Dear [first_name],

The holiday season is here and we have some incredible events! We'd love to celebrate with you!

- **Annual WCLA Holiday Party on December 14!** - It's our biggest event of the season and RSVPs are pouring in. Please join us and bring a friend!
- **The Friends of Art Docent Tour of "Manet & Modern Beauty" at the Getty!**
  -- Don't miss this special docent-guided tour.
- **Maggie Cardelus '85**, visiting from Paris, invites us to a *cocktail reception and preview of her new jewelry design brand CARDELUS!*
- **South Bay. Santa Clarita. East of the 605.** We need interviewers in L.A. County! We have 46 interviews requested so far and 11 completed. The next reports are due mid-January and mid-February. Contact admission@wellesley.edu to volunteer.

Wellesley Circles facilitators will be given their groupings this month and will be reaching out to our alums to schedule the neighborhood launch meetings in January. Stay tuned.

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

We hope to see you at an event soon!

Your WCLA Board

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**Upcoming Events**

*Events below are listed in chronological order*

- December 6: Deadline to volunteer to host a Wellesley student in your workplace for the Job Shadow Program on January 14 and/or 15.
- December 7: Friends of Art Docent Tour of Manet at the Getty
- December 14: Wellesley Circles Facilitator Online Webinar
- **December 14: Wellesley at the Wellesbourne - Annual Holiday Party**
- December 15: WCLA Book Club
- December 18: Preview of Maggie Cardelus '85 Design Exhibition
- December 21: WAPA at the LGBT Senior Services Center for a Poetry Reading
- January 2020: Wellesley Circles launch in neighborhoods
- January 14 and 15, 2020: Job Shadow Program
- January 17, 2020: WAPA at an Ivy League Mixer at the Abbey's New VIP Room
- February 2020: 1st Annual All Ivy Greater Palm Springs Gathering

**STAY CONNECTED**

- **Wellesley Club of Los Angeles:** https://losangeles.alum.wellesley.edu/
- Reach the **Wellesley Club of Los Angeles:** 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*

**Career Education Winter Job Shadow**

*Apply by December 6th!*

Tell your fellow alums to join us! (Friends and partners welcome!)

Wellesley Career Education is thrilled to announce the January 2020 winter job shadow program on January 14 and 15. But first, we need your help. Help us make this event possible by volunteering to host a local Wellesley student who will be in your area for winter break and is interested in learning about your particular career or industry.

**What is a Job Shadow?**

It is an educational experience that allows students to learn more about a career path, industry, company, or role by spending time with ("shadowing") an experienced professional on the job for a designated amount of time, typically a day or less. Job shadows are much like an informational interview with the added benefit of on-site experience. You are not expected to restructure your day, but rather allow the student to accompany you to meetings and observe routine tasks in order to get a true sense of your job and company.

**How do I get involved?**
To participate, simply check your calendar and see if January 14 or 15 would allow you the flexibility to hose a Wellesley student at your workplace for a minimum of 3 hours. After you sign up, Career Education will then do the work of matching you with a Wellesley student.

Please **CLICK HERE** to sign up by December 6th.

**Friends of Art Docent-led Tour of Manet at the Getty**

Join us for a delightful tour at one of LA's most scenic museums!

**Date:** Saturday, December 7, 2019

**Time:** 3:45 pm arrival for the 4:00 pm tour led by a docent, followed by optional group tea/wine/cocktails at the Getty restaurant

**Location:** [Getty Center](http://www.getty.edu) at N Sepulveda Blvd and Getty Center Drive on the westside of Los Angeles

**Pricing:** $15, which covers the cost of the guided tour

**Parking:** We suggest arriving at 3:30 to allow time to take the train up the hill to the museum and be on time for the 3:45 arrival time for our 4:00 start. Cost for parking is $15.

**Meet:** Inside the doors of the main entrance to the Museum. If you are late, please meet us in the exhibition. We plan to start on time but join us if you happen to arrive after we start.

**Event/exhibit:** [Manet and Modern Beauty](http://www.getty.edu)

**RSVP** here!

**Wellesley Circles Facilitator Online Webinar**

**Francine Miltenberger ’78,** who has led Circles for the Wellesley Club of Silicon Valley for the last two years, is leading an online webinar for facilitator training for those who were unable to join the in-person training session on November 23rd.

**Date:** Saturday, December 14, 2019

**Time:** 9:30-11:00am

**Location:** Participants will join a GoToMeeting Webinar.

**Pricing:** Event is free for Circles Facilitator Volunteers

Please contact [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu) if you have questions.

**RSVP:** Register [here](#).

**Wellesley at the Wellesbourne - Annual Holiday Party**

*WCLA returns to the Wellesbourne for our Annual Holiday Party*

Join us!

**Date:** Saturday, December 14, 2019
Time: 5:30-7:30pm
Location: The Wellesbourne, 10929 West Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90064
Parking: First 3 hours free across the street at the Landmark Movie Theater or public metered parking at the corner of Pico and Midvale Avenue.
Attire: Holiday!
Register: Please get tickets at the event page here.
Please contact WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu if you have questions.

WCLA Book Club - December
For December we've picked The Stranger Diaries by Elly Griffiths. 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, December 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

Preview of Maggie Cardelus '85 Design Exhibition
Join a cocktail reception and preview of Maggie Cardelus '85-launched design brand, CARDELUS.
Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2019
Time: 6-9pm
Location: Squat Los Angeles
830 North Highland Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90038
RSVP: Email Maggie Cardelus by December 10th
Details: Click here.
WAPA Joins the LGBT Senior Services for their Poetry Reading

Join WAPA in attending a poetry reading and supporting our community's LGBTQ seniors. Those participating are students of Steven Reigns' My Life is Poetry workshop who will share autobiographical poems voiced from experience, defiance, vulnerability, and heart. They hope that you will learn that their lives, and even your own, are poetic. Reading will last about an hour with a reception to follow.

Date: Saturday, December 21, 2019
Time: 3:00-4:30pm
Location: Los Angeles LGBT Senior Services 1118 N. McCadden Pl Los Angeles, CA 90038
RSVP Required: Call 1-877-688-4833 and leave your name, phone number, and specify it is for event #1121
Questions? Please contact wcla.wapa@gmail.com

WAPA Joins Ivy Pride Alliance LA for a Mixer at The Abbey's New VIP Room

Join WAPA at Ivy League Alliance LA's mixer at The Abbey's "With-In," new VIP room. No cover charge and no-host food and drink. Connect with old friends, meet new ones, and have a great evening! Co-hosted by IvyQ, Stanford Pride, Duke LGBT Network, Brown TBGALA, Cornell GALA, Harvard GSC, Harvard Club of Southern California, PennGALA, Cal Club of Los Angeles, UCLA Lambda, USC Lambda, the UChicago LGBT Alumni Group, and Princeton BTGALA

Date: Friday, January 17, 2020
Time: 6:30-9:00pm
Location: The Abbey, "With-In" VIP room 696 Robertson Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90069
RSVP Required: Please RSVP here.
Questions? Please contact wcla.wapa@gmail.com

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
Questions?: Contact paulasinclair1@sky.com

The Plato Society of Los Angeles

Wellesley grads Nancy Bott ’64 & 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 www.platola.org or contact Nancy at nancybott@verizon.net

Photo Album

Wellesley Circles Facilitator Training led by Francine Miltenberger ’78 and hosted by Linda Myerson-Dean ’81 at the Wine Warehouse on November 23, 2019

Career Conversation with Melissa de la Rama ’01 on Managing Change during a Technological Disruption of Media and Entertainment on November 10, 2019. Hosted by Belinda Tepper ’71 in her Westwood home.
Pictured from L to R are Beth Schaaf, Nicole Gebriel, Emma Stashin, Lori Dreischmeier, Sessen Mengist, Melissa de la Rama, Brenna Vredeveld, Belinda Tepper, Emily Peters, Kathrin Leuchtenburg, Fatima Burney, Lian Jue, Heather Miller, Heather Lee, and Malique Carr
Day to Make a Difference at Harvest Home on October 19, 2019

Pictured are Beth Schaaf, Emily Peters, Charlotte Kiang, Evelyn Wu, Jordan Mosley, and Rebecca Nevitt

Wellesley Circles Kick-Offs in Los Angeles and Orange County on October 6, 2019
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

**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 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.

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**Please Support our Club**

**Student Admissions - South Bay. Santa Clarita. East of the 605.**
We need interviewers in LA County! Sign up now for one or two interviews and practice for next year. We have 26 interviews requested so far and 11 completed. The next reports are due mid-January and Mid-February. To learn more, click here. Please contact 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.

**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.
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