



# alumnae Weekend

Friday, March 8  
Saturday, March 9 **2019**

## WESTRIDGE SCHOOL HONORS

### Sigrid Burton '69

*2019 Mary Lowther Ranney Distinguished Alumna Award Winner*

Sigrid Burton '69 is an artist known for her paintings, mixed media works on paper, and use of color. She credits Westridge with instilling a lifelong love of learning and travel. The opportunity to study with teachers who were also practitioners prepared her for a life in the arts. Sigrid tutored at Head Start and was a counselor at Open Future, programs instituted by Libby Herrick that inspired a deep commitment to social justice and community.

Since the mid-1970s, Sigrid's work has been exhibited nationally and internationally. In 1977 she received the Richard and Hilda Rosenthal Foundation Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, given to a young artist of distinction who has not had due recognition. Her works are in numerous public and corporate collections, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and at Westridge.

After graduating from Bennington College in 1973, Sigrid moved to New York to work as a studio assistant to Helen Frankenthaler, and Jules Olitski. Travel has always informed her work, and in 1985 Sigrid received a Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Study Center fellowship in Italy. A 1990 trip to India fueled an interest in Indian art forms and aesthetic theory; in 1994, she received an

Indo-American Senior Fulbright Research Fellowship.

Sigrid has been a visiting artist at Delhi College of Art, UC Santa Barbara, University of Arkansas, and Virginia Tech. She worked for LEAP, Learning through an Expanded Arts Program, teaching in the New York City school system, and serving on LEAP's Board of Directors.

During the late 1980s AIDS crisis, Sigrid volunteered for AIDS service organizations, and wrote *The Caregivers Companion: A Guide for Those Caring for Persons with AIDS*. As a community activist, she was appointed to Manhattan Community Board 2 from 2007-2012.

In 2013 Sigrid returned to Pasadena with husband, Max Brennan, and their dog, Jasper. Her upcoming exhibitions include a one person show in early 2020 at Tufenkian Fine Arts in Glendale and *Out of the Blue* at LAX. She is involved in numerous organizations and is furthering her devotion to Westridge by serving on the Board of Trustees. Sigrid has worked tirelessly with classmates to start The Forever Fund, a fundraising initiative for financial aid, ensuring that future generations of qualified students have the opportunity to attend Westridge.



Join us for a weekend of  
fun and friendship!

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## RSVP

Alumnae attending Saturday's luncheon **must** make individual reservations. To reserve your seat at lunch, please return the enclosed card with payment or email [alumnae@westridge.org](mailto:alumnae@westridge.org).

## Urinetown: The Musical

A **limited** number of complimentary tickets to the Westridge spring musical are available to alumnae on a first-to-reply basis. *Urinetown*, a Tony award winning satire modeled off the plays of Kurt Weill and Bertolt Brecht, is said to be a wickedly funny, fast-paced, and surprisingly intelligent comedic romp!

Performances: Friday, March 8, 7 p.m. • Saturday, March 9, 7 p.m. • Sunday, March 10, 2 p.m.

## Questions?

Contact Lisa Vandergriff, Director of Alumnae Affairs: [alumnae@westridge.org](mailto:alumnae@westridge.org) or 626.799.1053, ext. 244

*Parking for Friday's events will be available in the State Street parking lot and on State Street.*

*Parking for Saturday's luncheon will be in both the North and the State Street parking lots.*

*Please let us know if you require special arrangements for drop-off or wheelchair assistance.*

*Campus locations subject to change based on weather, in which case we will inform you promptly.*



## Friday, March 8

- 1:45 p.m. **Gathering of the 50th Reunion Class of 1969**  
2:15 p.m. **Pen Pal Tea for the Classes of 1969 + 2027**

### AFTERNOON OFFERINGS FOR ALL ALUMNAE:

- 3:30 p.m. **Campus Tour**  
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3:30 p.m. **Westridge Tigers Softball Game**  
3:15–4:00 p.m. **AP Biology Workshop**  
For the past two years, students in AP Biology have experimentally evolved baker's and brewer's yeast to resist treatment by an over-the-counter anti-fungal drug. Upper School Science teacher Ryan Skophammer will present the opportunity to learn and practice the technique of serial transfer, which is how the students evolve the yeast. You'll also learn sterile technique, discuss the aims of the project, and observe the genetically engineered, uniquely color-coded yeast that are used exclusively by Westridge students.
- 3:15-4:00 p.m. **Music Matters with Paul Stephenson**  
For the singer and non-singer alike... We will explore the physical, kinesthetic, mental and rhythmic components of singing. This experience will focus on ensemble singing. If you were a member of Glee Club or not, you are welcome to come and learn about music matters. The "hidden meaning" referred to in *Surgere* will be revealed. A growth mindset and collaborative interaction will be encouraged. Your brain will be energized, and your heart uplifted by singing together with your friends. A positive and uplifting experience is promised to all!
- 4:15-5:00 p.m. **Intro to Computer Science**  
Middle School Computer Science teacher Alex Husmann '13 will eliminate some of the fear and mystery that comes with the words "computer science" or "coding." This interactive presentation gives a taste of how middle school students are introduced to computer programming with a hands-on mini Scratch programming session. No prior experience necessary!
- 5:00-7:00 p.m. **Cocktail Reception** sponsored by the Alumnae Board - Pitcairn House

## Saturday, March 9

- 10:30 a.m. **Coffee & Registration** – Madeline Court  
10:45 a.m. **Alumnae Speaker: Author Terry Gamble '73**  
Join us in Braun Music Center as Terry shares her latest novel, *The Eulogist*.  
11:30 a.m. **Class Photos** – Ayrshire Courtyard  
12:00 p.m. **Luncheon & Program Honoring Sigrid Burton '69** – Herrick Commons  
2019 Mary Lowther Ranney Distinguished Alumna Award Winner + Madrigals Choral Music  
2:00 p.m. **Campus Tour + Tiger Tail Boutique Open**