Dear [first_name],

We have exciting news to share! The Wellesley College Alumnae Association has chosen Erika Spitzer '06, WCLA Past President, as a 2018 recipient of the Sed Ministrare Volunteer Award! Erika is one of three recipients of the annual award who are chosen from volunteers in over 100 WCAA clubs and classes. It's a wonderful recognition of her service as well as the renewed mission of our Wellesley Club of Los Angeles! We're here to support connections with our amazing alums and with the college.

Trustee Lawry Meister '83 is generously inviting alums to celebrate the Sed Ministrare Award at her home on Saturday afternoon, November 3. Don't miss this special event and stay tuned for updates on guest speakers! We request advance RSVPs as event capacity will be limited.

Also, we've brought back our annual Day to Make a Difference and hope you'll join us on October 6 for a WCLA volunteer day at the L.A. Kitchen! They have an awesome purpose to reclaim healthy, local food that would otherwise be discarded, to train men and women who are unemployed for jobs, and to provide healthy meals to fellow citizens. Young alums are invited to join Day to Make a Difference before the Monthly Young Alum Lunch.

We're planning our very popular annual career event in the first quarter of 2019. If you are interested in being a host, contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu.

Thanks to all who voted in our holiday party polls! Save the date... Wellesley returns to the Wellesbourne on December 8th!
Do you love insta? Our board would like to find an alum to launch a WCLA Instagram channel. Also, we're looking for a Website Manager (Database) and a Programming Co-Chair. If interested, email WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu.

We hope to see you at a WCLA event soon!

Best wishes,
Your WCLA Board

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**Upcoming Events**

*Events below are listed in chronological order*

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**WAPA Urban Stairs Hike - September**

For a change of pace, we're going to head to Upper Beachwood Canyon for an urban stairs hike. Enjoy the beautiful homes and landscaping of Hollywoodland. This 2 mile hike is fairly strenuous with lots of stairs but we'll take it slow. While this event is geared toward LGBTQ+ alums, ALL are welcome. Friends welcome.

Date: Saturday, September 29th, 2018

**Time:** Gather at 9 AM, hike will start at 9:15 AM

**Location:** Meet outside Beachwood Cafe 2695 N. Beachwood Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90068

**Difficulty:** Strenuous

**Distance:** Approximately 2 miles

Event details: Click [here](#)

Please contact Malique Carr if you have interest/questions.

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**WCLA at CicLAvia and the LA Phil's 100th Anniversary**

Come join us for a leisurely CicLAvia bike ride along auto-free streets from Walt Disney Concert Hall to Hollywood. This is a rare treat of open streets in the heart of LA in celebration of the LA Phil's 100th anniversary. Six hubs along the route will feature art, food trucks, live music, and more. All alums, families, and friends are welcome to join for this free event!

**Date:** Sunday, September 30th, 2018

**Time:** Gather at 10 AM, we'll start the ride shortly thereafter

**Location:** Meet at the Grand Hub & Stage Grand Ave & 1st Street in Downtown LA

**Distance:** 16 miles round-trip (mostly flat), or feel free to join/leave as you wish

Event details: Click [here](#)
RSVP: Please RSVP by 9/29 on the WCLA website so we know you're coming. Additional details or any changes will be emailed prior to the event. Contact Brenna Vredevelt '05 if you have interest/questions. (Meeting for breakfast before we set out is also an option.)

Day to Make a Difference
Join a Group Volunteer Day to help solve the problem of food security in LA County.
Date: Saturday, October 6th, 2018
Time: 9:30am-12:30pm
Location: L.A. Kitchen 230 W Avenue 26 Los Angeles, CA 90031
Additional info: An email with further details regarding the event, including dress code and parking directions, will be sent out to all confirmed volunteers on 10/4. Friends and plus ones are welcome to join.
Register: Please RSVP by 9/29 so we can get a final headcount. If registering after 9/29, please contact Charlotte in addition to filling out the form. RSVP here.
Event details: Click here
Questions: Contact Charlotte Kiang

Young Alums Monthly Lunch - October
Make new friends in LA: Alumnae classes '13-'18 or young at heart! Join the Day to Make a Difference followed by lunch at a nearby spot (Chinatown, perhaps).
Date: Saturday, October 6th, 2018 (recurring on the first Saturday of every month)
Time: Following the Day to Make a Difference event at approximately 12:30 PM
Location: TBD; Look for the Green Wellesley baseball cap!
Event details: Click here
Please contact Rachel Thommen if you have interest/questions.

WCLA Book Club - October
Book for October: "Endurance: A Year in Space, A Lifetime of Discovery" by Scott Kelly
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. Anyone who wants to be added to the book club distribution list in welcome to join!
Date: Sunday, October 14th, 2018
Time: 1-3pm
Location: Central Court at LACMA, between the LACMA Cafe and the bookstore, 5905 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90036
Event and contact details: click here
Sed Ministrare Award - Tea
Join the WCLA to celebrate our club's renewed mission and honor Erika Spitzer, WCLA Past President, for receiving the Sed Ministrare Volunteer Award
Date: Saturday, November 3, 2018
Time: 3-5pm
Location: Home of Trustee Lawry Meister ’83 Pacific Palisades, CA; Address provided upon RSVP.
Parking: Street parking available
Register: Please RSVP by clicking the event page link here. Event is free for members and $15 for non-members/guests. Capacity is limited. Please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu if you have interest/questions.

WCLA Career and Life Transitions Group - November
Stuck in a rut? Try something new! New job! New life challenge!
Date: Sunday, November 11th, 2018
Time: 4:30-6pm
Location: 350 North Canon Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Event and contact details: click here
Questions? Contact Julie Hogenboom

WCLA Book Club - November
Book for November: "Girl at War" by Sara Novic
Date: Sunday, November 11th, 2018
Time: 1-3pm
Location: Central Court at LACMA, between the LACMA Cafe and the bookstore, 5905 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90036
Event and contact details: click here

Wellesley at the Wellesbourne - Annual Holiday Party Save-the-Date
Date: Saturday, December 8, 2018
Time: 5-7pm
Location: The Wellesbourne 10929 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90064
Parking: First 3 hours across the street at the Landmark Movie Theatre or public metered parking at the corner of Pico and Midvale Avenue.
Attire: Holiday!
Register: Get your tickets at the event page [here](#)! Please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu if you have any questions.

Photo Album

"Welcome to L.A." Art Tour from the Friends of Art and WCLA Young Alums

Summer Send-Off for the Class of 2022
Please check out our WCLA website to see more photos from these and other events in our photo albums.

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**Get Involved**

Join The Hive networking platform: [https://hive.wellesley.edu](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)**
To get involved with WLAN and support Latina and Hispanic Admission/Recruitment, College Connection and Alumnae Community at Wellesley 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 Alum Pride Alliance (WAPA)**
To get involved with WAPA, please contact 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.

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 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 and/or participate in prospective student interviews.
To learn more, click here.
Please contact admission@wellesley.edu to volunteer.

Wellesley Book Award Program
The Book Award Program recognizes high-achieving young women who have excelled and gives them the opportunity to become better acquainted with Wellesley. It also helps some areas of the country such as California become more familiar with Wellesley. Please learn more about the book award here.

If you are interested in donating a book award, please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu. It is a $30 donation to sponsor each book award.

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. 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 Vredeveld, one of WCLA’s Co-Treasurers. Contact her at bredeveld@gmail.com. Please make checks payable to Wellesley Club of Los Angeles, include your graduation year and specify as “membership dues”.

**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 member: Natalie Catalan ’18!

Acknowledgement to Brenna Vredeveld who is now VP, Operations/Website in addition to her role as Co-Treasurer

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