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## University of Rochester California Network News

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**Meet Black Alumni Network Global Co-Chair Sean Allen '11S (MS)**

Sean is building multiplicative connections with students and alumni through volunteering his time, expertise, and passion for professional development.

[Read Sean's story](#)



**Meet Bay Area Network Leader Gwen Musial '14**

Gwen reflects on connecting with her alma mater and alumni community in San Francisco and the rewarding experience of being an alumni admissions interviewer.

[Read Gwen's story](#)

## News from your network

- Internships are a vital student experience. **Grace Stensland '23**, with the assistance of the Class of 1981 Internship Endowment, **dove into the world of sound design for animated television, movies, and reality TV** at Sound Rebels in Burbank, CA.
- When it comes to images of Black people, visitors have expectations, says **Bridget Cooks '02 (PhD)**. Her aim is to disrupt them through her exhibit *The Black Index*.

*Tell us about your career updates, family news, and more by submitting a class note.*

[Share your news](#)



## Global Days of Service

This worldwide effort invites University of Rochester alumni, parents, and friends to make a difference through a variety of service opportunities led by Rochester volunteers. Continue the tradition of giving back throughout the month of September with volunteer opportunities in-person and online.

**This year's California-based sites are:**

- San Francisco Marin Food Bank (Bay Area)
- Beach Clean-Up (Los Angeles)

[Join a project near you!](#)



The Meliora Collective's University-wide mentorship program has brought hundreds of participants together to encourage professional development, career exploration, and personal growth. Meet your match as part of this unique and incredibly rewarding partnership by signing up as a mentor or a mentee. The next cycle opens in September!

[Raise your hand](#)



**Registration now open!**

## Meliora Weekend 2023

Exciting keynote speakers, celebrity headliners, innovative academic sessions, and world-class music to soothe your soul. Not to mention the #Roc comfort food you know and love. Join us on all our campuses for an unforgettable celebration!

Be among our many special guests including:

- Two-time Peabody Award-winning comedian **Hasan Minhaj**
- Senior correspondent for the PBS NewsHour **Judy Woodruff**
  - Author **Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**
  - Fleetwood Mac tribute band, **The Seven Wonders**
- Tony Award-winning star of Broadway's *Hamilton*, **Renée Elise Goldsberry**

**Experience the boundless possibilities, register now!**



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**SAN DIEGO** DECEMBER 2, 2023 | **LOS ANGELES** DECEMBER 3, 2023 | **SAN FRANCISCO** MARCH 7, 2024

Please save the date to join University President Sarah C. Mangelsdorf and fellow alumni, parents, and friends in your region for a reception and program to learn about the vision for the next chapter of the University and hear from our exceptional faculty.

San Diego | December 2, 2023  
Los Angeles | December 3, 2023  
San Francisco | March 7, 2024

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## Upcoming events

### Global Days of Service

September 1 through September 30  
*In-person & virtual*

### Virtual Breakfast with the California Women's Network

Tuesday, September 12  
*Virtual*

### Meliora Weekend

October 5 through October 8  
*In-person*

[Full events listing](#)

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**In case you missed it:** In June, alumni, family, and friends enjoyed an evening of music, movies, and making an impact with the Eastman School of Music (including a preview of the WXXI-produced documentary, **Eastman at 100: A Centennial Celebration!**) in Los Angeles.

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**Stay connected**



(from left to right) Bay Area Network Leadership Council co-chairs **Roger Conley Smith '09** and **Lisa Nickels '16E**, Los Angeles Network Leadership Council co-chairs **Nicholas Brandt '98** and **Genessis Galindo '20**, and California Staff Liaison **Patrick Lutz '10**

**Did you know?** Regional Network Leaders help plan events, build social media presence, and connect the University of Rochester community in California. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact **Patrick Lutz** at [patrick.lutz@rochester.edu](mailto:patrick.lutz@rochester.edu).

[Los Angeles online](#)

[Bay Area online](#)

## Questions

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