

A stylized illustration of a dove in flight, carrying an olive branch. The dove is rendered in shades of purple and white, with its wings spread wide. The olive branch is dark brown with several leaves and olives. The background is a soft gradient of light blue and green, with flowing, abstract shapes in brown and teal that suggest movement and grace.

CELEBRATING

*a Vision  
of Peace*

14TH ANNUAL  
PEACE GALA

SOKA UNIVERSITY  
OF AMERICA 2018

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14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PEACE GALA  
*Benefiting the Student Scholarship Fund*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018  
FIVE-THIRTY IN THE EVENING

*Cocktail Reception • Silent Auction  
Dinner • Live Auction • Entertainment • Dancing*

ENTERTAINMENT  
CLARK BECKHAM  
*American Idol* SEASON 14 RUNNER-UP

FOUNDERS HALL ART GALLERY  
COCKTAIL RECEPTION & SILENT AUCTION  
5:30 PM - 7:15 PM

RECREATION CENTER  
DINNER, LIVE AUCTION & ENTERTAINMENT  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES, FRITZ COLEMAN  
NBC4 NEWS WEATHERCASTER  
BEGINNING AT 7:30 PM

*Evening Attire*

SOKA UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA  
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ALISO VIEJO, CALIFORNIA 92656



BE A PART OF  
THE *D*REAM

*What our world most requires now is the kind of education that fosters love for humankind, that develops character – that provides an intellectual basis for the realization of peace and empowers learners to contribute to and improve society."*

~DAISAKU IKEDA, FOUNDER, SOKA UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA



SOKA UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA  
*A Proud Heritage*

*H*elping students learn how to create value in their lives, their communities, and the world are central tenets of Soka Education. Founded by Daisaku Ikeda, educator, author and recipient of over 381 honorary degrees and the United Nations Peace Award, the Soka school system has established a tradition of humanistic learning and scholarship where the focus is on each student's growth and development. Soka means "to create value."

The mission of Soka University of America is to foster a steady stream of global citizens committed to living a contributive life. Soka is founded on the belief that student-centered education is the best way to promote peace and human rights by fostering a global humanistic perspective on the world in which we live. The curriculum aims to integrate service to the community, nature and humanity with the actualization of individual achievement and happiness. Learning is pursued through developing a close and humanistic relationship between the teacher and the student. We believe dialogue between teacher and student is a key element in cultivating the type of wisdom and intellect that fosters global-minded individuals.

The atmosphere of diversity and humanism at Soka University has attracted students from around the globe. This year, 449 students, representing more than 31 countries and 38 states, will call Soka their home. In addition to this multicultural campus experience, students in their junior year undertake a required study abroad program furthering their international exposure.

The Soka Opportunity Scholarship (SOS) provides full tuition scholarships for eligible admitted undergraduate students with an earned annual family income of \$60,000 or less. In addition, this need-based financial aid provides prorated awards for students who come from families with high income levels such that tuition typically does not exceed ten percent of household income. It is because of this policy that we are able to ensure no qualified student will be turned away simply because they cannot afford this remarkable education. Approximately 98 percent of the students who have sought out Soka for its unique educational vision look to us for partial or full scholarships. This gala will assist us in continuing to be able to help these extraordinary young people achieve their educational dreams. We greatly appreciate your support.

## GALA ENTERTAINMENT

### *Clark Beckham*



Clark's killer vocals and profound music abilities as a multi-instrumentalist has led him on a journey from busking on the streets to performing on national television in front of millions of viewers. On *American Idol*, Clark's soulful, bluesy voice outsold every other contestant combined on iTunes and placed him as THE fan favorite and runner-up of the 2015 season. Since *Idol*, Clark has performed with the Nashville Symphony, written with Brian McKnight, been nominated for the Teen Choice Award for Music's Next Big Thing, and signed with Quincy Jones.

Clark's two covers of Tennessee Whiskey and Gravity alone have garnered over 2 million views. He continues to captivate audiences worldwide, and most recently performed across the United States on Jon Bellion's sold-out tour.

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

### *Fritz Coleman*



Fritz Coleman is Southern California's beloved weathercaster for NBC4 News. He joined NBC4 in 1982 as the weekend weathercaster and two years later moved to weekdays, where he has been part of the evening news team with Chuck Henry, Colleen Williams and Fred Roggin. Fritz is the cornerstone of the NBC4 Weather Team that recently won two Los Angeles Area Emmy Awards.

In addition to his celebrated broadcast career, Fritz is well-known for giving his time to numerous charitable activities, and hosts hundreds of local events to raise awareness for services that benefit underserved communities.

A long-time stand-up comic who regards Bob Hope and Johnny Carson as heroes, Fritz has done stand-up for decades at local comedy clubs.

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