

ASC **C**ONNECTED

Letter from the President

Greetings Scholars!

Whether you are a returning champion of ASC or an incoming scholar, we hope to see all of you at all of our events and programs during the year. This year, we want to create as many possible ways where you can contribute meaningfully to the functions of this club, and help it grow in new and amazing ways.

Whether you want to plan campus wide events like Locks of Love or My Last Lecture, mentor middle school children in Los Angeles through LA Team Mentoring, or want to network with alumni through the Alumni Mentor Program and our Career Panels, we would love to have you participate as well as help out! The club is also hard at work in getting off the ground our first ever **Tutoring Program**, where you can receive service hours through tutoring other Alumni Scholars. Take a look inside this newsletter for more information on any of these possibilities.

We are looking for your talent and your passion, and these are just some of the ways you can get involved as well as take advantage of your ASC membership. Remember to stop by **Fall Quarterly on Thursday, Sept. 29, 5-7 p.m.** as it's undoubtedly going to be a blast.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, guys, and I hope that I will see you all in the fall!

Sincerely,
Max Belasco



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introducing...

Your ASC 2011-2012 Executive Board

**PRESIDENT
MAX BELASCO**



Max is a fourth year Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics (MIMG) major, and is honored to have the privilege of serving as ASC President next year. While he looks forward to every ASC event, Max is particularly excited for My Last Lecture as well as the Alumni Mentor mixers. Upon graduation he hopes to pursue graduate studies in epidemiology and bioethics.

**VICE PRESIDENT
WESLEY WONG**



Wesley is a fourth year Neuroscience major who spend her summer tackling the MCAT monster at home in the sometimes sunny Nor Cal weather. As your ASC Vice President, she is looking forward to welcoming all the new Bruins to the ASC family, expanding the scope of ASC's Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, and introducing UCLA's third annual My Last Lecture Award to the greater Los Angeles community.

**ALUMNI RELATIONS
NICK ROJAS**



Nick is going into his third year as a Geography/Environmental Studies major, originally from Sacramento, CA. He is extremely excited for the upcoming school year as the new Alumni Relations Director. His hope is to better connect alumni and scholars together in fun yet also professional atmospheres.

**ALUMNI MENTOR PROGRAMS
SARAH GRUNDEEN**



Sarah is a fifth year Bioengineering major hoping to design devices to help people with disabilities. This year she will serve as the Alumni Mentor Programs director to help every ASCer find a mentor as great as hers! She is most excited to meet all the new ASCers and have an amazing senior year!

**EXTERNAL CAMPUS VOLUNTEERS
ISABELLA EUROPA**



Isabella is a third year Biological Anthropology major who is absolutely ecstatic about being External Campus Volunteers Director. She is super excited for this new position that allows Scholars to burst out of the Westwood bubble and explore LA through community service. She's also super excited to whip up something delicious for ASC, too!

**INTERNAL CAMPUS VOLUNTEERS
MARIE CROSS**



Marie is a fourth year Psychology major, and hopes to pursue a doctorate degree in Positive Psychology after she has proceeded to live out all of her dreams at UCLA. She is the Internal Campus Volunteers Director and is honored to return for her second year on the Executive Board. She is looking forward to getting as much out of her senior year as possible and meeting all of ASC's new and wonderful scholars!

**DR. RALPH J. BUNCHE
ASYA HOLLINS**



Asya Cara Hollins is a second year engineering major and is the incoming Ralph J. Bunch Director. Asya often fantasize about superpowers, always enjoy a good Star Wars discussion, and will sing for food, especially boba. What Asya looks forward to most about this year is instituting ASC's first foreign film fest!

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
PETER MCPARTLAN**



Peter is a fan of good games, good weather, and good humor. He is a third year psychology major who is also involved in research on campus and is the president of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He is the Leadership Director for the 2011-2012 year and is looking forward to introducing new students to all the amazing things ASC offers.

**FINANCE
GEORGE ELWOOD-MIRANDA**



George is a third year Biological Anthropology major and is the incoming Finance Director. He is excited for a wonderful year ahead, and looks most forward to connecting the Alumni Scholars Club to local Los Angeles businesses.

**MARKETING
DANIELLE ROSS**



Danielle is a third year Business Economics major and Environmental Systems and Society minor. As ASC's Marketing Director, she will ensure that every scholar is aware of all the amazing opportunities that come with being in ASC. Danielle looks forward to meeting each and every scholar this year!

**OUTREACH
STEVE LOCASCIO**



Steve is a third year Economics and Political Science double major from Manhattan Beach, California. He was one of last year's Scholar Relations Directors and is currently serving as the Outreach Director. He is excited to begin recruiting California's top students for the Alumni Association and meeting the incoming freshman class.

**SCHOLAR RELATIONS
TYLER LANMAN &
GRACE LAU**



Tyler is a second year pre-med student anticipating a Neuroscience degree. Tyler and Grace will be your wonderful and crazy Scholar Relations Directors this year! This year, Tyler looks forward to once again experiencing the savory world-famous ASC tortellini, but more importantly, hanging out with enthusiastic and talented Alumni Scholars!

Grace is a third year MIMG major with a Global Studies minor who is unsure what she wants to do with her major or her life. She does know that she wants to live her UCLA experience out to the fullest. She looks forward to spending more time with her fellow Scholars and putting on some fun and memorable events with her co-director, Tyler.

what i WISH I KNEW

By Danielle Ross

We asked our graduating 2010-2011 ASC Executive Board members what they wish they knew back when they were freshmen just four short years ago. They shared their own bits n' pieces of advice with us.

"I wish I would have known about all of the great study spots on campus – the law library, the second floor of Kerckhoff, Untitled cafe – it would have saved me a lot of gas!"

- **Michaela Zamloot**, 2010-2011
Mentor Programs Director



"I wish I would have known that my roommates would become my best friends."

- **Erin Tomiyama**, 2010-2011
President

"I wish I would have known that four years go by faster than you can imagine. Take advantage of every minute!"

- **Shaye Blegen**, 2010-2011
Vice President



"I wish I would have known how many exciting places there are to go in LA! There are so many great restaurants, museums, and tourist locations that are a MUST!"

- **Erin Tomiyama**, 2010-2011
President



"I wish I would have known that JWAC is an awesome place to go in between classes."

- **Shaye Blegen**, 2010-2011
Vice President



Event feature: Locks of Love

By Marie Cross



"My hair is short, my heart is big." This is what my Locks of Love t-shirt said last year, and this is exactly how I felt after donating my hair for the first time. Every year, ASC has a Locks of Love event where UCLA students, faculty, staff, and alumni donate their hair to children who are suffering from medical-related hair loss. Last year, ASC collected more than 2,400 inches of hair, and this year, we are hoping to have even more of an impact. If you think you might be interested in donating your hair, make sure not to cut it during the summer, because it needs to be ten inches or more in length for you to donate it. If your hair isn't long enough or if you don't want to donate, you can still help by volunteering at the event on Thursday, Feb. 2.

For more information about this incredible event, please e-mail campusvolunteers@alumnischolarsclub.org.



Foreign Film Afterhours

Celebrate Diversity!

ASC is going around the world
in (3 quarters X 10 weeks X 7...)
210 days!

Come share milk, cookies, and snuggles with us as we tour the world one country and movie at a time.

Coming to JWAC this Fall

ALUMNI of ASC

The Peace Corps. Medical School. Disney. See what adventures some alumni of ASC are on today.

By Danielle Ross

Stephanie Martinez, Class of 2011



Q1: What are your plans for next year?

A1: This September, I'll be joining the Peace Corps as a health project volunteer in Cameroon! My service will be two years long, so I'll be there for the span of a couple of ASC newsletters.

Q2: What lesson do you think you learned from college that you will carry with you from here on out?

A2: The really awesome part about getting an education at UCLA is that it focuses on developing you not exclusively as an academic, but as a well-rounded, cognizant, and community-minded individual! UCLA really brought home the importance of trying EVERYTHING! Watch a new movie, try a new dish, meet some new people, join a new club, learn a new martial art, run a new track, and constantly challenge yourself to never be static.

Q3: What do you hope current Alumni Scholars will take away from the club?

A3: I hope that all new and continuing Alumni Scholars use their brief time at UCLA and in ASC to meet as many new people as possible! And not only alumni (although that is SUPER!). ASC kids are one-of-a-kind. Everybody is a leader, innovator, and activist in some field! It's REALLY inspiring! Get to know as many of them as possible! You might meet your next colleague, your next mentor, or maybe your next best friend! (I've met all three!)

Naomi Serling-Boyd, Class of 2010



Q1: What are your plans for next year?

A1: I just finished my first year of medical school, also at UCLA. Nowhere else could pull me away from staying in Westwood for another 4, or possibly more, years!

Q2: What lesson do you think you learned from college that you will carry with you from here on out?

A2: Do what you want to do, within reason. Too often I see people worrying about their resume or how they appear, but to me it's much more important to focus on what will make you happy and help those around you. You'll do better and go farther.

Q3: What do you hope current Alumni Scholars will take away from the club?

A3: Most clubs are based on people with common interests – theater, hospital volunteering, hiking, etc. – so you meet people with similar interests, which is great. But what's even greater is to meet people with a variety of not only interests, but expertise as in the case of ASC! Meet anyone and everyone in the club – the unifying factor is excellence and leadership in what you love, whatever that may be. Many of my best friends are from ASC.

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Scholars dining with alumni at the Feast on Foot event



Rose Bowl or bust! Scholars help escort middle school students at the "I'm Going to College" events



Scholars enjoying delicious food with alumni at the Feast on Foot event

2010-2011 a year in review

winter



ASC's sweet Candyland Prom



Is that Justin Bieber at ASC's Winter Quarterly



Campus Volunteers having hair-raising amounts of fun after the Locks of Love event



spring



Alumni Scholars hanging out with their LATM mentees during an end-of-the-year adventure!



Mocktails with alumni!



Mentor Programs Committee at My Last Lecture

Alumni of ASC cont.

Brian Gay, Class of 2009



Q1: What are your plans for next year?

I currently am an executive assistant to the head of Corporate Communications for The Walt Disney Company. I'm part of a team that crafts press releases, organizes all executive speaking engagements and works daily with major press outlets on stories and media features about all things 'Disney.' I'm also a contributing writer for the bi-monthly company newsletter.

Q2: What lesson do you think you learned from college that you will carry with you from here on out?

A2: Take interest in subjects outside your career or main focus. You'd be surprised what topics come up in conversation and you never know when some tiny bit of knowledge or anecdote will help you connect with another person. Networking is all about reaching common ground, so expand your horizons and don't be afraid to inspect and delve into a new topic.

Q3: What do you hope current Alumni Scholars will take away from the club?

A3: ASC was a fantastic part of my college experience and I can only hope everyone else has as much fun as I did. Make good friends, make some great memories and enjoy yourself no matter whether you're volunteering or just catching a movie with your fellow ASCers.

fall quarter events

SEPTEMBER

- 19, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.,** DeNeve private dining room
Freshmen Lunch in DeNeve
- 19, Noon-1:30 p.m.,** JWAC Founders room
Transfer Student Welcome Lunch
- 21, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.,** Meet in front of JWAC
Santa Monica Beach Trip
- 22, 5-7 p.m.,** JWAC Conference Room
ASC Community Service Fair
- 29, 4-5 p.m.,** JWAC Founders Room
LATM Orientation
- 29, 5-7 p.m.,** JWAC
Fall Quarterly - (Coordinator applications available)

OCTOBER

- 3-7, Westwood**
Eat-n-Greet
- 3, 5-6 p.m.,** JWAC Conference room
Renewal Scholarship Information Workshop
- 4, Noon-1 p.m.,** JWAC Founders room
Renewal Scholarship Information Workshop
- 5, 4-5 p.m.,** JWAC Conference room
Renewal Scholarship Information Workshop
- 5, 5-6 p.m.,** JWAC Conference room
LATM Orientation
- 5, 6-7:30 p.m.,** JWAC Conference room
Peer-2-Peer Mixer
- 6, 5-6 p.m.,** JWAC Conference room
Upward Bound House Info Session
- 6, 6-7 p.m.,** JWAC Conference room
Renewal Scholarship Information Workshop
- 7, 10-11 a.m.,** JWAC Founders room
Renewal Scholarship Information Workshop
- 7, 5 p.m.,** JWAC
Coordinator Applications due
- 10, 11 a.m.-noon,** JWAC Conference room
Make-up Renewal Scholarship Information Workshop
- 12, 3:30-6:30 p.m.,** JWAC Founders Room
LATM Training
- 13, 7-8:30 p.m.,** JWAC Conference Room
Mentor Preview Event
- 19, 4-9 p.m.,** JWAC Conference Room
Coordinator Retreat
- 27, 6-8 p.m.,** JWAC Founders Room
Alumni Relations Event
- 28, 5:30 p.m.,** JWAC or online
Mentor Program Student Applications due

ASC Executive Board 2010-2011

- Erin Tomiyama... President
- Shaye Blegen... Vice President
- Max Belasco... Alumni Relations Director
- Marie Cross... Campus Volunteers Director
- Jonah Batista... Dr. Ralph J. Bunche
- BingChow Chen... Leadership Development Director
- George Elwood-Miranda... Marketing Director
- Michaela Zamloot... Mentor Programs Director
- Abby Sassoon... Outreach Director
- Alexa Golden & Steve LoCascio... Scholar Relations Directors

Thank you for a great year...
See you in the fall!



NOVEMBER

- 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m.,** JWAC Conference Room
All ASC Meeting
- 2, 6-9 p.m.,** JWAC Conference Room
ASC Foreign Film Afterhours
- 3, 5-6 p.m.,** JWAC Founders Room
Ambassador Workshop
- 6, 2-6 p.m.,** JWAC
Alumni Scholarships Reception - (All E-Board will be student hosts)
- 9, 5-7 p.m.,** JWAC Founders Room
Scholar Relations Mixer
- 16, 5-7 p.m.,** JWAC Founders Room
Ambassador Training
- 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m.,** JWAC Conference Room, Founders Room, Galleria
Mentor Mixer
- 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m.,** JWAC Founders Room
Alumni Career Panel: Graduate School Preparation
- 29, 5-6:30 p.m.,** JWAC Founders Room
Fun for Finals