



LASA BEGINS WITH LA'S YOUTH.

As a young adult in LA, how do you experience this space and how do you imagine LA's future? The Los Angeles Service Academy (LASA) invites you to consider how you can be a problem-solver and visionary of both the LA of today and of tomorrow.

Designed as a supplement to the regular school year, LASA provides an intensive introduction to the infrastructure and institutions of greater Los Angeles for high school juniors who have expressed an interest in public, civic, and civil service. LASA classmates gain the experience and knowledge necessary to better understand the intricacies - infrastructural, historical, political, economic, and otherwise - of the region in which they live. In the process, they build lasting bonds of friendship, camaraderie, and work experience with a diverse group of peers.

HOW LASA WORKS

LASA combines seminars, fieldwork (field trips to the Port, water treatment plants, museums, and more) and student engagement. We meet three days in the summer and then one Saturday a month during the school year.

We would love to hear from you if

- You are a **student or a parent/guardian of a student** interested in being part of our upcoming class,
- You are a **teacher, college counselor,** or otherwise involved with high schoolers and would like to nominate your rising junior students,
- You love what we're doing as much as we do and would like to support our program. We're always on the lookout for **new speakers and places for our students to visit,** and welcome all donations.



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2027

Apply by June 1, 2026 at www.dornsife.usc.edu/lasa to join LASA's next class.



SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS INVOLVED:

Applied Technology Center (ATC), Blair High School, Buckley School, California Academy of Mathematics and Science (CAMS), Central City Value High School, Chadwick School, East Los Angeles Renaissance Academy (ELARA), Esteban Torres High School, Harvard-Westlake, Immaculate Heart, LA County High School for the Arts (LACHSA), Larchmont Charter School, Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (LACES), Loyola High School, Marlborough School, Marshall Fundamental Secondary School, Mira Costa, New Roads School, Pacifica Christian High School, Pacific Hills School, Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, Polytechnic School, Ramona Convent Secondary School, San Fernando High School, Santa Monica High School, Sequoyah School, The Archer School for Girls, The Episcopal School of Los Angeles (ESLA), Valor Academy Charter High School, Viewpoint School, Vistamar School, University High School, YES scholars, homeschooled

NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE LASA STUDENTS LIVE:

Altadena, Baldwin Hills, Bel Air, Beverly Hills, Boyle Heights, Burbank, Century City, Cheviot Hills, City Terrace, Commerce, Culver City, Eagle Rock, East Hollywood, East Los Angeles, Encino, Hancock Park, Harvard Heights, Hawthorne, Highland Park, Hollywood, Hyde Park, Inglewood, Koreatown, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Larchmont, Lawndale, Lennox, MacArthur Park, Manhattan Beach, Montebello, Mount Washington, North Hollywood, Pacific Palisades, Pacoima, Palos Verdes peninsula, Panorama City, Pasadena, Pomona, Rancho Park, Santa Monica, Sherman Oaks, Silver Lake, South Los Angeles, Tarzana, Venice, Westlake, Westwood



Mark your calendars for 2026-2027.

- Aug. 6-8, 2026
- Sept. 19, 2026
- Oct. 17, 2026
- Nov. 14, 2026
- Jan. 23, 2027
- Feb. 20, 2027
- Mar. 13, 2027
- Apr. 10, 2027
- May 1, 2027

FOUNDING DIRECTOR William Deverell is a Professor of History at USC, Co-Director of the Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West (ICW), and Dornsife Divisional Dean for the Social Sciences. He is the author, editor, or co-editor of numerous books exploring a variety of topics and themes. His favorite part of LASA is visiting the Metropolitan Water District.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Elizabeth A. Logan is a cultural historian and Co-Director of ICW. She focuses on California and U.S. legal history. Elizabeth not-so-secretly wishes there was a LASA she could have joined when she was a high school junior.



OPERATIONS DIRECTOR Eryn Hoffman serves as the Operations Director of ICW, supporting the exploration and scholarship of history and culture of California and the west. For the last 20 years, she has been deeply involved in K-12 education, with roles that have included history department chair and instructor, global programs director, and faculty mentor and professional development coach. Her favorite part of LASA is seeing LA through the eyes of amazing 11th graders!



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