



## Wellesley College Club of Los Angeles



Dear [first\_name],

Please check out upcoming events in our newsletter below (and on our [WCLA website](#))!

We are looking for a location for our Annual Board Meeting on Sunday afternoon, June 23. [If you can host in your home or can recommend a location, we'd love your support!](#) At our [annual meeting](#), we will confirm board officers for the 2019-2020 academic year as well as hear guest speaker Johnna Cho '86, Senior Vice President, Legal and Business Affairs at Warner Bros. Home Entertainment on "The Wellesley Effect".

[If you would like to join our board for the coming academic year, please go here](#) to see open positions and email [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu) to let us know your interest! Nominations are due by June 1, 2019.

Also, please register to join us on May 19 to hear [Karen Jordan: Career Conversation on the Power of the Ask!](#)

As always, please reach out with any suggestions and let us know if you are interested in volunteering or participating on the WCLA Board:  
[WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto: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*

- May 4: Young Alum May Brunch
- May 4: WIE - Seven Sisters in Entertainment and Media Speed Networking Event
- May 19: Join WAPA at Long Beach Pride Parade

- May 19: WCLA Book Club - *Go Tell It on the Mountain* by James Baldwin
- **May 19: WCLA Career Conversation with Karen Jordan on the Power of the Ask!**
- May 27: Dr. Kwan Kew Lai '74 discusses her book debut *Lest We Forget: A Doctor's Experience with Life and Death During the Ebola Outbreak*
- June 9: Save-the-Date for WAPA at the LA Pride Parade
- June 15: Save-the-Date for the 16th Annual WAAD & WLAN High Tea
- June 23: Save-the-Date for the WCLA Annual Meeting with guest speaker Johnna Cho '86
- August 18: Summer Send-off for the Class of 2023

#### NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS (not sponsored by the WCLA)

- April 30-May1: Recurring Revenue Conference
- May 4: Hillary and Bill Clinton at the Forum

#### STAY CONNECTED

- **Wellesley Club of Los Angeles:** <https://losangeles.alum.wellesley.edu/>
- Reach the **Wellesley Club of Los Angeles:**  
[WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto: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\**

##### **Young Alum May Brunch**



Join Nicole and Rachel for boozy brunch at Lola's Mexican Cuisine in Long Beach. Please RSVP so we can make a reservation.

Date: Saturday May 4, 2019

Time: 11am- 1pm

Location: 4140 Atlantic Ave. Long Beach, CA 90807

Menu: [Lola's brunch menu](#)

RSVP: Email Rachel at [rthommen@wellesley.edu](mailto:rthommen@wellesley.edu)

Pricing: No host bar and brunch (pay your own meal)

## WIE - Seven Sisters in Entertainment Speed Networking



Are you looking to expand your professional circles? Do you struggle to introduce yourself at standard networking events? Amid the cries for more women in film and TV, do you wonder where your Seven Sisters are? Come find out! Bring business cards, resumes, or a pad of paper to swap notes, ideas, and

contact info with other Seven Sisters alums working all across the film/TV/media spectrum. Business professionals and creatives are both welcome. There is a 65 person cap to this event so buy your tickets [here](#) soon!

Date: Saturday May 4, 2019

Time: 2:00 - 5:00pm

Location: Film Independent, 5670 Wilshire Blvd. 9th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90036

Tickets: \$10. Purchase tickets at the event page [here](#). One ticket per Seven Sisters alum, no guests. Ticket sales will be closed once we reach the 65 person capacity.

Questions?: email [wellesleyinentertainment@gmail.com](mailto:wellesleyinentertainment@gmail.com)

## Join WAPA at Long Beach Pride Parade



The Long Beach Pride Parade will march along Ocean Boulevard on May 19th. This year's theme is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. We will cheer on the parade, and some may choose to head to the official pride festival after the parade. Details about the parade and festival are

available [here](#).

Date: Sunday May 19, 2019

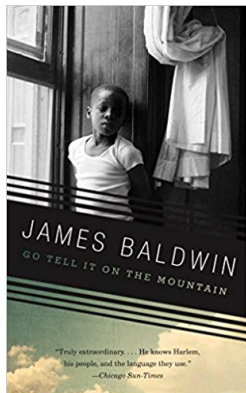
Time: Around 10 AM (parade step-off is at 10:30 AM)

Location: Meet at Gaviota Ave. and E Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802

Pricing: Free to cheer on the parade; if you want to attend the official festival after the parade, tickets start at \$20 and can be purchased [online](#) in advance.

Questions?: Contact [wcla.wapa@gmail.com](mailto:wcla.wapa@gmail.com)

## WCLA Book Club - May



Book for May: [Go Tell It on the Mountain](#) by James Baldwin

Date: Sunday May 19, 2019

Time: 1- 3pm

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

For event and **parking** details [click here](#)

Questions?: Email [wclabookclub@gmail.com](mailto:wclabookclub@gmail.com)

## **Career Conversation with Karen Jordan on the Power of the Ask!**

### **Hosted by the WCLA Career Transitions Group**



Karen Jordan '91 shares her experiences in managing career changes as a journalist and in founding her own skincare line and discusses the power of the ask to get what you want!

Date: Sunday, May 19, 2019

Time: 3-5pm

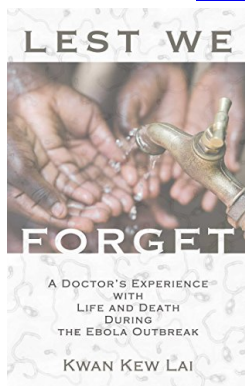
Location: Village Workspace in the Westside Towers at 11845 West Olympic Boulevard, #1100W, Los Angeles, CA 90064

Parking: Free parking on Olympic Blvd (not metered on Sundays) and side streets (unmetered); 2 hours free parking across the street at Bed Bath and Beyond; parking in the Westside Towers is \$2.55/15 minutes with maximum daily at \$17.85

Questions? Contact [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu)

Price: Event is free for members and \$10 for non-members and guests. Advance RSVP is required. *If the cost of a non-member ticket causes undue financial burden, please contact [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu) and we'll find a solution that supports your attending.*

## **Dr. Kwan Kew Lai '74 discusses her book debut**



*Lest We Forget: A Doctor's Experience with Life and Death During the Ebola Outbreak*

Kwan Kew Lai will share with us about her time volunteering during the greatest Ebola outbreak in history when she spent three months caring for Ebola patients in Liberia and Sierra Leone

Date: Monday, May 27, 2019 (Memorial Day)

Time: 7:30pm

Location: The Last Bookstore, 453 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013

Price: \$15.95; tickets must be purchased via Eventbrite

Questions?: Contact [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu)

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

## **Save-the-Date: WAPA at the LA Pride Parade**



Details to come

Date: Sunday, June 9, 2019

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

Pricing: TBD



Questions?: Contact [wcla.wapa@gmail.com](mailto:wcla.wapa@gmail.com)

### **Save-the-Date: WAAD & WLAN 16th Annual High Tea**



Details to come

Date: Saturday, June 15, 2019

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

Pricing: TBD

Questions?: Contact [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu)

### **Save-the-Date: WCLA Annual Meeting 2019**



This special afternoon will feature: Electing the slate of new bard members for the 2019-2020 academic year, Hearing Johnna Cho '86 speak on "The

Wellesley Effect" in her life and career as SVP Legal & Business Affairs at Warner Bros. Home Entertainment, Meeting local alumnae and learning about updates on WCLA's renewed mission!

Date: Sunday, June 23, 2019

Time: 3:00-5:15pm

Location: TBD

Pricing: TBD

We are looking for a location/event host. If you are interested or have suggestions, please contact [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu)

### **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](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu)

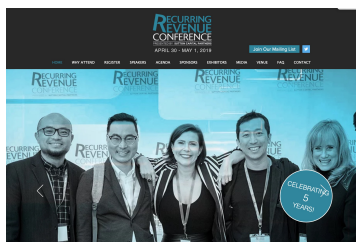
Click [here](#) for details and to register.

Event host: Kathy Eldon '68

About Creative Visions: Click [here](#)

***\*UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS (not sponsored by the WCLA)\****

**Recurring Revenue Conference (RCC) presented by Sutton Capital Partners**



Wellesley Alum Nancy Hammerman is Vice President of Sutton Capital and runs the RCC. Attend the 5th annual conference on the Subscription Economy! 600+ entrepreneurs, SaaS and subscription innovators, leading VCs, angel investors, and executives.

Date: Tuesday, April 30 and Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Time: Tuesday 12:30-7:15pm; Wednesday 8am-6pm

Location: Marina del Rey Marriott, 4100 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Pricing: Register [here](#) and claim your 30% discount with Promo Code: **LinkedIn30**

Questions?: Contact Patti Buhler: [pb@suttoncapitalpartners.com](mailto:pb@suttoncapitalpartners.com)

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

Note: This is not a WCLA-sponsored event.

**An Evening with President Bill Clinton and Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton**



Date: Saturday, May 4, 2019

Time: 7:30pm

Location: The Forum, Inglewood, CA

Pricing: \$35-\$375+

Click [here](#) for details and tickets

Note: This is not a WCLA-sponsored event.

## Photo Album

### Day to Make a Difference at the LA Regional Food Bank on April 6, 2019

***Thanks to our Volunteers:*** Nisha Donley, Lori Dreischmeier, Nicole Gebriel, Ashley Hills, Sessen Mengist, Sarah Moughty, Emily Peters, Connie Su, Jocelyn Williams, and Evelyn Wu!!



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### Spring Admissions Tea for Class of 2023 on April 14, 2019!

Thanks to everyone who joined our welcome tea for accepted students to the Class of 2023!

- WCLA: 10 admitted students attended and 3 had already chosen Wellesley; thanks to Alex Nagourney for hosting and for the 20 alums who joined and shared their experience.
- Wellesley-in-Pasadena: 9 admitted students attended with 5 enrolled so far.



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### **Quarterly Board Meeting on April 14, 2019!**





Please check out our WCLA website to see more photos from these and other events in our [photo albums](#).

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### Book Awards

WCLA actively participates in the [Wellesley College Book Award Program](#) honoring young women who have been top scholars in high school as well as talented performers in extracurricular areas. We are thrilled to announce that young women from 13 schools will be receiving the Wellesley College Book Award this year!

We need Alumnae presenters at these schools: Arcadia High School, Central City High School (Value School), La Salle High School, Palos Verdes High School, Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, and St. Monica Academy in Pasadena. [If interested, please contact our Book Award Chair Alex Nagourney directly at alexandra.nagourney@gmail.com](#)

1. Arcadia High School - [Alumnae presenter needed on Thursday, May 30 at 5pm](#)
2. Beverly Hills High School
3. Brentwood School
4. Central City High School (Value School) - [Alumnae presenter needed any Wednesday at 9am](#)
5. University Prep High School (Value School)
6. The Webb Schools of California
7. La Salle High School - [Alumnae presenter needed on Tuesday, May 21, 9:15am to 11:00am](#)
8. Palos Verdes High School - [Alumnae presenter needed on Thursday, April 25, 11:30am to 1:30pm](#)
9. Palos Verdes Peninsula High School - [Alumnae presenter needed on Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30pm](#)
10. South Pasadena High School
11. St. Margaret's Episcopal School
12. St. Monica Academy - [Alumnae presenter needed on May 28 at 8:15am](#)
13. Downtown Magnets High School

Many thanks to our alumnae book award donors who make this award possible! The donors for 2018-2019 are:

Wendy Bader '83

Jennifer Blau '93

Marlena Brown '05

Linda Dean '81

Jda Gayle '13

Brigitte Frankel '86

Mary McPherson '83

Sessen Mengist '15

Chris Miller '66

Mary Helen Miller '83

Rachel Newman '08

Rebecca Nounou '07

Jacqueline Olivier '82

Mai Perches '10

Maria Siciliano '83

Sesilia Song '94

Julia Weinstein '73

Jocelyn Williams '86

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## 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)

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 [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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 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, and we're figuring it out together! If you are interested in joining, please contact [Julie Hogenboom '87](#).

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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). Please make checks payable to Wellesley Club of Los Angeles, include your graduation year and specify as "membership dues".

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## WCLA Board

President: Lori Dreischmeier '86

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Co-Treasurer: Henrietta Wong '08

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Membership Co-Chair: Jean Futami '83

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WAAD Representative: Jackie Olivier '82

WAPA Representative: Malique Carr '05

Wellesley Entrepreneurs Representative: Stephanie Sunwoo '97

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