

the Network connection

a monthly update from the Southern California Leadership Network

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Now recruiting for **Leadership L.A. Class of 2017**, a nine-month civic and community leadership fellowship designed for working professionals. Fellows meet one Friday per month, engaging in a combination of rich classroom discussions with top leaders and experiential learning to explore critical topics all L.A. leaders need to master. [Apply today!](#) For more information contact [Blanca Zarate](#) at 213.580.7547

Leadership L.A. Alumni - Help interview and select the Leadership L.A. Class of 2017! Your insights during the interview process are beneficial for SCLN staff and candidates alike. Contact [Blanca](#) if you want to participate!

ATTENTION ALUMNI: Do you have a new job? Have you joined a board recently? Want to update your contact information?

You can do that [HERE](#).

COMING UP

Wednesday, Nov. 2 - Friday, Nov. 4
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
California Connections
Seminar 1: The Bay Area & Silicon Valley
[More info](#)

Friday, Nov. 11
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Leadership Southern California
Seminar 4: Focus Orange County
[More info](#)

Saturday, Nov. 12
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Riordan Leadership Institute
Class 49, Agency Fair
[More info](#)

TICKETS AVAILABLE!

Join us for the 2016 Visionaries Awards!



Join us Dec. 8 from 3-6 p.m. for a unique, inspiring and fun event to celebrate dynamic leaders - the 2016 Visionaries Awards! Held at the iconic Theatre at Ace Hotel, the event will feature signature cocktails, exciting live music and a live art installation featuring one of L.A.'s up-and-coming street artists.

We are pleased to honor **Congresswoman Karen Bass** as Public Sector Official of the Year.

Congresswoman Bass is currently in her third term representing the 37th U.S. Congressional District. She was selected by Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi to serve on the Steering and Policy Committee, which sets the policy direction of the Democratic Caucus, as organization, study and review chair. Congresswoman Bass serves on several committees including the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the House Judiciary Committee. She also serves as secretary for the 114th Congress in the Congressional Black Caucus.

Congresswoman Bass is solidifying leadership positions on two issues very close to her heart: reforming America's foster care system and strengthening the United States' relationship with Africa. Congresswoman Bass is also working to craft sound criminal justice reforms as well as protect intellectual property right infringements that threaten the economic health of the 37th District.

We will also be honoring Southern California legends **Chris Essel**, CEO of Southern California Grantmakers, as Southern California Leader of the Year; SCLN Graduate of the Year **David Ambroz**, executive director, Corporate Citizenship & Social

Thursday, Nov. 17
TBD
Los Angeles Auto Show -
Exclusively for SCLN alumni &
current fellows
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Thursday, Dec. 8
3 - 6 p.m.
SCLN Visionaries Awards
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on our Network Calendar](#)

OVERHEARD



"The 21st Century is about
cooperation, not competition."

The Hon. Ronald O. Loveridge
Director, UCR Center for
Sustainable Suburban
Development and Former Mayor,
City of Riverside

Responsibility, Disney | ABC Television Group and president of the
L.A. City Planning Commission; and **Betsy Berkhemer-Credaire**,
SCLN board chair and president, Berkhemer-Clayton, Inc., Retained
Executive Search, who will be awarded the Empowering Leadership
Award.

SCLN alumni and current fellows can get discounted tickets!
Contact [Sarah Quigley](#) at 213.580.7561 for details.

There is still time to demonstrate your organization's commitment to
developing tomorrow's leaders through high profile Visionaries
Awards [sponsorship opportunities](#)! To learn more, please contact [Nancy
Olson](#) at 213.580.7577.

ALUMNI OPPORTUNITY

L.A. Auto Show



Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines! Be
one of the first to explore this year's Los
Angeles Auto Show at the Los Angeles
Convention Center, and get up close to more
than 50 brand new vehicles before doors open
to the public.

General Motors has generously donated a limited number of free
passes exclusively for SCLN alumni and current fellows to the **Nov. 17**
Press & Trade Day. Participants will receive a private tour of the Chevy,
Buick, GMC and Cadillac display areas and will be able to explore the
entire show floor on their own. Join us for a behind-the-scenes tour of
one of the most influential automotive events in the world.

A limited number of tickets are available, please **RSVP by Nov. 7** by
emailing [Sam Marquez](#). Exact time and day-of details will be sent upon
RSVP.

Note: This is a high-demand event. Please request a ticket only if you
are sure you can attend. Sorry, no guests.

ALUMNI OPPORTUNITY

L.A. Cash for College Convention



Help Los Angeles youth prepare for college
and career!

Volunteers are needed to support L.A. Cash
for College's 15th annual College and Career
Convention. This free event serves 10,000
students and families annually, helping
students navigate college admissions and
financial aid applications, explore career paths
and connect to community resources. This
year's convention will take place on **Nov. 18-
19** at Los Angeles Trade Tech College.

Volunteers are needed to assist students as they brainstorm, edit and
finalize their personal statements.

To sign up as a personal statement volunteer, please contact [Dylan
Crary](#) at 213.580.7567. To sign up as a general volunteer to assist with
other Convention activities, click [here](#).

ALUMNI RECAP

L.A. Works Day 2016



On Oct. 1, SCLN, the L.A. Coalition to End
Youth Homelessness, celebrity guests and
civic leaders joined forces for a day of hands-on
service projects in Hollywood. SCLN alumni
and their families helped to renovate
nonprofits, shelter facilities for youth and
public school sites that serve youth with
unstable housing.

ISSUES

Leadership L.A. 2016 - Arts, Culture and Entertainment & Graduation



On Friday, Oct. 14, Leadership L.A. class of 2016 had its final seminar, Arts, Culture and Entertainment, and celebrated their graduation at the Television Academy's Saban Media Center in the heart of the NoHo Arts District. The fellows spent the morning discussing the impact of television with a keynote from Barry Jossen, executive vice

president at A+E, followed by a panel discussion on the future of media and television with senior executives from CBS, TNT/tbs and REELZ.

Next, fellows took a walking tour of the NoHo Arts District, getting a first-hand look at how this area has become a regional hub through visits at EngAGE/Senior Arts Colony and Zombie Joe's Underground Theater. The fellows ended their LLA journey with a powerful and inspiring discussion about the intersection of arts and culture, development, equity and gentrification and the power of cultural movements with urban planning experts and panelists from KCET, Self-Help Graphics & Art and Southern California Public Radio.

We would like to congratulate all of the LLA '16 graduates and welcome them to the SCLN Alumni Network! Thank you to Leadership L.A. 2016 presenting sponsor Tesoro and silver sponsor Boeing for their incredible support of this year's class.

ISSUES

Leadership Southern California - Land Use, Housing & Transportation



On Friday, Oct. 21, Leadership Southern California class of 2017 spent the day at the headquarters of Esri, the multi-billion dollar mapping software giant. After a deep dive into their Personal Leading Collaborations Assessment (part of the new LSC leadership curriculum) led by Dr. Kevin Groves,

associate professor of Management, Graziadio School of Business & Management, Pepperdine University, fellows toured the campus and participated in a disaster response simulation highlighting the impact of Esri's software on solving some of our planet's greatest challenges.

Next, the fellows had a special visit with the Honorable Ronald Loveridge, former Mayor of the City of Riverside, who shared his insights about public service drawn from more than 50 years of service to the state.

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Riordan Leadership Institute - Seminar 2



On Saturday, Oct. 22 Riordan Leadership Institute fellows met at Heart of Los Angeles in Lafayette Park for the second seminar on board governance.

Fellows went over the principles of nonprofit governance with Kim Williams, nonprofit management consultant and learned to navigate board culture with Judy

Spiegel, owner and principal at Consulting for a Change. RLI fellows also discussed the nonprofit partner fair, taking place in November, where RLI fellows and nonprofit partners meet to learn more about each other before being matched for the RLI field experience.

Thank you to RLI supporters, the California Community Foundation, Capital Group, Riordan Foundation and Toyota Financial Services.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Anne Dobson (Cal Conn '16)

Director of Philanthropy & Communications,
Skid Row Housing Trust

SCLN has heightened my ability to drive social change through both my work in nonprofit affordable housing development and my personal community engagement.

During my travels with the California Connections 2016 class, I witnessed the desperate need throughout the State for more affordable housing, which has manifested itself in increasing economic hardship for low- and middle-income families and far too often in homelessness. My experiences with Cal Conn affirmed for me that permanent supportive housing, which is rooted in the Housing First model, is the most effective way to end chronic homelessness in Los Angeles, in California and nationwide.

Skid Row Housing Trust is advocating strongly for the passage of Measure HHH, which would allow the City of Los Angeles to finance the construction of 10,000 units of permanent supportive housing for homeless and other vulnerable populations over the next 10 years. I personally believe that the passage of this measure will save lives and ultimately save the public millions of dollars in crisis services costs.

The relationships I quickly developed with my Cal Conn cohort also led me to an opportunity to be appointed to the City of Santa Monica's Social Services Commission. I feel a deep sense of fulfillment using my skills and experience to drive social change in my own backyard.

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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. For more information, visit <http://www.leadershipnetwork.org/>

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