

Dear [first_name],

Congratulations to Wellesley Professor [Frank Bidart](#) who won a Pulitzer Prize for [Poetry](#)! He's taught at Wellesley for 45 years. To participate in a congratulations note to Mr. Bidart and invite him to visit our Wellesley alumnae in Los Angeles next year, please click [here](#).

Congratulations also to Cameran Mason '84 who has been appointed as the Chief Development Officer at MFA Boston. You can read more [here](#).

Cameran will be joining Christina Yu Yu '02 at the MFA Boston who has been appointed Chair of Asian Art and will be leaving her role at the USC Pacific Asia Museum. You can read the full story [here](#).

Also, we are excited to have new board members joining us....please welcome Jda Gayle, Alexandra Hatem, Melissa King, Mei Ling Messner, Jackie Olivier, Mai Perches and Ilene Tsui!

If you have ideas for our club and are interested joining the board, we'd love to hear from you. You can learn more about open positions [here](#). 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 Alums Monthly Lunch - May



Make new friends in LA: Alumnae Classes '13-'17 or young at heart! Let's lunch together like the days when we ate together in the dorms, but now we're outside in the California sunshine!

Date: Saturday, May 5th, 2018 (recurring on the first Saturday of every month)

Time: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Location: Tender Greens Century City - Look for the green Wellesley baseball cap!

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

Event details: Click [here](#)

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

WCLA Career and Life Transitions Group



Stuck in a rut? Try something new! New life challenge!

Date: Sunday, May 6th, 2018

Time: 4:30-6:00pm

Location: Beverly Hills wine bar location provided upon RSVP.

Event details: Click [here](#)

RSVP/Questions? Contact [Julie Hogenboom](#)

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.

Date: Sunday, May 20th, 2018

Time: 3:00-5:00pm

Location: Village Idiot

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

For details, click [here](#).

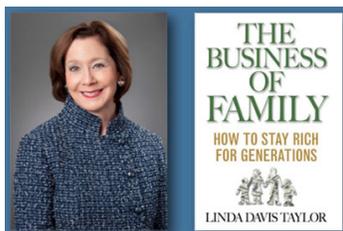
Event contact: [WIE](#)

For the Love of Family and \$\$\$

Wellesley-in-Pasadena: Financial Planning Seminar

Date: Sunday, May 20th, 2018

Time: 3:00-5:00m

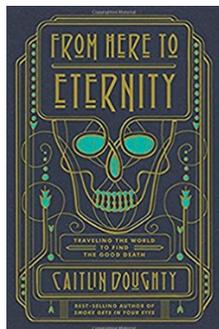


Location: Pasadena address provided upon RSVP.

Event details: [click here](#)

RSVP: [click here](#)

WCLA Book Club - May/June



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!

Date: Sunday, June 3, 2018

Time: 1-3pm

Location: LACMA Central Court, between the cafe and the bookstore
[5905 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90036](#)

Event and parking details: click [here](#)

RSVP to Ottavia Montingelli: [WCLA Book Club](#)

Huntington: Tour the Virginia Steel Scott Galleries



Wellesley Friends of Art

Date: Saturday, June 9th, 2018

Time: 10:30am-2pm

Location: The Huntington

[1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108](#)

Event details: click [here](#)

RSVP: click [here](#)

WAAD & WLAN 15th Annual High Tea Quinceanera



WAAD and WLAN alumnae, current and incoming students! Parents are welcome!

Date: Saturday, June 16th, 2018

Time: 11am-1pm

Location: Madeline Garden

[1030 East Green Street, Pasadena, CA 91106](#)

Event details: click [here](#)

RSVP/Questions: contact [Jessica Gonzalez](#)

WCLA Annual Board Meeting

Have ideas? Join our board! If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu

BOARD NOMINATIONS

ARE NOW OPEN!

Date: Sunday, June 24th, 2018

Time: 1:30-3:30pm

Location: Westside location provided upon RSVP

Event details: click [here](#)

RSVP: click [here](#)

"Welcome to LA" Art Crawl: Save-the-Date



Friends of Art and Young Alums!

Whether you are new to LA or just want to explore more of your own backyard, you will not want to miss!

Date: Saturday, August 4th, 2018

Time: TBD

Location: Downtown LA/Little Tokyo

Event details: click [here](#)

Questions? Contact [Rachel Thommen](#)

Summer Send-Off for Class of 2022



Summer Garden Party for first-years, parents and alumnae!

Date: Sunday, August 19th, 2018

Time: 2:30-4:30pm

Location: Home of Kyle Neal '83 in West Hollywood
(address provided upon RSVP)

Event details: Click [here](#)

Photo Album



Please check out our WCLA website to see [photo albums](#) including our April event: The Welcome Tea for the Class of 2022!

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) 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 Alumnae of African Descent (WAAD)

To get involved with WAAD, please contact [Jackie Olivier '82](#).

Wellesley Friends of Art

To get involved or learn more, please contact [Melissa King](#) or [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](#).

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. If you are interested in joining, please contact [Julie Hogenboom '87](#).

Please Support our Club

Student Admissions - Represent Wellesley at Career College Fairs

To learn more, click [here](#).

Please contact admission@wellesley.edu to volunteer.

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 and Palos Verde High School to give the book award to a talented woman from the junior class in each school. 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](mailto:bvredeveld@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/>

Wellesley Young Alumnae in Los Angeles: [Wellesley Young Alumnae in Los Angeles](#)

WCLA Board

A big welcome to our newest board members:

*Jda Gayle, Alexandra Hatem, Melissa King,
Mei Ling Messner, Jackie Olivier, Mai Perches, and Ilene Tsui!*

Many thanks to outgoing board members for their service:

Leah Tran, Sophie Nitkin and Rebecca Nounou.

Co-Presidents: Lori Dreischmeier & Erika Spitzer

Vice President: Erin Copenbarger

Co-Treasurer and Website Manager: Brenna Vredevelt

Co-Treasurer: Henrietta Wong

Secretary: Alexandra Hatem

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

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

Young Alumnae Representative: Rachel Thommen

Communications Co-Chair (Website): Lian Jue

Communications Co-Chair (Social Media): Mai Perches

Photographer: Jda Gayle

Programming Chair/Faculty Speaker Chair: Ilene Tsui

Book Award Chair: Alexandra Nagourney

Wellesley in Entertainment Rep: Michelle Lirtzman

WLAN Representative: Kathy Silva

WAAD Representative: Jackie Olivier

WCLA Book Club Representative: Ottavia Montingelli

Friends of Art Representative: Melissa King

Wellesley Entrepreneurs Representative: Stephanie Sunwoo