



## April-May 2024



### WELCOME, CPCE FELLOWS

This month, we congratulate and welcome our 15th cohort of community partner co-educator fellows including six representatives from local nonprofits who work closely with USF students in their community-engaged learning (CEL) courses. This spring, our CEL team and the fellows will meet over six sessions to develop an understanding of CEL, cultivate skills for partnering with faculty and mentoring students, and build infrastructures of support for CEL at their organizations. We look forward to working with the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco, Booker T. Washington Community Service Center, City Youth Now, Buchanan YMCA, San Francisco Beacon Initiative, and Friends of the Urban Forest.

### Note From the Senior Director

Thank you again to our donors and supporters for helping us to CRUSH our Day of the Dons challenge. This is truly an amazing testament to the generosity of the McCarthy Center community!

Take a look at some of the exciting developments and achievements your support has helped make happen. We're welcoming six new community partner co-educator fellows. Twelve McCarthy Fellows are headed to Sacramento, and 14 Equity Interns arrive in June.

Help us celebrate the upcoming 10th anniversary of Engage San Francisco, and read a "love" letter to the Center from McCarthy Faculty Scholar, David Holler. As always, thank you for your continued dedication to our community.

Best regards,

Derick E. Brown  
Senior Director



### GOOD LUCK, SACRAMENTO FELLOWS!

Our 2024 McCarthy Fellows in Sacramento will head to the Capitol in mid-May for a semester-long internship where they will live, work, and learn in our state capital. Their 12-week placements will include internships in the state offices of Natural Resources Agency, Department of Food and Agriculture, Department of Conservation, Commission on Aging, California Democratic Party, Office of Assemblymember Matt Haney, Disability Rights California, Western Center on Law and Poverty, and the Delta Stewardship Council. Good luck, McCarthy Fellows! We'll look forward to following you as you learn the mechanisms of California policymaking and prepare to become the leaders who will shape the future of our state.



## USF Rising Youth Mentors Host Students at the Innovation Hive

The USF Rising Mentorship program, a partnership between the McCarthy Center and the Athletic department, links USF students with local middle-school youth. Mentors are paired with young students for a yearlong commitment emphasizing campus exposure and a college-ready mindset. This semester, engineering

students hosted mentees at the Innovation Hive, teaching the basics of the design process while building and flying paper airplanes and pilot testing miniature four-wheelers down a hallway ramp. View their adventures: <https://tinyurl.com/USFRisingYouth>



## PRESENTING THE 2024 LTM AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Congratulations to this year's Leo T. McCarthy Public Service Award winner, Kemelyn Alvarado '24, Politics major and McCarthy Fellow. This award is presented to a graduating senior who has demonstrated a commitment to issues for marginalized communities to create a more humane and just world. Well deserved, Kemelyn!



## ENGAGE SF CELEBRATES 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

This year, Engage San Francisco, our campus-community partnership to work "in and with" The Fillmore/Western Addition neighborhood, celebrates 10 years of collaboration in addressing community identified needs of children, youth, and families. This milestone year celebrates the community and campus partner programs, participants, and accomplishments in a city-wide celebration on April 19 while looking ahead to envision the next 10 years. See the 10-year timeline: <https://tinyurl.com/EngageSF>.



## FINANCIAL LITERACY PILOT BEGINS

Over recent months, the center has been preparing to create and launch a new financial literacy program aimed at youth. Funded by the generosity of Jeff and Naomi Silk, the program draws upon the expertise of USF's School of Education and School of Management, as well as community-rooted educational leaders, to focus on developing financial literacy skills and knowledge that youth can use in their everyday lives. The pilot program begins this summer before the full program which will be implemented in the 2024-25 academic year.



## SPOTLIGHT ON MCCARTHY CENTER FACULTY SCHOLAR

**David M. Holler**, director of the **Martin-Baró Scholars Living-Learning Community** and **McCarthy Faculty Scholar (2023-25)**, reflects in a recent guest blog post on what gives him hope—his passionate colleagues, inspiring students, and the exceptional team at the McCarthy Center. As we prepare to celebrate Engage San Francisco's 10th anniversary, David highlights the impactful work in The Fillmore/Western Addition neighborhood and extends heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated individuals who have made a difference. Read his blog: <https://tinyurl.com/DavidHoller>

## McCarthy Center Events

May 7      **USFVotes Election Pop-Up**  
Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.–2:45 p.m.  
University Center 2nd Floor  
Tabling Station

May 10      **CEA Block Party**  
Friday, 1:30–1:00 p.m.  
Kapwa Gardens, 967 Mission St.,  
San Francisco, CA 94103

May 8      **Leo T. McCarthy Center Year-End Celebration**  
Wednesday, 7:00–8:30 p.m.  
Fromm Hall, Maraschi Room,  
2497 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco,  
CA 94118

June 2–7      **Equity Interns Orientation**  
10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
USF Hilltop Campus

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