January–February 2018 Associates Events

The 129th Rose Parade
Monday, January 1, 2018
Celebrate the new year with the Associates at the 129th Rose Parade, featuring floral floats, spirited marching bands, and high-stepping equestrian units. Enjoy breakfast and head over to the Associates’ reserved seating area to watch the parade.

Robots, Drones, and Machine Learning: A Panel on the Future of Autonomous Technology
Wednesday, January 17, 2018
Explore Caltech’s newly opened Center for Autonomous Systems and Technologies, where engineers are constructing and testing drones and robots, and hear from a panel of distinguished Caltech faculty who are making technological leaps and shaping our autonomous future.

Northern California Reception and Program: Understanding Autism
Saturday, January 27, 2018
Sarkis Mazmanian, the Luis B. and Nelly Soux Professor of Microbiology, explores the complex ecosystem of bacteria in our gut and how it affects digestion, allergies, metabolism, and the brain. Hear him explain this connection and how it may play a role in autism and other neurological conditions.

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Athenaeum: Scotch Tasting
Friday, January 19, 2018
The Athenaeum’s scotch-tasting event features premium blended, single-grain and single-malt scotches and lessons on distinguishing between varietals, with attention to aroma, flavoring, maturity, taste, and texture.

Caltech Live! Adonis Puentes & the Voice of Cuba Orchestra
Saturday, January 20, 2018
Adonis Puentes, Cuban singer and songwriter, fronts the Voice of Cuba Orchestra to deliver great music for the evening with a world-class Grammy Award-nominated band.

Caltech Live! The Extreme Nature of Bats
Friday, January 26, 2018
This screening will swoop you into the mystical realm of bats and shed light on one of the most interesting and misunderstood animals in the world. Postdoctoral scholar Oisin Mac Aodha will lead a post-screening discussion.

Reinterpreting the Genetic Code: A Dinner with Caltech’s New Provost
Thursday, February 1, 2018
Four months into his position as Caltech’s tenth provost, David Tirrell will share insights into his new endeavor as the Institute’s chief academic officer and discuss how his own research has allowed scientists to reinterpret the genetic code. Event co-hosted with the Office of Gift Planning.

Orange County Luncheon and Program: Empress Dowager Cixi
Saturday, February 10, 2018
With hosts S.L. (PhD ’76) and Betty Huang, Associates Board member, and Maura Dykstra, assistant professor of history, explore the Bowers Museum’s newest exhibit and learn about the tumultuous period of reform and transformation during which Cixi’s rise to power won her infamy.

East Coast Dinner: Imagining the Robots of Science Fiction
Tuesday, February 13, 2018
Aaron Ames, Bren Professor of Mechanical and Civil Engineering and Control and Dynamical Systems, is moving us closer to the world of science fiction by enabling robots to move in dynamic ways. Gone are the days of clunky, slow moving robots. Hear how Professor Ames is turning fantasy into reality by designing bipedal humanoid robots and crafting mathematical algorithms that set the stage for the next generation of robotic systems able to match and, ultimately exceed, human capabilities.

Caltech Live! Blue Planet – Seas of Life: Open Ocean
Friday, February 9, 2018
Meet the giant whales, tiny plankton, and lonely deep-sea fish that call the ocean home. Learn why Earth has oceans, while other planets do not. Peter Buhler, a Caltech graduate student, will lead a post-screening discussion.

Caltech Live! Schubert Ensemble
Sunday, February 11, 2018
Don’t miss this performance by the renowned Schubert Ensemble, which includes three major works for piano quartet.

Athenaeum: Valentine’s Day Dinner Dance
Wednesday, February 14, 2018
Escape the crowds at local eateries and opt for the personal and romantic atmosphere of the Athenaeum this Valentine’s Day. Treat your loved one to an enjoyable evening: a candle-lit dinner with musical entertainment and dancing.
March–April 2018 Associates Events

Jet Propulsion Laboratory Tour and Luncheon
Friday, April 6, 2018
In partnership with the Office of Gift Planning, guests will once again have the chance to tour JPL, home to some of the greatest interplanetary science. Space fans and future explorers will revel in a tour of Mission Control and the Spacecraft Assembly Facility.

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Caltech Live! Miwa Matreyek: Myth and Infrastructure
Friday, March 9, 2018
Enjoy a multimedia live performance work by Miwa Matreyek that combines projected animation and the artist’s own shadow silhouette.

Jerusalem Quartet
Sunday, March 11, 2018
Storytellers make words speak. They also know that beyond the words they speak, their delivery is crucial. The Jerusalem Quartet has certainly mastered delivery. Since 1996, this Israeli ensemble has been “making strings speak” on prominent concert stages throughout the U.S. and Europe.

Pre-Watson Dinner: Microbial Life Support
Wednesday, April 11, 2018
Join Victoria Orphan, James Irvine Professor of Environmental Science and Geobiology, for an intimate dinner before her Watson Lecture. She will discuss how the activities of marine microorganisms from the ocean’s surface to deep inside Earth’s crust offer a better understanding of the globally important geochemical processes they orchestrate.

Break Through on the Road
San Jose, CA
Saturday, April 7, 2018
Explore. Connect. Engage. Watch for your invitation and event details in the coming weeks!

President’s Circle Dinner in New York City
Wednesday, April 18, 2018
President Thomas F. Rosenbaum travels to New York to honor and support our President’s Circle Associates members over dinner. Don’t miss this special celebration.

“Very few colleges allow a mechanical engineer to take the core requirements to be able to go on to medical school, but at Caltech there are no boundaries.”
—Hana Keller, Class of 2018

This past year, support from a Caltech Associates Endowed Scholarship is enabling undergraduate Hana Keller, class of 2018, to pursue a joint mechanical engineering/premed major with the dream of becoming a doctor or creating innovative medical robotics. “The scholarship I received has been extremely important to my academic and personal goals,” says Keller, a Seattle native who believes Caltech is the perfect place to explore the most important questions facing society today. “I wouldn’t be here without the support from the Caltech Associates scholarship.”

Athenaeum: Easter Brunch
Sunday, April 1, 2018
Join the Athenaeum and the Easter Bunny for an Easter Sunday brunch for the whole family to enjoy.

Caltech Live! Natural Curiosities: Curious Minds
Saturday, April 28, 2018
Learn how the minds of animals have become so inventive and hear from Mason McGill, a graduate student in Computation and Neural Systems, who will guide a post-screening discussion.

Campus Architectural Tour
Thursday, April 26, 2018
Beginning at the Athenaeum, docents from Caltech’s Architectural Tour Service will lead a walking tour across the Caltech campus and present a detailed history of the architecture.

Caltech Live! Brentano Quartet
Sunday, April 29, 2018
The Brentano Quartet sings with strings! Soprano Dawn Upshaw joins the quartet for this performance, inhabiting the moods of the poetic texts.
Startups and Breakups: A Panel on Entrepreneurship at Caltech
Saturday, May 5, 2018
Hear from a diverse panel of forward-thinking entrepreneurs who got their start at Caltech. Shuki Bruck, Caltech's Gordon and Betty Moore Professor of Computation and Neural Systems and Electrical Engineering, will delve into the successes and failures of entrepreneurial ventures.

Feynman 100
Caltech Campus
Friday, May 11, and Saturday, May 12, 2018
This special program and scientific symposium celebrates the life and legacy of Richard Feynman on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

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Caltech Alumni Association: 81st Annual Seminar Day
Saturday, May 19, 2018
The Caltech community gains an exclusive front-row seat for the new and exciting discoveries taking place on campus at this annual event featuring Caltech faculty, students, and researchers.

Caltech Commencement
Friday, June 15, 2018
Celebrate the journey of another graduating class into a world of exciting discovery at the 124th commencement ceremony.

Save the Date: Future Event and Travel Highlights

President's Circle Garden Party
Saturday, October 13, 2018
Mark your calendar for this annual dinner celebration hosted by President Thomas F. Rosenbaum and Katherine T. Faber, Simon Ramo Professor of Materials Science.

JPL Tour
Friday, October 19, 2018
Back by popular demand, this event allows Associates to go behind the scenes at JPL, home to some of the greatest interplanetary science, and tour Mission Control and the Spacecraft Assembly Facility.

President's Circle Travel Program: Chile and the Skies of the Southern Hemisphere
June 27 – July 5, 2019
Join Associates and friends to witness the next total solar eclipse, the sky’s most beautiful spectacle, in the unique location of northern Chile. Anneila Sargent, professor of astronomy, will lead exclusive tours of the world-class astronomical observatories, including Las Campanas Observatory in the Chilean Andes, Gemini South Telescope, and Atacama Large Millimeter Array (ALMA), the world’s largest astronomical project.

For more details about upcoming events and travel, please contact the Associates office at (626) 395-6392 or visit www.associates.caltech.edu.
Benefits of Membership

As a member of the Caltech Associates, you'll enjoy access to a dynamic intellectual community and Caltech's brilliant faculty, students, and researchers. Along with 30+ invitations to educational and fun events, programs, and trips throughout the year, you'll receive the following exclusive benefits and resources.

President’s Circle
- Invitations to events hosted by the president.
- Exclusive travel opportunities led by Caltech faculty to both domestic and international destinations.
- Invitations to programs and events featuring Caltech faculty, including luncheons, dinners, field trips, off-campus events, and regional events held in Northern California, Orange County, West L.A., and New York.
- Invitation to the annual President’s Circle Garden Party held at the home of Caltech's president.
- Opportunity to join the Athenaeum, Caltech’s private faculty club.
- Four tickets for VIP reserved seating at the Watson Lecture Series and specific public events at Beckman Auditorium.
- Access to the VIP lounge during specific ticketed Beckman Auditorium events.
- $5 discount to Caltech Live! special performances.
- Eligibility to join Caltech’s athletic facilities and recreation programs.
- Access to Caltech Library Services.
- 15% discount at the Caltech Bookstore (excludes textbooks, photo processing, and tickets).

Ambassadors
- Invitations to programs and events that feature Caltech faculty, including luncheons, dinners, field trips, off-campus events, and regional events held in Northern California, Orange County, West L.A., and the East Coast.
- VIP seating for two at the Watson Lecture Series and specific public events at Beckman Auditorium.
- Opportunity to join the Athenaeum, Caltech’s private faculty club.
- $5 discount to Caltech Live! special performances.
- Eligibility to join Caltech’s athletic facilities and recreation programs.
- Access to the Caltech Employees Federal Credit Union.
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Young Associates
- Invitations to programs and events that feature Caltech faculty, including luncheons, dinners, field trips, off-campus events, and regional events held in Northern California, Orange County, West L.A., and the East Coast.
- VIP seating for two at the Watson Lecture series and specific public events at Beckman Auditorium.
- Opportunity to join the Athenaeum, Caltech’s private faculty club.
- $5 discount to Caltech Live! special performances.
- Eligibility to join Caltech’s athletic facilities and recreation programs.
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—Rob and Chris Holo, Caltech Parents

“Caltech is recognized as a leading institution that, time and again, produces findings in science and technology that dramatically affect the entire world. The Associates must be complimented for making the knowledge, the personalities, and the excitement of Caltech available to the community.”
—Bill Bogaard, former Mayor of Pasadena

“Traveling with the Associates is an intimate and highly rewarding experience, Caltech faculty provide unprecedented access and insights into their breakthrough research.”
—Susan Murakami (BS ’75), Pathologist at the Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena

“I wanted to give back to Caltech because it played such an integral role in shaping who I am and my career.”
—Joseph Yang (BS ’86, MS ’87, PhD ’91) Associates Northern California Committee Chair and Attorney
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