



Lambda December 2025 Newsletter



Please welcome **Peter Young** as director of the USC Lambda LGBTQ+ Alumni Association. Dedicated to building vibrant alumni communities and fostering lifelong connections, he brings more than 15 years of experience in higher education and alumni engagement, including expertise in program creation and implementation, financial management, nonprofit governance and volunteer engagement.

"I'm thrilled to join USC and the Lambda Alumni Association," Peter says. "Lambda has an incredible history and a passionate community of alumni. I look forward to collaborating with our alumni and volunteers to ensure that the Lambda legacy continues to thrive."

Peter and his partner, Rob, recently moved to Southern California with their dog, Cooper.



Help Honor Trojans Who Inspire Through Leadership and Service

Nominations are now open for the **2026 USC Lambda LGBTQ+ Alumni Association Recognition Awards**, to be presented at Lambda's annual scholarship benefit on **Saturday, April 25**, at the Maybourne Beverly Hills. Join Lambda in recognizing outstanding Trojans who've made a positive impact through their professional achievements or service.

[Submit Your Nomination](#)

Deadline: Sunday, Feb. 15 | 11:59 p.m. PST





Share Your Short Film with Lambda

Screen your short film at the **2026 Don Thompson LGBTQ+ Film Festival** on **Sunday, Feb. 22**. One of Lambda's most popular events, the festival is a great launching pad for independent filmmakers and an excellent networking opportunity.

[Submit Your Film](#)

Deadline: Friday, Jan. 23 | 5 p.m. PST



Become a Lambda Scholar

Applications for the **2026–27 USC Lambda LGBTQ+ Scholarships** are officially open! Apply now through **Feb. 1** for the chance to become a USC Lambda Scholar. Whether you're a student or an alum, please share this opportunity with your network to help reach deserving undergraduate and graduate candidates.

[Apply Today](#)

Deadline: Sunday, Feb. 1 | 11:59 p.m. PST



Get Involved with the Regional Trojan Networks

Big things are coming this spring — the **Regional Trojan Networks** are launching, and we want **you** to be part of them. Register for the **Jan. 14** info session to discover exciting ways to build relationships, expand your professional connections and develop valuable leadership skills — right in your own backyard.

Your community. Your city. Your network. All USC.

RSVP by Jan. 12

Wednesday, Jan. 14 | 5 p.m. PST
Online via Zoom

Questions? Email the **USCAA Regional Team**.

Upcoming Events



Don Thompson
LGBTQ+ Film Festival
Feb. 22, 2026

Experience a captivating afternoon of storytelling and creativity as Lambda presents a selection of short films by USC student and alumni filmmakers.

[Learn More](#)



33rd Annual Scholarship Benefit
April 25, 2026

Save the date for Lambda's premier event of the year.

[Learn More](#)

USC Lambda Scholars Spotlight



Breeze McDonald

USC Rossier School of Education
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
Career Goal: Leading Instructional Change

"The Lambda Scholarship affirms my identity and purpose. It supports my commitment to adaptive, equity-centered leadership and advancing justice in education. This opportunity empowers me to uplift marginalized voices and drive systemic change in service of a more inclusive society."



Christian Drew-Ussery

USC School of Cinematic Arts
Hometown: Las Vegas, NV
Career Goal: Creative Producer & Talent Representative

"The Lambda Scholarship is validation, recognition and fuel for my mission to amplify diverse underrepresented voices in media and entertainment. It affirms that I

belong. Unapologetically.”

Support Lambda Scholarships



Thank you for making 2025 unforgettable! Your generosity opens doors and changes lives for USC students.

There's still time to make an impact — give to the Lambda Scholarship Fund before the year ends.

[Make a Gift](#)

USC Lambda programs and events are open to all eligible individuals. USC operates all of its programs and activities consistent with the university's **Notice of Non-Discrimination**. Eligibility is not determined based on race, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or any other prohibited factor.

The **USC Lambda LGBTQ+ Alumni Association** has a proud history and legacy of impact on the university and all of its students, faculty and programs. Open to and committed to serving all members of the Trojan Family, the USC Lambda LGBTQ+ Alumni Association has provided scholarships, mentoring and other support that has advanced the university's teaching and research mission. Please **email USC Lambda** with comments or questions.

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