



Fall 2010

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ASC CONNECTED

WELCOME TO ASC!

Hello Scholars and welcome home!

My name is Erin Tomiyama, and I am your 2010-11 ASC President. I am very excited for the year ahead of us and am looking forward to making this one of ASC's best years yet!

During the summer, the Executive Board has been working hard to plan some fresh new events mixed in with some old classics. We are very excited to show you all that we have lined up for the year, but until then, here are some of the top reasons I hope you get involved with ASC and stay active:

1. Leadership Opportunities – If you're looking to improve your leadership skills, ASC can help! Through the coordinator program, leadership development events, and other leadership roles (LATM, etc.), you can actively take part in the club and gain leadership experience. ASC is *your* club, so take an active role!

2. Social Events – ASC is a great outlet for social activities! Come to Fun for Finals or movie nights and hang out with other great alumni scholars without spending a dime. Join us as we venture beyond Westwood and explore all that L.A. has to offer.

3. Service Opportunities – ASC provides various outlets for you to give back to the community while still participating in something that relates

to your personal interests. If you want to work with kids, try LATM. If you like sports, volunteer for an IGTC event. Whatever your interests, there's a volunteer opportunity for you!

4. Great Alumni Network – I don't think I can stress this one enough! No other club can offer access to such an expansive alumni network. With the Alumni Mentor Program and various other alumni events, there are ample opportunities for you to network with prominent alumni and possibly gain career opportunities. Learn from the best alumni about what it takes to succeed as a bruin and listen to them share their bruin stories. Take advantage of all the alumni connections ASC has to offer!

5. Friends - One of the BEST things I got out of ASC was some of my closest friends. Alumni Scholars are some of the coolest and brightest students at UCLA, so naturally we become great peers and friends. Come to any ASC event and you'll probably walk out with more friends than you came in with.

On behalf of the Executive Board, I am extremely honored to welcome you (back) to our club and I look forward to an amazing year!

Erin Tomiyama
ASC President

MEET OUR AMAZING ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS STAFF

George Brown

Director, Alumni Scholarships

George is a 10 year veteran with Alumni Scholarships and oversees the entire program along with the scholarship steering committee. He also manages scholarship funds and oversees the Lew and Edie Wasserman Grant and Dr. Ralph J. Bunche Program.

"It is an amazing experience working on something that changes lives. It feels rewarding to know that I am helping students who might not otherwise be able to afford to come to UCLA have access to higher education."



Michelle Sproat Weyek

Associate Director, Alumni Scholarships and ASC Advisor

Michelle serves as the advisor for the Alumni Scholars Club and the executive board. She provides students with advice and assistance with programming events and networking with alumni. She also manages all aspects of the renewal scholarship program.

"Working with the students in creating a home base here at the Alumni Association for all our scholars is my favorite part of work. I love spending time with our students and helping to create new programming that will enrich their experience at UCLA."



Meghan Grandolfo

Assistant Director, Alumni Scholarships

Meghan works with Alumni volunteers throughout California who screen scholarship applications and interview students. She also oversees the Distinguished Senior Award and the Community College Transfer Scholarship.

"It's such a beautiful place to spend your days, I'm so lucky to be a part of it."



Anthony Cube

Director, Alumni Marketing and Communications

Anthony is responsible for communicating and promoting ASC events, announcements and service opportunities, which includes the bi-weekly e-newsletter, web copy, emails and other communications sent through the Alumni Association. He is also in charge of marketing for countless of UCLA Alumni Association events, both run by the Alumni Scholars Club and the Student Alumni Association.

"I work with a variety of student groups. My personal opinion...Alumni Scholars Rock!"

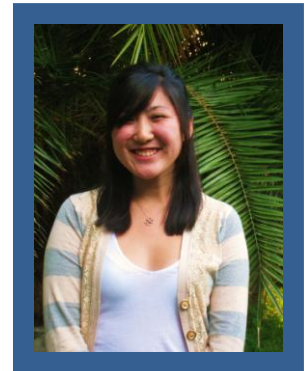
MEET YOUR ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD



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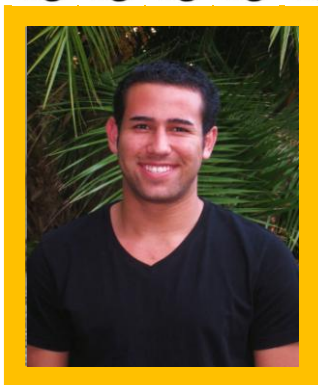
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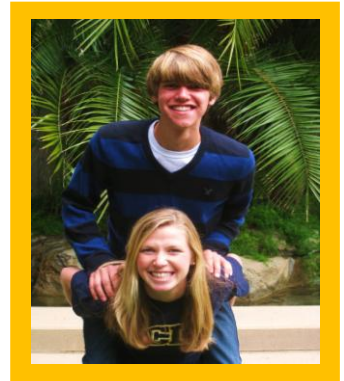
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GETTING INVOLVED IN ASC

There are countless ways to be involved in the Alumni Scholars Club. One can be involved in the various mentor programs or simply attend mixers and other events we put on for all members. However, there are leadership positions available as coordinators in different committees. Coordinators are selected each fall by members of the executive board in order to assist them in all aspects of their positions. Each executive board member has several coordinators that make up his or her committee to help run events and projects. Each coordinator plays a vital role in the success of the Alumni Scholars Club and is truly invaluable. Applications for this coming school year will be available at Fall Quarterly. Check out our page at:

http://www.alumnischolarsclub.org/1_eboardbios.php

to see the various committees and feel free to contact any of the E-Board members to inquire about their committee in ASC or about UCLA in general.



All of the past coordinators in JWAC



TOP 10



Take advantage of ASC.

Call this a shameless plug, but as a member of ASC, you'll have valuable opportunities for alumni networking, community service, leadership development and social activities. And don't forget access to copying and printing!



Don't spend all of your time on Facebook.

Self explanatory. There was life before News Feed.



Venture beyond Westwood.

UCLA students sometimes forget that beyond Westwood is one of the most vibrant cities in the world. With Metro and Big Blue Bus lines, getting around is simple (despite infamous LA traffic).



Don't be ashamed to go to tutoring.

If you're having trouble with a class, don't be ashamed to get outside help. Students who received high grades in the courses provide services for free at Covell and AAP. Spots for popular courses fill up early in the quarter, so plan ahead!



Befriend your TAs.

While the professor may be the one lecturing, the TAs are the ones who make sure you show up to section, help you personally understand the material, and most importantly, grade your work. Unless you're having a major problem with the course, the TA should be the first one you go to – stay on their good side!



Remember to sleep.

You'd think that being able to plan your classes so you don't have to be at school by 8 a.m. five days a week would result in more sleep. But as any student will tell you, it doesn't. With so much going on, your brain will tell you to sleep less while your body pays the consequences. Naps come in handy.

WAYS TO SUCCEED AS A NEW STUDENT



Don't overstress about grades.

We all value a report card filled with A's; that's how we got to UCLA. However, students applying to grad school or seeking employment after graduation will be judged more on their work and internship experience, LSAT and MCAT scores, etc. If nothing else, keeping your GPA in perspective will soften the blow when you get your first B or C.



Don't overcommit.

With over 850 student groups, research opportunities and jobs, it's easy to get in over your head. UCLA clubs aren't like high school ones; they require real commitment. Your first quarter, attend a few meetings and events, but don't bite off more than you can chew. There's time later to pad your resume.



Be open to change.

Being at college for a few weeks will alter your perspective - on academics, your friends and family and yourself. Be prepared to reevaluate your core life principles. North or south campus? Democrat or Republican? Paper or plastic?



Be outgoing.

Every day you'll be presented with opportunities to meet people who will change your life. The beginning is especially crucial - people won't have formed cliques or routines and will be more receptive. Even if you're shy by nature, force yourself to meet new people. With a campus of more than 40,000 people, there are more than a few interesting souls to encounter. Whether you meet a Nobel Prize-winning professor, your future spouse, the Easter Bunny or fellow ASC'ers, you'll reap the benefits for years to come.

CATCHING UP WITH...

Molly Crockett • *Class of 2005*

Positions held w/in ASC: State Finals Chair, Alumni Chair, President

What have you done since graduating from UCLA?

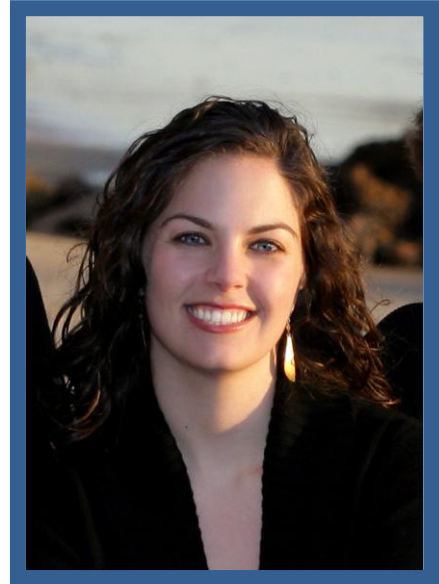
I've been working on my Ph.D. in Neuroscience at the University of Cambridge. I'm studying the neural basis of altruism, morality and economic decision-making. This research has given me the opportunity to travel all over the world, to places such as Italy, Russia and Japan.

Favorite ASC memory:

Sitting in front of Diddy Reise as the State Finals participants scavenged around Westwood; E-board retreats at the beach house; being a butterfly at Randy Farber's leadership workshop.

Advice to current Alumni Scholars:

Get involved in at least one new thing each year; you'll never exhaust UCLA's opportunities but you should try!



Melanie Ho • *Class of 2001*

Positions held w/in ASC: President; Freshman Scholarship Director

What have you done since graduating from UCLA?

Three times a Bruin, I received my MA and Ph.D. from the UCLA English Department, where I wrote a dissertation on 20th century American fiction and frequently taught English 4w. For the past two years, I've been working in Washington, DC as a consultant to college and university executives throughout the country.

Favorite ASC memory:

State Finals was always one of my favorite days of the year—such a wonderful way to celebrate UCLA, and each time reminded me that I met many of my closest friends at State Finals as a high school senior.

Advice to current Alumni Scholars:

Each quarter, I picked one class where I went to office hours every other week (or thereabouts)—it's a great way to develop mentors and get the most from your education.



Scott Hugo • Class of 2009

Positions held w/in ASC: I had a bit of a reputation as a ghost around JWAC - just ask Katie Frost!

What have you done since graduating from UCLA?

I was fortunate enough to receive a Rhodes Scholarship last fall and I am currently completing my first year of the MPhil in International Relations at Oxford University.

Favorite ASC memory:

State Finals. As a finalist meeting many of my best friends at UCLA for the first time, as a host seeing UCLA through the eyes of a high school senior, or as a group leader recognizing all of the time and effort that ASC members commit to ensure that finalists have the best experience possible. State Finals always reminded me of the ASC community and why I wanted to attend UCLA in the first place.

Advice to current Alumni Scholars: Love life, love the journey.



Clare Robinson • Class of 2005

Positions held w/in ASC: Internal Affairs Director and Communication Director

What have you done since graduating from UCLA?

I moved to The Hague, Netherlands, where I worked for the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. I wrote a Master's thesis on the human rights situation in Aceh province, Indonesia for my M.A. in politics from New York University, and became involved in the Scholars at Risk network, where I am now Senior Program Officer. Over the past five years, I've also tried to have a little fun. I practiced yoga, fell in love, learned how to knit, traveled for the first time to the Middle East and Africa and made my first contribution to the UCLA Fund.

Favorite ASC memory:

The summer day I met my first ASC mentee, as that meeting provided me with my first true opportunity to give back to the ASC community. It was summer, I was in Northern California-- as was my mentee-- and I vividly remember my excitement as I drove across the San Mateo Bridge on a sunny morning to have lunch with an incoming Alumni Scholar who would very quickly also become a friend.



Advice to current Alumni Scholars: Make the most of your time at UCLA by getting involved in the things you love and by asking lots of questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS - FALL 2010

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

20
New Student Lunch
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

22
New Student Westwood and
Beyond Tour
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

23
Distinguished Senior Award
applications available

30
LATM Orientation
4-5 p.m.

Fall Quarterly
5-7 p.m.

1, 4, 5, 6, and 7
Renewal Scholarship
Information Workshops

2
I'm Going to College Football
12:30 p.m.

3
Alumni Scholarships Reception
(for new students)
2:30-6 p.m.

6
Peer-2-Peer Mixer

7
LATM Orientation
5-6 p.m.

8
Coordinator applications due

11-15
Eat-N-Greet

14
Alumni Mentor Preview Event
7-8:30 p.m.

27
Coordinator Retreat
4 p.m.

4
Ambassador Workshop

5
Alumni Mentor applications due

6
I'm Going to College Football
12:30 p.m.

11
Veteran's Day
No School

17
Ambassador Training

18
Mentor Mixer
7-8:30 p.m.

22
Alumni Career Panel
6:30-7:30 p.m.

25-26
Thanksgiving
No School

30
Fun for Finals

Keep checking our website at www.alumnischolarsclub.com for updates for details and new events!