



## Wellesley College Club of Los Angeles



Dear [first\_name],

We're looking forward to the fall season and hope to see you at a WCLA event soon!

We're excited to bring a new initiative to our alums in [LA and Orange County: Wellesley Circles!](#) The program is for alums to gather monthly in their neighborhood with the purpose of empowering and supporting one another personally and professionally. Please join us on **Sunday, October 6 for the Wellesley Circles kick-offs in either Los Angeles or Orange County!**

We had a wonderful Summer Send-Off for the Class of 2023! Many thanks to Kathy Eldon '68 for hosting us at the [Creative Visions Foundation](#) in Malibu and for all the alums who joined us in launching the Class of 2023 for their first year at Wellesley!

As always, please reach out with any suggestions or questions by contacting: [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu).

Your WCLA Board

## Upcoming Events

*Events below are listed in chronological order*

- September 15: WCLA Book Club
- September 29: Young Alums - L.A. Chocolate Salon at the Pasadena Convention Center
- October 5: WAPA - Morning Paddle
- **October 6: Wellesley Circles Kick-Off Events in LA and Orange County**
- November 10: Career Conversation with Melissa de la Rama '01
- February 2020: 1st Annual All Ivy Greater Palm Springs Gathering

STAY CONNECTED

- **Wellesley Club of Los Angeles:** <https://losangeles.alum.wellesley.edu/>
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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\**

#### **WCLA Book Club - September**



For September we've picked [Educated](#) by Tara Westover through the survey I ran a few weeks ago. We will be meeting in the usual location as long as there is still seating available there. The construction project in that area of the museum and the closure of the LACMA Cafe means that our usual table and chairs may soon be removed. There is additional seating around the LACMA entrance area, including by the Levitated Mass exhibit, so we'll relocate there if necessary. If you come and can't locate us, make sure to call my cell (323-336-5391).

Date: Sunday, September 15

Time: 1-3pm

Location: The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) Central Court, 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: Email [WCLA Book Club](#)

Details: Click [here](#)

#### **Young Alum September Event - L.A. Chocolate Salon at the Pasadena Convention Center**



Please join us to celebrate our love of chocolate and Rachel's birthday at the [13th Annual Los Angeles Chocolate Salon](#)! It is the premier artisan chocolate event in the city featuring chocolatiers, confectioners, and other culinary artisans. Highlights include tastings, chef and author talks, demonstrations and interviews by TasTV's "Chocolate Television."

Date: Sunday, September 29

Time: 10-12pm, convention runs until 6pm if you'd like to stay

Location: Pasadena Convention Center, 300 East Green Street, Pasadena, CA 91101

Parking: Info [here](#)

RSVP: Email [Nicole.Gebriel@gmail.com](mailto:Nicole.Gebriel@gmail.com) & [rthommen@wellesley.edu](mailto:rthommen@wellesley.edu)

Tickets: \$20 advanced purchase, click [here](#) to get yours

### WAPA Event - Morning Paddle



Come join Wellesley Alum Pride Alliance and the IvyQ Meetup Group for a morning paddle (SUP or kayak). We'll launch from Mother's Beach in Marina Del Rey. There should be no waves and you may see a seal or two. We'll paddle for an hour and then walk to Noah's Bagels for some breakfast. Note that this is not a lesson so please choose the vessel that you are comfortable with. There is a group discounted rate of \$20 for the hour rental which includes either a kayak or SUP, paddle, and life vest. To join, you must make reservations by calling Maile at 805-748-2263 and mention IvyQ for the discount. Arrive no later than 8:45.

You will need to be there early to sign the waiver, get the gear, and be ready to go by our start time of 9am.

Date: Saturday, October 5

Time: 8:45am - 11:00am (We'll be on the water by 9am)

Location: Pro SUP Shop, 4175 Admiralty Way, Marina Del Rey, CA

Parking: Jamaica Bay Inn Parking discounted flat rate of \$5 when you mention you're going to paddle at Pro SUP Shop

Tickets: \$20 discounted rental, Call Maile at 805-748-2263 to reserve your SUP or kayak (mention that you're with IvyQ for the discount)

Questions: Email [Malique '05](mailto:Malique '05)

### Wellesley Circles Kick-Off



Join WCLA to learn about Wellesley Circles at one of our launch events in LA or Orange County! Wellesley Circles are monthly neighborhood-based gatherings with the purpose of empowering and supporting one another personally professionally. Come to this event to learn more!

### Wellesley Circles - Los Angeles Kick-Off

For those interested in joining a group in Los Angeles, the Valley, or South Bay

Date: Sunday, October 6, 2019

Time: 2:30-4:45pm

Location: Home of Gail Title '67, Westwood address provided upon registration

Parking: Plenty of street parking available

Pricing: Free for members and \$15 for non-members and guests. We expect the events to fully sell out. Please register to secure your seat.

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

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

### Wellesley Circles - Orange County Kick-Off

For those interested in joining a group in North or South Orange County

Date: Sunday, October 6, 2019

Time: 2:30-4:50pm

Location: Private address in South Orange county provided upon RSVP.

Parking: Plenty of street parking available

Pricing: Free for members and \$10 for non-members and guests. We expect the events to fully sell out. Please register to secure your seat.

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

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

### Career Conversation with Melissa de la Rama '01



*Managing Change during a Technological Disruption of Media and Entertainment.* Melissa shares her experience in managing the career changes she's gone through and is continuing to do with the AT&T purchase of Time Warner/HBO

Date: Sunday, November 10, 2019

Time: 3:00-5:00pm

Location: Westwood/Wilshire Corridor address to be provided upon RSVP.

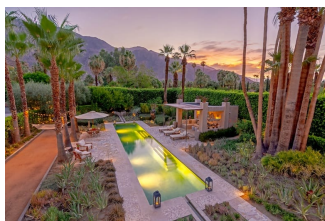
Parking: Street parking and valet parking by building doormen.

Pricing: Free for members and \$10 for non-members and guests

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

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

### 1st Annual "All Ivy" Greater Palm Springs Gathering



Tell your fellow alumni/alumnae to join us! (Friends and partners welcome!) Similar events take place in US resort cities (Naples and Vero Beach) and Europe. We are hoping to plan more events, visits, discussions for residents and snowbirds in the future. Cash bar and light snacks.

Date: February 5, 2020

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Location: Cimarron Country Club, 67603 30th Avenue, Cathedral City, CA 92234

Pricing: \$10 payable at door

RSVP: By January 29, 2020 to [paulasinclair1@sky.com](mailto:paulasinclair1@sky.com)

Questions?: Contact [paulasinclair1@sky.com](mailto:paulasinclair1@sky.com)

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## Photo Album

**WCLA Summer Send-Off for the Class of 2023 on August 18, 2019**





Photo features Kathy Eldon '68, event host at the Creative Visions Foundation



**WLAN & WAAD 16th Annual High Tea on June 15, 2019**



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### Career Conversation with Melissa Cheng '05 on July 28, 2019





Pictured are Belinda Tepper, Melissa Cheng, and Stephanie Sunwoo



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### WAPA's Musical Hike with Intrinsic Strings on August 24, 2019



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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 - Shared Identity Groups (SIGs)

### **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 College 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 grown from gathering every two months at a Beverly Hills wine bar to getting together for "Career Conversations" led by alums in various careers. If you'd like to recommend a speaker, please email [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu).

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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).

**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

Dues can be paid [online](#). Please be sure to log in to the WCLA site first.

If you'd prefer to pay by check, please contact WCLA Co-Treasurers for instructions.

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

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## WCLA Board

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### SHARED INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

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