



Wellesley College Club of Los Angeles



Dear [first_name],

We hope you've had an amazing and relaxing summer!

Unbelievably, it's back-to-school time. We hope young alums will join us at the [Summer Send-Off for the Class of 2023](#) on Sunday, August 18. Kathy Eldon '68 has generously invited students and alums to meet at the [Creative Visions Foundation](#) in Malibu... a perfect beach send-off!

We're excited to bring a new initiative to our alums in [LA and Orange County: Wellesley Circles!](#) The program is for alums to gather monthly in their neighborhood with the purpose of empowering and supporting one another personally and professionally. Please save the date of Sunday, October 6 for the Wellesley Circles kick-offs and stay tuned for details.

We're happy to introduce our [new board for the 2019-2020 calendar year](#) (please click on the hyper-link to view profiles.) We're very excited to welcome returning board members and new ones! Many thanks to guest speaker **Johnna Cho '86** who was an inspiration when she spoke at our annual meeting!

Also many thanks to those who volunteered event locations for the WCLA. We are excited to have locations for upcoming programs. If you have a home, an office meeting space/screening room, a private club membership, or access to a non-profit meeting space where we could hold a WCLA event, please let us know by filling out the [form here](#).

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

- August 18: Summer Send-off for the Class of 2023
- August 24: 3rd Annual Wellesley in Entertainment Book Swap
- August 24: WAPA Musical Hike
- Note: WCLA Book Club is on vacation in August; will resume in September
- October 6 TBC: Wellesley Circles Kick-Off Events in LA and Orange County
- November 10: Career Conversation with Melissa de la Rama '01
- February 2020: 1st Annual All Ivy Greater Palm Springs Gathering

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>

****UPCOMING EVENTS******Summer Send-off for the Class of 2023!**

Malibu Party for first years, parents, current students, and alumnae! All SoCal first years of the class of 2023, along with their parents, are invited to join a summer Malibu party hosted by the Wellesley Club of Los Angeles. Alumnae are welcome to join and share their Wellesley experiences. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be included.

Date: Sunday, August 18, 2019

Time: 2:30-4:30pm

Location: Creative Visions at 18820 Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 201, Malibu, CA 90265 (above Boardriders)

Parking: Please park at the far end of the lot or along PCH. Also, please consider using Lyft or Uber.

Pricing: Free for our guests: Wellesley first year students and their parents, current students, young alums, and Wellesley Club members. For non-members of the Wellesley Club, registration cost is \$5.

Questions?: Contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu

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

Event host: Kathy Eldon '68

About Creative Visions: Click [here](#)

Wellesley in Entertainment 3rd Annual Book Swap



Benefiting the Wellesley in Entertainment Screenwriting Competition for current seniors. Bring your gently used books and exchange them for new (to you!) ones. The more you bring, the more you can take home. Any books remaining at the end of the night will be donated to the

Downtown Women's Shelter. Drinks and light refreshments will be served.

Date: Saturday, August 24, 2019

Time: 3:00-5:00pm

Location: Michelle Lirtzman's '09 home in Los Feliz provided upon RSVP.

Pricing: \$10 per ticket

Questions?: Contact Michelle michelle.lirtzman@gmail.com

Click [here](#) for more info and to buy a ticket.

WAPA's Musical Hike!



Join WAPA on a Musical Hike to the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook! Join fellow Wellesley Alum Pride Alliance folk in checking out 'Intrinsic Strings,' a transformative, site-specific immersive concert experience that will take place throughout the Culver Stairs and the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook. Attendees will traverse one of three paths (a 0.7 mile 282 step staircase, a 1.25 mile switchback trail, or a short drive along the perimeter) to the top of the overlook while the intrinsic sounds of chamber music are performed alongside the chatter of nature and buzz of the city creating a musical trail.

Date: Saturday, August 24, 2019

Time: Meet at 5:45pm, hike starts at 6:00 - 7:30pm

Location: Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook 6300 Hetzler Road, Culver City, California 90232

Parking: Street parking outside park entrance; fee to park at Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook State Park (Free with California State Parks Pass)

Pricing: Get free Eventbrite ticket [here](#)

Questions?: Contact [Malique Carr '05](#)

Click [here](#) for the event's Facebook page.

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: TBD

Parking: TBD

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.

Event Host: TBD

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: TBD

Parking: TBD

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.

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

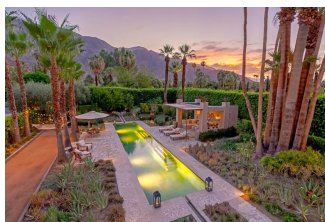
Location: Westwood/Wilshire Corridor address to be provided upon RSVP.

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.

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

Photo Album

WCLA Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 23, 2019 with speaker Johnna Cho '86



Pictured are Brenne Vredeveld, Johnna Cho, Lori Dreischmeier, and Kyle O'Neill



**Wellesley in Entertinmanet Annual Meeting and Steering Committee
Elections on July 14, 2019**



WAPA at LA Pride on Sunday, June 9, 2019



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



Pictured are Belinda Tepper, Melissa Cheng, and Stephanie Sunwoo



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

Welcome to our new slate of board members for 2019-2020! Members in blue are new to the board.

President: Lori Dreischmeier '86

Vice President: Brenna Vredevelde '05

Secretary and Website Editor: Anneliese Klein '15

Co-Treasurer: [Emily Peters '09](#)

Co-Treasurer and Wellesley Circles Co-Chair: [Jocelyn Williams '86](#)

Website/IT Manager: Sessen Mengist '15

Holiday Party Chair and Past Vice President: Erin Copenbarger '95

[Alumnae Admission Representative \(AAR\), LA: Belinda Tepper '71](#)

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

Book Award Chair: Alexandra Nagourney '13

Newsletter Editor: Beth Schaaf '11

Communications Editor: Lisa Valera '12

[Photographer and Photo Album Curator: Regina Hsu '09](#)

Social Media: Mai Perches '10

Young Alumnae Co-Representative: Rachel Thommen '17

Young Alumnae Co-Representative: Nicole Gebriel '12

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

[Membership Co-Chair: Nisha Bedi Donley '10](#)

[Membership Co-Chair: Connie Su '09](#)

Wellesley Circles Co-Chair and Faculty Speaker Chair: Ilene Tsui '10

[Wellesley Circles Co-Chair - LA: Victoria George '05](#)

[Wellesley Circles Co-Chair - LA/South Bay: Lily Kim '06](#)

[Wellesley Circles Co-Chair - OC: Ashtyn Coleman '17](#)

[Wellesley Circles Co-Chair - OC: Kyhm Penfil '87](#)

SHARED INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

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

[WLAN Co-Rep: Brianna Calleros '12](#)

[WLAN Co-Rep: Mariaesther Moncada '12](#)

WAAD Representative: Jackie Olivier '82

WAPA Representative: Malique Carr '05

Wellesley Entrepreneurs Representative: Stephanie Sunwoo '97

WCLA Book Club Representative: Ottavia Montingelli '06

Wellesley Friends of Art Representative: Melissa King '92

Past President: Erika Spitzer '06

Board Observer: Lian Jue '98

Board Observer: Melissa Cheng '05

Board Observer: Natalie Catalan '18

Board Observer: Jean Futami '83

Thanks to our departing board members for their service and best wishes in their new ventures:

Jda Gayle '13, Alexandra Hatem '12, Mei Ling Messner '17 and Henrietta Wong '08

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