

EVENT INFO

Our Goal

We are hosting a Panhellenic-wide alumni event for current members to connect with alumni in their interested careers and fields. There will be a resume panel where you can ask questions for help on creating resumes and interviewing! Snacks and drinks will be provided!!

You can find information on all our lovely alumni in this pamphlet. Some members who were unable to join us tonight also left their contact information to be a resource for anyone who is interested!



LOCATION & TIME

4-6pm
Bruin Reception Room
Ackerman Floor 2
UCLA

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PANHELLENIC CAREER NIGHT



Come join us for a night
of networking with
UCLA Panhellenic
alumni!!



Claire Farmer

Physician Assistant @ Santa Monica Family Physicians

Claire recently started working as a PA in family medicine and sleep medicine. At UCLA, she was a psychobiology major and volunteered at Resnick with children on the autism spectrum and UCLA Health's Child Life Program on top of being in leadership within DG. After graduating, she worked as a medical assistant and scribe in many specialties (dermatology, cardiology, and family medicine). She finally ended up at PA school at USC where she was able to do rotations like orthopedic surgery and street medicine (homeless healthcare). She always knew she wanted to work in family medicine and found her position through a PA school rotation. Claire says getting the chance to create lasting impressions with all the patients she has interacted with has been incredibly rewarding.



Heather DePinho

Graduate Student Pursuing Clinical Psychology Master's with an emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy @ Pepperdine University

As a graduate student, Heather holds a position as a marriage and family therapist trainee at the Center for Mental Health Excellence--a nonprofit organization that provides therapy for individuals, couples, and families. Her expected graduation date is summer of 2025 and after graduation, she hopes to continue on as an associate therapist for CFMHE or go into private practice. Prior to entering the field of psychology, she worked in the entertainment industry. Throughout college, she held a number of internships in PR and film and television development. After graduating from UCLA, Heather worked full-time as a personal assistant to a recording artist and soon after that, held a role as an executive assistant to the Senior Vice President of ID Public Relations--one of the top rated PR firms in Hollywood entertainment. She majored in Communication Studies and minored in Film, TV, and Digital Media in undergrad.



Emily Fung

Associate Account Executive @ The Walt Disney Company - Disney Advertising

Emily started her career in the Media industry at a Mobile Ad Tech Vendor working with ad agencies then moved to The Walt Disney Company, where she began as an Account Manager and have since transitioned into a Sales role, selling the Disney portfolio to her clients to help brands tell their stories.



Lisa Boivin

Senior Product Manager @ Paramount+

Lisa graduated in 2017 from UCLA with a BA in Political Science. At the time, product management was a relatively new career in the tech space, so her journey in product started with her working in other areas of the digital space in roles such as digital marketing and CMS producer. She first came into the product space in 2018 when she began working for the Disneyland App Mobile team. From there, she moved to a start-up as a product manager and began working on the product team in Paramount+ in 2021. Her current role has her overseeing the end-to-end Paramount+ streaming experience on apple platforms (iOS and tvOS). In a nutshell, Lisa's role is to ensure the quality of the Apple experience and to work with development teams and stakeholders on the long term roadmap strategy to continually optimize the Paramount+ experience.



Kimia Paridehpour

Marketing Insights @ Meta

Since graduating as an undergrad from UCLA, majoring in Psychology and minoring in Gender Studies, Kimia has worked across the technology, entertainment, and consumer product verticals conducting market research that helped enhance entertainment content, optimize marketing campaigns and product development, and shape brand positioning. Now, while pursuing her MBA part-time at Anderson, she works on providing insights that shape content Go-To-Market for Reality Labs (i.e., the metaverse and VR products) at Meta.



Asha Agarwal

Administrative Assistant @ The Camden Center

The Camden Center is a mental health and addictive disorders treatment center specializing in holistic and trauma-informed care. As an Admin Assistant, Asha works at the front desk and provides support to patients and clinicians, managing any incoming and outgoing medical records requests and coordinates their drug screening protocols and processes. Asha found this position on Indeed during Spring Quarter of her senior year and has been there ever since! Asha says that it has been such an incredible opportunity to grow in her understanding of healthy boundaries, gain patient-forward experience, and to learn more about the trauma-centered modalities that can be life changing for patients. She has also learned so much about the world of addiction medicine, specifically surrounding substance use disorders, OCD, and eating disorder treatment, and has been able to apply what she was learning in classes to its real world setting.



Jayla Romain

Administrative Fellow @ Inova Health

Jayla attended UCLA for her undergraduate degree, graduating in 2020 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. After graduation, Jayla moved to Nashville, TN, where she spent four years working as a Surgical Stepdown nurse at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, earning a DAISY Award in July 2022. Her experience at the bedside during and after the pandemic led her to pursue a graduate degree at Georgetown University, where she graduated May 2024 summa cum laude with a Master of Science in Health Systems Administration. Jayla now lives in the DC area and works as an Administrative Fellow at Inova Health. In her current position, Jayla works on a variety of projects under C-suite leadership across the breadth of the organization.



Malinda Marcus

8th Grade English Teacher and English Department Co-Chair @ Mulholland Middle School

Malinda earned an M.A. in Education and a teaching credential from Pepperdine University after graduating from UCLA. She only taught for a semester before leaving the field to be a stay-at-home mom. It wasn't until Malinda began working as a substitute teacher at her child's school that she realized she missed being in the classroom. She reentered the field in 2014 to teach English in a private school for secondary students. Malinda joined the teaching staff at Mulholland Middle School when they opened their Robotics Magnet. She helped our school become the first STEAM certified middle school in LAUSD. Her students have competed at the Robotics World Championships 6 times in 7 years. Now, she is in her 8th year at Mulholland and wouldn't trade it for the world!

Zoe Byl

Senior Manager of Grants and Development @ Power for All

Zoe Byl is an international development professional with expertise in fundraising, grants administration, and nonprofit management within the energy, climate, and women's health sectors. Currently, Zoe serves at a small nonprofit dedicated to driving the uptake of renewable energy in emerging economies, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa and India. In her role, she manages relationships with existing and potential partners and funders, leads the organization's fundraising efforts, and maintains grant compliance. Prior to joining Power for All, Zoe worked for various local and global nonprofit organizations including PATH, (RED), and The Forgotten International. She now sits on the Board of Directors at The Forgotten International, a small global grantmaking organization focused primarily on supporting women and children in impoverished countries. Zoe holds a Bachelor's degree in International Development Studies from UCLA, and a Master's degree in International Development Studies from the University of Amsterdam. For her Master's Thesis, Zoe carried out fieldwork in rural Ghana on sex education and women's aspirations (you can read the full publication [here](#)).





Devin Tang

Senior Manager Accounting & FP&A @ Javy Coffee

Devin studied Financial Actuarial Mathematics with a minor in Accounting at UCLA. She began working at a local mid-size accounting firm doing "Contract Compliance and Forensics" within the entertainment industry before transferring to the Audit department to complete her attestation hours for her CPA license. It was here that Devin got her CPA (Certified Public Accountant) and CFE (Certified Fraud Examiner) licenses and was eventually being promoted to Supervising Senior. However, she still didn't feel that Audit was the right long term career path for her, and at this point, made the decision to move into private corporate finance. She accepted the role of Senior Financial Analyst at Sweetgreen, for two years before moving to a more start-up company, Heyday Skincare, as the Financial Planning & Analysis Manager. After a year at Heyday, she was pursued for the role of Senior Manager, Accounting & FP&A at Javy Coffee, where she currently resides. Her career path has been somewhat unique, as Devin have been involved in Math, Accounting, and Corporate Financial Planning. This has given her an edge in the Finance world as she sees both sides of the financials.



Nancy Peters

Director, Launch Systems Integration (LSI) @ Northrop Grumman Corporation, Space Sector, Strategic Space Systems Division

Nancy earned a BS in Aerospace Engineering from UCLA in 1986 and an MS in AE from UT Austin in 1992. Nancy started as a summer intern at Northrop Grumman for the summer between her junior and senior year at UCLA (1985) and hired in full time in 1986. She spent the first 10-12 years of her career in Propulsion Systems Engineering, before transitioning into numerous different roles. She has almost 40 years of experience with Northrop Grumman in systems engineering, launch systems integration, program integration, and a variety of integrated product team leadership roles. She has worked functional management and all major program phases including proposal, concept definition, design and development, assembly and test, delivery, and launch and early operations support. In her current role, she is responsible for managing a shared staff of LSI and technical support personnel, directing leading edge integration activities with multiple potential new launch service providers, managing multiple different mission integration efforts (responsible for integration of space vehicles and launch vehicles), supporting industry studies, developing overall launch strategy for her division and coordinating with the other divisions within her sector.



Lauren Shea

Psychosocial Program Specialist and Clinical Social Work Team Lead @ City of Hope

In Lauren's role at City of Hope, she leads an innovative program focused on the psychosocial needs of new cancer patients at City of Hope. Additionally, she leads a Clinical Social Work team with an expertise in serving breast and gynecological cancer patients. During her senior year at UCLA, Lauren was unexpectedly diagnosed with cancer. This experience introduced her to the impact of social work services and public health programs. As a Human Biology and Society major and Public Health minor, she already had a strong interest in social determinants of health and was passionate about health equity. Her undergraduate experience led her back to UCLA for her Masters in Public Health and Social Welfare (triple Bruin!!). With all her training and mentorship at UCLA, she knew her current position was the perfect fit for her!

Lauren was unable to join us at the event, but you can contact her at laurenmashea@gmail.com!



Kate Koch

Data Specialist on Data Science and Business Intelligence team @ Atlassian

Atlassian is a project management software company based in Australia. Kate also has her own company, my401kate where she specializes in tax preparation, bookkeeping, and financial coaching. Her journey into the tech industry began after a career in law and politics, where she participated in the UCLA Quarter in Washington program as a Legislative Intern on Capitol Hill. This experience highlighted her desire for a more dynamic and less structured work environment, prompting her transition into the tech sector (and out of fancy business suits). She initially ventured into Intellectual Property Law as an Executive Assistant and later moved to the front desk at Box, a cloud storage tech company in San Francisco. Her career path took a significant turn at Indeed, where she spent 3.5 years evolving from a Recruiting Coordinator, responsible for scheduling interviews, to an Operations Specialist in a more technical role. This transition was supported by years of dedicated study in computer science at her local community college, where she honed her skills in database management and programming skills. Remote work has enabled her to travel the world and live out of a suitcase the past few years.



Emily Abbott

Creative Producer & Writer @ The Unwell Audio Network
Former Staff Writer @ Cobra Kai on Netflix

Emily graduated from UCLA in 2019 and began working as a Writer's PA on Cobra Kai S3. From there, she worked in Film/TV development at Counterbalance Entertainment until moving back to Cobra Kai to serve as the Showrunner's Assistant for Season 5. She was promoted to Staff Writer for Cobra Kai S6, penning an episode in the latest Netflix drop. After wrapping Cobra Kai, Emily pivoted to writing for podcasting. She began freelance writing for Call Her Daddy before joining the Unwell Audio Network full time. She now serves as the Head Producer of Hot Mess with Alix Earle, as well as a writer for Call Her Daddy and various other Unwell Development projects. In her free time, Emily is penning a feature rom-com for Temple Hill Entertainment.



Christina Rupena

Business and Legal Affairs Assistant @ Electric Entertainment

While Studying Communications at UCLA, Christina had the opportunity to participate in a marketing internship for a film/TV-related app. This experience confirmed her passion for the entertainment industry, and she continued to pursue opportunities in that industry. She was then fortunate enough to intern at an entertainment management company during her final year at UCLA where she got to do script coverage, sit in on manager meetings, and complete a variety of tasks for assistants and managers at the company. Despite the WGA and SAG strikes, she was able to obtain the receptionist role at Electric Entertainment, a small film and television production company. After assisting the legal team with some small projects, she earned the title of Business and Legal Affairs assistant. She now assists the Senior Counsel and the Head of Business & Legal Affairs at the company. Their roles oversee the production process from the early development phases to the post-production/distribution phases. The expansive scope of her boss's roles has allowed her to learn so much more about the industry and develop a deeper understanding of the production process as a whole.



Sophie Nickoll

Psychotherapist (MFT) trainee at the Southern California Counseling Center and Research Assistant at the Gupta Program

Sophie studied Sociology at UCLA and knew she wanted a career that was oriented towards social justice and healing. When she graduated from UCLA, she worked in community mental health for 2 years in San Francisco, gaining experience in the field before applying to graduate school. She then attended California Institute of Integral Studies, a small private university in San Francisco with a focus on holistic healing, Eastern philosophy (i.e. Buddhism, mindfulness, meditation, yoga), and social justice before beginning her direct client-facing work here in LA! Now, Sophie provides therapy to adult individuals at the Southern California Counseling Center (SCCC). To become a licensed therapist (LMFT) in California, 3000 training hours are required, including primarily direct client contact. Work at SCCC prepares trainees like Sophie for careers in private practice, schools, hospitals, or other community clinics. In addition to her work at SCCC, she assist with research for the Gupta Program. There, she helps with research that aims to understand the power in harnessing neuroplasticity to improve mental and physical well-being through nervous system regulation exercises, mindfulness, and meditation.



Antonia Klima

Patient Care Coordinator @ GI Psychology

Antonia recently graduated from the George Washington University with a Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology. During grad school, she worked as a Graduate Assistant (TA) for the GWU Sociology Department, an executive assistant for a non-profit, and was the Internship Coordinator for the Arlington County Police Department tasked with hiring and training of all department interns. Now, Antonia has recently transitioned into the role of Patient Care Coordinator at GI Psychology where she conducts consultations and provides admin assistance for the growing practice.



Leila Rishwain

Chief Operating Officer @ Satorii Yoga + Wellness

Leila found her way to yoga while in college, and she obtained her 200-Hour Registered Yoga Teacher certification in 2019. After graduating UCLA in 2020 with her B.S. in psychobiology, she was working part time in neuroscience research and part time as a yoga instructor at a larger corporate yoga chain. However, both her passions and education spanned a broad range of topics within the health and wellness industries, encouraging Leila to move towards a space where she could facilitate holistic wellness on more than one level. Her upper management experience began at her yoga studio, where she climbed her way into the primary studio director role and managed 80+ employees and 600+ members. She spent about a year and a half in this role before leaving to pursue a management role at a different company. However, soon after beginning this role, she was approached by a friend who had secured an investor and had plans to open up a yoga studio. She brought Leila on as her co-founder and the company's Chief Operating Officer. For about a year, they worked to establish their foundation by building a business model, signing a lease on a physical location, and obtaining the proper talent to help us carry out their studio's mission to facilitate whole body wellness. They opened their doors last month, and so in addition to teaching, Leila continues to handle all day-to-day operations, client outreach, administrative tasks, and so much more!



Dara Goldberg

Psychologist @ Spiritual Psychology LLC

After working as a psychologist in the healthcare industry for twenty years, Dara has learned a great deal about what is currently working and what improvements could be made to foster care for a healthy world. Through her diverse range of experiences, she has discovered the value of incorporating spiritual themes into her work with clients. Dara has just started her own company, Spiritual Psychology@ LLC, where she works as a psychologist in private practice. Currently, she is writing the workbook, "Spiritual Psychology@ for Grief, Loss and Connection to Soul Purpose". Dara hopes to collaborate with others to improve healthcare for our world.



Nicole Chrisney

Owner of Rebelflow

After graduating from UCLA, Nicole spent her entire summer working to prep her online store www.rebelflow.com which launched in September 2019. The first few months were quite difficult, but she persevered and found success online in 2020 and 2021. As the pandemic waned and social media algorithms changed, Nicole pivoted in 2022 to doing more in-person events such as local markets and pop up shops which have helped her business continue these past few years. Currently, she is still the only employee for her store and runs every aspect of her business on her own so feel free to ask her questions about any part of it!

*Everything she is wearing in the photo is from her store!



Katelyn Marshall

Criminal Defense Attorney @ Los Angeles County Public Defender

Katelyn graduated from UCLA in 2018. She worked as a paralegal for an insurance defense law firm for two years. She graduated law school in 2023. While in law school, she clerked for the Los Angeles County Public Defender's office and loved the work. After passing the bar, she was hired as an attorney. As a criminal defense attorney, she is in the courtroom every day representing folks accused of a crime.

The Los Angeles County Public Defender's office is the first and largest public defender's office in the country. There are office locations across the county located in or near all the criminal courts. Interns would have the opportunity to shadow trial attorneys or work in one of our specialty units including immigration, appellate or law enforcement accountability. The office hires interns every summer, fall, and spring. Anyone interested can apply online:

<https://pubdef.lacounty.gov/careers/intern-and-volunteer-program/>

You can also find out more @lapubdef_recruiter_1914 on Instagram and TikTok.



Itzel De La Torre

Paralegal @ Cowper Law

Itzel is a dedicated legal professional with a strong academic background and diverse legal experience. She currently works as a Paralegal at Cowper Law and is preparing for the California February Bar Examination. Itzel earned her BA in American Literature and Culture from UCLA, where she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. She also holds a Master of Studies in Law from USC Gould School of Law and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, with a concentration in Criminal Law and Procedure. Itzel has gained valuable experience through externships with the Illinois Attorney General's Office, Illinois Innocence Project, and the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, highlighting her commitment to justice and legal advocacy.

Julianna Burke

Structural Engineer @ DLR Group

After UCLA and a year of receiving her Masters in Structural Engineering, Julianna now works as a Structural Engineer in Los Angeles at the DLR Group, an integrated design firm consisting of engineering, architecture, interior design, planning and so much more. She has been at DLR Group for the past 5 years and in that time, she has worked in the design and analysis of countless buildings including schools, college buildings, performing art centers, recreation centers, rehabilitation centers, and much more. Julianna works as part of the engineering team, and she has had the pleasure of being a part of an extremely collaborative design team and has had the opportunity to explore creative problem solving and innovative designs. Although still early in her career, she has been able to step into various leadership roles within her company and within professional organizations in California. If you have any interest in the built environment and design of the buildings and communities around us, she would love to talk more.



NATASHA ANDERS

First-year Medical Student @ Duke University School of Medicine

Natasha graduated from UCLA in 2023 with a Bachelor of Science in Physiological Science and a minor in Spanish. At UCLA, she served as President and Human Resources Director of Kappa Alpha Theta, which was one of the most rewarding parts of her college experience. She worked as an Emergency Medicine Research Associate (EMRA) in the UCLA Emergency Department and as a Research Associate at Cedars-Sinai's Smidt Heart Institute. She also worked as an EMT with UCLA EMS, serving as a Field Training Officer and Supervisor, mentoring new EMTs, and responding to emergencies both on campus and in the surrounding community. In addition to her academic and professional commitments, she continued her passion for dance as a member of the Icarus Contemporary Dance Company. She was proud to receive the Chancellor's Service Award and be inducted into Phi Beta Kappa upon graduation, and she is grateful for the many opportunities UCLA provided her. These experiences fueled her passion for medicine and helped prepare her for her current role as a medical student. She has been loving her time at Duke, and she is excited to share her journey and connect with other young women in the Panhellenic Community!



Alexis Iritani

Professional Dancer

Alexis Iritani (she/her) is a professional dancer, choreographer, and educator who is based in both the United States and the United Kingdom. As a graduate of the Class of 2021, the pandemic had led her to pursue additional education in the arts as her last year of undergrad was online. After studying Dance, Food Studies, and Pre-PT, she moved to London to attend the Trinity Laban Conservatoire for an MFA in Transdisciplinary Creative Practice. She focused on merging film, dance, and choreography in her dissertation and modules. As a professional dancer and actor she has been featured in many projects from commercials with Givenchy Beauty, Apple, and Logitech to music videos for Emmitt Fenn and Elliot Moss and music festivals with Ellise. She is a choreographer with Lume Dance, and travels to choreograph at studios around the world. At UCLA, she was a director of Icarus Contemporary Dance Company where she honed in on her choreographic skills, and was inspired to keep pursuing a professional career in the arts.



Valerie Builoff

Clinical Research Associate @ Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Division of Artificial Intelligence in Medicine

Valerie has always been passionate about scientific discovery, particularly at the intersection of technology and medicine. During her undergraduate studies at UCLA, she worked in a lab developing pediatric orthopedic technologies for children with musculoskeletal disorders. Upon graduation, she wanted to expand her expertise into new research fields and gain additional experience before pursuing graduate school. This led her to her current position as a research associate in the Division of Artificial Intelligence in Medicine at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. In this role, she works in a lab dedicated to advancing machine learning to automate cardiovascular image analysis. Her responsibilities include assisting graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and research engineers with their projects, managing lab operations, and leading several studies of her own. This experience has been incredibly rewarding—she has learned a great deal, published research papers, and had the opportunity to present her work at both national and international conferences.



Ray Chang

Vice President of Account Management @ [Prophecy](#)

Prophecy is the strategic branding, advertising, and go-to-market agency within [Prosek Partners](#). As VP of Account Management, Ray combines deep expertise in B2B and investment management with her abilities in developing effective marketing programs and brands with staying power. As the account lead, she is a trusted partner to clients, ensures her team brings "client delight" to every engagement, and possesses a keen eye for uncovering growth opportunities. Ray's clients include brands like Goldman Sachs, KPMG, Booz Allen Hamilton, Lincoln Property Company, HPE, and Fetch Pet Insurance, and her work spans global rebrands, integrated advertising campaigns, and strategic go-to-market planning. Previously, Ray was the Director of Accounts at Darien Group, a strategic branding and creative services agency focused exclusively on the investment management industry. During her 5-year tenure there, she played an integral role in several disciplines, including brand strategy, website development, account and project management, and agency operations.



Rebecca Gitig

Head of U.S. Primary Liability @ Aspen Insurance

Rebecca earned a B.S. from UCLA in 2005, majoring in Ecology, Behavior and Evolution, with a minor in Environmental Systems and Society. After interviewing for various environmental consulting and conservation-related jobs, Rebecca joined AIG in Los Angeles and began her career as an environmental insurance underwriter. In 2007, AIG relocated her to New York, and she became a regional manager in 2009. In 2011, Rebecca left AIG to help start up an environmental insurance operation for Aspen Insurance. Rebecca relocated back to Los Angeles in 2015 and served as Senior Vice President for the Environmental division of Aspen until 2020, when she was promoted to Head of U.S. Primary Liability. Rebecca has served on the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation (IICF) Eastern and Western Division Associate Boards and currently serves on the Aspen US Insurance Corporate Social Responsibility Committee and the Group Sustainability Committee. Outside of the insurance industry, Rebecca has served on various non-profit boards. She resides in Studio City, CA with her husband (also a UCLA alum) and two sons (10 and 7 years old).



Alexandria Edwardson

Social Media TikTok Coordinator @ [Insomniac](#)

In her role, Alexandria creates compelling social content for TikTok across multiple brands. She graduated UCLA in 2019 as a Communications Major and went directly into Sales at Oracle for 5 years. In 2020 during the pandemic, she started creating content on TikTok and has been creating content ever since. She quickly realized this was her passion. Alexandria started working with brands and doing freelance work on her own time, and in September of 2024, she got a job at Insomniac full-time as a Social Media TikTok Coordinator.



Tara Neill

Destination Sales Executive @ The Ritz-Carlton, Los Angeles & The JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE

After graduating from UCLA in 2017 with a BA in World Arts and Cultures Dance, Tara took a career turn and landed in the hospitality industry and has loved every moment! Right out of college she started in Operations and worked her way up to Sales, where she has remained for the last 6 years. As a Destination Sales Executive for one of the most iconic dual-properties in the Marriott portfolio, Tara has the pleasure of bringing events to L.A. LIVE and selling beautiful Los Angeles as the standout destination that it is! Overseeing a team of six Sales Managers, Tara's day-to-day is never the same but customer engagement and retention, business strategy, and funnel management are main focuses day in and day out. During her time at The Ritz-Carlton Los Angeles and the JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE, Tara has been a part of selling some incredible events like: Grammy Awards, Emmy Awards, American Music Awards, NBA & MLB All Star Games, College Football Playoffs, Rosebowl's, a Superbowl, events for household-name companies like Toyota, Amazon, and Snapchat, and more... she especially can't wait for the 2028 Olympics!



Georgina St. Johns

Associate @ Vartabedian Hester & Haynes LLP

After graduating from UCLA, Georgina spent a year working in real estate before starting law school at Vanderbilt University. While at Vanderbilt, she worked for a healthcare corporation, assisting with closings, M&A transactions, and private equity financing and worked at a civil trial firm in Los Angeles. Georgina spent her 2L summer working at Alston & Bird's LA office, where she deepened her understanding of complex commercial disputes. And she broadened her perspective with six months of legal experience as an intern for an international war crimes prosecutor in The Hague. Upon graduation, Georgina returned to Alston & Bird (this time in Dallas) for her first Big Law position. There, she began working under the mentorship of her current bosses, Rob Vartabedian and Conrad Hester. Just four months into her tenure, Rob and Conrad announced their decision to launch a commercial litigation boutique and invited her to join. She didn't hesitate to take the leap, recognizing the risk of leaving an established firm, but more so eager for the opportunities that come with building a firm from the ground up. Since then, she's had the privilege of tackling challenging, hands-on legal work that far surpasses the typical experience of a junior associate. She looks forward to growing in her career at VHH while working with people she genuinely enjoys.



Samara Khalil

Resident psychiatrist @ Harbor-UCLA

Dr. Samara Khalil is a mental health professional with a background in psychobiology from UCLA, where she studied the connection between the brain and behavior. She secured a prestigious internship at an addiction facility run by UCLA PhDs, gaining expertise in psychological assessments, motivational interviewing, and neurofeedback protocols. At the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, she founded a mindfulness and yoga program for health professionals, utilizing her Registered Yoga Teacher (RYT) training. Currently, she treats mood and anxiety disorders, psychosis, and personality disorders in the inpatient, outpatient, and emergency room settings with a keen interest in exploring the application of psychedelics in addiction treatment.



Lily Mohtashami

UCLA School of Dentistry DDS Candidate '28

Lily graduated from UCLA in 2024 with a B.S. in Psychobiology. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and the Vice President of Education for two years. She was a 4-year member and captain of the UCLA Dance Team as well as the Vice President of the UCLA Pre-Dental Society. She is passionate about dentistry because it is a profession in which her love for healthcare, business, and art come together. Lily says to please reach out her at any time if you have questions about her path to dental school or the process in general!



Erika Soto

Senior Brand Executive @ boohoo

Erika studied sociology at UCLA and developed a holistic understanding of macro human behavior and human interaction, which has been invaluable in her marketing career. Knowing the importance of real-world experience in the fashion industry, she balanced being a full-time student with two internships and a full-time job during her junior and senior years. Her countless emails and LinkedIn messages and willingness to apply widely, even for roles outside her qualifications, helped her land her first position out of college at a tech-fashion startup. Today, Erika oversees U.S. brand marketing for boohoo, driving impactful strategies across influencers, events, PR, and affiliates to elevate brand awareness and revenue here in the States.



Megan Blatt

Second Year Medicin Student @ The Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

Megan is currently in her second year at the Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in Pomona, CA, pursuing her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. She graduated from UCLA in 2022 with a B.S. in Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology and a minor in Society and Genetics. Entering college, she was unsure if she wanted to go into biomedical research or clinical medicine--she just knew she had a deep interest in human biology and the life sciences. Through various experiences at UCLA, Megan learned that she loves working closely with people and wanted to be very involved with the care of her future patients, so she decided to pursue medicine. She worked a few different jobs at UCLA, but most relevant was her position as a medical assistant at Beverly Hills Dermatology Consultants. After graduating, Megan took a gap year, moved home, worked as a medical assistant at Clineva Urgent Care Centers in Orange County, volunteered in research at the Children's Hospital of Orange County, and worked on her medical school applications.



Ellie Metheny

Product Marketing Manager @ Salesforce

Ellie started her career at Salesforce as an intern, which led to a contract position, as a way to get her foot in the door. Over the years, she has explored various areas of marketing, ultimately finding her niche in product marketing. In her current role as a Product Marketing Manager, she thrives on the dynamic nature of working with cross-functional teams to shape how they position and launch new products. Product marketing is particularly exciting because it sits at the intersection of technology, business strategy, and customer needs. Ellie's UCLA education, though not directly related to tech, provided a strong foundation for her career. As a history major, she developed critical thinking skills and learned to approach complex problems - abilities that are crucial in product marketing. Additionally, the university's strong network has been invaluable in her professional journey. Working at a big tech company like Salesforce also offers incredible opportunities for growth, exposure to smart colleagues, and the chance to work on products that impact millions of users worldwide.

Ellie was unable to join us at the event, but you can contact her at ejmetheny@gmail.com!



Karina Hurtado-Cerasoli

TV Talent Assistant @ Creative Artists Agency (CAA)

Following graduating UCLA in 2020, Karina struggled to find places that were hiring amidst Covid, she found herself looking for assistant positions that were open and landed a job as an executive assistant in commercial real estate, where she honed her assistant skills. From there, she pivoted to CAA (where she is today) and began working for a junior agent in the TV Talent Department, who repped clients in the TV space and also in music. From there, she really grew within CAA and has since moved to a higher level desk with more well-known clientele. Her day-to-day includes typical admin for her boss such as scheduling, emails, expenses, calls etc, and also aiding their clients in things such as sending auditions, submitting auditions, setting meetings and much more!



Rachel Rusch

Senior Consultant @ Deloitte

Rachel Rusch graduated from UCLA in 2020 with a Bachelor of Science in Statistics. Following graduation, she joined a market research firm, where she spent two years specializing in customer experience analytics across industries including retail, automotive and hospitality.

Rachel now lives in Los Angeles and works as a Senior Consultant at Deloitte. In her current role, she partners with large healthcare clients to deliver technological solutions to improve the patient experience. She also serves as the UCLA Deloitte Recruiting lead for the fall recruiting cycle. Rachel is passionate about driving organizational transformation and working alongside stakeholders to achieve meaningful impact.



Mollie Nardoni

Attorney @ Clinton & Clinton

After graduating from UCLA with a B.A. in Political Science and History in 2015, Mollie took a year off to work at a law firm in Santa Monica, a pivotal experience that solidified her decision to pursue law school. In 2016, she enrolled at Southwestern Law School, where she gained invaluable hands-on experience through internships with renowned companies such as Kendra Scott, Poshmark, Fabletics, and Yitty. After successfully passing the California and Nevada Bar exams, Mollie joined Clinton & Clinton in Long Beach, CA, where she specializes in corporate defense. Outside of her legal practice, she gives back to her community as an advisor for Chi Omega and serves on Southwestern's Young Alumni Board.