



UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Pasadena Chapter

News & Updates – September 2026

UNA Pasadena Plans for An Exciting Fall

Upcoming EVENT:

Guest Speaker!

Dr. Munazza Yaqoob

Wednesday, September 16th @
6pm, Western Justice Center

'Pakistan and the United States have more in common than we might think when it comes to women's rights'



Dr. Munazza Yaqoob



Jennifer Hall Lee

Women's Rights in Misogynistic times



September 16th, Wednesday
6:00 - 7:30 pm PST
Western Justice Center (Maxwell House)
55 S Grand Ave, Pasadena, CA 91105

Pakistan and the United States have more in common than we might think when it comes to women's rights. Join Dr. Munazza Yaqoob and Jennifer Hall Lee for a timely discussion on the challenges women continue to face in patriarchal societies and the ways they resist, negotiate, and how they advocate for change.

This conversation will explore topics such as cultural taboos, religious norms, gendered language,

JOIN US!! at the 2026 Leadership Summit in Houston



UNA Pasadena is excited to announce that the 2026 UNA-USA Leadership Summit will take place November 13–15 in Houston, Texas!

We are hoping to send a delegation to represent the Pasadena Chapter at this year's summit. If you are interested in attending and representing our chapter, we encourage you to fill out the interest form by clicking the button below.

JOIN US! at the 24th YWCA Women for Justice Breakfast

24th Annual Women for Justice Breakfast



100 eliminating racism
empowering women
ywca
Years of Care & Courage Greater Los Angeles

Featuring 2026 Honoree and Keynote Speaker:
Michelle Gaskill-Hames, BSN, MHA
Regional President of Kaiser Permanente
Southern California and Hawaii
Thursday, October 22nd | 8 - 10 am
Hilton Pasadena

reproductive rights, violence against women and children, and the ongoing struggle for equality and justice. Together, the speakers will explore how women's experiences across different cultural contexts reveal both shared concerns and unique challenges in the pursuit of dignity, autonomy, and social transformation.



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Attend in person, or fill out the form to receive the Zoom link.

[Link to Form](#)



Hands-On International Medical Experience for Faculty and Students

Youth Member **SPOTLIGHT:** Abby Vasko

UNA-Pasadena is proud to share that youth member Abigail Vasko was selected to travel to Greece with Blair High School's Health Careers Academy as part of the Global Medical Squad. In this program, Abigail will work alongside her peers at Blair to support a 4-day clinical rotation that provides primary health care services to refugees in Athens with limited access to medical care.

Through the Global Medical Squad, Abigail will spend four days supporting a community health clinic serving refugees in Athens who have limited access to medical care. Alongside healthcare professionals and fellow students, she will assist with patient triage, pharmacy operations, health education workshops, and community health initiatives, while also gaining firsthand experience by shadowing physicians.

Join us for the YWCA's 24th Annual Women for Justice Breakfast on October 22, from 8:00-10:00 am at the Hilton Pasadena. The event will feature keynote speaker Michelle Gaskill-Hames, regional president of Kaiser Permanente Southern California and Hawaii.

Reach out to us at unapasadena@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us. (Space is limited).

RECAP: Advocacy Summit in Washington DC



Advocacy gives people a voice to create change and address the issues that shape our world. The United Nations Association – Pasadena Chapter connects our local action with global goals, empowering individuals to advocate for issues that matter to them on a global scale.

[Read More](#)

Advocacy Coffee Talk is coming in OCTOBER

SAVE THE DATES!

**September Board
& Community Meeting**

Your support will make this meaningful educational and service opportunity possible, allowing Abigail to help improve access to healthcare while developing her skills and deepening her understanding of global health and cross-cultural collaboration. We ask those who can support Abigail to help cover the program's cost.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Abby's incredible opportunity, and please consider donating to her fundraiser below.



All Welcome!

Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 23, ONLINE,
INTERESTED? Send an email to: unapasadena@gmail.com, and we will send you the Zoom link.

Recap September Meeting

UN DAY 2026

Saturday, October 24, 2026



COFFEE TALKS are coming back *-with a twist!*

Join us for the Youth-Led Coffee Talk Initiative: The UNA-Pasadena Coffee Talk Committee engages local leaders and youth to host monthly events, expand outreach, and grow membership.

Become a Member!

Not a member yet?

Get your UNA-USA Pasadena membership today! 

Membership Types

➔ **Standard: \$50**

The standard membership makes up the backbone of our movement. Gain access to all of our events, opportunities, and networking.

➔ **GenUN: FREE**

Ages 14–17. As a GenUN member, you'll gain access to incredible benefits that help you grow as a leader, connect with others, and take action for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

➔ **Young Professional: \$25**

Members ages 18 to 30 may choose this membership to unlock benefits related to advancing their career and professional portfolio.

Why become a member?

Being a member of UNA-USA Pasadena comes with many benefits, including...

- UN career development opportunities and skill building
- Opportunities to serve as a UNA-USA delegate at high-level UN events
- Discounts on tours of UN Headquarters in New York City
- Subscriptions to *PASSPORT* and *UNA-USA Today* publications, and more!

Intern with us

🚨 **UNA Pasadena is looking for interns!** 🚨

If you are a high school or college student who holds a passion for international affairs and engaging with the community, feel free to send your resumé and cover letter to us at **unapasadena@gmail.com**.



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