



## Wellesley College Club of Los Angeles



Dear [first\_name],

We have two special speaker events this month and hope you can join! [Karen Jordan '91](#) is the guest speaker for a Career Conversation on the "Power of the Ask" on May 19. Also, [Dr. Kwan Kew Lai '74](#) is visiting from Boston for her book debut "Lest We Forget" hosted by The Last Bookstore on Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day); they need to sell 25 tickets to hold the event. You can find more details for these and other events on our [WCLA website](#)!

We are still 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.

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 19: Join WAPA in cheering on the 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!**
- June 1: Young Alums- Love Your Body Pool Party in Agoura Hills
- June 9: Join WAPA in cheering on the LA Pride Parade
- June 15: 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)

- **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***

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- 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\***

#### **Join WAPA in Cheering on the 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

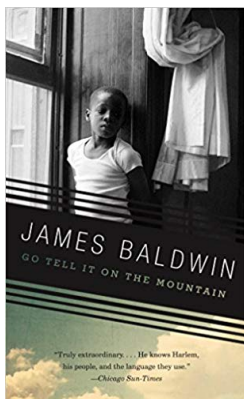
Time: Around 10 AM (parade step-off is at 10:30 AM)

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

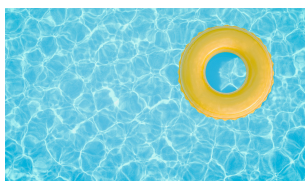
Location: Village Workspace in the Westside Towers at 11845 West Olympic Boulevard, #1100W, Los Angeles, CA 90064

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.*

### **Love Your Body Pool Party - Young Alum Event**



Enjoy a relaxing afternoon by the pool surrounded by your Wellesley sibs in whatever makes you most comfortable in and around the water. Bring something to share whether it is food, snack, or drinks!

Date: Saturday, June 1, 2019

Time: 2:30-5:30pm

Location: Rachel Thommen's Home (Agoura Hills)

Potluck Sign-Up: Email [rthommen@wellesley.edu](mailto:rthommen@wellesley.edu)

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



Cheer on this year's LA Pride Parade with fellow alums. A Wellesley sib's sister has generously offered her apartment as a meeting place (and free bathroom) for the parade. We will convene on the back patio. From there we can walk down Santa Monica to cheer on the parade, which kicks

off at 11 AM. If you come by later than 11 AM, meet us by the corner of N. Flores and Santa Monica. We will be sporting Wellesley pride pins! The parade is scheduled to end at 2 PM. After, some alums may choose to walk to the neighboring restaurants, bars, or clubs. The [official ticketed LA Pride festival](#) is scheduled from noon to 1 AM. BYOB and bring water and sun protection!

Date: Sunday, June 9, 2019

Time: Meet around 10 AM (parade is scheduled from 11 AM - 2 PM)

Location: 1229 N. Flores St., West Hollywood, CA 90069 (between Santa Monica and Fountain); if you join after parade kickoff, meet around intersection of N. Flores and Santa Monica

Pricing: Free to cheer on the parade

Parking: Give yourself plenty of time to get there as there will be road closures.

Consider public transit as parking in West Hollywood can be challenging.

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

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



Wellesley Alumnae of African Descent & Wellesley Latina Alumnae Network invite alumnae, students, and parents to our summertime 16th Annual High Tea.

Date: Saturday, June 15, 2019

Time: 11am - 1pm

Location: Chado Tea Room, 79 North Raymond Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103

Pricing: Alumnae and Guests/parents: \$26.00 (includes tax and tip), Young Alums (Class of '15-'19): \$20, Incoming and current students are hosted

Questions?: Contact [Jackie Oliver - WAAD Western Regional Rep](#) or [Briana Calleros - WLAN Rep](#)

### **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)

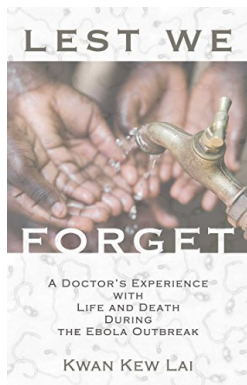
Click [here](#) for details and to register.

Event host: Kathy Eldon '68

About Creative Visions: Click [here](#)

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

#### **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

## Photo Album

### Young Alum Boozy Brunch in Long Beach on May 4, 2019



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### Recurring Revenue Conference on May 1, 2019 - Organized by Nancy Hammerman, Sutton Capital Partners

Volunteers with Nancy Hammerman (2nd from left): Lori Dreischmeier, Laura Moser, Stephanie Sunwoo, and Victoria George. Julia Tsai and Farida Habeeb not pictured.



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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.



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

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Jacqueline Olivier '82

Mai Perches '10

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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

Thanks to Lian Jue '98 for designing the new WCLA banner/masthead!

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