Kausar Mohammed, Actress and Artist
As a native of the Bay Area, Kausar’s interest in representing communities was sparked at the age of 12 as a TV host for a South Asian channel. From there, her interest in media of all forms expanded from the camera to what makes people watch it. Her M.O. is to start dialogue through her creative endeavors.

Veline Mojarro, Lecturer, UCLA World Arts and Culture and Director of Community Programs, UCLA Art and Global Health Center
A proud Chicana, artist, facilitator and educator, Veline is passionate about building safe, inclusive and equitable spaces for community. Her past collaborations and clients include Planned Parenthood, CNN's This Sex with Lisa Ling and GoldenVoice.

Natalie Bui, Diversity, Inclusion and Leadership Development Coordinator, Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Los Angeles
With roots in community organizing, Natalie has worked in voter campaigns for the California Planned Parenthood Education Fund and an immigrant advocacy campaign for the ACLU of San Diego. In her free time, she is an amateur illustrator and editor at The Slant, a weekly Asian American newsletter covering media, culture and politics.

Nako Nakatsuka, Ph.D., Biosensors for Neuroscience Postdoctoral Scholars
Born and raised in Tokyo, Japan, Nako came to the U.S. to attend Fordham University as an undergraduate student where she later joined a research group focused on developing nanomaterials for tissue engineering, drug delivery and gene therapy applications. As a doctoral student at UCLA, her dissertation focused on measuring brain chemistry using nanotechnology and used DNA evolved to recognize specific targets (such as neurotransmitters) in the design of next-generation biosensors. While at UCLA, she was a member of the UCLA Triathlon Team, illustrated a children's book for aspiring chemists and was an invited speaker for the Mirman School Women in STEM conference to inspired 5-10 years old with nanotechnology.

Basak Kilik, Product Owner, BMS
As an engineer, Basak is passionate about spreading science knowledge and empowering more women to pursue STEM careers. Born and raised in Istanbul, she was inspired to explore the world as a young engineer after graduating from UCLA with a bachelor’s of science in Electrical Engineering. She has worked on several projects across the world in Turkey, China and Germany with Huawei Technologies, Turkish Airlines and Siemens Healthcare. In 2013, Basak pursued her interest in neuroimaging as a graduate researcher at Bogazici University where she was recognized by the Chamber of Electrical Engineers in Turkey, Bogazici University Scientific Research Fund and Siemens Healthcare.

Audrey Pool O’Neal, Ph.D., Director, Women in Engineering (WE@UCLA) and Lecturer, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, UCLA Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science
For more than fifteen years, Audrey worked as an engineer and manager at the Powertrain Division of General Motors Corporation in automatic transmission design and manufacturing. As Director of WE@UCLA, she focuses on enabling the full participation, success and advancement of women in engineering and computer science.

Penelope Delgadillo Valencia, Senior Vice President of Global Audience and Strategic Partner Ecosystem, SAP Software Solutions
As an award-winning marketing executive, Penelope has served as a cloud evangelist, change agent and though leader with some of the world’s top technology brands. At SAP, she accelerated revenue growth by transforming and leading the company’s global audience, services and partnership organization. Often at the forefront of technology trends, Penelope has successfully built strategic alliances and managed acquisition for start-up companies to Fortune 10 businesses. She currently sits on the Board of Trustees for the Peninsula

Sara Salam, Vice President of Client Engagement, San Diego Leadership Institute
With over seven years of experience in human resources for professional sports organizations, Sara’s work focuses on growth and development opportunities, culture and engagement, employee relations and Predictive Index programming. She is interested in redefining what it means to be human in the workplace and how to leverage an individual’s drive to achieve success.

Karolynne A. Gee, Retired, Karolynne Gee Educational Services
Karolynne Gee has had a successful career in education as a facilitator of staff development, teacher training, coaching and instructional design. Among many other accomplishments, she specialized in collaboration for the purpose of implementing student-centered, inquiry-based learning using a model of arts-based integrated, interdisciplinary curriculum. She has also been a facilitator of whole-school improvement and continuous growth focused on student achievement through the identification and development of teacher leaders and administrators to ensure internal capacity as a learning community. She was a demonstration teacher and trainer at the UCLA Laboratory School of the University of California at Los Angeles. She has been a long standing member of Gold Shield Alumnae of UCLA, serving most recently on their Special Projects committee in 2017.

Juana Hernandez, Vice Chair, Young Professionals Network of Latinas Lead CA and Fellow of the Riordan Leadership Institute
As a first generation college graduate of her family, Juana’s passion and drive for education is highlighted in her service and work for the community. She is the Higher Education Manager of the L.A. Compact where she provides strategy development, facilitation and project management support in their impact initiative that brings together education, government, labor, business and nonprofit sectors to transform student outcomes from cradle to career. She is currently a fellow of the Riordan Leadership Institute and serves as Vice Chair of the Young Professionals Network of Latinas Lead CA.

Stephanie Castellanos, Co-Founder, Coalition for Diverse Educators and Board Member of Justice Now
As a consultant, diversity and inclusion strategist, expert facilitator and community organizer, Stephanie’s passion for social innovation and youth empowerment stems from her...
Inglewood upbringing, her Mexican immigrant family and her experiences as a first generation high school and college student.

- **Cinthia Flores, Gubernatorial Appointee to the CA Health Professions Education Foundation and Trustee of the Latina Lawyers Bar Association**
  As the Legal and Policy Counsel at the Coalition for Humane Immigration, Cinthia has been recognized by the California Bar Foundation, MALDEF and NAACP. As a Regent of the University of California, she secured funding for undocumented service centers and diversity enhancement programs across the UC’s ten campuses. Cinthia currently serves as the Chair of the Young Professionals Network of the Latinas Lead California Political Action Committee and as Trustee of the Latina Lawyers Bar Association.

- **Gabriela Medina, District Director, US Congresswoman Nanette Barragan and Co-Director of Fundraising for Latinas Lead CA**
  As a proud daughter of immigrant parents from Mexico and El Salvador, Gabriela has worked to ensure that constituent voices are incorporated in the decision-processes in L.A. City Hall. One of her proudest achievements as Field Deputy to L.A. City Councilman Joe Buscaino is the legalization of street vending in the City of L.A. Today, Gabriela serves as District Director for Congresswoman Barragan where she oversees district staff and directs constituent services for the 44th US Congressional District. She also mentors young women and is active with the Rotary Club of Wilmington.

- **Yasmeen Muqtasid, Founder of Black Women Matter, Inc. and Rich Black Women**
  Yasmeen has a passion for loving all people and cultures. As an AJ Paul Getty Fellow and Riordan Fellow, she founded Black Women Matter and Rich Black Women to address the negative portrayal of Black women in media, as well as provide resources to support Black women in advancing personally and professionally. Yasmeen is a self-described Zumba fitness fanatic, amateur soul line dancer and who occasionally indulges in back-to-back episodes of Mary Jane and a Different World.

- **Cheryl Lott, Shareholder, Bulchalter Nemer and President Elect of the UCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors**
  Based in Los Angeles, Cheryl M. Lott is a shareholder in business law firm Buchalter’s litigation and labor and employment practice groups. She is also the chair of the firm’s pro bono committee, and a former ex officio member of the firm’s board of directors. Lott represents corporate clients, organic farmers, banks, mortgage companies and other financial institutions in both state and federal court. Her practice focuses on general business and commercial litigation, class action defense, receivership and guaranty-related litigation, and labor and employment litigation. In addition, Lott’s areas of emphasis include employment counseling, contract disputes, independent film finance disputes, unfair competition, deceptive trade practices, product liability, and creditors’ rights and fair debt collection practices. Lott is a member of the UCLA Law Alumni Board and is recognized as a Southern California Super Lawyer Rising Star for 2009 through 2014. Lott earned her J.D. at the UCLA School of Law, with a concentration in critical race studies and specialization in corporate law.

- **Michelle K. Sugihara, Executive Director, Coalition of Asian Pacifics in Entertainment**
  Michelle K. Sugihara is the Executive Director of CAPE, the leading non-profit organization dedicated to improving Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) images and representation through media and entertainment. In partnership with industry sponsors including Warner Brothers, NBCUniversal, The Walt Disney Company, HBO, Amazon Studios, Netflix, Oriental Dreamworks, CBS, Starz, The CW, Hollywood Foreign Press Association, Final Draft, and The Black List, CAPE’s signature programs include the CAPE New Writers Fellowship, CAPE Leaders Fellowship, #IAMCampaign, educational panels, and networking mixers targeting emerging and established entertainment industry leaders and creative talent.
  Sugihara, a fourth generation Japanese American, was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. She graduated with honors from Claremont McKenna College with a dual major in Economics and Psychology and a minor in Asian American Studies, followed by a law degree from UCLA. Prior to joining CAPE, she was an entertainment attorney, film producer, and adjunct professor for the Claremont Colleges’ Intercollegiate Department of Asian American Studies.

- **Angela Mooney D’Arcy (Juaneno Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation), Founder and Executive Director, Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples**
  Angela Mooney D’Arcy (Juaneno Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation) has been working with Tribal Nations, Indigenous peoples, and grassroots organizations on Indigenous environmental justice issues for over fourteen years. She is the founder and Executive Director of the Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples, a Los Angeles-based, Indigenous-led organization that works to build the capacity of Tribal Nations and Indigenous peoples to protect sacred lands, waters, and cultures. She is also the Co-Director of the United Coalition to Protect Panhe (UCPP), a grassroots alliance of Acjachemen people dedicated to the protection of their sacred sites.

- **Maisie Chin, Executive Director/Co-Founder, Community Asset Development Re-defining Education**
  Maisie is Executive Director and Co-Founder of CADRE – Community Asset Development Re-defining Education, an independent, grassroots parents parent membership organization in South Los Angeles comprised of African American and Latino parents/caregivers of public school children. CADRE’s mission is to solidify and advance parent leadership to ensure that all children are rightfully educated regardless of where they live. A native Californian and child of Chinese immigrants, Maisie has been in the social justice movement for 24 years, dedicated to fighting structural racism. Through her work at CADRE, Maisie has been a part of successfully changing school discipline policy in the nation’s second largest school district, in California, and nationally. Maisie is Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of the Board of Directors of the Schott Foundation for Public Education, and on the Board of Directors for Justice Matters Press. She is also a Pahara-Aspen Fellow and a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Institute. Maisie is a proud Bruin and holds a Bachelors of Arts in History and a Masters of Arts in Urban Planning from UCLA.