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IMPACT REPORT



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Leo T. McCarthy Center for Public
Service and the Common Good



LIVING LEO'S LEGACY

"The McCarthy Center will urge students who pass our way to embrace passionately a mission in public service."

LEO T. McCARTHY, FOUNDER
SF SUPERVISOR, CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY
MEMBER, 43RD CALIFORNIA LT. GOVERNOR

1,950
STUDENTS IN CEL

120
CEL COURSES



150

COMMUNITY-ENGAGED
TEACHING FELLOWS



MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR DIRECTOR

As we close the 2023–2024 academic and fiscal year, I am proud to reflect on our continued progress and growth. This year has been marked by new initiatives, including the launch of the USF Rising Youth Mentorship program, which aims to foster mutually beneficial relationships between USF students and youth from historically underserved communities.

Our students have achieved remarkable success, both in and out of the classroom, and we have seen strong support from our McCarthy Center Board in shaping the future of our Center. Our partnerships continue to expand, allowing us to collaborate with organizations such as the University of Delaware Biden Institute, YMCA of San Francisco, KQED, the San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco City and County, and beyond, including Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

Community engagement remains at the heart of our mission, and through community-engaged learning coursework across campus, in The Fillmore/Western Addition and through the Engage San Francisco initiative, we are building lasting connections that are driving real impact in the lives of our students and community members.

Thank you all for your dedication and partnership in making this a truly remarkable year for the Leo T. McCarthy Center.

With gratitude,



DERICK BROWN
Senior Director,
Leo T. McCarthy Center

198

COMMUNITY PARTNER
CO-EDUCATORS



McCARTHY FELLOWS

IN SAN FRANCISCO, SACRAMENTO, AND USF IN DC

USF in DC at Georgetown

Beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year, the McCarthy Center embarked on a new partnership with Georgetown University for the USF in DC program where our students would have an opportunity to live in new Georgetown housing alongside students from our Jesuit partner university in our nation's capital, learning about policymaking and politics at a national level.

We are excited to cultivate this relationship in the years to come with a shared Jesuit Catholic mission to prepare students to be lifelong learners dedicated to the common good and to building a more just world.

4,320

HOURS SUPPORTING CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

McCARTHY FELLOWS IN DC PLACEMENTS

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FELLOWSHIPS



USFVOTES

USF shines in the primaries

USF received the 2023-2024 All in Democracy Challenge Award for the Most Engaged Campus for College Student Voting. This program recognizes institutions that work to increase nonpartisan student voter registration, education, and turnout and ensure equitable access to the polls for their community. In March, the University hosted two polling locations on campus for the Super Tuesday Primaries.

Team Leads Conversation in KQED Live

The McCarthy Center and KQED Live convened some of the Bay Area's youngest elected officials

— including Assemblymember Alex Lee, Hercules Mayor Alexander Walker-Griffin, and Sunnyvale Councilmember Alysa Cisneros — to share their vision for our region's future in conversation with politics correspondent Guy Marzaroti and USF Votes Team Lead Caitlin Kennedy.

"I am excited to register new voters with USFVotes and apply my new skills and strategies."

HANNAH NELSON '24 | USFVOTES, INTERN
AT THE SF DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

41

ELECTION POP-UPS



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACTIVISTS

The rEVOLUTION is love

In its sixth year, Community Empowerment Activists continued to attract students and community advocacy organizations in mutually beneficial partnerships to teach undergraduate students, resistance, and activism in the year-long program combining coursework with paid internships with frontline organizations.

In this year's cohort, CEAs learned to embrace transformative justice by examining the context of various forms of oppression, engaging within the work of the community, and learning the skills of grassroots organizing.

10

ADVOCACY
ORGANIZATIONS/
PARTNERS

6TH

YEAR OF CREATING
COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS





EQUITY INTERNS

Growth and deeper connection in 2024

Year four of Equity Interns revamped its curriculum and programming to better equip undergraduate interns to support and empower the San Francisco YMCA's Power Scholar Academy students in developing their social-emotional skills and habits to increase pathways necessary for agency and joy in their learning journeys.

Both Newark, Delaware, and San Francisco foster community and innovation through strong educational institutions, local community engagement, and opportunities for collaboration — connecting both cities on a broader scale. Six Interns from the University of Delaware's Biden Institute joined us from across the United States in the collaborative efforts of tackling educational inequities in the summer school sites of The Fillmore/Western Addition District, the Mission, and Bayview neighborhoods.

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EQUITY INTERNS
COMING FROM
13 STATES

47%

INTERNS WHO IDENTIFY
AS BIPOC

"I am so grateful to work in a program that allows me to give back to communities that often don't receive the support they deserve"

MAXWELL AYIKO EDMONDS DRATI '25,
EQUITY INTERN



ENGAGE SAN FRANCISCO

ESF celebrated its 10th anniversary in spring 2024. We gathered with over 100 friends and supporters to reflect on highlights from the past two decades.

"Congrats again on 10 years of sowing good seed on good ground by investing money, creating opportunity, sustainability, and care in The Fillmore. I am so proud to be a 4th-generation San Francisco native, a USF alumni, Leo T. McCarthy Center board member, and a 20-plus year community partner that allows USF students the most authentic and unapologetic experience possible because I truly believe we change the world from here."

SILENA LAYNE '03

LITERACY PARTNERSHIPS

In fall 2023 we had 60 tutors, including 25 new hires. Literacy Program Manager Dresden Frazier-Smith partnered with the USF Black Achievement Success and Engagement (BASE) to promote the position to Black students on campus. This supported our goal of hiring Black-identified tutors, as requested by our partners. We had an incredibly diverse team, with 82% tutors of color and 37% Black or African American. Our tutors come from diverse majors including psychology and we also have tutors studying nursing, politics, biology, architecture, and computer science.

COMMUNITY ACTIVIST RESEARCHERS

Dr. Colette Cann and her colleagues at RISE for Racial Justice taught a third cohort of Black-Community Activist Researchers (B-CAR) in classes on Race Theory and Black Community Activist Research. Returning Black Community Activist Researchers presented at the 2023 CIES Western Regional Conference and have joined the USF community as students following their completion of three years in the program.



USF RISING YOUTH MENTORSHIP

Spring 2024 marked a successful pilot for USF Rising Youth Mentorship, a collaboration between LTMC and the Athletics Department, aimed at fostering college-going culture and career exploration for 6th-8th graders. Partnering with Braid Mission, Booker T. Washington Community Service Center, Prince Hall Computer Learning Center, and Magic Programs, the initiative allowed youth to explore USF's campus and opportunities.

Key events included a STEM-focused collaboration with USF engineering students and a self-expression workshop led by Brother Connection and Alpha Phi Alpha members. These initiatives helped mentees build meaningful relationships with USF students, promoting representation and mentorship for the next generation.



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LITERACY SITES

10

YEARS OF ENGAGE
SAN FRANCISCO

34

OF COMMUNITY
ACTIVIST RESEARCHERS
(SINCE YEAR #1)

"USF Rising is centered around cultural humility, learning from those around you with humility and understanding."

KOA FONG '25
USF RISING YOUTH MENTOR

2023-24

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Richard Spohn
 1942-2024

McCarthy Center's
 Founding Director



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 15% FOUNDATIONS
 25% ENDOWMENT



85% MCCARTHY CENTER PROGRAMS
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