



Wellesley College Club of Los Angeles



Dear [first_name],

Blessings and much love to you all. As we all adjust to rapidly evolving guidelines from the CDC and federal, state, and local authorities, we want to continue to walk through this crisis together and provide event updates, as promised.

With disappointment but concern for everyone's safety, and mirroring the college's decision to cancel the May/June events of commencement and reunion, we have cancelled or postponed in-person WCLA events through June. Where possible, we have created remote events to maintain our connections.

- **Spring Welcome Tea for Admitted Students** - There will be a Virtual Admitted Student Reception using Zoom. This event is co-hosted with Wellesley-in-Pasadena and the Wellesley Club of San Diego. A panel of alums will share their own experience and take questions from students and parents. There will then be a general session so any alum can share. If you are interested in helping, please contact [Belinda](#).
- **Volunteering** - To support our alumnae connections while we are in this season of Shelter-in-Place, we are launching a **Community Connections Initiative** which was inspired by the Washington Wellesley Club's example. We are excited to provide outreach to members of our community who are in need right now particularly those who may feel isolated. You can OFFER to reach out with a friendly call or letter/postcard or REQUEST to receive an outreach connection. Please click [here](#) for the Community Connections Initiative link.
- **WCLA Circles** - Facilitators have been given information for video conference options and are communicating directly with their members.
- **Note:** Events that are held by independent groups such as WIE, WCLA Book Club, SIGs (WAAD, WLAN, WAPA, Entrepreneurs Club) are making their own decisions regarding events and communicating directly with their members.

Also, we want to encourage and remind you of the importance of self-care as we care for others during this time.

- You can [follow along here](#) to see the latest updates from the College on how they are responding to the rapidly evolving public health crisis of COVID-19.
- We understand that our programs provide community and an uplifting experience to our SoCal alums, and we are committed to being there for you as much as we

can within the constraints of the pandemic. We welcome suggestions of how we can help our community during the pandemic.

New Website + Email Freeze: The Wellesley College Alumnae Association (WCAA) is rolling out a new platform for all WCAA websites and communications this week. The WCLA URL will automatically redirect to the new site with a new look! Note that there is a freeze on broadcast emails April 7-13. Please be patient as we adapt to the new website which we understand will offer improved functionality and ease of use.

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

Warmly, Lori Dreischmeier, President, and your WCLA Board

Event Updates

Events below are listed in chronological order

- **April 11: Virtual Admitted Student Reception - see above**
- **April 18: Seven Sisters in Entertainment Speed Networking - POSTPONED**
- **April 19: WCLA Book Club for April**
- **April 19: Quarterly WCLA Board Meeting held via Zoom**
- **April 25: Day to Make a Difference at Ronald McDonald House Los Angeles - POSTPONED**
- **May 17: WCLA Book Club for May**
- **June 14: WCLA Annual Meeting**
- **June 20: Annual WAAD/WLAN Tea - POSTPONED til late summer**

STAY CONNECTED

- **Wellesley Club of Los Angeles:** <https://losangeles.alum.wellesley.edu/>
- Reach the **Wellesley Club of Los Angeles:** WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu
- Wellesley Hive: <https://hive.wellesley.edu/hub/the-hive/home>
- **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>

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CLUB!

Community Connections Initiative

During this time of uncertainty and isolation, we are thinking about alums who may be feeling disconnected from their families, society, and Wellesley. An important part of

navigating this uncharted terrain together as Wellesley alums is staying in touch. It's a perfect opportunity to embody Wellesley's mission of Non Ministrari sed Ministrare. [Sign up here](#) to connect with other alums in the greater Los Angeles region during the COVID-19 emergency. You can participate in this community connections initiative by volunteering to OFFER or request to RECEIVE:

- Contacts (mail, email, phone calls); and/or
- Assistance (grocery or prescription drop-offs).
 - Note: Please be aware of the constantly changing guidelines from the CDC that may recommend not making trips to the grocery store or pharmacy. Our first priority is helping protect the safety of everyone in our community.

Additionally, if you know any local businesses that are offering special assistance during this time (online orders, curbside pickup, gift cards, etc.), please email [Charlotte Kiang](#) so that we can compile and share the information.

Student Admission

The Los Angeles club had about 100 requests for local interviews in this cycle (more interviews occurred on campus). There are over 50 first-years admitted, with 2 enrolling so far. The Yield Event for 2024 will be via Zoom on April 11, from 3:00 to 5:00. It will be co-hosted by the Pasadena, San Diego, and Santa Barbara clubs. There will be a panel of recent alumnae who will share their own experience and then take questions from accepted students and their parents who seek information to help them choose where to enroll.

Call Belinda Wilkins Tepper '71 at 213-304-0802 if you have questions.

Book Awards

We are in the midst of ordering and distributing 12 Book Awards (and counting!) across the region, and we'd love to have your support!

If you'd like to help us recognize an outstanding high school female junior with a Book Award, please consider donating to our program. We are seeking donations of \$30 which covers the cost of one Award. Donations can be made [here](#).

In addition to financial support, we are also looking for alumnae volunteers to present the Award at high schools in the LA and Orange County areas. For a list of schools requesting presenters, please [click here](#). Dates are TBD as schools are in the process of rescheduling their ceremonies due to school closures. If you'd like to suggest a school to participate in our program or are interested in being a presenter, please contact Brianne at bodonogh@wellesley.edu.

WCLA Board Volunteers

If you are interested in serving on the WCLA board, 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 '19): \$0
- Young Alumna (Classes of '15-'18): \$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 [Brenna Vredevel](#) and [Henrietta Wong](#) for instructions.

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

SoCal Virtual Admitted Student Reception



Date: Saturday, April 11

Time: 3:00-5:00 P.M.

Location: We will meet using Zoom. For the link, contact Belinda Tepper at BTepper@wellesley.edu or 323-334-0773

Seven Sisters in Entertainment Speed Networking - POSTPONED



Hosted by Film Independent. Meet alums from Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Smith, Wellesley, Vassar, and Radcliffe who are working in film, television, and media. There is a 65-person cap to this event so buy your tickets soon!

Date: TBD - late summer/early fall

Location: Film Independent
5670 Wilshire Blvd. 9th Floor

Los Angeles, CA 90036

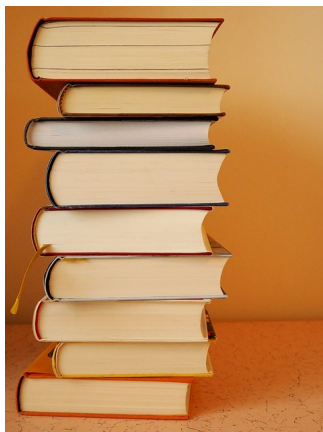
Parking: FREE in the Film Independent structure

Cost: \$10

Please note this event is restricted to Seven Sisters alums. One ticket per alum, no guests.

For any questions please contact WellesleyInEntertainment@gmail.com

WCLA Book Club - April



Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Book: "The Alice Network" by Kate Quinn

RSVP/???s: Email WCLA Book Club

Location: Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/4757131101>

Meeting ID: 475 713 1101

If joining from a laptop, you'll be able to access that link directly with no other steps needed. If joining from a smart phone or tablet, you will need to download the free Zoom app ahead of time.

WCLA Board Meeting



Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020

Time: 2:30 - 4:30 P.M.

Location: We will meet using Zoom

RSVPs: Board members are RSVPing directly via a calendar invite. If anyone is interested in learning more about the board and joining, please contact

WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu

WCLA Book Club - May



Date: Sunday, May 17, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Book: Nonfiction title to be selected

RSVP/???s: Email WCLA Book Club

Location: Zoom info to be provided

If joining from a laptop, you'll be able to access that link directly with no other steps needed. If joining from a smart phone or tablet, you will need to download the free Zoom app ahead of time.

WCLA Annual Meeting featuring Susan Windham-Bannister '72



Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 P.M.

Location: We will meet using Zoom

Questions: Email WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu

Please join us to:

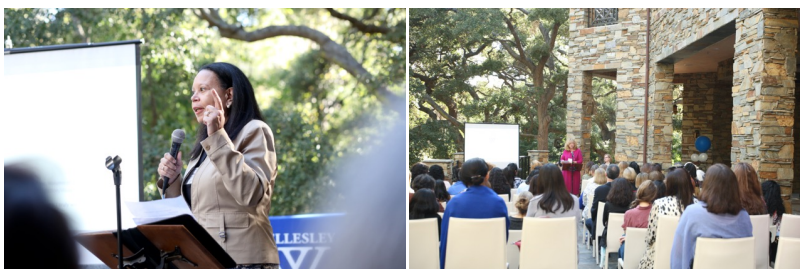
- Hear Susan Windham-Bannister '72 speak on "Making Room for Women in the Innovation Economy"
- Welcome board officers for the coming year

We'll send more details about RSVPs and the Zoom link once the new WCAA communications platform is rolled out.

Photo Album

2020: An Update from Wellesley College

February 29, 2020





See more photos from the event on our website [here](#).

Thanks for joining WAPA at The Abbey!



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](#)

Career Conversations

Stuck in a rut? Try something new! New Job! New life challenge! Our small group from the '80's classes have grown from gathering every two months at a wine bar in Beverly Hills for a "Career Transitions Group" 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.

The Plato Society of Los Angeles

Wellesley grads Nancy Bott '64 and Sue Allen '47 have been members of the PLATO Society of Los Angeles for many years and invite you to join them at the peer-led study discussion groups in Westwood Village. To learn more, check out www.platola.org or contact Nancy at nancybott@verizon.net.

Please click [here](#) to see our WCLA Board leadership.