



Dear [first_name],

We're happy to share news from the college that admissions are up 9% this year from California and that California remains the largest feeder state of students to the college. Final admissions decisions for the Class of 2022 were announced on March 21, 2018. You can read the details [here](#). There are 40 newly admitted students from Los Angeles, and we are holding a [Welcome Tea](#) on Sunday, April 15.

Starting on Saturday, April 7, there will be a [Young Alum Lunch](#) on the first Saturday of each month. We hope Young Alums (graduating in the last 5-7 years) will enjoy this opportunity for a Wellesley connection.

Also, the Pasadena Club invites us to hear Lois Wasserspring, former Wellesley Senior Lecturer Emerita in Political Science, for [her talk on Saturday, April 14](#).

If you are interested in re-engaging more deeply with Wellesley alumnae in Los Angeles, we'd love to have you join our board. You can learn more about open positions [here](#). If interested, please email WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu.

We'd love to hear from you and see you at an event soon.

Best wishes,
Your WCLA Board

Upcoming Events

Events below are listed in chronological order.

Young Alum -- Monthly Lunch

Starting this month, there will be a recurring monthly lunch get-together for Young Alums at Tender Greens at the Westfield Century City.



Date: Saturday April 7 (recurring on the first Saturday of every month)

Time: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Location: Tender Greens Century City

[10250 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90067](#)

Restaurant is located on the second floor in the terrace space, closest to the Century Park West entrance.

Parking: Century City Westfield Mall Parking

- 1st hour: COMPLIMENTARY
- Hours 1.5-5: \$1 every 30 minutes

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

Wellesley Club of Pasadena: Faculty Speaker Lois Wasserspring



Come hear [Lois Wasserspring](#), former Senior Lecturer Emerita in Political Science, for her talk, *The Paradox of Mexico: Understanding Our Neighbor in the Age of Trump*.

Professor Wasserspring retired in 2016 after teaching for 36 years at Wellesley. Her focus is on comparative politics, focusing on Latin America. She founded the Latin American Studies at Wellesley and co-directed the program for over two decades. She also has an interest in Mexican folk art, especially by the women in rural Oaxaca, Mexico, who struggle economically despite receiving national and international fame as artisans.

Date: Saturday, April 14, 2018

Time: 3:00-4:30pm

Location: San Marino Library

[1890 Huntington Drive, San Marino, CA 91108](#)

RSVPs: Please go [here](#) for event registration @ Wellesley-in-Pasadena.

Cost: Tickets are \$5 for members (Wellesley-in-Pasadena is extending member privilege to WCLA) and \$10 for non-members. Event is free for young alums, admitted students and lifetime members.

Event contact: [Judy Lee](#)

Welcome Tea for Admitted Students, Wellesley Class of '22

Please join us in welcoming newly-admitted students and answering any questions they and their parents may have about Wellesley. We'd love to see alums, particularly



from more recent classes, who can share on their student experiences, their diverse perspectives on the college, and the benefits of the vast Wellesley alumnae network with these potential future WCLA members!

Our WCLA tea is a great way for admitted students to have first-hand experience with Wellesley alumane since it's not easy for California students to attend [Spring Open Campus](#).

Date: Sunday, April 15, 2018

Time: 2pm

Location: Private home of Wellesley alumna in Brentwood

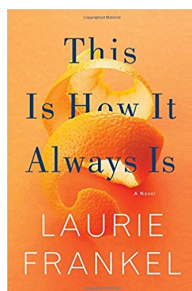
RSVPs: Please click [here](#) to register

Light refreshments will be served. Street parking available.

For questions, please contact [Rebecca Nounou](#).

WCLA Book Club

The WCLA Book Club is open to all Wellesley alumnae and includes a wide range of ages. 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. Books and dates for each month are picked at the preceding month's meeting. Anyone who wants to be added to the book club distribution list is welcome to join!



Book for April: We will be reading *This Is How It Always Is: A Novel* by Laurie Frankel. I read it early in 2017, and it ended up being one of my favorite books of the year. It treats a very important and relevant topic - that of a child realizing their gender identity early on in life - with sensitivity, depth and at times even humor.

Date: Sunday, April 29, 2018

Time: 1-3pm

Location: Central Court at LACMA, 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 to Ottavia Montingelli: [WCLA Book Club](#)

WIE Annual Meeting and Elections

Join us for a social hour followed by a quick update on the group, the College, and next year's agenda. We'll also vote in next year's steering committee. For details, click [here](#).

Date: Sunday, May 20th, 2018

Time: 3pm - 5pm

Location: Village Idiot

[7383 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90046](#)

Event contact: [WIE](#)

WCLA Annual Board Meeting

Because board members are completing their service terms, there will be open positions for Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Programming Chair, Faculty Speaker Representative, Photographer and more. Click [here](#) for more detail, and if you are interested in joining the board or hosting the annual meeting at your home, please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu

Date: Sunday, June 24, 2018

Time: 1:30pm

Location: TBD

Photo Album



Please check out our WCLA website to see [photo albums](#) from March events: the annual [Wellesley-in-Pasadena and Harvard Clubs' Chinese Lunar New Year event featuring author Jade Chang](#) and [MITSC's First Ever Salsa Night with alumni from MIT, Inter-Ivy LA+ RPI and Wellesley](#).

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 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](#).

Wellesley Latina Network (WLAN) and Wellesley Club of Los Angeles

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

Wellesley Group for Midlife Transitions - New SIG!

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--a new job or a new life challenge--and haven't entirely figured it out yet. Join us to brainstorm, reconnect and be energized by our Wellesley sisterhood.

The next meeting is on Sunday, May 6. If you are interested in joining or would like to be added to the email list, please contact [Julie Hogenboom '87](#).

Please Support our Club

Student Admissions - Represent Wellesley at Career College Fairs

Please contact [Rebecca Nounou](#) to volunteer.

Miguel Contrera Learning Complex College and Career Fair

Audience: 700 rising juniors and seniors

Date + Time: April 12, 2018 at 8:30am-1pm

Location: [322 Lucas Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90067](#)

Hillcrest Elementary & Music Magnet College and Career Day

Audience: Elementary school age students

Date + Time: April 26, 2018 at 8:30am-10:30am; classroom visits.

Location: [4041 Hillcrest Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90008](#)

Alliance Marc and Eva Stern Math and Science School's Annual College Fair

Audience: This event is open to all grades and takes place during the school day

Date + Time: April 27, 2018 at 1pm-3:30pm

Location: [5151 State University Drive, CSULA, Mail Code 8981-06, Lot 2, Los Angeles, CA 90032](#)

Wellesley Book Award Program

The [Book Award Program](#) is an excellent bridge between Wellesley College and prospective students. This spring, WCLA nominated the Vivian Webb Schools in Claremont to give the book award to a talented woman from the junior class. We would like to give a warm thanks to those that gave to the Book Award Scholarship with funds that will be used toward future Book Award nominations.

Christine Miller '66

Noelle Miller '69

Liliana Monge '89

Nicola O'Shea Kerner '87

Deborah Voosen '66

The club is always interested in growing its program. If you know of a Los Angeles or Orange County high school that would benefit from participating, please send a note to [Alexandra Nagourney](#).

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 such as the annual board meeting, 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 for the mailing address. Please make checks payable to Wellesley Club of Los Angeles, include your graduation year and specify as "membership dues".

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.

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/>

WCLA Board

Many thanks to Leah Tran for her service for the last two years and completing her term as Vice President. Thanks also to Alexandra Nagourney for her service as Communications Chair; we're excited she'll continue on the board as the new Book Award Chair. Big welcome to new board members Erin Copenbarger, Rachel Newman, Ottavia Montingelli and Stephanie Wunwoo.

Co-Presidents: Lori Dreischmeier & Erika Spitzer

Vice President: Leah Tran

NEW - Vice President (incoming): Erin Copenbarger

Co-Treasurer and Website Manager: Brenna Vredevelt

Co-Treasurer: Henrietta Wong

Alumnae Admission Representative (AAR), LA: Rebecca Nounou

NEW - Alumnae Admission Representative (AAR), OC: Rachel Newman

Young Alumnae Representative: Rachel Thommen

Social Media Chair: Sophie Nitkin

Communications Chair: Lian Jue

NEW - Book Award Chair (incoming): Alexandra Nagourney

Wellesley in Entertainment Rep: Michelle Lirtzman

WLAN Representative: Kathy Silva

NEW - WCLA Book Club Representative: Ottavia Montingelli

NEW - Wellesley Entrepreneurs Representative: Stephanie Sunwoo

Every woman can—and should—make a meaningful contribution to her world. There is a growing recognition that women's empowerment and leadership are crucial to their own advancement, and to worldwide societal change. Wellesley and its alumnae have supported and championed women's intellectual and social development and autonomy for over 100 years.

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