

Dear [first_name],

- We had an amazing turnout of over 80 alums for our special event on February 29th! Many thanks to our incredible college guest speakers Sheilah Shaw Horton (Vice President and Dean of Students), Kathryn Harvey Mackintosh '03 (Executive Director, WCAA) and Mary Casey (VP for Development), and our host Amy Sommer Childress '87 and all our alums who joined us! -- We're very excited about your participation in the kick-off for the 100th year anniversary of the WCLA. Please check out photos from photographer Laurie Steiner-Halperin '86 in the photo section.
- Also, special thanks to our entrepreneur alums who contributed gifts to our speakers and alums.
 - Jennifer Meng '13, Founder and Creative Director at READY-MADE, a sustainable, materials-based jewelry brand based in Los Angeles. <u>www.ready-made.co</u>
 - Melissa Cheng '05, Head of Product, Merchandising & Operations at Cocofloss, a company founded by Wellesley alumnae based in the San Francisco Bay Area. <u>www.cocofloss.com</u>
- We'd love to see you at an event this month! We have many amazing opportunities including:
 - A Young Alum Happy Hour on March 13!
 - A Career Conversation with Jane Wolf Frances '68 on Managing Changes in Career, Life Stage, and Aging Parents on March 22.

As always, please reach out with any suggestions or questions by contacting: <u>WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu</u>. Also, please contact us for accessibility information regarding any event. If an event ticket causes undue financial burden, we'll find a solution that supports your attending.

We hope to see you at an event soon!

Your WCLA Board

Upcoming Events

Events below are listed in chronological order

- March 13: Young Alum Happy Hour
- March 16: WCLA Book Club
- March 22: Career Conversation with Jane Wolf Frances: Managing Changes in Career, Life Stage, and Aging Parents
- March 26: WIE Spring Break Happy Hour
- April 18: Seven Sisters in Entertainment Speed Networking
- April 19: Accepted students Yield Event in Hancock Park
- April 25: Day to Make a Difference at Ronald McDonald House Los Angeles

STAY CONNECTED

- Wellesley Club of Los Angeles: https://losangeles.alum.wellesley.edu/
- Reach the Wellesley Club of Los Angeles: <u>WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu</u>
- 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 <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/102080626551375/&t=60722-</u> <u>304008</u>

UPCOMING EVENTS



Young Alum Happy Hour

Spend Friday the 13th with other young alums in a place where Halloween never ends! Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 Time: 7:30 PM Location: Beetle House LA N Las Palmas Ave Los Angeles, CA 90028

Parking: Carpool strongly encouraged. Venue is walking

distance from the Hollywood/Highland Red Line Station (5 minute walk). RSVP: Email <u>nicole.gebriel@gmail.com</u>

WCLA Book Club - March

For our March meeting we've picked *Antarctica: An Intimate Portrait of the World's Most Mysterious Continent* by Gabrielle Walker. We will be meeting at <u>Black Dog</u> <u>Coffee</u>.



Date: Sunday, March 16, 2020 Time: 1-3pm Location: <u>Black Dog Coffee</u> 5657 Wilshire Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90036 Mid-Wilshire Parking: Either in the LACMA garage (\$12) or street parking around LACMA at meters which on Sundays are typically free. RSVP: Email <u>WCLA Book Club</u> Details: <u>Here</u>

Career Conversation with Jane Wolf Frances '68: Managing Changes in Career, Life Stage, and Aging Parents



Jane shares her experiences parenting parents, publishing a book, and starting a nonprofit. Date: Sunday, March 22, 2020 Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m. Location: Westwood/Wilshire corridor address provided upon RSVP below Parking: Enter driveway for valet parking by building doormen. If the lot is full, there is unrestricted parking on the

side streets: on both sides of Wilshire, Thayer Avenue (directly south of the building), and on Ashton Avenue, from Thayer east to Beverly Glen.

Pricing: Event is free for members and \$10 for non-members and guests. Advance RSVP is required.

RSVP: Click here to RSVP

For any questions please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu

Wellesley in Entertainment Spring Break Happy Hour



Welcome WIE's screenwriting competition award winner to LA (on her Wellesley spring break!) and catch up with your fellow alums. All are welcome! Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 Time: 7-9pm

Location: Harlowe Bar, 7321 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90046 Tickets: No tickets but RSVP on the WIE Facebook page to hep us gauge the size of the group for our reservation.

Full event info here.

For any questions please contact <u>WellesleyInEntertainment@gmail.com</u>

Seven Sisters in Entertainment Speed Networking



Hosted by Film Independent. Meet alums from Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Smith, Wellesley, Vassar, and Radcliffe who are working in film, television, and media. There is a 65-person cap to this event so buy your tickets soon! Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020

Time: 1-4pm Location: Film Independent

5670 Wilshire Blvd. 9th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90036
Parking: FREE in the Film Independent structure
Cost: \$10
Please note this event is restricted to Seven Sisters alums. One ticket per alum, no guests.
RSVP: Click <u>here</u> to RSVP
For any questions please contact <u>WellesleyInEntertainment@gmail.com</u>



Welcome Tea for Admitted Students

We are welcoming newly-admitted students and answering any questions they and their parents may have about Wellesley. We'd love to see alums, particularly from more recent classes, who can share on their student experiences, their diverse perspectives on the college, and the benefits of a vast Wellesley alumnae network with these potential future WCLA members!

Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 Time: 3pm Location: Home of Linda Myerson Dean '81, Hancock Park address provided upon registration Parking: Plenty of street parking available Details and RSVP <u>here</u>.

Day to Make a Difference at Ronald McDonald House Los Angeles



Join us for our spring Day to Make a Difference at Ronald McDonald House LA where we will help prepare brunch. Everyone is asked to bring at least 1 ingredient. Advance RSVP is required in order to coordinate. Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020 Time: 11am-2pm Location: 4560 Fountain Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90029

Parking: Limited street parking available; carpooling is encouraged. Venue is also accessible via the Red Line (10 minute walk from the Vermont/Santa Monica stop). RSVP and Questions: Please contact <u>charlotte.kiang@alum.wellesley.edu</u> Pricing: No cost to attend but volunteers will be asked to bring at least 1 ingredient to help prepare brunch (estimated cost <\$20)



2020: An Update from Wellesley College

February 29, 2020





See more photos from the event on our website <u>here</u>.

Thanks for joining WAPA at The Abbey!



Please check out our WCLA website to see more photos from these and other events in our <u>photo albums</u>.

Please Support our Club

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 <u>WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu</u>

Student Admissions - Final month!

We still need interviewers! Reports are due mid-February. And if you can use Skype, the College can use your help. Sign up now for one or two interviews and practice for next year. The Los Angeles group has 70 interviews requested so far and 30 completed. The Orange County group also has unassigned interviews (If that's too far, use Skype!). To learn more, click <u>here</u>.

Please contact <u>admission@wellesley.edu</u> to volunteer. Call Belinda at 213-304-0802 with questions.

Wellesley Jewish Alumnae Announcement

The Wellesley Jewish Alumnae group is excited to host their next Shabbat Across the Miles! Shabbat Across the Miles is an event in which alums around the world get together for Shabbat at the same time. The idea is to host events that build connections among alumnae who live near each other, while being a part of our global community.

• The group is looking for alums in each city who can host a meal or an activity at their homes, work, or community centers, to which local Wellesley alumnae can be invited. The type of event is up to the host.

- Past events have included a sit-down dinner, pot luck dinner, challah baking, hamantaschen making, and a wine tasting. You can choose to host on your own, ask participants to bring items, or ask WJA to find a co-host to join you. It's totally up to you.
- Email <u>wjaprogramming@alum.wellesley.edu</u> or <u>WJAPresident@alum.wellesley.edu</u> for information.
- Please email <u>WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu</u> if you would like to be a local rup and join the WCLA Board.

Book Awards

Since 1982, the Wellesley Book Award Program has honored high achieving high school students. If you'd like to suggest a school to give an award, please contact <u>WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu</u> You can see a list of LA and OC schools that have previously awarded the book at this <u>link</u>.

Wellesley Banner

A friendly reminder that we have a Wellesley College banner that you can borrow for a special event. Please contact <u>WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu</u>

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 '19): \$0
- Young Alumna (Classes of '15-'18): \$25
- Regular Membership: \$50

Dues can be paid <u>online</u>. 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.

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 <u>Kate Erickson '05</u>.

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 <u>WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu</u>

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.

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 <u>Stephanie Sunwoo '97</u> or <u>Karen Jordan '91</u>. Facebook: <u>Wellesley</u> <u>Entrepreneurs of Los Angeles</u>

Career Conversations

Stuck in a rut? Try something new! New Job! New life challenge! Our small group from the '80's classes have grown from gathering every two months at a wine bar in Beverly Hills for a "Career Transitions Group" to getting together for "Career Conversations" led by alums in various careers. If you'd like to recommend a speaker, please email <u>WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu</u>.

The Plato Society of Los Angeles

Wellesley grads Nancy Bott '64 and Sue Allen '47 have been members of the PLATO Society of Los Angeles for many years and invite you to join them at the peer-led study discussion groups in Westwood Village. To learn more, check out <u>www.platola.org</u> or contact Nancy at <u>nancybott@verizon.net</u>.

Please click <u>here</u> to see our WCLA Board leadership.