



Seeking Nominations for *Elect Her* Leadership Training

Crafton Hills College and the University of Redlands have joined forces to offer an exciting women's leadership program for our students. [Elect Her—Campus Women Win](#) is a national program sponsored by the American Association of University Women and Running Start. The purpose is to encourage and train college women to run for student government and political office. During this one-day, 4-hour training participants will practice hands-on campaign skills, hear from inspiring speakers, and discuss research on women in government. The skills learned in this workshop will transfer beyond student and club governance to many leadership roles.

This is the first year we have hosted this program, and we are the only community college/university partnership in the nation. The workshop will take place on Friday, February 20, 2015 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., in the Casa Loma Room at the University of Redlands. The training is free, and lunch will be provided.

Participants can be either faculty-nominated, nominated by a club or organization, or self-nominated. [Nominations](#) must be received by January 30, 2015. Contact [Rebeccah Warren-Marlatt](#) for more information.

The facilitator for the event is Susannah Wellford, who founded two organizations designed to raise the political voice of young women in America.

In spring 2007, Wellford founded Running Start to inspire young women and girls to political leadership. Running Start furthers the work begun by the Women Under Forty Political Action Committee (WUFPA), which Wellford cofounded in 1999 and led for the first five years. WUFPA is a national women's group dedicated to electing young women to political office. A nonpartisan organization, WUFPA is the only political action committee in the United States devoted to helping young women of all parties run for elected office.

Wellford speaks frequently to colleges, law schools, political groups, trade associations and nonprofits about the importance of involving more young women in politics. She has also lectured about politics to many international groups, including women from Kuwait, Southeast Asia, Korea, Bahrain and Russia. She was invited to Kuwait by the Kuwaiti government in spring 2006 to meet Kuwait's first women candidates and to advise them on their campaigns, and has been sent by the State Department to speak in the Maldives, Sri Lanka, Israel, Belgium and Moscow.

After receiving her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1998, she worked for several years at Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand, lobbying for state and local governments, foreign governments, corporate entities and trade associations before Congress and the Executive Branch.

Prior to law school, Wellford worked for Hillary Clinton's Health Care Task Force in the Clinton White House. As a member of the Health Care War Room staff, she planned and executed grass-roots health care events for the President and First Lady and coordinated speaking events for Congressional Members and White House staff on health care reform issues. She is also a former Legislative Assistant for Senator Wyche Fowler from Georgia.

Wellford is a 1990 graduate of Davidson College. She lives in Washington, DC with her twin sons, Ben and James.

Other speakers will include Janice Rutherford, San Bernardino County Supervisor, and Kara Van Stralen.

Stralen currently serves as a Legislative Assistant to U.S. Senator Cory A. Booker (D-NJ) where she advises the Senator on matters under the jurisdiction of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee including technology, sports, surface transportation, aviation, and consumer protection. Previously, Kara worked for the House Energy and Commerce Committee, for Ranking Member Henry Waxman (D-CA), specializing in technology and telecommunications policy. Her policy and communications experiences include stints with U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, Mayor Patrick Morris of San Bernardino, CA, and internships with the White House office of Media Affairs and CNN in addition political campaigns. Kara earned an M.P.S. in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University and her B.A. in Government from the University of Redlands, where she participated in student government.