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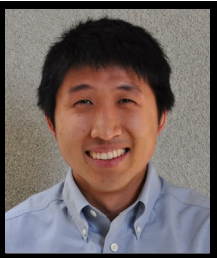


Dear students,

Welcome to sunny Southern California! This month the Community Fellows share their favorite places to go and things to do in the OC. If you are in the area before Orientation, take advantage of this time to explore. However, if you won't arrive until mid-August, this issue will give you some good ideas for "study breaks" during the year.

Each of you will be in a group of 8-12 1L students, led by two Community Fellows. The CFs will contact you once assignments are made in early August. We hope you join us at our first two Community Fellows events: Pizza Dinners during Orientation and Field Day on August 22!

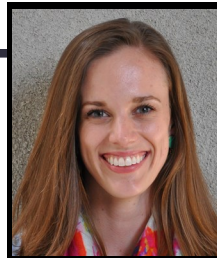
Best, Jennah



Hi Friends! In this episode of the community fellow's newsletter, we're supposed to tell you what we like to do around town. Unfortunately, all I can give you is advice on where to eat and drink because that's all I do. Food-wise, Irvine is pretty stale, you have to drive 10 minutes in any direction to get real food. The ones I would suggest trying off the bat are Bear Flag (fish taco Tuesdays...so good.), and Chong Qing Mei Wei (yeah, the Chinese guy, recommending Chinese food. typical.). You'll have to be my friend to get more out of me :].

For drinks, the anthill pub is actually pretty good: Lots of beer on tap, on campus, and a fairly lively atmosphere. Otherwise, you should come out to bar review to hang out with your classmates outside of class and meet upperclassmen as well. On a side note, there isn't actually any reviewing at bar review, something I didn't know when I first got to law school. I thought it was pretty weird that law students would review at a bar on Friday night, but it's actually all bar, and no review.

Can't wait to see all of you! <3, **Francis**



Hi 1Ls! As an Orange County native, I'm happy to report there are a lot of fun things going on outside of the law school bubble. Wanting to get out of the library and into some fresh air? Orange County has beautiful beaches (my favorite is G Street in Newport) and great hiking trails like El Moro Canyon. Movie fan? Check out The Triangle's \$2 movie nights on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Love live music? The Observatory is a small venue in Costa Mesa with lots of cool, cheap shows going on almost any night of the week. Are you a foodie? Orange County has some great, affordable restaurants. Some of my favorites are Juliette, Sidedoor, The Playground, and Taco Mesa. I'm a huge foodie myself, and have a google doc with some of my favorite spots that I'd be happy to pass along to anyone that is interested. Looking for a drink? The Anthill Pub on campus has awesome craft beers on tap (at a college bar price) and is always a great way to relax and celebrate after a midterm or final. If you're a beer person like me, San Diego's microbreweries make for a fun weekend getaway, too. My favorite spot for a drink, though, is The Rooftop in Laguna Beach, with sweeping views of the ocean and delicious sangria. Hope you've all been enjoying your summer so far and please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions! We're all looking forward to meeting you in August!

-**Jessica**





Mandy

Orange County has amazing weather year-round. I like to utilize this amazing weather by going on hikes and enjoying the beach. For a more leisurely stroll or if you'd like a running loop, the Back Bay Loop in Newport is for you. It's paved and has an intense hill at the end leading down to the beach. Something more hike-like is the Rollercoaster Trail a little further down in San Clemente. It lives up to its name and is full of hills and has awesome views of the Pacific Ocean. While in San Clemente, check out the Rainbow Factory for some new flip flops and Cafe Rae for a crusted French toast brunch. There's other really great food places, but the foodies can let you in on those spots.



Jamila

Hi everyone! I am still discovering new things to do around OC every week. For now I will focus on two favorite things: the outdoors and food. Crystal Cove is great for a combo beach day/hike. You can grab lunch at Ruby's nearby and sit looking out at the water and the Crystal Cove Historic District. The

Balboa Fun Zone has super cheap 45-min tours of Newport Harbor - check out amazing homes and movie-set beaches (and then pick one to lounge on for the rest of the day). Or, if you're up for a totally different outdoor scene you can drive just a couple hours to Joshua Tree National Park, hike around, climb, and be home for dinner.

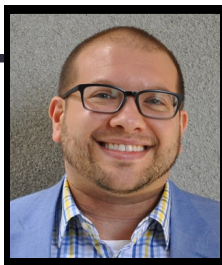
Nearer campus, I like grocery shopping at Wholesome Choice. The international foods and crowded aisles remind me of my hometown of Houston. Or, you can spend a morning picking up farm fresh food and snacking on samples at the huge farmer's market at University Center. And, if you sign up for a veggie box (or even if you don't), Tanaka Farms has seasonal events that make you feel like a kid again (think picking a basket of veggies, pumpkin patches, and cider on hayrides).



Nancy

Hello All! As 1Ls you will be very busy and there will always be something more that you can do but you NEED to take some time to have fun!

There are lots of things you can do in Orange County. If you like going to concerts I would recommend The Observatory, decent ticket prices and great bands. Pie Society and Wild Goose Tavern are great places to grab a drink. The pub on campus is also a great place to grab drinks after a long week of classes and to celebrate turning in your first memo. Costa Mesa has tons of good food such as Eat Chow, Taco Mesa, Iron Press, Old Vine Cafe. The OC Mix, The Camp, The Lab are also great places for food/drinks. And of course there is always the beach!



Hi Class of 2017! I'm excited to meet you all in just a couple weeks -- I can't believe the school year is starting again so soon. I came to law school from a career that allowed me very little free time, so I kept up the same habits in my first year of law school and I didn't leave campus often: my favorite spots in Orange County are the UCI Law Library, the In'n'Out right across Campus Drive, and a local Crossfit gym :) That said, I love *everything* food-related (growing it, cooking it, canning it, eating it...) and would love to branch out a little more this year and discover some good, cheap eats in Orange County. Though my Community Fellows work this year will mostly focus on supporting non-traditional 1L students, I'd love to hear from you (non-traditional or not!) if this is something that you're interested in exploring also. **-Micah**



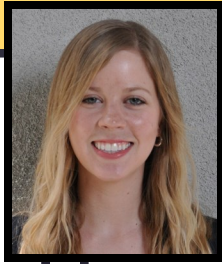
Welcome to Orange County. Plums Cafe is great for brunch. Bruxie's waffle sandwiches are the best (enjoyable anytime). My greatest find in Irvine is the Salted Iced Coffee at 85 degree bakery in Diamond Jamboree. It has condensed milk and probably more sugar than is healthy. It is THE perfect thing on a hot day, during an all day study marathon, when you are tired, because it's Tuesday....I could go on but I shall spare you all. Diamond Jamboree is a great area with awesome restaurants that are open past 11pm. For those wine fanatics, I recommend the Wine Lab at The Camp in Costa Mesa. They have \$14 wine flutes, where you try three types of red or white wine. My last recommendation is the Tuesday Night Food Trucks at Irvine Lanes, delicious and a good study break. **-CL**





Nefi

I really enjoy spending time at the beach. Newport, Laguna, and Huntington are all just a short drive away. If you're looking for cheap entertainment, the Woodbridge 5 has cheap \$3 movies and isn't far from campus. I also highly recommend Frappy's in Mission Viejo for frozen yogurt--best place ever. On Saturdays check out the Irvine Farmer's Market. It's just across the street from campus and you can get really good produce for cheap, while supporting local business. I also recommend the Orange County Market Place on weekends. It's pretty much a huge swap meet with tons of merchants, performers, food, etc., and it's only \$2-3 to get in. Lastly, if you want really good Mexican food check out El Toro Bravo in Costa Mesa. It may not look very inviting (small, tucked away, and no sit down area) but the food is amazingly good and they give you huge portions.



-Tara

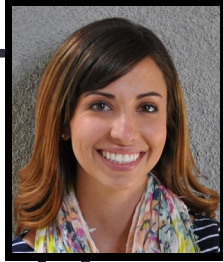
I hope you all are enjoying your summers and getting excited for UCI this fall! The good news is that it's basically summer year-round here and there are plenty of activities to squeeze in between classes and studying.

For healthy fun close to campus, head to free Tuesday night spin class with your friends to burn off energy from class, then use your student ID at Veggie Grill for cheap and delicious vegan food. If you need a change in scenery, go for a hike on the Crystal Cove trail by the ocean and stop for a milkshake at the top.



Welcome! We're a few weeks away and I hope you're finding time to relax, enjoy meals and outdoor concerts with friends and family, and pleasure read! We're really excited to meet you and help you get settled into this new adventure. When you get here, there will be plenty of wonderful places to explore, from international and farmers markets to beaches and gay bars. Please email me over the summer if you have any questions (aikenj@lawnet.uci.edu), otherwise travel safely I'll see you soon!

Jordan



Hi again! Natalie here to bring you some information on fun things to do in OC. My first favorite thing to do is go to the dog beach in Huntington. Listen people, this is is like 2 miles of heaven. Picture this: you get to the beach, lay out a blanket, open up a nice book (okay not really, you will probably have to bring your Civ. Pro. textbook or something, but still). While you are sitting there highlighting with 5 different colors, a little puppy runs up to you out of no where and then another puppy and then you realize THERE ARE PUPPIES EVERYWHERE!!!! I mean really, is there anything better? Puppies + beach = heaven. Done. My second favorite place is called "Esther's Place" in Huntington Beach. I don't want to spoil the fun of Esther's Place, but it involves really awesome sandwiches, smoothies, salads, and a spunky beautiful lady named Esther who wears pearls and high heels, has this insane memory, and will tell you that you are beautiful. Great food and a great confidence booster! Some say Esther is flirty, but I say Esther is fabulous. Just go (and invite me?) See you all soon! HOORAY! **-Natalie**



Hi everyone! Although you may be thinking that you won't have much free time as a 1L, I assure you that if you plan accordingly, you will. One of my favorite spots in Orange County is Triangle Square in Costa Mesa, which has a Yard House (great beer selection), The Goat Hill Tavern (drinks and games), and 55 Tavern + Bowl (bowling). Another place I like to frequent is the Balboa Peninsula. There are a few great food spots there, such as The Sliding Door, My Galley (great breakfast burritos), and Great Mex (tacos). If you're into hookah, I recommend Caspian Hookah Lounge, which serves some solid Persian food. Not feeling like leaving campus . . . no worries, the Anthill Pub has a great beer selection, board games, and decent food. Looking for a little late night R&R? Find someone that lives at Puerta del Sol or Vista del Campo and head to VDC for some after hours jacuzzi action. Remember, although there isn't too much going on in Irvine, Los Angeles is only an hour away, San Diego is about an hour and half, and John Wayne can take you to the happiest place on earth, Las Vegas. **-Michael**





Welcome to Orange County! As a Montana native, I spent a lot of time by mountains, badlands, plains, lakes, and rivers, but never by the ocean. In Irvine we are a short drive from the beach - take advantage of it! There are lots of beaches to choose from. I spent 1L without a car, so my primary mode of

transportation was a bicycle. San Diego Creek Trail/ Back Bay Trail, or as I like to call it, the "bicycle freeway," takes you all the way to Newport Beach. Once you are there you can enjoy a meal at one of the many restaurants - I like Mama D's Italian Kitchen - and then relax on the sand or take a dip in the ocean.

If you are looking for something relaxing that is a little less sandy, consider doing a wine tasting with your significant other or some friends at one of the many wineries in the area. There are often GroupOn or LivingSocial deals for wine tastings; I took advantage of one at the nearby Orange Coast Winery, but like beaches, there are lots to choose from!

-Emily



Emile

Taco Tuesday: I can't begin this list without mentioning Taco Tuesday. Every Tuesday, take a break from law school and head over to one of the many great taco joints in Newport Beach or Costa Mesa. My personal favorites are Great Mex on the Balboa Peninsula, El Ranchito on the

Balboa Peninsula, and Taco Mesa in Costa Mesa. Go out with a few friends, grab some delicious tacos and a pitcher, and forget about law school for the night. It's a great way to start off your week.

\$4 movies: If you're still up for more Tuesday night, stop by Triangle Square Cinemas in Costa Mesa for a \$4 movie. Triangle has \$4 movies every Tuesday and Thursday, so you can catch up on all the movies you've missed for cheap.

Trivia Nights: The UCI Anteater Pub on campus has trivia nights every Tuesday. But if you happened to miss the trivia night because you went out for tacos, Newport Beach has you covered. There are trivia nights every Wednesday at Mutt Lynch's in Newport Beach and at 55 Tavern & Bowl in Costa Mesa.



Hello all. While I'm sure tips on coffee shops and places to get brunch are welcome, sometimes after a long week of law school you need to unwind off-campus with a drink and some good food. Starting in Costa Mesa with The Triangle, there's Tavern + Bowl, a bowling alley that has a trivia night on Wednesdays and a good tap selection. Upstairs has a Yard House and Sutra (one of the OC's main night clubs). Don't forget an embarrassing ride of the mechanical bull at Saddleranch. Across the street is Goathill (my personal favorite),

which has pool tables, shuffleboard, peanuts, and incredibly cheap beer. A little further down 17th is a great spot, Wild Goose. Great whiskey and beer selection with an interesting crowd. Heading further down the peninsula, is nicknamed the "War Zone". This area can offer a diverse array of dive bars, sports bars, gastro pubs, and midnight snacks. Malarky's and Rudy's are mainstays, and expect a line if you go on a Saturday night. Next to the Pavilion's is Crow Burger, which offers relatively cheap build your own burgers and a great beer selection. Further along is Brew Co, Cassidy's (truly a dive bar), and Woody's. Finally, getting near the water there is Blue Beet, a Jazz-themed bar that sometimes has a dance floor. The District, Mutt Lynches, which serves these interesting goblets of beers, and a bar whose reputation precedes itself, Sharkeez. Do not forget to head up to Laventina's Pizza on your way home to grab a cheap and delicious pizza with your friends.

Heading all the way down the peninsula towards the Wedge and the Fun-Zone is Class (another dive bar locals hang at), the Balboa Saloon, and of course, Cabo Cantina. If you're feeling romantic, right around this area is a charming restaurant called The Sliding Door, or if you're looking to get some great Thai take-out, Mint Leaf is a must. Across the street is my favorite Taco Tuesday Spot in the OC, Great Mex. Always use a designated driver/Lyft and try to not take yourselves too seriously. Best, **Ryan**



Aglaia

Hi all! I like to hike when I have free time, and one of my favorite paths close to school is the Shady Canyon Loop. You can park at the Turtle Rock Community Park, and it's a great 8 mile path that you can easily do after class gets out. I love "studying" on the beach at Corona del Mar, and open air concerts at the Verizon Amphitheater are always a lot of fun. If you play tennis or racquetball, we should play!



Welcome to Irvine! Whether you enjoy the great outdoors or prefer staying inside, this area has a lot to offer. When I need a break from law school, I love driving down PCH. From school, you can take Jamboree Road or MacArthur Boulevard west until you hit the coast. I encourage you to explore all of the different beaches, as each has a distinct character (my personal favorite is Laguna Beach).

You will also find some amazing food around here. For sushi, I highly recommend Sushi Imari; for tacos, Baja Fish Tacos; and, for ice cream, Stricklands! If you are looking to grab a beer with friends after class, Newport is a short cab ride away (and a great option for Taco Tuesdays). Don't forget to check out Anthill Pub on campus, too!

Finally, keep in mind that LA and San Diego are great weekend trips. If you have any questions or would like help with trip planning, please feel free to contact me. -**Lauren**





Morgan McCombe

Hello first-year law students!

My dog really enjoys a good adventure, so we like to go on lots of walks and hikes. Orange County has a number of excellent places to take your dog, but our favorite is Dog Beach in Huntington Beach. He likes to chase the waves and bark at them when they retreat—cowards! There are lots of other dogs to play with, and you don't even need a leash.

When we are looking for a good hike, we like to go up to Holy Jim Trail in Trabuco Canyon, which is only about a 20-minute drive east of Irvine. It is a couple miles up to the falls, but if you are looking for a serious hike the full trail is nearly 16 miles.

There are also plenty of local parks to go to for a nice walk. Our favorite parks are William Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park and William R. Mason Regional Park. At William R. Mason, there are plenty of nice spots for a picnic, lots of cool birds, and there are a bunch of turtles that like to sun bathe on the rocks around the ponds.



Ariela Rutkin-Becker

I'm assuming that some of the other Community Fellows have already mentioned hiking in Crystal Cove Park, some great places to eat, and Strickland's ice cream. I want to mention what I fundamentally believe is the best stress-reliever of all time: BACKPACKING!

For those of you who, like me, are coming from faraway places that have magical things called "seasons," welcome to the land of Eternal Summer. This makes for perfect backpacking season year round. There's nothing you can do that will be more meaningful and better for your psyche and all-around health than shutting off all connectivity for a weekend, grabbing a friend, and taking advantage of Southern California's amazing hiking: in Big Bear, Joshua Tree, or Idyllwild, specifically. For longer trips, we're about 5 hours from the Sierras. Last year I entered the Whitney lottery, hiked that (the highest peak in the continental US), and returned to law school the next day. It can be done - don't let law school win! Please reach out to me with any questions - I'm a bit of a backpacking fanatic and love to chat about it!



Hi New 1Ls: Here are some top food and entertainment spots I would check out when you get into the Orange County area.

Food: *Maggiano's Little Italy* (Fashion Island) \$\$\$: One of my favorite spots for Italian food. They have a huge menu, and will definitely carry all of your Italian favorites from mushroom ravioli to seafood linguini. It's so great, I order

takeout from here all the time (especially during the school year when I didn't have time to make food). *Mama D's* (Newport Peninsula) \$\$: Another delicious Italian spot. I highly recommend this place, but probably with some company. It's a cozy spot on the peninsula where you can go with a friend and enjoy some yummy pasta and a nice glass of wine. *Great Mex* - Taco Tuesday (Newport Peninsula) \$: AMAZING tacos and great deals. They have taco Tuesdays and taco Fridays where most tacos are \$1.50. They also have cheap beers!

Entertainment: *Triangle Square Cinemas* (Costa Mesa) \$: Awesome! I usually pair this with a nice taco Tuesday spot (above). The movies are \$4 on Tuesday nights, and they're NEW releases. It's a great deal, especially when you compare it to most theaters in the OC where tickets cost \$13+ !! **Newport Beach:** The beach is always a solid option ☺.

If you need any more information about any of these places (or any help in general) I would be happy to provide that to you! I hope you all continue to relax the few weeks before starting school!
-Tanya Taylor



What are my favorite things to do in the OC? Eat and have fun. If you're looking for good food options and have a car, you should check out The Camp and The Lab in Costa Mesa. Each of those locations have good/unique food options. There are also lots of places to have fun. The Observatory is a music venue in Santa Ana that always has good acts coming through. Also, there are some fun bars on the Newport Peninsula and at Triangle Square in Costa Mesa (e.g. Goathill Tavern, Rudy's, Blue Beet, Brew Co., Woody's).

-Sam Cretcher



Some of my favorite things to do in the Orange County area are to go to local happy hours, check out the local farmer's markets, and go on long walks/hikes and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. My favorite happy hour spots are Roys and Wildfish. I also enjoy checking out the local music scene. There are a number of smaller places that have good live music regularly like 3-Thirty-3 and Port. I love the hiking/walking trails down by the beach in Crystal Cove and Corona del Mar. The farmer's markets across the street from UCI at University Plaza and at the Orange County Great Park are amazing. Welcome to Orange County!

-Hayley

