



## Lambda News May 2026



A little bit of rain couldn't dampen Trojan spirits at Lambda's 33rd Annual Scholarship Benefit on April 25 at The Maybourne Beverly Hills. Dressed in their brightest spring colors, USC alums, students and friends gathered to support scholarships, celebrate community and cheer this year's **outstanding honorees**. Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors and donors, the event raised more than \$42,000! With these funds, Lambda will be able to award more scholarships to deserving students for years to come.

It was *the* garden affair of the season, so if you couldn't attend, shantay your way to the **photo gallery** and relive the highlights. Fight On!

## Event Highlight

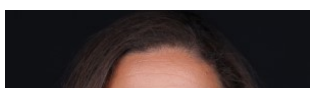


Celebrate the Class of 2026 with Lambda  
May 14

Welcome the newest members of USC's alumni community at Lambda's special reception for 2026 grads and their families on Thursday, May 14, following the **LGBTQ+ Student Center's Commencement Celebration** (*separate registration required*).

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## Trojan Spotlight



**Kristen Kavanaugh**

Kristen Kavanaugh MSW '12, a USC Lambda



board member, will deliver the keynote address at the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work's commencement ceremony on May 15. A leadership strategist, bestselling author and LGBTQ+ advocate, she co-founded The Military Acceptance Project, which helped lead to the military's repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

## Lambda Scholar Spotlight

### Halle Schaffer

USC Gould School of Law  
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA  
Career Goal: Entertainment Lawyer

*"Having queer spaces in higher education is crucial to ensuring that students feel they have a community on campus. I am fortunate that Lambda creates this space by bringing together LGBTQ+ students with ambitious higher education goals."*



## Support Lambda Scholarships



Help USC students achieve their full potential.

Make a gift of any size to the USC Lambda LGBTQ+ Scholarship Fund.

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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