The Alumni Advisory Board functions in an advisory capacity to the UCLA Educational Leadership Program. The Board provides financial support towards alumni scholarships, identifies other sources of financial support, assists with raising funds, and helps recruit prospective students. The Board also develops new and annual student/alumni activities and develops multiple strategies for ways to communicate with alumni about alumni giving, in conjunction with the ELP Office.

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Dr. Yasmin Delahoussaye (Cohort 7)
Retired President, Los Angeles Southwest College/Founder of Educational Student Tours

Yasmin Delahoussaye began her career in education as a middle school teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District. After working twelve years in K-12, she worked as a counselor at Pierce College in the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), and a year later moved into administration serving as Dean of Student Services, Vice President of Student Services, Vice Chancellor of the LACCD, and then President of Los Angeles Southwest College.

In 2007, she was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the California Student Aid Commission; in 2008, she was appointed by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to the Los Angeles City Human Relations Commission and; in 2010, the California Community Colleges Board of Governors appointed her to their Student Success Taskforce that was tasked with making recommendations to the California State Legislature on how to improve community college student success and completion rates.

Dr. Delahoussaye is the recipient of numerous awards for outstanding leadership at the state, national, and local level, including the John W. Rice Diversity award from the California Community Colleges Board of Governors for helping to steer an underperforming high school to success, the United States Quaker Oats award for outstanding community service, and the Keeping the Beat Award from the California Community College League for leadership during tough fiscal times. In the community, she is well known for her non-profit organization called Educational Student Tours (EST). The mission of EST is to help foster and low-income students earn their 4-year degrees. A person who likes to keep busy, in 2014, she helped to create the LACCD Presidents Academy that trains aspiring California community college CEOs and currently serves as the chair of the UCLA Alumni Advisory Board.

Dr. Pat Hurley (Cohort 8)
Retired Associate Dean, Glendale Community College

I have spent almost 50 years in higher education administration managing student employment and financial aid programs. Although I started in Boston, primarily at Boston College, I have worked for over 30 years in California community colleges. While at Boston College, I enrolled in a doctoral program but moved to California before completing a dissertation.

Although it was many years later, I was very happy to discover the ELP program and found its cohort model much more rewarding than the traditional program I had previously enrolled in. As an "older" student, I was not looking for job advancement, but did receive unexpected benefits on a broader professional level. After graduating from the ELP program, I became active with state and national associations that helped direct policies and regulations for federal and state student aid programs, including submitting legislative recommendations to Congress. In addition, I was appointed to several regulatory committees by the US Department of Education and invited to participate in Washington, D.C. “think tank” meetings. Now that I am retired, I continue to stay involved by working on financial aid statewide training programs for the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and doing some consulting.
Dr. Terri Iler (Cohort 21)
Student Success Strategist, CSU Los Angeles

For nearly a decade, Dr. Terri Iler has worked with students from diverse backgrounds in attaining their academic success. She began her career in student support services in January 2009, when she joined CSU Long Beach’s Destination Graduation Project, an advising initiative aimed at raising the first-time freshman six-year graduation rate. Dr. Iler later transitioned her advising and administrative efforts to CSULB’s University Honors Program, where she served as the Assistant Director for four years.

Following her tenure at CSULB, Dr. Iler worked as a Regional Coordinator for the California College Guidance Initiative, where she engaged stakeholders at multiple junctions of the education continuum in conversations around career and college planning. Later, in her role as Program Coordinator at the School of Social Sciences at UC Irvine, Dr. Iler facilitated student leadership, engagement, and research activities for first-generation college students. She now serves as Student Success Strategist at CSU Los Angeles, collaborating across the campus’ colleges to leverage institutional data and advising resources to create and manage graduation-centered advising campaigns.

Dr. Iler received her Bachelor of Arts degrees in English Education and Italian Studies from CSULB in May 2008. Last June 2016, she completed her Doctorate of Education through UCLA’s Educational Leadership Program. For her dissertation, Dr. Iler researched the factors that comprise students’ readiness to enter and succeed in college, unpacking the “college readiness” phenomenon by sex/gender, race/ethnicity, and field of study through structural equation modeling.

Dr. Deb Karpman (Cohort 20)
Assistant Dean for Research, USC Rossier School of Education

Deborah Karpman, Ed.D. is currently the Assistant Dean for Research in the USC Rossier School of Education. As Assistant Dean, she works to develop and implement strategic plans with the goal of enhancing Rossier’s research competitiveness and visibility. Prior to joining Rossier, she served as Senior Analyst for Strategic Research Opportunities in the Office of Research Affairs at the University of California, San Diego. In this role, she managed the institutionally limited funding opportunities for the university, coordinated internal funding programs, and worked with principal investigators on proposal development. Her dissertation, “Leaning into Engineering: Tenured Women Faculty and the Policies and Programs That Support Them” explored the challenges that female engineering faculty faced in their careers, as well as the institutional policies and programs (i.e. family-friendly policies, diversity/equity programs, mentoring initiatives, etc.) that helped them to be successful in obtaining tenure.

Dr. Tamara Miller (Cohort 17)
Academic Dean, Upper School Administration, Brentwood School

Tamara Miller graduated the ELP program in 2012. She entered the program as Science Chair and science teacher at Brentwood School in Los Angeles. Currently, Tamara serves as Academic Dean,
a member of the Upper School Administration, and Gender Studies teacher at Brentwood School. Tamara's work focuses on developing curriculum, teacher mentoring, vertical and horizontal alignment, and diversity work. She lives with her husband and two teenage boys in Brentwood, and is a LA native.

Tamara enjoys working on the ELP Board as she is passionate about social justice work and ways to support teachers and school leaders in their pursuit of a higher degree in the ELP program.

Dr. Jack Powazek (Cohort 6)
Administrative Vice Chancellor Emeritus, UCLA

I recently retired from UCLA as the Administrative Vice Chancellor after 41 years of service at the university. The scope of my culminating position included the functions of information technology, housing, facilities management, financial services, transportation, police, human resources, real estate, and environment, health & safety.

Over the last 18 months, I have been on a recall assignment at UCLA performing special projects such as chairing a committee of faculty, staff, and students tasked to develop recommendations to respond to the planned growth in undergraduate students over the next five years, as well developing and conducting a management enrichment program for assistant deans. I am also a member of the ELP Advisory Alumni Board, which provides fund raising assistance for ELP scholarships and general support of the program. I will be co-teaching ED 451, Foundations of Organizations and Leadership, the opening course for the ELP in fall 2017.

Dr. Sherri Rodriguez (Cohort 4)
Dean, Special Programs, Los Angeles Valley College

As Dean of Special Programs, Dr. Rodriguez is responsible for overseeing the following Federal and State-funded programs at Los Angeles Valley College: EOPS – Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, CARE – Single Parents, Guardian Scholars – Foster Youth, SSD – Services for Students with Disabilities, TRiO/Student Support Services, TRiO/Upward Bound, TRiO/Upward Bound Math – Science, and Student Equity Plan.

Prior to Los Angeles Valley College, Dr. Rodriguez worked at a variety of educational institutions including El Camino College, USC, UCLA and UC Santa Barbara. Before her career in education, Dr. Rodriguez was a media buyer for a performing arts center and a promotions director for a radio station.

She earned her Bachelor’s degree at California State University, Fullerton, in Communications and her doctorate degree at UCLA in Educational Leadership.