



September 2026



The fall semester is in full swing — and the USC Latino Alumni Association is kicking off a season of opportunities for Trojans of all ages to connect, grow and thrive. At **LAA's Annual Scholars Leadership Retreat** on **Aug. 30**, board members and distinguished guests welcomed the newest Trojans and introduced them to all things USC. The event marked a joyful start to a busy fall, with programs and gatherings designed to bring the Trojan Family together, including **USC Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 2-3**. With something for everyone, there's never been a better time to get involved with LAA!

EVENT HIGHLIGHT



Homecoming Weekend Tailgate

October 3

LAA is joining the USC Alumni Village Tailgate this year, bringing an even bigger game day experience! Enjoy delicious food from Casablanca, live music, an LAA-themed custom drink, access to all alumni and affinity lounges in Alumni Park, and the vibrant community you expect — all for a lower ticket price. Secure your spot today!

[PURCHASE TAILGATE TICKETS](#)

Keep the celebration going by securing your football tickets in LAA's designated section and cheering on the Trojans as they face the Washington Huskies.

[PURCHASE GAME TICKETS IN LAA'S SECTION](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

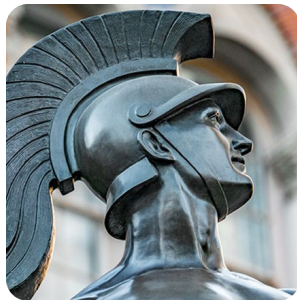


Trojan Huddle: Penn State

October 10

Join LAA in University Park, PA before the big game — and check out the **official travel package**.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Veteran Stories of Transition and Transformation

October 29

Join fellow veterans to share experiences and advice in a facilitated conversation.

[SIGN UP TODAY](#)



Trojan Family Weekend

October 29-November 1

Reconnect with your student and experience the best of USC.

[SECURE YOUR SPOT](#)



TROYANO SPOTLIGHT

In his nationally recognized research, **Edgar Lopez PhD '24** explores how mentorship shapes the doctoral journeys of Latino men and reveals the support systems students need to thrive.

TROJANS IN THE NEWS

- **LAA board members** Melanie Francheschini '18, MPA '23, Charlene Riofrio '06, MCG '20 and Raul Rodriguez '94 were honored at the 2026 Volunteer Recognition Dinner.
- Get to know **Michael Mendez**, the new director of musical theatre for the USC School of Dramatic Arts.
- **Christine Rocha '16, ME '19, EdD '26** shares her academic journey as a first-generation student from the neighborhoods surrounding USC.

[SUPPORT LAA SCHOLARSHIPS](#)



Help USC students achieve their full potential.

Make a gift of any size to one of our LAA scholarship funds.

MAKE A GIFT TODAY

*USC LAA programs 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 Latino 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 Latino Alumni Association has provided scholarships, mentoring and other support that has advanced the university's teaching and research mission.*

*Update your contact information and connect with other Trojans by logging in to our **FightOnline** alumni portal.*



University of Southern California Alumni Association MC3106, Los Angeles, CA,
90089 US

If you wish to be removed from this group's mailing list, [click here](#)

We respect your right to privacy — [view our policy](#)



%%_OpenImageURL%%