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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

March 7TH, The CIA at Copia



Lauren Duca

Lauren Duca is an award-winning journalist focused on destroying the white supremacist patriarchy and building equitable public power by empowering people to pursue ethical self-determination. Duca is best known for her massively viral piece “Donald Trump is Gaslighting America” in Teen Vogue and an interview with Tucker Carlson that launched her efforts fighting for young people – and especially young womxn – to insist on their right to the political conversation. Duca’s writing has appeared in The New York Times, The New Yorker, New York magazine, and other places without New York in the title, including The Independent and Out magazine. She’s mostly just trying to get you to follow her on Twitter: @laurenduca.

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Laura López Ledesma

Laura López Ledesma was born in Guanajuato, Mexico and moved to Napa County when she was 1-year-old. She has a bachelor's in Latin American and Latino Studies from UC Santa Cruz and a Juris Doctor from Penn State University. She's been advocating for the immigrant community for 14 years. In 2010, Laura co-founded the Napa Valley Dream Team, a local group that advocates for the rights of immigrant families. She co-published the Book DREAM which is a compilation of veridical stories of undocumented youth and their parents. She is an active member of local legal service agencies to support immigrants seeking immigration relief. Currently, she works as Associate Director at VIDAS, a non-profit legal services agency where she provides legal representation as an "Accredited Representative." She provides free immigration services, advocacy, and community education at the Napa Valley College campus.



Carla Magaña

Carla Magaña is 16 years old and a junior at Vintage High School. Throughout her teen years (more so since the 2016 election) she learned that one of her many passions is activism and fighting for what she believes is right. Carla loves volunteering locally and being as involved as she can within the community of Napa, with groups like Teens Connect, Students for Climate Action and many others that help her stay connected with what's going on!

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Stephanie Odalise Ramirez

Stephanie Ramirez was born in Mexico and after spending part of her childhood in Juarez, Mexico, her family realized that it was important to raise Stephanie and her younger brother Martin in a safer environment. Stephanie and her family moved to Napa in 2003, where Stephanie overcame the language barrier. In 2007, Stephanie became a survivor of domestic violence. The next couple of years were hard for Stephanie, but she made a promise to her mother that she was going to take her traumatic experience and change the narrative into making an impact on others in a positive way. Stephanie graduated from Sonoma State University in 2017 with a Bachelor's in Psychology. Stephanie now works for LGBTQ Connection as a Program Coordinator. She is passionate about advocating for those who are underprivileged or may not otherwise know how to get resources in their community.



Liz Russell

Liz Russell is a convener of people and ideas. She has spent her professional career in the public sector, serving in programmatic and leadership positions at nonprofit organizations in Washington, DC and California.

Most recently, Liz was the Manager of Administration & Development of The Pathway Home in Yountville, CA when the tragic events of March 9, 2018 took place. Becoming a survivor of gun violence sparked her return to advocacy work, first with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America in 2019, and now as a 2020 Everytown Survivor Fellow. Liz also serves her community by supporting Napa Valley CanDo's Give!Guide, an end of year fundraising campaign for Napa Valley nonprofit organizations.

Liz is happily raising her young children with her husband in the beautiful Napa Valley.

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Gilda Gonzales

Ms. Gonzales became CEO of Planned Parenthood Northern California (PPNorCal) on June 5, 2017.

She provides the executive leadership for one of the largest Planned Parenthood affiliates in the country. PPNorCal delivers care to 87,000 patients at 18 health centers throughout 20 counties. She initially joined PPNorCal in February of 2014 as Senior Vice President of External Affairs. As CEO, Gilda has transformed PPNorCal's approach to improving patient care through business efficiency. She has also advanced a bold agenda of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion practice at all levels of the organization.

She is working hard to achieve the vision that Planned Parenthood Northern California is an organization that fulfills its Mission by advancing strong business principles and progressive initiatives anchored by a diverse, high performing and honorable staff and Board of Directors.

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Judge Beverly Daniels-Greenberg

30 year Legal Career in Alameda County, Ca.

- Judge, Superior Court of California
- Court Commissioner
- Attorney, Public Defender

Non-legal Employment History

- University Administrator/ Director of Student Services, Chicago, Illinois
- College Instructor, College of San Mateo, California
- Flight Attendant

Education

- AA degree: Contra Costa College, Richmond, Ca
- B.A. Degree: University of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois
- M.Ed.: Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois
- J.D.: Lincoln School of Law, San Francisco, California

Local Community Involvement

- Member, American Association of University Women , Napa Chapter
- Member, Community Leaders Coalition, Napa
- Member, Napa Valley Museum
- Member, DiRosa Museum
- Member, Friends of the Library, Napa
- Member, 100 Women Who Care, Napa
- Member, Napa Valley Jazz Society

Avocational pursuits

- Visual artist: private art studio, Napa
- Art History
- Jazz and art patron

Napa resident for 11 years

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Christine Henneberg, MD MS

Christine Henneberg is a writer and a physician. She studied Creative Writing at Pomona College, then earned her MD-MS at the UC Berkeley - UCSF Joint Medical Program. She completed a family medicine residency at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center, and now specializes in women's health and family planning. Her essays have been published in multiple medical journals and the popular press, including The New York Times, Slate, and HuffPost.



Mary Luross

Mary Luross was born in Rio Oso, California, where her family has been farming for six generations. She attended Saint Mary's College of California, where she majored in politics and minored in religious studies. After college, Mary earned her juris doctorate at Golden Gate University School of Law. She moved to Napa in 2008 and started a law firm with her husband Jason, specializing in business, property, and estate planning and administration.

Mary was appointed to the City Council in January 2015 and served until December 2016. She was elected to the Council in 2018 and currently represents the city on the following boards and commissions: Napa Sanitation District; Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority (Alternate); Subregional RHNA Housing Allocation Committee. She was recently appointed to the League of California Cities Housing, Community and Economic Development Policy Committee.

Mary and her husband have two young children, a daughter and son. She is a past director of the Kiwanis Club of Napa, a member of Napa Moms, and a member of the Napa Housing Coalition. She is a past president of Napa County Women Lawyers and a past director of California Women Lawyers.