

# Welcome!

Fall 2019 Meeting #1



pre-medical peer association  
at UCLA

since 2001

# Our Mission

PPA is a free and non-exclusive student organization with the goal of guiding pre-health students through their undergraduate years by offering a variety of resources meant to help our members become more involved in the medical field and their community. Members receive access to several educational benefits including **student mentorship, opportunities to get involved in volunteering and research, and leadership**. The club aims to unify pre-health students on campus by providing an avenue for discussion and support. By inviting a wide variety of **experienced guest speakers**, we provide pre-health/pre-medical students the opportunity to gain a large diversity of knowledge pertaining to the field of medicine, the medical school process, and life as a pre-medical/pre-health undergraduate.

# Our Board

President: Sarkis Sislyan

Vice President: Jasmine Botello

Secretary + Webmaster: Thuy-Anh Bui

Volunteer Program Directors: Nick Kull & Camille Ng

Public Relations Director: Daniel Bowen

# Board Members Needed!

If interested in joining the PPA Board, we have a few positions available:

- **Publicity Director**
  - Responsibilities: Promote PPA through design of posters and flyers, along with introducing ideas for how to make PPA stand out as a Pre-Med organization on campus
- **Public Relations Director #2**
  - Responsibilities: Regularly reach out to physicians and other potential guest speakers in the Los Angeles area and inquire about their availability for our meetings
- **Treasurer**
  - Manage the PPA bank account by applying for various funds and grants, along with organizing fundraisers around UCLA/Westwood

**If interested:** An application will be sent out in the next few days. Interviews will be held in the coming weeks.

# Sarkis

- COPE Health Scholar at Adventist Health Glendale



- Learning Assistant for Chem 14D
- Undergraduate Researcher at Jules Stein Eye Institute



Stein Eye Institute

# Jasmine

- Kids Korner Curriculum Co-Director



- Peer Learning Facilitator for Chem 14CL



# Thuy-Anh

- Nursing Volunteer and Unit Coordinator at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center

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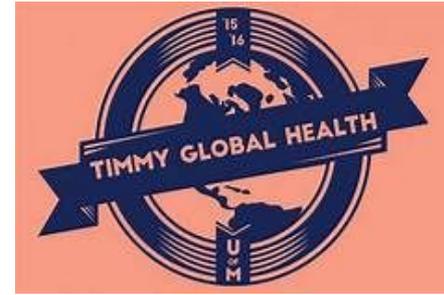
- Learning Assistant for Chem 14C/D
- Research Intern at Zymo Research in Irvine, CA



**ZYMO RESEARCH**

# Nick

- Member of Timmy Global Health Organization on campus
- Recent Initiate of the UCLA Sports Medicine Internship Program
- Shadowed a number of different medical professionals specifically a physiatrist from mountain view rehabilitation.
- Eagle Scout



# Camille

- Founder and President of Hugs in a Blanket



- Blood Donor Facility Volunteer at Cedars Sinai Medical Center
- Undergraduate Researcher at Cedars Sinai Medical Center



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# Daniel

- Member of Timmy Global Health Organization on campus
- Eagle Scout
- Recently Partook in a medical service trip to Kenya with Global Village Ministries



# Guest Speakers

## **Michael DeLong, MD (Thursday, October 17th)**

- Dr. DeLong is a PGY5 in the integrated plastic surgery residency program
- He attended UC Berkeley for his bachelor's degree
- He obtained his medical degree at Duke University
- He has spent the past year completing his research year at the FDA Center for Devices and Radiological Health working with the general surgery and plastic surgery regulatory branches as a clinical consultant and project leader.

## **Joseph Caprioli (Thursday, November 24th)**

- Dr. Caprioli's professional title is David May II Professor of Ophthalmology
- SUNY Buffalo School of Medicine & Biomed Sciences, MD, 1979
- Ophthalmology, Yale-New Haven Hospital - Internship/Residency Verification, 1980-1983
- He was certified in Ophthalmology by the American Board of Ophthalmology in 1985
- Works at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in Jules Stein Eye Institute
- He has published many research papers about Glaucoma and Cataract surgery

# Volunteering!

- Throughout the quarter there will be opportunities for volunteering that will be done with the club as a whole. We hope to complete 2 to 3 volunteer opportunities this quarter because not only does it give back to the West Los Angeles community but it strengthens the cohesiveness of our club while making lasting friendships.
- I have contacted the organization “Meals on Wheels” which is an organization that has a simple process for large groups to volunteer together. I plan on scheduling a time period where we could all go to the Brentwood for a few hours to deliver lunch to people with chronic illness, old age, or disabilities who do not have any other way to receive meals.

# Volunteering! (cont.)

- Another option that I plan on looking into further is volunteering through the Venice Family Clinic where they do fundraisers such as Art Walks to fund giving health care and aid to underprivileged people in local LA community. I believe there is a program where they help undergraduates shadow physicians if we consistently volunteer (need to do more research).



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# Mentorship Program

- We will be continuing our mentorship program, where upperclassmen will be able to give guidance to 1st year/2nd year/Transfer students regarding classes, research, extracurricular activities, etc.
- **Benefits for Mentors:** Looks good on resumes, allows you to share your experiences and knowledge with your peers
- **Benefits for Mentees:** Able to connect with older, more experienced students, have a better understanding of what's available for you at UCLA
- Interested? Application for the program will be sent out soon after this meeting.
- If you know anyone who might be interested in being either a mentor or mentee, please tell them about this opportunity!

# Questions?

You can contact us at:

Email: [premedpa@gmail.com](mailto:premedpa@gmail.com)

Website: <http://uclappa.com>

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/98119560229/>

**Thank you for attending our first meeting, we  
hope to see you next week!**