

Meet the Board

Alumni Association: Los Angeles Chapter



Michael Saldana

Position: President
Industry: Real Estate
Graduating Class: 2009

Michael Saldana works in real estate at Nationwide Real Estate Executives, a young and growing real estate brokerage in LA and Orange county. He specializes with first time home buyers and the hot and developing neighborhoods of Mid-City Los Angeles and West Adams. He has helped several clients who do not have sufficient down payment or credit score to purchase qualify for down payment assistance or get on track to qualify for those programs. Prior to his time in real estate, he worked as a leasing consultant in Anaheim, CA for Avalon Anaheim Stadium (AvalonBay Communities) a luxury property management company throughout the nation. There he worked on touring prospective residents, making outbound calls to interested individuals and families, maintaining friendly and hospitable relationships with current residents, and managing the leasing process from start to finish.

Michael has been involved with the UCR Alumni Association since graduating in 2009 with a Business Administration degree. Prior to his current position as President, he served as the Social Chair for the LA Chapter since 2013. During his undergraduate years at UCR, he served as Vice President for the American Marketing Association, graduate of the Emerging Leaders Program (ELP), and Newsletter Committee lead for the Investment Society. Michael lives in Mid-City Los Angeles and enjoys basketball, snowboarding, camping, and going to the movies.



Michelle Miliikan

Position: Vice President
Industry: Advertising
Graduating Class: 2010

Michelle works as a Media Buyer at Kovel/Fuller, a full-service advertising agency in Culver City. Prior to her time at Kovel/Fuller, Michelle worked as a Marketing Coordinator at Earthbar in West Hollywood.

Michelle has been involved with the UCR Alumni Association since she graduated and is an annual member. While at UCR, Michelle was the Panhellenic Officer for Alpha Chi Omega and a Golden Arches Peer Health Educator. Michelle lives in Los Angeles and enjoys hiking, dining at new restaurants, and attending concerts.



Armand Lebrilla

Position: Director of Social Events
Industry: Banking/Financial Planning
Graduating Class: 2008

Armand Lebrilla works in the investment advisory division at Jess S. Morgan & Co., Inc., a business management firm located in Hollywood. Prior to his 5 years with Morgan, Armand was a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley and a senior analyst at a technology start-up in Sacramento. He works with individuals on personal wealth management and investments. Through his firm, he acts as a fiduciary on several aspects of financial planning for high-profile individuals and families in the entertainment industry.

Armand has been involved with the UCR Alumni Association since he graduated and is a proud life member. He helped found the Sacramento Club and was President of the LA Chapter prior to his current position as Director of Social Events. While at UCR, he was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, ASPB Director of Special Events, a member of ASUCR Finance Committee, and student commencement speaker for his graduation. Armand lives in Marina del Rey and enjoys concerts, golf, snowboarding, crossfit, and yoga.



Maria Grigorian

Position: Director of PR & Marketing
Industry: Entertainment
Graduating Class: 2010

Maria works as an Account Manager at Invision by the Associated Press, an entertainment photo agency in Beverly Hills. She works with clients and photographers to coordinate photo coverage and image distribution from premieres, award shows, and other events. Prior to her time at Invision, Maria worked as an Art Buyer / Asset Coordinator for RPA, an advertising agency, and as a Textile Coordinator for Chris Barrett Design.

Maria has been involved with the UCR Alumni Association for a little over a year and is a life member. During her time at UCR she served as President of Alpha Chi Omega and studied Art History and Business Administration. Maria enjoys going to museums, concerts, and traveling.



Patrick Prajuk

Position: Director of Networking
Industry: Global Nutrition/Financial Services
Graduating Class: 2012

Patrick works as a Financial Analyst, with Financial Planning & Analysis team for Herbalife Nutrition, a Global Nutrition and Weight Management Company located in Torrance, CA. Prior to Herbalife, Patrick worked as a Contract Analyst at Children's Institute, Inc. (CII), a non-profit serving the Greater Los Angeles area. CII specializing in the treatment and prevention of child abuse and neglect, through various grants such as Head Start, DMH/DCFS Wraparound, Project Fatherhood, First 5 LA, and many other grants.

Patrick has been involved with the UCR Alumni Association since graduation and is an annual member. At UCR, Patrick was involved with FBLA-PBL (Future Business Leaders of America) and ALPFA. Patrick lives in Long Beach and enjoys museums, tennis, and sporting clays.

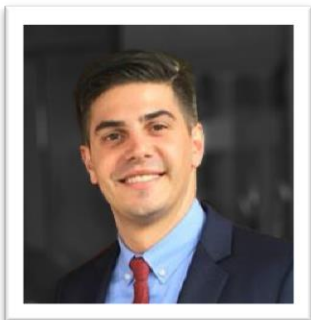


Josh Vasquez

Position: Director of Philanthropy
Industry: Advertising
Graduating Class: 2012

Josh Vasquez works as a Sales & Programmatic Planner at BBC Worldwide Americas, a global media company located in Los Angeles. Prior to joining BBC Worldwide Americas, Josh worked as a Project Manager at iHeartMedia one of the top media and entertainment companies in the nation. His major clients were in the casino and retail industries.

Josh has been involved with the UCR Alumni Association for a year and is an annual member. While at UCR, Josh served as the Lead TRiO Mentor for the TRiO Scholars Program and served on the board of directors as a UCR representative for Latino Network, a community organization. Josh lives in Santa Monica and enjoys staying active in a variety of sports.



Liam Dow

Position: Director of Strategy
Industry: Government Affairs & Policy
Graduating Class: 2014

Liam Dow is the Government Affairs Coordinator for Falcon Waterfree Technologies, an LA based B – corporation dedicated to conserving the world's most precious resource, water. Prior to joining Falcon, Liam participated in the Coro Fellowship Program in Public Affairs where he experienced hands-on, collaborative learning in public, private, and nonprofit settings. During his time in Coro, he worked for Teach For America LA, Los Angeles City Council District 13, the Los Angeles City Controller, MWH, the United Farm Workers Foundation, Yellow Cab, and the California Community Foundation. His training was focused on working through traditional boundaries to tackle complex social, economic, and political challenges.

In 2012, Liam served as Student Body President at UC Riverside. In this capacity, he was appointed to the Chancellor's Advisory Cabinet and multiple Search Advisory Committees. Liam's involvement at UCR includes helping start the club Hylander Financial Group, Student Fee Advisory Committee Chair, and playing on the Soccer club team. Liam lives in East LA and enjoys biking down the LA river, hiking, and listening to podcasts.



Julia Lee

Position: Historian
Industry: Accounting
Graduating Class: 2012

Julia Lee works as an Accounting Supervisor at Demand Media, Inc., a content and media company located in Santa Monica. Prior to joining Demand Media, Julia worked as an external auditor at Ernst & Young LLP, one of the Big Four accounting firms. Her major clients were in the real estate, technology, and retail industries.

Julia has been involved with the UCR Alumni Association since she graduated and is a proud life member. While at UCR, Julia served as the President of the UCR Student Alumni Association, Head International Peer Advisor, and Intern at the UCR Audit and Advisory Services. Julia lives in the South Bay and enjoys photography and traveling.