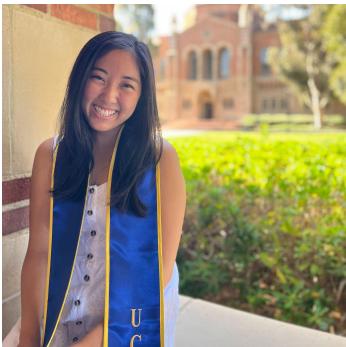


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Women's Small Group Leader Blurbs

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Alyssa Suzuki | Staff
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Hi! My name is Alyssa & I graduated from UCLA in 2022. I'm currently in occupational therapy school & some things I enjoy are thrifting, honeycrisp apples, long games of Monopoly & the beach.

My hope for the year is that we'd help one another to love Christ as we learn to submit our wills, affections, and lives to Him. The right now plan is to read through a Christian book, but am absolutely open to ideas if there's something you'd like to study. Whatever we do, I trust that God will be kind & faithful to give us Himself as we seek Him. Would love to meet you, so don't be shy :)



Britney Burnasky | Senior
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Hiii :) I'm Britney and I'm a fourth year Physiological Science major, Asian languages minor focusing on Chinese! I'm hoping to go into PA school after college!

Some of my hobbies are listening to music (my music taste is super diverse HAHA), crocheting, going to the beach, seeing sunsets, going on walks/anything athletic, cooking/eating new food, late night talks, and more LOL.

For small group this year, my goal is that we would all grow in our contentment, trust, and joy in the Lord while also enjoying the sweet fellowship of genuinely sharing our lives with one another and keeping each other accountable :) I've been thinking about going through Philippians and reading a Christian book on the side (we'd choose this later!), but I'm flexible!

I'm super excited to meet you and always down to hang out, so reach out to me if you're interested/just want to talk :)



Carrie Su | Junior
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hi hi! i'm Carrie and i'm a third year Business Economics major! i love to crochet, work on puzzles, read, look at the sky (sunsets or stars! always down), and explore coffee and dessert shops!

my hope for small group this year is that we would be able to grow in our love and reverence of the Lord together, pointing each other to Christ and keeping each other accountable in our walks. right now, i'm thinking of going through Psalms and growing in our praise and worship of God together, in all circumstances. however, plans are definitely flexible and i would love to hear more about what would be most helpful for you!

and and and, i would love to meet you and hangout or talk in general! please please reach out!



Cecelia Niu | Senior
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Hello!! My name is Cecelia, and I am a fourth year majoring in MCDB and Psychology. In my free time, I love improvising music on the piano, strolling barefoot along the beach, taking my two-year-old German Shepherd (at home) on hikes, and cooking healthy meals :)

My prayer for small group this year is to still and quiet our souls amidst a bustling world while seeking God and finding our joy and rest in Him. As we share in laughter and tears, I hope that we may encourage each other to cherish Christ, love His people, and live in a manner worthy of the Gospel. I am thinking of studying Ecclesiastes as we see the vanity of a temporary, godless life and are, in turn, moved to enjoy God's gifts to us in the present while also longing for the future when we will reunite with Him in glory. If this interests you, please reach out! I'd love to meet you ;)



Deanna Gee | Senior
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hello!!!! i'm deanna and i'm a fourth year double majoring in economics and education! some things i like are yummy lattes (currently working on my latte art game), good music, and trying to paint hehe!

my prayer for small group is that we would encourage and serve one another as we pursue knowledge of the Word, a deeper love for God, and practical Christlikeness. in terms of plan....we have no plan! i have a few books of the Bible in mind (i.e. ecclesiastes, 1 corinthians) but super open to talking about what you're interested in learning/growing in! i'd love to chat with you about anything, so feel free to reach out via text, facebook, or email!



Erin Chin | Junior
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Hiiii! My name is Erin, and I'm a third-year nursing student interested in pediatrics! Some things I enjoy: sunsets, reading, exploring coffee shops & drinking lattes, watching movies, and ice cream!

My prayer for small group this year is that we faithfully pursue Christ as we navigate this season of life together, and cultivate a deeper reverence for God. I also hope that as we strive to obey truth from His Word, we may exhort, love, and serve one another with humility, and grow in dependence upon the Lord through prayer. Right now, I'm thinking of going through a book of the Bible, possibly Ecclesiastes or Colossians. However, I'm very flexible with what we go through and want to hear about what would be most helpful for you!

Please reach out if you're interested or just want to hang out! I would love to get to know you!! :)



Esther Tarnng | Senior
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Hellooo! My name is Esther, and I'm a fourth-year civE major. I'm excited that you're interested in joining a small group! I don't have anything set for what we'll go over, but I'm thinking about going through a book (Trusting God or Respectable Sins?). I also want to get to know you first before deciding hehe. I was also thinking of praying through psalms and going over some topical things (conscience, convictions, church). My intention is for us to be continually renewed and transformed by the Word and to live in a manner worthy of the gospel. Umm, what else?...I also enjoy playing guitar, reading, sound team, and I really like salmon :)) Among other things.

Feel free to reach out to me on Facebook/Messenger or in person if you want to talk about civE stuff, GOC, GCC, yee. I look forward to meeting you and pursuing Christ together!



Hanna Wai | Senior
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Hellllo! My name is Hanna, and I'm a fourth year studying Communications. I'm interested in marketing, and I love picnicking around campus, watching UCLA sports games, Bereal-ing, listening to music (my favorite artists are Hannah Montana, Valley, Vacation Manor, and CityAlight), and rock climbing! I also have a twin sister in GOC! Small group has been such a blessing to me throughout college, and this year I am so excited to live life alongside one another as we grow in love for Christ, His Word, and His church. I'm thinking about going through Ecclesiastes or 2 Timothy as they have been so helpful in gaining an eternal perspective on life, but I'm totally open to hearing what you'd like to study! Please feel free to reach out and say hi — I'd love to get to know you!



Hannah Suh | Senior
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hey guys! i'm hannah suh and i'm a senior majoring in bio! some things i like are finding new music/artists to listen to, late night walks, and sleeping (haha).

i'm not completely sure of what i want to go through yet as i want to make sure it'll be what is most helpful for you! to me, the most important part of small group is the relational aspect, where we can continue to urge each other on and build one another up (1 Thes. 5:11) in our everyday lives. so, my biggest hope for this year is that we can focus on encouraging each other in our walks of faith and urging ourselves to learn to trust and rely on Christ as we go through college!

i would love to get to know you, so please don't hesitate to reach out! super excited for this year :D



Ivana Chang | Senior
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hi i'm ivana! (the one on the right). i graduated last year as a computer science major and now work full-time! i would love to grow alongside you in sg as we share, pray, memorize scripture, and read the bible together:) i plan to go through ecclesiology, which is the study of the Church, because church may be ingrained in our weekly routine but we often forget the purpose, significance, and privilege of being united in the body of Christ. i grew up attending church yet struggled to answer questions like why we attend or why membership matters, so hopefully we can answer these questions and any other topics that interest you!

some things i enjoy are photography, playing tennis, ping-pong, and badminton, and laughing hysterically at things that apparently my friends think are not funny... but anyway, i'm excited to get to know you too so please message me!



Joanne Ma | Senior
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HELLO HELLO my name is Joanne, and I am a fourth-year psychobiology major. Some things I enjoy are dancing, showing people tiktoks, and doing puzzles with my apt. Fun fact: I am known to talk in catchphrases and make "very expressive hand motions".

So glad you are checking out small groups! I'm considering going through 1 John, but my plans are flexible. Regardless of what we go through, my hope is that we would grow in love and reverence for the Word and encourage one another in our walk with Christ! I would love to talk to you about small group, chat about life, or exchange or catchphrases :))) Feel free to reach out on messenger or email. Looking forward to getting to know you!



Kiku Shirakata | Junior
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Hi! My name is Kiku Shirakata, and I'm a third year double majoring in Physiological Sciences & Japanese! I love stationeries, studio ghibli, tea, and napping theories (let's talk about it)!

Small group has been such a joy to be a part of these past two years, and I'm super excited that you're interested in joining one. My hope for small group is that we cultivate a deeper understanding of Christ, strive to glorify Him in our lives, and encourage one another to hold fast to our faith! With that being said, I'm thinking of going through Hebrews, but also very flexible and open to any suggestions!

Feel free to reach out to me if you want to talk or make a new friend! Can't wait to meet you!



Lexi Massey | Senior
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Hello there o7, I'm Lexi! I love movement (dance, martial arts, walks, etc.) and learning anything I possibly can about God's intelligent design for the human body, that's why I'm double majoring in Physiological Science and Dance. I also enjoy reading, alternative cooking/baking, playing with dogs, and trying new things. My past small group leaders and fellow small groupies were abundantly patient, thoughtful, and genuine; I hope you get to experience something similar by joining a sg this year! The goal of our time together is to grow in friendship and see glimpses of Christ reflected in one another. While I'm open to other foci, I'm considering going through 1 Peter or Isaiah to see how sin tempts us with false satisfaction. When we compare these empty promises to the reliable and fulfilling promises of God, we can rejoice and be inspired to represent Christ faithfully in this broken world. Reach out if you want to chat!



Melody Chen | Senior
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Hello!! I'm Melody and I'm a 4th year majoring in data theory, which is essentially math and statistics. I am super excited for this opportunity to lead small group this year and also getting to know all you wonderful people :) Just a little bit about me: I am a huge foodie and love anything related to food like baking, cooking, and trying new restaurants. I also love to take walks and collect cute plushies. For small group this year, plans are still up in the air, however I am considering either going through Acts to explore the early church or an epistle. But happy that you are considering joining a small group! Small group is just such a sweet time of living life together and pointing one another towards Christ and please don't hesitate to reach out on fb/ig if you are interested!



Mia Yamada | Junior
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hi friend! my name is mia, and i'm a third-year psychobiology major! some things i enjoy include matcha, playing basketball (here and there lol), thrifting, exploring scenic places, quality time, and dancing (hehe)! i'd really love to get to know more about you too! so if you'd ever like to hangout or chat, pls feel free to reach out! :)

my prayer for small group this year is that we would cultivate a greater love for and reliance on the Lord. i've been thinking about going through a book in the Bible like Romans that could walk us through the gospel and encourage us to live in response to God's grace and character, but i'm also very open to studying something else together that's most helpful for you! regardless of where we end up, i'm excited for the ways that God will grow each of us through small groups this year!



Nicole Wu | Senior
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Hi friend! My name is Nicole, and I'm a fourth-year English major. I'm so excited you're checking out small groups! They are an amazing opportunity to grow alongside each other in our walks with Christ, truly sharing life as we bear one another's burdens and rejoice in His faithfulness together. I'm thinking of going through a Christian book (potentially Gentle and Lowly, Respectable Sins, or Disciplines of a Godly Woman), but plans are flexible! Whatever we end up studying, my prayer is that the Lord would teach us how to love and worship Him more fully.

A little about me: I love embroidering, crocheting, and doing puzzles! But when I'm not busy being a homebody, I'm usually at Upside Down or catching the sunset – and always down for an adventure :) If you're looking for a small group, or just want to chat over coffee/boba, please reach out!



Noela Seung | Senior
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Hey everyone! My name Noela, and I'm currently a fourth-year Psychobiology major at UCLA. After I graduate, I'm planning to pursue a Masters in Nursing. I have a diverse range of interests, including singing, playing music, savoring delicious food and desserts, cooking, indulging in naps, and getting a good night's sleep :) Additionally, I like going to the gym and currently serve as the president and captain of UCLA's Artistic Swimming team. But that's a story for another day!

In this upcoming year I hope to exemplify the joy that is to follow and love Christ, learn to admonish and encourage one another, and to walk alongside you as we pursue Christ in all that we do. I don't have a concrete plan as it is contingent on what you guys share with me and what may help you the most in your season of life, but as of now, I am leaning towards going over the book of 1st Corinthians.

Please feel free to contact me whenever, and I am always down to meet over tea, coffee, boba, anything!



Tea Wai | Senior
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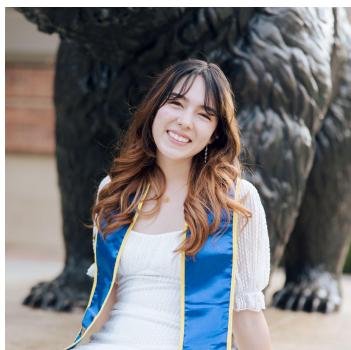
Hey, my name is Téa (Tay-Uh) and I'm an incoming fourth year biology major! I'm from San Francisco, so I miss the fog, but SoCal is definitely growing on me. Some fun facts about me are that I enjoy playing volleyball, watching a good tv drama, and eating sashimi. I also love trying new things (lemme know if you're up for a game of tennis haha). One of my favorite parts of small group is the time spent praying with one another and this upcoming year I plan on going through Colossians. I hope that this year we can grow alongside one another in sanctification as we go through college together. I would love to get to know you so please don't hesitate to send me an email to chat or set up a meet up!



Yasmith Farnan | Senior
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HIII GIRLIES! I'm Yasmith and I'm a fourth year neuroscience major, public health minor hoping to go to grad school to do public health research. Some of my hobbies include drinking boba/coffee, cooking, playing flute (in the marching band lol), trying new foods, and singing songs in the car :)

My past small group experiences have been very sweet and really cultivated my understanding and love for the Lord as well as allowing me to develop closer friendships and I'm so excited that you are checking them out :) For small group this year, I hope to grow together in Christlikeness and live life together while pointing each other to the Lord. My plans are flexible but I'm thinking of going through 1 John or Ecclesiastes or whatever you'd like to learn more about! I'd love to get to know you better so please don't hesitate to reach out!



Yuko Wilson | Grad Student
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Hiii my name is Yuko! I was a transfer student at UCLA these past 2 years, and am returning this year as a grad student in the Masters of Social Welfare program. In my free time I like to crochet, watch kdramas and anime, and go to cute overpriced cafes. I hope small group can be a time to encourage each other through the ups and downs of college life, pray together, and grow in our knowledge of God's Word. I'd love to meet you, text me on Messenger or find me in-person at large group!