

the Network connection

a monthly update from the Southern California Leadership Network

March 2015



With a 28-year history of inspiring leaders, [Leadership Southern California](#) (LSC) is an eight-month fellowship providing deep exposure to regional issues across Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. Admissions are highly competitive and take place on a rolling basis, so early inquiries are encouraged.

Class launches Aug. 27, 2015 and the early application deadline is May 15.

To learn more about LSC, join us for a webinar on April 2 at 11 a.m.

To RSVP for the webinar, contact [Blanca Zarate](#) or 213.580.7547.

COMING UP

Friday, April 10

Leadership L.A. 2015 Seminar 2:
Education & Workforce Development
[more info](#)

Friday, May 8

Leadership L.A. 2015 Seminar 3:
Transportation & Trade
[more info](#)

**Wednesday, May 20 -
Friday, May 22**

California Connections 2015
Seminar 4: The Bay Area & Silicon
Valley
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Alumni Council



SCLN has a strong commitment to our Alumni. Last year we initiated a new Alumni Council, engaging more than a dozen enthusiastic, committed Alumni. Erin Tanenbaum, director of programs for SCLN, explains the Alumni Council as the "collaborative efforts of graduates from all three SCLN fellowships. Graduation does not mean an end to your learning and networking; our Alumni Council provides a continuing educational forum for graduates and mechanism for maintaining contacts." Christina Moses (LSC '12), President of 3shades design, is an active member of the Alumni Council. She describes her experience saying, "The Alumni Council gives you the opportunity to connect on a broad spectrum. We create a vast network to reach out to for personal or business connections and take what we have learned through SCLN to continue to make an impact in Los Angeles, the Southern California region and across the state." The last Alumni Council-sponsored event was happy hour at Salvage in Downtown L.A. in February. Missed it? Don't worry - keep an eye out for more opportunities to stay connected and expand your network of civic-minded leaders with the SCLN family!

ISSUES

California Connections



March 19-20 the California Connections class of 2015 met for their third seminar - a two-day bus trip down to the Central Valley. In a jam-packed excursion, Fellows explored critical issues specific to the region. They learned about agricultural political history from Marc Grossman, former press secretary to farm laborer and civil rights activist Cesar Chavez, and current agricultural realities with Secretary Karen Ross of the California

Department of Food and Agriculture. They visited the forward-thinking

OVERHEARD



"Together, all of you represent the future of Southern California. Your energy and enthusiasm to

be the stewards of our region is a source of inspiration!"

Jim Herr (SCLN board chair, LSC '06) program officer at California Community Foundation, to the LSC '15 graduates.

LEADERSHIP LEARNING

Community Leadership Forum Friday, March 27, 2015

The Junior League of Los Angeles [invites](#) you to its Community Leadership Forum on Friday, March 27, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Children's Bureau. Free parking is available and admission is complimentary!

[More information and registration.](#)

UWLA - Women in Business Panel

Join the University of West Los Angeles on **April 4**, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., for very special chat with a panel of distinguished women in business. The panelists will discuss how they achieved success in male dominated fields, share their stories of triumph, as well as insight on how to have a successful career in 2015.

A networking reception will follow the **free event**. For more information and registration, please click on the link below.

[More info and registration](#)

Volunteer for the 2015 Special Olympics World Games!

The Special Olympics is seeking

campus of UC Merced and the Bee Sweet Citrus Company. Fellows met with a panel of farmers led by Mario Santoyo, head of the Latino Water Coalition, to learn more about what it's like to work in Central Valley agriculture during the current drought. California Connections Fellows also learned about High Speed Rail with Tom Richards, vice chair, California High Speed Rail Authority, and talked Central Valley politics with Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengin and Assemblymember Henry Perea.

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LSC Graduation



On March 13, we had the privilege of graduating the Leadership Southern California class of 2015. This dynamic class was marked by their intense curiosity and steady stream of questions. During their final seminar the cohort explored the topic of natural resources at TreePeople in Beverly

Hills. Fellows learned the history of water in our region from industry experts such as Andy Lipkis, founder and president, TreePeople, and how we need to plan for future water consumption. Fellows also explored topics such as adapting to climate change and the importance of collaboration and leadership in the future of Southern California's natural resources.

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Leadership L.A. 2015 Orientation



The Leadership L.A. class of 2015 began their journey to learn about the challenges that face Los Angeles and enhance their leadership skills on March 5-6. LLA '15 is one of the largest and most diverse groups we have ever had, with 54 professionals from across the business, public and nonprofit sectors. "We are

excited about the energy and intelligence of this group. It was captivating to be able to guide such a dynamic conversation," said Nancy Olson, executive director, SCLN. Welcome Leadership L.A. class of 2015!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

How have your leadership skills developed as a result of your experience with Leadership L.A.?

Exposure to the issues, industries and individuals that shape the fabric of the Greater L.A. Area has allowed me to observe and interact with a wide array of personalities and leadership styles. During Leadership L.A., we spent a lot of time looking inward towards our own personal leadership styles; exploring our strengths and discovering areas for improvement. Consistent and meaningful interaction with my fellow cohort members provided an avenue for developing awareness both in ourselves and each other.



How do you plan to stay connected with L.A. Leaders?

Being a part of Leadership L.A. opened me up to the world in which we live. People throughout the leadership spectrum were very gracious in spending time with me. Gaining a knowledge of the inner workings of the Greater L.A. Area has given me an opportunity to create pathways for people that may have been difficult to access otherwise. My goal is to widen those pathways and develop new ones by proactively seeking a deep knowledge and understanding of the leaders I have met and will meet in the future. Although my fellowship has ended, I plan on

outstanding volunteers for their Honored Guest Host Program. Hosts will serve as logistical aides and Ambassadors of L.A. to VIP guests coming from around the world.

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maintaining the relationships I made throughout my time in Leadership L.A. in a meaningful way.

Boomer Welles (LLA '14) *financial professional at Capstone Partners - Mass Mutual Group*

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Who are we?

The Southern California Leadership Network advances the region and the state by inspiring, preparing and connecting leaders to drive change.

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