



USC Alumni Club of
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Dear New York Trojans,

For the kick-off issue of our new alumni club e-newsletter, I'd like to reflect on our many accomplishments this past year — and preview some of the wonderful events coming up in 2009, including next month's visit from USC's second-in-command, C. L. Max Nikias!

We began last June with the goal of providing consistent programming and events to engage our diverse alumni base of 8,600+. Our new executive board focused on building a closer relationship with the university and the Alumni Association to create a stronger local presence. To that end, we have welcomed university staff and faculty to the city, and held a myriad of cultural, athletic, volunteer, networking and social events (see highlights below).

In this challenging economy, there are many benefits to getting involved with the Trojan Family and networking with other Trojans on a social and professional level. Now, more than ever, is the right time to strengthen your connection to USC through the USC Alumni Club of New York.

Fight On!

[Amir Akhavan '02](#)

President, USC Alumni Club of New York

2008 HIGHLIGHTS



From SCend Offs to wine tastings to our popular football game watches at Midtown's Galway Hooker, 2008 was an action-packed year for our area's alumni, friends and family. Here are some highlights of the last six months:

Annual SCend Off: Tristate-area members of the class of 2012 got a glimpse into USC life, while their parents were introduced to our vibrant Trojan community.

2008 U.S. Open: More than 100 alumni met at Grand Central for a pre-match happy hour, then headed to Arthur Ashe Stadium to watch Novak Djokovic defeat Andy Roddick in the men's quarter-finals.

East vs. West Coast Wine Tasting: Sommelier David Lombardo, Anvil NY's wine and beverage director, led this tasting at Astor Wine & Spirits Center in the East Village.

Fall Welcome: Trojans new to the city had a chance to meet and mingle with established alumni at this great event. More than 150 alumni gathered at 5Ninth, in the heart of the trendy Meatpacking District, for drinks, hors d'oeuvres and networking.

"Meet and Greet" with Scott Mory: Scott Mory, the associate senior vice president for alumni relations and head of the USC Alumni Association, joined more than 600 alumni, friends and Trojan football fans for the USC vs. Oregon State game watching party at Galway Hooker, our local alumni bar.

Fight On! A Night of Trojan Talent: USC alumni from different areas of the arts wrote, produced and directed an evening of cabaret at the Laurie Beechman Theater on 42nd Street.

An Evening with USC School of Theatre Dean Madeline Puzo: The evening, which began with pre-theater cocktails at Del Frisco's, was supposed to include a performance of Billy Eliot. When the show was cancelled due to mechanical issues with the set, our group of alumni and parents of current USC School of Theatre students instead shared wine, food and laughs at a local restaurant.

USC vs. UCLA Rivalry Week: Trojans and Bruins went head-to-head in our friendly alumni club competition. Over a span of three nights we held a dueling bartending contest — with all proceeds going to our respective scholarship funds — a karaoke contest and a flag football match. Go Trojans — we won the overall competition!

Holiday Party: The club celebrated the holiday season with a party at Soho's Eli Klein Fine Art Gallery and volunteer work at the Pediatrics Hospital.

Other club activities included a UVA football road trip, presidential debate watches, monthly happy hours, Discover USC, a trip to the Jewish Student's College Fair and some ZogSports volleyball.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 5

An Evening with the C. L. Max Nikias, USC Executive Vice President and Provost

This is a great opportunity to connect and hear Nikias speak at a reception in the historic University Club, one of the Big Apple's architectural treasures. Nikias, former dean of the USC Viterbi School of Engineering, is USC's second-in-command behind President Steven B. Sample, and is the creator behind USC's arts and humanities initiative, Visions & Voices. Space is limited, so please RSVP [here](#).

March 5

Will Ferrell on Broadway

Join us to see Will Ferrell's upcoming one-man show, *You're Welcome America. A Final Night with George W. Bush*, at the Cort Theatre. We're also hoping to secure some time with Ferrell before or after the performance.

March 16

"Taking Charge of Your Career in Today's Job Market"

The USC Career Services Center is hosting this seminar at Skadden Arps law offices in Times Square. A panel comprised of representatives from the New York State Department of Labor, executive search and staffing firms, and several Fortune 500 companies will provide career guidance to attendees.

Spring/Summer

NY Alumni Awards Reception with an Evening of Trojan Talent

The evening will feature entertainment from local alumni in the arts, alumni awards and scholarship grants to locally based students attending USC.

Stay tuned for updates on alumni trips to the Belmont Stakes; NY Cares Volunteer Day; sport events; organized 'SC football, soccer and volleyball teams; USC basketball game watches; and our monthly happy hours.

STAY CONNECTED

To keep up to date on all local activities please join our Facebook Page (search "USC Alumni Club of NYC") and visit www.nytrojans.org.

If you'd like to get involved, donate to the club or have follow-up comments about our newsletter, please [email](#) us. We are open to new and different programming ideas from alumni, parents and friends of USC alike, so don't hesitate to get in touch!

And don't forget to visit the USC Alumni Association [online](#) to update your alumni profile and to find out about other great USC events.

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