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Dete Meserve is an accomplished creator and producer of independent movies and award-winning television shows as well as a best-selling and award-winning novelist. As a key member of the executive team at Wind Dancer Films, Meserve has been one of the industry’s major players in independent film and television production. She currently oversees worldwide business and creative properties for the film development, finance and production company whose properties include hit television series *Roseanne* and *Home Improvement* and feature films including *What Women Want* (Mel Gibson), *Where The Heart Is* (Natalie Portman), *Bernie* (Jack Black), *What Men Want* (Taraji P. Henson) and *Good Sam* (Netflix). Meserve is also the author of the best-selling and multi-award-winning novel, *Good Sam*, as well as its sequel *Perfectly Good Crime* which won the Living Now Book Awards for “books that change the world,” and the international bestseller *The Space Between* (July 2018). Her first novel, *Good Sam*, is in post-production, based on the screenplay written by Meserve, as an original film for Netflix for Spring 2019 launch. Her next novel, *Random Acts of Kindness*, co-written with award-winning journalist Rachel Greco will be published in March 2019. Meserve is at work on a fifth book entitled *The Good City* for Amazon Publishing/Lake Union.

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As President of KCRW, Jennifer Ferro has worked to transform the institution from Southern California’s flagship public radio station to a worldwide community that connects through the discovery of music, news and culture both in person, online and on the air. Under her leadership, in addition to creating 100 hours of original programming a week, KCRW completed a $50 million capital campaign and moved into its first-ever, stand alone, state-of-the-art facility in early 2018. This new home will allow KCRW to become a true community institution. KCRW’s presence includes podcasts, original content features, live event streams, a vibrant social networking community and successful mobile app. Its terrestrial signal has expanded to Santa Barbara creating that community’s first local public radio station. KCRW’s live events programming has grown to over 80 produced events throughout Los Angeles and Santa Barbara reaching over 250,000 people each year. Ms. Ferro joined KCRW in 1994. She has held varied roles during her tenure including Assistant General Manager, Executive Producer of Good Food. She has worked in development, membership, production, operations and marketing. Ms. Ferro serves as a Senior Fellow for the Luskin School of Public Policy at UCLA. She is on the board of Zocalo Public Square, an ideas exchange that creates live events and original humanities journalism, and has served as the Chair of the AIR Board, an organization dedicated to supporting and promoting independent producers in public media. In 2011, she was chosen as one of Los Angeles’ Game Changing Women Leaders Who Make an Impact in LA by Los Angeles Magazine. In 2018, Ms. Ferro was awarded the UCLA Award for public service.
Sarah J. Kilpatrick, MD, PhD is the Helping Hand of Los Angeles Endowed Chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Professor and Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Diversity at Cedars-Sinai. She received a BS with Honors from Newcomb College, a PhD in Biopsychology from the University of Chicago, and an MD from Tulane University School of Medicine. She was recruited to Cedars-Sinai in 2011 to be the Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and was appointed Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Diversity in 2013. In her leadership roles at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, she has recruited numerous new faculty members, started a family planning program, expanded the minimally invasive gynecologic surgery program and developed multiple collaborations with other departments including women’s heart, GI, emergency department, and anesthesiology department. She has also spearheaded new innovative programs about leadership and diversity for faculty including Cedars-Sinai and UCLA midcareer leadership program for women, and summer research internship for college students. Her clinical and research interest focuses on hypertension in of pregnancy, maternal morbidity and mortality, and cardiovascular disease risk in women after adverse pregnancy outcomes. Dr. Kilpatrick continues to care for high risk obstetric patients in both the inpatient and outpatient settings. She has over 90 publications and chapters and is currently involved in the national effort to reduce maternal morbidity and mortality and develop maternal levels of care.
Payal Kadakia is the Founder and Executive Chairman of ClassPass, a monthly membership program that provides people of all fitness levels access to the best boutique fitness classes and gyms across the US and internationally. Since its launch in 2013, ClassPass has facilitated over 60 million reservations across 15,000+ studios in 80 markets globally. Payal previously worked as a consultant at Bain & Company and holds a degree in Operations Research from MIT. In 2016, Payal was listed in Fortune’s 40 under 40 list. Payal is also the Founder and Artistic Director of The Sa Dance Company, founded in 2009 with the mission to increase awareness of Indian Dance in the mainstream and serve as a platform for expressing the Indian-American identity through movement. Payal started dancing at the age of three and has since trained in various classical and folk styles of Indian dance and other dance forms including ballet, modern, and jazz. Her style of presentation combined with her graceful dancing and artistic integrity has allowed her to become a true ambassador of Indian dance in the Western culture, cementing her as a role model for dancers of all cultures. Her work has been published in the Bollywood Anthology “Global Bollywood,” alongside legendary names such as Farah Khan and she recently choreographed for the musical stage production of Monsoon Wedding directed by Mira Nair. Payal has been quoted as “the dancer possessing not only stand-out talent, but the undying passion, congenial disposition and sharp business savvy to be truly a force to be reckoned with” as the South Asian culture continues its inevitable integration into America.
Laura Schwab is President of Aston Martin The Americas, and her role centers on promoting the world’s most beautiful cars. Schwab joined Aston Martin in 2015, after having spent 15 years with Jaguar Land Rover. She holds a degree from Notre Dame, where she attended on a full tennis scholarship, and has a law degree from the University of Kentucky. Schwab oversees sales, service, marketing and communications to customers and dealers. Aston Martin The Americas has played an important role in a global sales increase of 58% in 2017. As part of the Second Century Plan, Aston Martin has launched DB11 family, the new Vantage, and the DBS Superleggera. Its first SUV, the DBX, will be unveiled in late 2019. When she’s not on a plane, Schwab is based at Aston Martin’s regional headquarters in Irvine, California, where she’s supported by team she deems the best in the business.
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