for Her Family's Forbidden Nazi Past*.

Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Time: 11:45am-1:45pm

Location: Claremont McKenna College, Marian Miner Cook Altheneum, 385 East 8th Street, Claremont, CA 91711

Parking: Details to be provided

Pricing: Email Kirsti.Zitar@claremontmckenna.edu to confirm attendance. There may be a small fee for lunch.

Questions?: Contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu

Click [here](#) for details and to register.

WIE's Women in Gaming Panel Discussion



Join Wellesley in Entertainment for a conversation between video game writer Rayla Heide '10, voice actor Zehra Fazal '05, and moderator Ashley Riegle '07.

Rayla Heide is a narrative writer at Riot Games where she creates champions for League of Legends. Zehra Fazal has played characters in several interactive titles and AAA video game franchises including *Borderlands*, *Destiny*, *Apex Legends*, *League of Legends*, *Fallout*, *Titanfall*, and

Uncharted. Ashley Riegle is an Emmy Award Winning Producer currently producing for Nightline, GMA, and 20/20 at ABC Network News based out of Los Angeles.

Date: October 26, 2019

Time: 3:00-5:00pm

Location: Details coming soon!

Tickets: \$15

Contact: wellesleyinentertainment@gmail.com

Click [here](#) to register. All proceeds benefit the WIE's Annual Screenwriting Competition for Wellesley seniors (now in its fourth year!)

Career Conversation with Melissa de la Rama '01



Managing Change during a Technological Disruption of Media and Entertainment.

Melissa shares her experience in managing the career changes she's gone through and is continuing to do with the AT&T purchase of Time Warner/HBO

Date: Sunday, November 10, 2019

Time: 3:00-5:00pm

Location: Westwood/Wilshire Corridor address to be provided upon RSVP.

Parking: Street parking and valet parking by building doormen.

Pricing: Free for members and \$10 for non-members and guests

Questions?: Contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu

Click [here](#) for details and to register.

Young Alum Beach Clean Up with Heal the Bay Save-the-Date



Join us for a beach clean up!

Save the date! No-host lunch to follow at a nearby restaurant.

Date: Saturday, November 16, 2019

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm; Lunch following details TBD

Location: Dockweiler Beach, Tower 54, 12000 Vista Del Mar, Playa Del Rey, CA 90293

Parking: Pay to park beach parking or free street parking as available

Pricing: Event is free; No-host lunch following, restaurant TBD

Click [here](#) for details on eventbrite.

Questions?: Email Nicole.Gebriel@gmail.com & rthommen@wellesley.edu

Wellesley at the Wellesbourne - Annual Holiday Party



WCLA returns to the Wellesbourne for our Annual Holiday Party

Join us!

Date: Saturday, December 14, 2019

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

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

Parking: First 3 hours free across the street at the Landmark

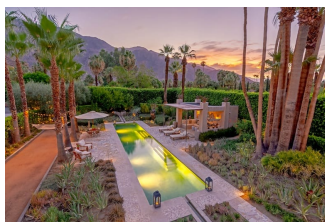
Movie Theater or public metered parking at the corner of Pico and Midvale Avenue.

Attire: Holiday!

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

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

1st Annual "All Ivy" Greater Palm Springs Gathering



Tell your fellow alumni/alumnae to join us! (Friends and partners welcome!) Similar events take place in US resort cities (Naples and Vero Beach) and Europe. We are hoping to plan more events, visits, discussions for residents and snowbirds in the future. Cash bar and light snacks.

Date: February 5, 2020

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Location: Cimarron Country Club, 67603 30th Avenue, Cathedral City, CA 92234

Pricing: \$10 payable at door

RSVP: By January 29, 2020 to paulasinclair1@sky.com

Questions?: Contact paulasinclair1@sky.com

The Plato Society of Los Angeles



For your consideration brought to you by two energetic Wellesley grads. From Nancy Bott '64 & Sue Allen '47: We have been members of the PLATO Society of Los Angeles for many years and enjoy it so much that we think more people should know about it. The

heart and soul of the Society are our peer-led study discussion groups known as SDGs. The SDGs cover a wide range of topics including the Arts, Science, History, and much more. They meet for two hours once a week and have in-depth discussions in seminar-style classes at our office located in Westwood Village. About 400 women and men design, conduct, and take part in our SDGs. There are usually about twenty-four choices in each trimester. Each member is responsible for leading the discussion one week and for preparing for the discussion every week. About 80% of us are retired. The other 20% have flexible work schedules. We come from a wide variety of experiences in live and various career paths. In addition, we hold monthly colloquia that feature renowned speakers, member-led lunch-time lectures, foreign travel, local cultural events, retreats, and numerous extracurricular activities that complement our academic programs. The icing on the cake is the congeniality of the group.

Look us up at www.platola.org or contact Nancy at nancybott@verizon.net

Photo Album

WCLA Summer Send-Off for the Class of 2023 on August 18, 2019



Photo features Kathy Eldon '68, event host at the Creative Visions Foundation



Career Conversation with Melissa Cheng '05 on July 28, 2019



Pictured are Belinda Tepper, Melissa Cheng, and Stephanie Sunwoo



WAPA's Musical Hike with Intrinsic Strings on August 24, 2019



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

Get Involved - Shared Identity Groups (SIGs)

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 College and in the Alumnae Network, please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu

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 grown from gathering every two months at a Beverly Hills wine bar to getting together for "Career Conversations" led by alums in various careers. If you'd like to recommend a speaker, please email WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu.

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.

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.

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

Dues can be paid [online](#). Please be sure to log in to the WCLA site first.

If you'd prefer to pay by check, please contact WCLA Co-Treasurers for instructions.

Wellesley Banner

A friendly reminder that we have a Wellesley College banner that you can borrow for a special event. Please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu.

WCLA Board

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