

# EMERGING LEADERS

## Mentorship & Career Exploration

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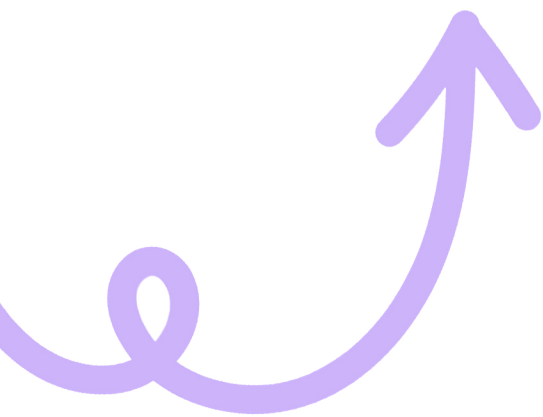
**View the amazing mentors** participating in GSGLA's inaugural Mentorship & Career Exploration program! These industry experts will provide Girl Scouts with access and opportunities to discover careers, trades, and interests across industries while networking alongside these innovators, changemakers, and professionals.

Most notably, they will inspire Girl Scouts along their path after high school and help them:

Have **COURAGE** to dream big about their future and feel empowered to shape it.

Feel **CONFIDENT** in the decisions and actions they take—or don't take.

Find **CHARACTER** and discover what kind of leader they can be, no matter their age.



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# Meet Our Mentors



**Katonya Breaux** | *Founder, Unsun Cosmetics*

Katonya is the owner, founder and President of Unsun Cosmetics, a Los Angeles based cosmetics company dedicated to providing both beauty and skin protection to everyone of all skin tones. In 2013, after a trip to the dermatologist and discovering the black moles were signs of sun damage, the idea of “sunscreen” was no longer just about vanity, it was about protecting her life. Breaux’s ability to identify specific needs and her entrepreneurial spirit led to the launch of Unsun Cosmetics, Inc.



**Kate Capossela, MBA** | *University of La Verne*

Kate Capossela is proud to be a Girl Scout and currently serves on the Upland Girl Scouts Service Unit Team. She is a graduate of Cornell and Stanford, and is an experienced businesswoman, educator, and youth advocate. She currently works as an executive recruiter and trainer as well as a professor at the University of La Verne’s College of Business. Her career has included management roles in marketing, fundraising, Human Resources, and leadership training all over the world.



**Na'kia Channey** | *Global Racial Equity Program Manager, Google*

Na'kia Channey is committed to advancing social justice and equality through her work in the field of diversity and technology. Her journey started as a research assistant, combatting biases in STEM which then led her to the Human Rights Campaign to advocating for LGBTQ+ equality. Later, she empowered police forces and school districts anti-racist training to foster inclusivity. Currently, Na'kia oversees the production of Google’s Diversity Annual Report and manages storytelling with external partnerships with the Cannes Film Festival, Grace Hopper Conference, Afrotech, and more. Her focus on accessibility, interactive engagement, and information usability highlights her dedication to creating equitable experiences for all users.



**Courtney Cowan** | *Founder, Milk Jar Cookies*

Courtney Cowan, founder and owner of Milk Jar Cookies, earned her baking stripes in her mother’s kitchen, sneaking spoonfuls of cookie dough during the process. Her entrepreneurial journey began as a Girl Scout where she was the top cookie seller in her troop for many years. In Los Angeles she made a name for herself as a Post Producer in television, learning the art of visual storytelling on major network television series. In her spare time, she began perfecting her own cookie and quickly earned rave reviews. In the spring of 2013, she opened the doors to Milk Jar Cookies’ flagship location.



**Rachel Craig** | *Assistant Vice President, PNC Bank*

Rachel is a graduate of Miami University's Farmer school of Business with a major in Finance and minor in Spanish. She has worked in a variety of roles throughout her time with PNC Bank since graduating in 2019. Rachel recently relocated to Los Angeles to be part of the PNC expansion throughout Southern California



**Jeanette DePatie** | *Founder, Propellerhead Inc.*

Before graduating with a degree in opera performance, Jeanette raised capital for her first software company using PVC pipe, a funnel, a straw, and a rubber chicken. She has served as a "professional techexplainer" helping nontechnical people understand tech and very technical people learn to speak to those who aren't. She produced, managed, marketed, and created for clients like Apple, AT&T, Disney, Fox, HBO, HP, Intel, Microsoft, Panasonic, Paramount, Sony, Twitter, Universal, and WB.



**Andrea Falcone** | *Engineering Manager, Google*

Andrea Falcone is a longtime Girl Scout volunteer and Engineering Manager at Google. She currently oversees the Android Jetpack project with Google - building libraries and tooling for internal and external developers. She is an accomplished mobile/mobile tools developer with a passion for open-source software. Previously she worked at Crashlytics and Twitter and graduated from Northeastern University with a BS in computer science.



**Christina Funk Tegbe** | *Founder, 54 Thrones*

Christina Funke Tegbe serves as creative visionary, founder, and CEO of award-winning 54 Thrones. Inspired by her Nigerian heritage and from traveling Africa's 54 countries for over a decade, she launched 54 Thrones to celebrate and honor African beauty rituals. She's led the brand to go on to win multiple beauty awards, including Oprah's Favorite Things, Fifteen Percent Pledge Achievement Award, as well as appearing on Shark Tank. 54 Thrones is currently retailed in Sephora, Nordstrom and Credo stores.



**Christine Hernandez** | *Director College Programs, Ignite National*

Christine Hernandez is the Director of College Programs at IGNITE National, a national nonpartisan nonprofit that is building a movement of young women who are ready and eager to become the next generation of political leaders. Christine spent over a decade working in higher education supporting and empowering students to succeed and lead. Christine holds a B.A. in English from California State Fullerton, a M.S.Ed. in higher education from the University of Pennsylvania; and a graduate certificate in nonprofit management from George Mason University.



**Jennifer Hsia** | *Psychologist, Psychological Health & Wellness, Inc.*

Dr. Hsia works as a licensed psychologist in private practice and at Garfield Health Center. She also teaches part-time at Cal Poly Pomona. Her practice focuses on anxiety, managing chronic health conditions, and issues related to racial/ethnic identity and cultural adjustment. She is particularly interested in Asian and Asian-American individuals, provides therapy in Mandarin, and is passionate about issues of social justice and equity.



**Alex Jimenez** | *Partnership Marketing Manager, SoFi Stadium*

Aloha! Alex Jimenez is a Partnership Marketing Manager at SoFi Stadium & Hollywood Park. With over 9 years of professional experience in the sports entertainment world, she categorizes herself as a seasoned vet. On a day-to-day basis, she works closely with corporate sponsors to increase brand exposure and execute brand marketing initiatives.



**Lauren Jane Kessner** | *Lifetime Member, Girl Scouts*

Laura Jane is a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts and started two diverse Girl Scout troops with over 30 girls. Laura Jane is a member of the Girl Scout Gold Award Committee, where she interviews and mentors prospective Gold Award Applicants. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Arts in History. She received her Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles where she was a member of the Loyola Law Review. She is currently an Acting Assistant District Attorney with the LA District Attorney's Office



**Sandra Klein** | *U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Central District of California*

Sandra R. Klein is a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge. She is a co-founder and co-leader of a Girl Scout troop for girls experiencing homelessness, and she created and implemented the Girl Scout Justice Patch Program to teach girls about legal history, legislation, and justice. In 2019, Judge Klein received the GSGLA Woman of Distinction Award. Judge Klein received her bachelor's degree in music education, magna cum laude, from the University of Lowell, Lowell, MA; her JD, magna cum laude, from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles; and her MBA, with honors, from UCLA's Anderson School of Management.



**Debbie Marshall** | *Director Client & Community Services, PNC Bank*

Debbie describes herself as a wizard of lightbulb moments, a visionary, and an intrapreneur with a passion for human-centered design. She spent 25 years in financial services acquiring experience in strategy, marketing, corporate philanthropy, and business development. Currently she is Senior Vice President, Client and Community Relations Director for PNC Bank in Los Angeles. Outside of work Debbie enjoys running. She has completed 20 half marathons and three full marathons.



### **Lauren Owens** | *Revenue Solutions Manager, SoFi Stadium*

Lauren Owens is a creative strategist and artist. She holds a creative strategy role at SoFi Stadium and Hollywood Park. The past five years, she has held several creative roles that have expanded her skill set in building user interface (UI) design for web and apps, digital and print advertising, experiential marketing, and overall creative direction for design and photography. Lauren is involved in several organizations and groups outside of her day-to-day role including, Women in Sports and Events, Women of HWP & Hollywood Park's Sustainability team.



### **Stephanie Ragle** | *Principle Architect, Office42 Architecture*

Stephanie Ragle is a licensed architect and interior designer and co-founder of office42 architecture in Los Angeles, CA. She has a bachelor's degree in architecture from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and a master's degree from SCI-Arc. She has studied and lived in Copenhagen, Denmark, Pune, India, and New York City and travels extensively. Stephanie sees architecture as a vehicle for positive change. office42 architecture's mission is to create innovative architecture that inspires and empowers communities through impactful design for residential, commercial, and non-profit clients.



### **Sarah Simms** | *Co-Founder, Lady & Larder*

Sarah is the chef and co-founder of Los Angeles cheese shop, Lady & Larder, which she founded together with her twin sister, Boo Simms in 2016. Sarah was raised with the notion that the dinner table was a sacred place and today, maintains that the only thing bigger than her love of food is her love of sharing it with others. Over the past 15+ years, while private cheffing and food styling she has developed a profound respect for American-made, seasonal ingredients and a deep appreciation for the role beautiful food plays in creating moments for people to connect and enjoy time together.



### **Olivia Tandowsky** | *Game Producer, Respawn Entertainment*

Olivia Tandowsky is a video game producer, currently working on Apex Legends at Respawn Entertainment (an EA studio). She is passionate about playing and making video games, and excited to share her journey in the industry. Originally from the Bay Area, Olivia attended UC Berkeley and studied Cognitive Science and Design Innovation.

*Don't miss out!*

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