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*Honorable*  
**Lucia Sava**

Consul General  
Consulate General of Romania  
Los Angeles



Mrs. Lucia Sava assumed the position of Consul General and Head of the Consulate General of Romania in Los Angeles on November 9th. With 18 years of experience in bilateral and multilateral diplomacy, she brings extensive expertise in international relations and strategic communication.

For 12 years, she served as a foreign policy advisor, playing a key role in high-level conferences and Romania's Presidency of the Council of the European Union. In recognition of her contributions, she was awarded the Order of "Diplomatic Merit" by President Klaus Iohannis.

Mrs. Sava has completed specialized training at the European Security and Defense College and NATO, focusing on international negotiations, crisis management, and cybersecurity. She holds a Ph.D. in international relations from SNSPA, a degree in international relations from the University of Bucharest, and a master's in conflict resolution.



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**Andrea Sasse**

Consul General  
Consulate General of Germany  
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Since 2023, Andrea Sasse has been serving as the Consul General at the German Consulate General in Los Angeles, USA, where she continues to uphold Germany's diplomatic interests and strengthen international relations. Before her current role, Andrea held various pivotal positions within the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Berlin.

From 2020 to 2023, she was a Deputy Spokesperson and Head of Social Media in the Spokesperson's Office. Her extensive experience also includes a posting at the German Embassy in Washington, USA, from 2016 to 2019, where she was a Political Officer for Near and Middle Eastern Affairs, contributing to transatlantic diplomacy and collaboration.

Andrea's dedication to diplomacy and international affairs is further reflected in her role as a Spokesperson for Africa, UN, Cultural Affairs, Human Rights, Humanitarian Assistance, Crisis Management from 2013 to 2016, where she represented Germany's interests in various domains.



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**Marcella Smyth**

Consul General  
Consulate General of Ireland  
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Marcella Smyth is Ireland's Consul General to the South Western United States. Prior to this role, Ms. Smyth served as Deputy Director for International Security Policy in Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs, working on UN Security Council issues such as UN peacekeeping, and protection of civilians. Previously, Ms. Smyth was posted to Ireland's Permanent Representation to the European Union where she served as press spokesperson. Ms. Smyth previously served in Ireland's Embassy to Belgium as Deputy Head of Mission and then as Chargé d'Affaires. Ms. Smyth's work within the Department of Foreign Affairs has also seen in her in the roles of Deputy Director, Programme Countries, Development Cooperation Division, and as Deputy Head of Mission to Ireland's Embassy to Canada. Ms. Smyth has also previously combined this work with her role as lecturer on social policy in the Institute of Public Administration. Ms. Smyth holds a BA in social science as well as a Masters in Social Policy and a Masters in Strategic Studies.



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**Renee Pea**

Consul General  
Consulate General of Croatia  
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RENEE PEA is the Consul General of the Republic of Croatia In Los Angeles since July 2020, covering 19 States of the Western part of the U.S. She has been a professional diplomat for over 20 years. Prior to her posting in Los Angeles, she was Foreign and European Policy Advisor in the Office of the President of Croatia for 3 years. She was also Deputy Ambassador of Croatia to the Political and Security Council of the EU and Croatian representative to several Working Groups of the Council of the European Union.

She held positions of the Head of the North America Department at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia, as well as the Acting Consul General of Croatia in Chicago. Throughout her career she worked on preparing Croatia to join NATO and the EU, as well as on participation of Croatian civilian and military personnel in international peacekeeping operations, including working on issues such as export controls and demining. She holds a Law degree from the University of Zagreb as well as Master's degree in European Law from the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium.



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*Her Excellency*

**Michelle Kwan**

Former U.S. Ambassador  
Olympic Figure Skater



The Honorable Michelle Kwan is a former U.S. Ambassador, Olympic figure skater, and one of the most decorated athletes in U.S. history. A two-time Olympic medalist, five-time World Champion, and nine-time U.S. Champion, she is renowned for her grace, athleticism, and dedication to excellence.

Beyond her legendary skating career, Kwan has been a committed public servant. She served as U.S. Ambassador to Belize and worked extensively in diplomacy, education, and women's empowerment initiatives. Her contributions to global outreach and public service earned her widespread recognition.

As a trailblazer both on and off the ice, Kwan continues to inspire through leadership, mentorship, and advocacy. Whether in sports, government, or philanthropy, she remains dedicated to making a positive impact, encouraging future generations to pursue their dreams with passion and perseverance.



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WELCOMING REMARKS.



Sharona R.  
Nazarian

Vice Mayor of Beverly Hills



Councilmember Sharona R. Nazarian, PsyD, was elected to the Beverly Hills City Council in June 2022. A longtime resident and dedicated public servant, she is the first Iranian American woman to serve on the Council.

Dr. Nazarian prioritizes public safety, accountability, strategic planning, and technology to enhance city operations. She previously served as a Beverly Hills Public Works Commissioner, leading the passage of the Disposable Foodware Accessories Ordinance and promoting sustainable initiatives like RethinkBHTap. As Chair of the Human Relations Commission, she helped establish the City’s ‘Civility Statement’ and the Cultural Round Table.

A committed civic leader, she has served on numerous boards, including the Los Angeles County Commission for Alcohol and Other Drugs, Rotary Club of Beverly Hills, and USC Hillel. She holds a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology with an emphasis on Multicultural Psychology. She lives in Beverly Hills with her husband and three sons.



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## Harriette Williams Bright

Women, Peace, Security -  
Humanitarian Action, The  
Compact, United Nations  
Women



Harriette Williams Bright is the Secretariat Coordinator of the Women, Peace and Security Focal Points Network at UN Women. Additionally, she leads UN Women's work on the Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action Compact (WPS-HA Compact).

She collaborates extensively with governments, regional organizations, UN entities, and civil society to design and implement frameworks and plans that advance women's full, equal, and meaningful participation in peace processes.



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## Marla Tellez

News Anchor, FOX 11  
Los Angeles



Marla Tellez is an Emmy Award-winning journalist and news anchor with a distinguished career in broadcast journalism. Currently a prominent anchor at FOX 11 Los Angeles, she delivers breaking news with clarity and professionalism, earning the trust of viewers across Southern California.

With a background in both reporting and anchoring, Marla has covered major national and international stories, including high-profile political events and entertainment news. She began her career in Northern California before moving to national networks, where she refined her expertise in live reporting and investigative journalism.

Beyond the newsroom, Marla is passionate about mentoring aspiring journalists and engaging with the community through various philanthropic initiatives. Her dedication to accurate and impactful storytelling continues to shape the media landscape.

Marla holds a degree in Political Science from California's Sonoma State University and remains a respected voice in broadcast journalism.



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## Tod Chambers

General Manager  
Waldorf Astoria Hotel  
Beverly Hills



In February 2025, Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills appointed Tod Chambers as General Manager. With over 30 years in hospitality, Chambers oversees all hotel operations, ensuring the property exemplifies luxury and the essence of California living.

Previously, he served as General Manager of The Roosevelt Hotel, a Waldorf Astoria property in New Orleans, where he led a \$175 million reopening post-Hurricane Katrina and a \$30 million renovation in 2018-2019. Under his leadership, the hotel achieved record guest satisfaction in 2023 and was named Hotel of the Year in 2012 and 2013. Chambers has been honored five times as Hilton's Luxury Division's General Manager of the Year. Earlier, as Managing Director of Waldorf Astoria Chicago and Conrad Chicago, he implemented Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star service standards and enhanced operational efficiency through an innovative shared services model.



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# KEYNOTE SPEAKER.



## Andreea Raducan

Olympic Gymnastics  
Champion and Author



Andreea Răducan started gymnastics at the age of 4 in her hometown of Bârlad. She became an Olympic champion with the Romanian team at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, where she also won a silver medal in vault. A five-time world champion, she claimed her first title at just 16 years old. Andreea was awarded the National Order of “Faithful Service” in the rank of Commander and the “Sports Merit” Order, Class I.

Since 2006, she has been working with the Romanian Olympic Foundation, promoting the importance of sports and supporting young athletes. In 2010, she published her autobiography, *The Other Side of the Medal*. She also founded the “Andreea Răducan Gymnastics Cup,” a national competition for young gymnasts.

In 2018, Andreea was inducted into the International Gymnastics Hall of Fame. She is a member of the Safeguarding Commission at the International Gymnastics Federation. Andreea is married and has two children, Amira and Andrei.



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## Adela Lazar

Founder  
Green Point Management  
Romania



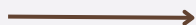
Adela Lazar is the CEO of Green Company, a pioneering firm dedicated to sustainable solutions and environmental innovation. With a strong background in environmental science and business management, Adela has successfully led Green Company to the forefront of the green technology industry. Under her leadership, the company has developed cutting-edge products and services aimed at reducing carbon footprints and promoting eco-friendly practices.

Adela's vision and strategic thinking have not only driven significant growth for Green Company but also fostered a culture of sustainability within the organization. She is passionate about creating a positive environmental impact and is committed to advancing the global sustainability agenda. Adela's efforts have been recognized through various industry awards and accolades, cementing her reputation as a leader in the green sector. Her dedication to innovation and environmental stewardship continues to inspire her team and the wider community.



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## Camelia Ene

CEO  
ROCA Industry  
Romania



With 25 years of professional experience in multinational companies, Camelia Ene has spent over 17 years in the strategic energy sector (oil & gas), including seven years as CEO of one of the most significant local companies in the industry. In this role, she successfully led major strategic projects, expanded product portfolios, and developed a nationwide retail network, reinforcing the company's market presence.

Now, as CEO of Roca Industry, Camelia brings a strategic vision centered on sustainable growth and consolidation, fully aligned with the holding's objectives. Her extensive experience in the energy sector enhances the company's ability to navigate market challenges and solidify its position as a regional leader.

A firm believer in business transformation and scalability, she remains actively engaged in strategic leadership roles, driving the development of strong, competitive companies in the region.



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## Caroline Brown

SVP

Global Commercial Banking  
Bank of America



Caroline Brown is a Senior Relationship Manager in the Greater Los Angeles Metropolitan Office of Bank of America's Global Commercial Banking Group. With over 30 years in financial services, she specializes in providing financing and treasury management solutions to middle-market businesses. Since joining Bank of America in 2013, she has held leadership roles in global trade and supply chain solutions. Previously, she held executive positions at Comerica Bank, Bank of the West, and City National Bank.

A Southern California native, Caroline is deeply committed to her community. She co-chairs BELC-LA's Women Empowering Business Committee and has served on the LA Chamber World Trade Committee and Pancreatic Cancer Community Engagement Committee. She is also an active member of USC Alumni Association and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

Caroline holds a Bachelor of Arts from USC and maintains SIE, Series 7, and Series 63 licenses. She and her husband raised their two sons in Los Angeles.



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## Dr. Catherine Lord

PhD, Professor of Psychiatry  
UCLA Semel Institute for  
Neuroscience and Human  
Behavior



Dr. Catherine Lord is a clinical psychologist specializing in autism across the lifespan. She has developed gold-standard diagnostic tools (ADOS, ADI-R, SCQ) and led longitudinal studies spanning 30 years.

Her work focuses on improving autism assessment, tracking social and communication changes over time, and advancing large-scale data-sharing initiatives. A member of the National Academy of Medicine and a DSM-5 committee member, she has received numerous honors, including INSAR's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Lord is dedicated to training future clinicians and researchers in autism and has over 300 peer-reviewed publications supported by NIH, Autism Speaks, and the Simons Foundation.



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## Maria Cristina Nedelcu (Crina)

PhD, CEO and Founder  
Neuroatipic Clinic / President  
Neuroatipic Foundation



Dr. Maria Cristina Nedelcu (Crina) is a clinical psychologist and holds a PhD in medical sciences, with over 20 years of experience.

As the founder of NeuroAtipic Clinic, Dr. Nedelcu has built a team of specialists dedicated to the mental health of children and adolescents.

A significant milestone in her career was leading the team that translated and adapted the ADOS-2 assessment tool in Romania.

In 2023, she founded the NeuroAtipic Foundation with the goal of building a center dedicated to neurodivergent children and young people—an ambitious project that will be developed from the ground up, following neurodiversity-friendly design principles. This space will provide a safe, accessible, and stimulating environment where they can reach their full potential.

The most important project completed so far is the Sensory Lodge at the National Arena in Bucharest, an inclusive space where neurodivergent children and young people can watch football matches in an environment tailored to their needs.



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## Deborah Sawaf

CEO and Founder  
The Power of Words Foundation



Deborah Pandit Sawaf, a Bombay-born, Italian- and LA-trained designer (FIDM), is a visionary in fashion and philanthropy. With experience working alongside John Galiano, Valentino, and Roberto Cavalli, she founded The Power of Words, a purpose-driven brand tackling mental health stigma. Nominated by the Camera Nazionale della Moda Italiana and the UN as the world's first Social Sustainable brand, her work blends fashion with activism.

As the Founder & Creative Director of Thale Blanc, Sawaf's influence extends beyond luxury fashion. She launched The Happy Project to promote well-being and was honored with the True Altruist award by Angelino Magazine. A global advocate for women's empowerment, she mentors at business conferences worldwide.

A devoted mother of three and business partner to her husband, Sawaf continues to drive change with her impeccable taste, boundless energy, and deep commitment to empathy and impact.



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## Dr. Elena Martin

Plastic Surgeon  
Romania



Dr. Elena Martin is a dedicated plastic, aesthetic, and reconstructive microsurgeon with extensive training across Europe and the United States. Passionate about harmony and precision, she began her journey in plastic surgery during medical school, specializing in microsurgery.

She has trained at world-renowned institutions, including Mayo Clinic and Cleveland Clinic, where she gained expertise in innovative surgical techniques. Further refining her skills in Brussels, Miami, and Paris, Dr. Martin specializes in minimally invasive breast augmentation, facial aesthetics, body contouring, and hand surgery. She also holds the European Diploma in Plastic, Aesthetic, and Reconstructive Microsurgery.

Committed to continuous education, she has participated in prestigious workshops at the Royal College of Surgeons (London), Paris, Monaco, Los Angeles, and San Diego, mastering non-surgical facial rejuvenation techniques. Dr. Martin's greatest motivation is helping patients rediscover their confidence through state-of-the-art procedures that restore natural beauty with precision and care.



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## Gabriela Iancu

Multidisciplinary  
Photographer and Designer  
Adobe US



Gabriela Iancu is a multidisciplinary photographer and designer exploring the intersection of creativity, technology, and climate. With a background in photography, design, motion, and AI, she uses visual storytelling to spark curiosity, challenge perspectives, and inspire action. She is passionate about empowering the next generation to embrace their creativity and make a meaningful impact on the world.

Her work has been featured on the International Space Station, NASA TV, Space Center Houston, and Australia's Space Channel, as well as on Photoshop's Splash Screen, Adobe Live, Adobe MAX, Adobe Design, SCAD, and Forbes. Gabriela holds an MFA in Photography from SCAD and continues to push the boundaries of visual storytelling—bridging culture, sustainability, and planetary justice to imagine a better future.



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## Dr. Kathleen Behr

Board-Certified Dermatologic  
Surgeon  
Behr Laser and Skin Center



Dr. Kathleen Behr is a renowned Board-Certified dermatologic surgeon specializing in aesthetic dermatology, laser therapy, and Mohs micrographic surgery. Throughout her career, Dr. Behr has received numerous honors and awards. She is a published author, a national trainer, and lecturer, and performs clinical research. She is a key opinion leader in the aesthetic dermatology field.

Dr. Behr is often in the news and quoted in magazines due to her expertise. She is recognized as one of New Beauty's Top Beauty Doctors (2015-2025). Her office has received Allergan Top 25 status in the country for 2016, 2017, and 2020. In 2023 & 2024, her office has received Allergan Top 50 status in the country and Top 10 Location in California.

Most of all, Dr. Behr is proud of the care she has given and the long-lasting relationships she has developed with her patients.



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## Joanne Kim

Assistant General Counsel  
Los Angeles Unified School  
District



Joanne Kim Nishino is an attorney in the Los Angeles Unified School District's Office of the General Counsel. She earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Washington School of Law and her Bachelors of Arts degree from the University of Southern California.

Joanne has spent her entire legal career serving hundreds of school districts across California in areas such as special education, labor and employment, Board governance, and facilities. As a new mother, Joanne enjoys engaging with and learning from other women navigating a system that so often fails to adequately support the professional and personal pursuits of working women.



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## Leah Lamarr

American Actress  
Author and Podcast Host



Leah Lamarr is a rising star in stand-up comedy, acting, and hosting. Originally from Queens, New York, she gained prominence in 2020 and was dubbed “The Queen of Clubhouse” by Joe Rogan on the JRE Podcast. She was named Entertainer of the Year by TIME Magazine’s Web3 Division and has amassed over 800,000 social media followers.

Leah has performed at major comedy clubs across the U.S. and internationally, including London, Barcelona, and the Dubai Comedy Festival. She has opened for Dane Cook, Erik Griffin, Mark Normand, and Russell Peters, and recently filmed a stand-up special for LMAOF TV.

As a host, she has appeared on E!, Roku, and iHeart’s “Real-Time Crime” podcast. Her acting credits include HBO, CBS, ABC, Comedy Central, and Amazon Prime. Leah continues to captivate audiences worldwide with her sharp humor and charismatic presence.



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## Madeline DiNonno

President and CEO  
Geena Davis Institute on  
Gender in Media



Madeline Di Nonno is the President and CEO of the Geena Davis Institute, the only global research-driven advocacy organization dedicated to promoting inclusive storytelling and reducing bias in entertainment media. Under her leadership, the Institute received the prestigious Governor's Award Emmy for its lasting impact on television.

Di Nonno oversees the Institute's strategy, research, and programming and serves as an Executive Producer for the Emmy-nominated *Mission Unstoppable* on CBS and the award-winning film *This Changes Everything*. She previously held executive roles at Hallmark Channel, Universal Studios, and Nielsen Entertainment. A U.S. State Department Specialist Speaker, she has spoken at The White House and the United Nations. Di Nonno has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Variety*, and more. She holds a bachelor's degree from Boston University and serves on the Board of Directors for the Venice Chamber of Commerce.



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## Magda Popescu

Executive Director  
FAN Courier Foundation  
Romania



Magda Popescu is a seasoned leader serving as President and Executive Director of the FAN Courier Foundation since 2017, where she effectively connects corporate strategy with social impact. With over two decades of experience, she has developed CSR initiatives and marketing strategies across real estate, logistics, media, and luxury sectors.

As a deep generalist, her career spans nonprofit management, strategic and marketing planning, and editorial work for international lifestyle publications. As a sustainability consultant, Magda applies her expertise in ESG and social value measurement to help organizations strengthen their community impact.

A Marketing graduate from a leading economic studies academy, she has enhanced her qualifications with certifications in Sustainability Studies and Social Value. At the FAN Courier Foundation, she develops philanthropic programs that create lasting positive change in communities.

Her ability to align organizational goals with social responsibility makes her an effective leader in both corporate and nonprofit environments.



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## Nadya Rousseau

Founder  
Alter NewMedia



Nadya Rousseau is the founder and CEO of the purpose-driven marketing and media company Alter New Media. From a young age, she was drawn to telling stories. She initially worked as an actor, freelance journalist, and multimedia producer before shifting her focus to the world of digital marketing and business development. She has worked with incredible clients, from trailblazing startups and national corporations to nonprofit organizations, dynamic entertainers, realtors, and world-renowned events. To ensure a commitment to the company ethos, "purpose and profit are never mutually exclusive," Nadya created Purposeful Partnership, a unique approach to publicity that partners nonprofits with for-profits in strategic marketing campaigns. Partnerships have included American Kidney Fund, The Chill Foundation, Dress for Success, and many others.

Nadya's business opinions have been highlighted in Forbes, CNBC, American Express Open Forum, Voyage LA, and Honeysuckle Magazine. She has additionally partnered with significant social media campaigns, such as The Nylon Project's fashion initiative "#Itcanbeyou," which shed light on the homelessness epidemic, and DELL Small Business's Pride 2021 campaign. When she's not working, she can be found crushing a workout in her neighborhood Orange Theory, drinking espresso, or writing fiction.



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## Dr. Nigma Talib, ND

Healthydoc  
Beverly Hills



Dr. Nigma Talib is a renowned Naturopathic Doctor based in Beverly Hills and a recognized leader in the wellness industry, earning a spot on The L.A. Power List by Angeleno Magazine. As CEO of Dr. Nigma Skincare and Supplements, she has launched science-backed products at Erewhon, Poosh, and Goop.

A bestselling author, Dr. Nigma's book *Reverse the Signs of Ageing/Younger Skin Starts in the Gut* (2015) explores the gut-health connection to premature aging. She has introduced vitamin supplements to the fashion world via Net-a-Porter and has treated high-profile clients like Gwyneth Paltrow on Goop Lab (Netflix).

A sought-after speaker, she has presented at Goop Health conferences and will launch The Healthydoc Pod in March 2025, featuring guests like Chelsea Handler and Cleo Wade. Her work has been featured in Vogue India, W Magazine, Goop, POOSH, and Access Hollywood.



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## Dr. Polona Safaric Tepes

R&D Scientist | Women's  
Health | Endometriosis



Dr. Polona Safaric Tepes is a renowned healthcare leader, researcher, and Women's health activist. She bridges science, diplomacy, and community engagement to drive impactful outcomes in women's health and healthcare innovation particularly in the field of molecular biology and women's reproductive health. With a strong foundation in research, leadership, and communication, Dr. Tepes excels in fostering strategic partnerships and building meaningful relationships.

Awards and honors include the AWSM Award, KRKA Prize, and FASEB Award. She is part of the ARPA-H Sprint for Women's Health Awardee team and has delivered talks at TEDx and the United Nations. Dr. Tepes holds memberships in esteemed institutions, including the Royal Academy of Science International Trust and the New York Academy of Sciences.



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## Robin Colucci

Principal Founder  
World Changing Books  
Connecticut



Robin Colucci is more than a book coach; she's a visionary mentor and strategist for leaders ready to transform their expertise into a legacy that reshapes our world. Her journey began with mentorship from a New York Times bestselling author, developing skills in research, writing, and editing. This foundation led her to roles in journalism and a position as an acquisition's editor at an indie publishing house, where she found her calling: guiding experts in bringing impactful books to life.

With a BA in Journalism and an MA in Spiritual Psychology, Robin's credentials are only rivaled by her successes. In a mere four years, her clients recently have collected more than \$6.3 million in advances signing with Big 5 publishing houses as well as top independent presses, and gone on to top bestsellers lists all the way from Amazon to The New York Times. As the author of *How to Write a Book That Sells YOU*, she dismantles myths about a book's purpose, providing a roadmap to meaningful impact. Inspired by luminaries like Maya Angelou, Robin blends skill with a heart-centered approach rooted in resilience, integrity, and bold vision. To her, a book is more than ink on paper; it's a gateway to lasting impact—a chance to change lives and leave an enduring legacy.



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## Reema Rhan

Founder & CEO  
Green Sands Equity  
San Francisco



Reema is the Founder and CEO of Green Sands, a venture capital firm investing in technology, healthcare, space, and frontier tech. Headquartered in Silicon Valley, Green Sands has global offices and was ranked among the top five U.S. investors by Fortune in 2022. The firm has backed companies like Spotify, SpaceX, Airbnb, Pasqal, and Colossal.

Beyond investing, Reema advises governments on foreign direct investment branding and has served as a UN Ambassador for Women in Science & Technology since 2018. She founded the Green Sands Prize to honor impactful individuals or organizations. A trustee of the SETI Institute, she chairs its Endowment Committee and funds the SETI Forward Award, supporting students in astrophysics and astrobiology. In 2017, she received the 21st Century Icon Award in Finance, backed by the LSE and CNBC.



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## Dr. Rolanda Gott

FAAP, Clinical Medical Director  
UCLA Developmental-Behavioral  
Pediatrics Program



Dr. Gott is the medical director of UCLA DBP and an expert in the diagnosis, teaching, advocacy, and research in the field of Autism (ASD) and Developmental Disabilities (DD). Dr. Gott introduced autism screening for Parents as Teachers National Center, was part of the expert team authoring the Missouri Autism Guidelines for autism diagnosis and treatment and developed Saint Louis University Missouri Autism Center for clinical care, training, and research.

As part of the Board of Directors of SOSOC, Dr. Gott has advocated for unified health care and in collaboration with Special Olympics International, she developed the online Healthy Start toolkit for caregivers of children with DD. Dr. Gott has been principal investigator on multisite ASD studies and published peer reviewed articles on TV viewing, sleep, vision, and ASD. Through international lectures and media, Dr. Gott has advocated for global evaluation approach for ASD and initiated the introduction of BOSA autism diagnostic tool in Romania. Dr. Gott received multiple awards for her clinical, advocacy and academic accomplishments.



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## Silvia Console Battilana

CEO & Co-Founder  
Auctionomics



Dr. Silvia Console Battilana is a Silicon Valley-based entrepreneur and auction expert. She co-founded Auctionomics with Nobel laureate Paul Milgrom, advising governments and Fortune 500 companies on high-stakes auctions, including the FCC's incentive auction. The Economist highlighted her team's success in saving a client \$1.2 billion.

She also co-founded xSwan, a social auction platform that helps nonprofits raise funds through exclusive online auctions. Her academic research at Stanford focused on game theory and lobbying, and she has lectured at Harvard, Caltech, Berkeley, and global institutions.

A former Visiting Professor at Bocconi University, Dr. Console Battilana enjoys traveling, languages, and beach volleyball. She co-founded the first Samasource Gala and TEDxSV, both of which continue to thrive.



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## Simona Racek

Co-CEO  
Simaris Trade



Simona Filip Racek is a recognized expert in international trade and global commerce. Based in California, she is the Co-CEO of Simaris Trade, connecting businesses with global markets through tailored strategies, digital trade solutions, and sustainable practices. She also founded Just Down The Street, a global trade consultancy practice, collaborating with clients like Economic Development Collaborative, SBDCs, World Trade Centers, and Chambers of Commerce to provide export consulting and develop programs that streamline trade operations, supporting the internationalization of hundreds of businesses.

Simona specializes in export regulations, trade financing, and global market strategies, while her leadership extends to advocating for women in global trade and digital trade policy, organizing trade missions and diplomatic events. She chairs the Organization of Women in International Trade Orange County and was appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to the San Diego and Imperial District Export Council. Growing up in Romania during the communist regime inspired her mission to expand global access to goods, services, and information. Simona practices mindfulness in the Plum Village tradition and speaks Romanian fluently.



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## Lauren Wulkan

Vice President  
Consumer Affairs at  
Ticketmaster



Lauren Wulkan is the Vice President of Consumer Affairs at Ticketmaster where she oversees complex legal and compliance matters. Previously, Lauren played a key role as a founding member of the in-house legal team at goop, Gwyneth Paltrow's lifestyle brand. Before transitioning in-house, Lauren practiced as a litigator at two prominent law firms, representing clients in a range of high-stakes matters. Lauren received her J.D. from Columbia Law School and her B.A. from Brandeis University where she triple majored in European Cultural Studies, Comparative Literature, and Philosophy.

Lauren attributes much of her career success to authentic relationships with a network of female mentors. Outside of her professional endeavors, Lauren is the proud mother of two spirited, energetic young boys, who's early knack for negotiation may well foreshadow promising future legal careers.



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## Samira Salman

JD, LL.M.  
Founder & CEO  
Salman Solutions  
Founder, Collaboration Circle  
Houston, TX & New York, NY



Samira Salman is a distinguished business leader, known for her expertise in forging connections and driving successful ventures. She is the CEO of Salman Solutions, founder of Collaboration Circle™, and COO of a single-family office, with a career spanning nearly 25 years across law, private finance, and global business building.

With a track record exceeding \$5.5 billion in successful ventures, Samira has developed a proprietary business-growth methodology and is regarded as a leading figure in private finance. Through Collaboration Circle, she curates a network of thought leaders and catalysts, focusing on transactions, strategies, and best practices.

Previously, she was a mergers and acquisitions tax attorney at Shell Oil Company, Arthur Andersen, KPMG, and Deloitte. Raised internationally as a first-generation Arab-American, her multicultural background fuels her passion for connecting people and exploring global culinary arts, using food as a means to foster relationships and build communities.



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## Samantha Popa

Founder and Creator  
Solates  
Beverly Hills



Samantha, a passionate bridal designer, began her journey working alongside her mother at Andrea's Fashions. With a deep-rooted love for movement and mindfulness, she has been teaching Pilates and yoga since college, later expanding her practice to include sound meditation in 2020.

In 2023, she founded Solates By Samantha, a wellness space dedicated to helping individuals cultivate a deeper connection with their bodies—physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Through her holistic approach, Samantha empowers her students to embrace balance, strength, and inner harmony.



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## Dawn Regan

Interim Head  
School “Marymount School”



Dawn Regan is the Interim Head of School at Marymount School, bringing extensive leadership experience in education and a deep commitment to academic excellence. With a passion for fostering a dynamic and inclusive learning environment, she is dedicated to upholding Marymount’s mission of empowering students through intellectual curiosity, character development, and global awareness. Throughout her career, Dawn has held key administrative and leadership roles, focusing on curriculum development, student success, and faculty mentorship. Her approach emphasizes innovation in education, strong community engagement, and the holistic development of each student.

As Interim Head of School, Dawn is committed to maintaining Marymount’s tradition of excellence while embracing new opportunities for growth. She works closely with students, parents, and educators to ensure a nurturing and challenging academic experience. Under her leadership, Marymount continues to thrive as a premier institution dedicated to inspiring and shaping the leaders of tomorrow.



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## Paul J. Foster

CEO, Global Esports  
Federation  
Co-Founder & Executive  
Chairman, World Technology



Paul is the Chief Executive Officer of the Board of the Global Esports Federation, leading a robust leadership team in establishing the foundation, strategic direction and development of the world's esports organization.

With more than 20 years of experience in the Olympic movement beginning in his hometown of Sydney in 2000, he has led teams at more than 12 Olympic Games, culminating with an extensive tenure as Head of Protocol, Events and Hospitality at the International Olympic Committee in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Following his time with the Olympic movement, Paul established his strategic consulting firm in London and Los Angeles; and led teams and projects in various cities across the world, including Madrid, Baku, Paris, Rome, New York City, and recently as a Vice President at World Expo 2020 in Dubai.



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## Tina Durisseau

Luxury Real Estate  
HBS LA Chapter



Tina Durisseaux is a renowned Global Advisor specializing in luxury residential, commercial, and investment properties, with a focus on new developments. She also leads the Harvard Business School Online Los Angeles Chapter, demonstrating her commitment to business and leadership.

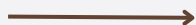
A Texas native, Tina has lived in Germany, Maryland, Louisiana, and Washington D.C. before establishing herself in Beverly Hills. With 15 years in the Sports and Entertainment industry, she mastered high-stakes negotiation and deal-making, skills she seamlessly applied to real estate. Her experience also includes a decade of service with the U.S. Army in Germany and the National Institutes of Health.

Tina's real estate success began with a multi-million dollar Beverly Hills renovation, leading to exclusive global listings, including properties in Dubai. With her extensive network, Harvard education, and strategic expertise, she provides world-class service to elite clients, ensuring exceptional results in every transaction.



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## Oana A. Tucker

Founder  
OP Global Events  
Female Empowerment Summit  
ONOR Foundation



Oana was born and grew up in Romania. She is the founder of OP Global Events and is a passionate visionary, with an international reputation for creating unique experiences and events. With more than a decade of experience in the events industry, Oana has access to an exclusive and globally trusted network, and she creates experiences with passion, precision, and lasting memories in mind.

Alongside this, Oana is a sought-after image and etiquette consultant and an Alumni of the prestigious “Institut Villa Pierrefeu” in Switzerland and she also obtained her Certified Meeting Professional badge that is recognized in over 40 countries.



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