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a monthly update from the Southern California Leadership Network

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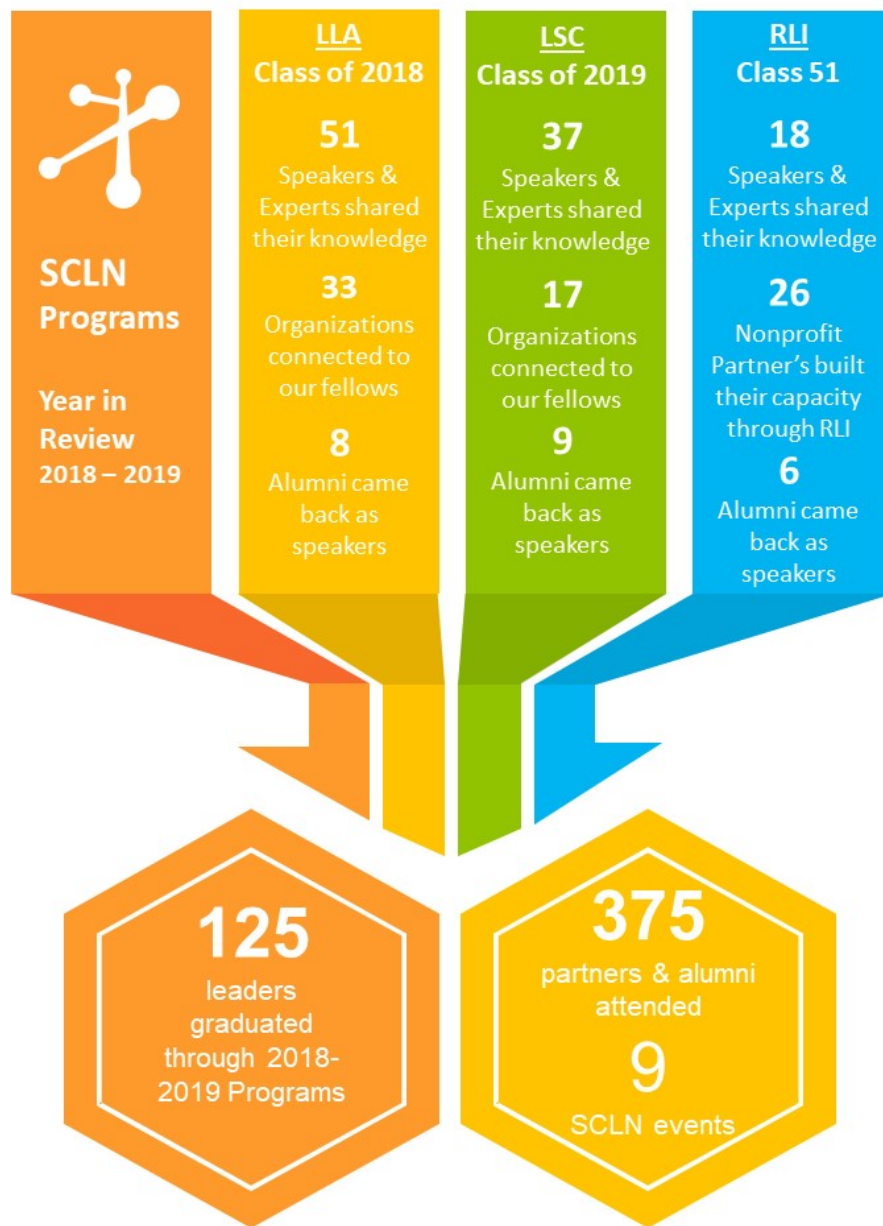


What's new at SCLN!

On April 16, Erin Tanenbaum was officially named senior managing director of SCLN. Since joining the organization in 2014, Erin has successfully led the development, implementation and facilitation of all SCLN fellowships and thus brings in-depth knowledge of SCLN's programs and operations; solid relationships with our SCLN staff, board and stakeholders; and experience in organizational growth and development.

Though her role officially changed in April, Erin has played a key role in leading the organization since January. In her new role, she will continue to lead the day-to-day management responsibilities for SCLN as it delivers top-notch leadership programming, as well as oversee financial management and fundraising.

2018-2019 YEAR IN REVIEW



2018-2019 was a great year for SCLN. All three programs inspired, prepared and connected fellows from across the Southern California region working to make positive change. Our alumni stayed engaged through interviews of incoming classes, toasting the new classes at welcome mixers and networking with each other at SCLN events. We look forward to the 2019-2020 program calendar and our new efforts around diversity, equity and inclusion being spearheaded by Programs Manager Kauleen Menard.

MEET THE LEADERSHIP L.A. CLASS OF 2019

Mariam Agazaryan
University of Southern California

Fernando Almodovar
Child360

Gabriele Almon
Brain + Bullish

Colette Badmagharian
UniHealth Foundation

Claudia Ball
Disney|ABC Television

SCLN NEWS

Beth Bayouth
Changeist

Dean Beresford
U.S. Bank

Katherine Bonalos
The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation

Lily Bowles
Swell Investing, LLC

Lila Burgos
First 5 LA

Catherine Casey
*The Salvation Army California
South Division*

Regina Cash
*Cal State LA - College of
Professional and Global Education*

Sarah Cortes
L.A. Conservation Corps

Sabrina Davis
Metrolink

Reena De Asis
REDF

Narendra Desai
Metro

Rhonda Dowdy
City of Los Angeles

Leanne Drogin
First 5 LA

Felicia Durrah
OCERS

Jordan Ferguson
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips LLP

Enrique Gaspar
Community Coalition

Irving Gramajo
*Habitat for Humanity Greater Los
Angeles*

Vanessa Gray
C.I.C.L.E.

Daniel Guillory
Metropolitan Water District

Shelly Hance
Participant Media

Jenifer Harris
Behavioral Health Services, Inc.

Desiree Haynes
SoCalGas

Carmen Herrera
SoCalGas

September Hill
Crystal Stairs, Inc.

Kaitlyn Jeong
NBCUniversal

Tony Lee
Southern California Edison

Daisy Lopez
First 5 LA

Natalie Marrero



Leadership Southern California Class of 2019 graduates

In January, SCLN kicked off the new year with the Leadership Southern California (LSC) Class of 2019 graduation. LSC Class of 2020 will launch on June 27!



Leadership L.A. Class of 2019 launch

In March, Leadership L.A. Class of 2019 launched. After attending just three seminars, this energetic and driven group has already **secured supplies** for Esperanza Elementary School, cultivated partnerships for **funding nonprofits** and built connections to **acquire new jobs and promotions!**



Congratulations to the Riordan Leadership Institute Class 51!

Riordan Leadership Institute (RLI) Class 51 graduated in May. Through this nine-month program, the RLI fellows have learned about nonprofit board service through classroom learning and field projects with our nonprofit partners.

Viver Brasil

Bronwyn Mauldin
L.A. County Arts Commission

Eric Medina
Weingart Foundation

Yvonne Mejia Pena
SoCalGas

Corneil Montgomery
Bank of the West

Dominque Morris
The Broad Center

Kimberly Pasquali
HDR

Nicole Payton
UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs

Cristina Pena
First 5 LA

Jennifer Janofsky Ralls
Para Los Niños

Ricci V. Ramos
The Junior League of Los Angeles

Sonia H. Rodriguez
SoCalGas

Shadi Shafii
General Assembly

Bhav na Siv anand
UCLA Anderson School of Management

Evan Smith
United States Tennis Association

Louise Songco-Tan
Kaiser Permanente

Enrique Soto
Leadership for Educational Equity

Daniel Tarica
City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs

Eileen Ung
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group

Alex Wade
First 5 LA

By the end of the program, **11 fellows were invited to sit on the board** of their nonprofit partner, and **23 of them said they would continue working with their nonprofit** in some capacity. We look forward to seeing what these change-makers accomplish in the years ahead!

RIORDAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE APPLICATIONS OPEN



If you or someone you know is interested in learning the ins and outs of nonprofit board service and partnering with a local nonprofit for a field experience, [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and **apply today!** Class 52 launches in October 2019.

"The Riordan Leadership Institute has allowed me to **gain invaluable tools, resources and eye-opening best practices to be successful in serving on a nonprofit board**, and really in any leadership role that requires engaging and collaborating with others with a central mission in mind. Because of that, **I feel a greater sense of confidence in my ability to contribute my voice**, to get involved and continue my journey as a community-minded leader."

- Kimberly Tipton, Pacific Life working with nonprofit You Run This Town Foundation

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Congratulations to Blanca Zarate on achieving five years at SCLN!



Over the last five years, Blanca has transformed the organization's processes for recruitment and fundraising. She has diversified and expanded SCLN's funding sources, and successfully cultivated and maintained the organization's relationships with key donors and partners.

Blanca was recently promoted to manager of strategic partnerships for the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, where she has the opportunity to expand her development efforts for SCLN.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

L.A. Works is in need of project leaders and event crew leaders for their **L.A. Words Day of Service addressing income inequality**, taking place 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 15, in Culver City's Veterans Memorial Park.

Learn more about [project leadership](#) and [event crewing](#), and make a difference in your community!

DONATE TODAY

As a 501(c)(3) organization, the Southern California Leadership Network relies on the generous support of its donors and partners to continue providing the highest quality leadership training to more than 140 professionals each year from across Southern California.

Want to help us to continue inspiring, preparing and connecting Southern California's leaders? Donate now, or contact [Blanca Zarate](#) for sponsorship opportunities.

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THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS AND SPONSORS

Thank you to the following supporters and partners who continue to help us INSPIRE, PREPARE and CONNECT leaders to address complex issues facing the city and region, take on leadership roles within their organizations and communities, and create a more vibrant, engaged and cohesive society as nonprofit board members, elected officials, state and local commissioners and advocates.



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Who are we?

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