

The CEC Civic Engagement Awards 2020

The Community Engagement Awards Celebrates contributions to Civic Engagement

On October 23rd, 2020, the CEC held a virtual event honoring Sac State faculty and students for their invaluable efforts in civic engagement. Here are our honorees and their contributions to our community:

Dr. Dana Kivel



Congratulations to Dr. Dana Kivel on receiving the CSU Faculty Innovation and Leadership Award!

California State University's Faculty Innovation and Leadership Award Program recognizes CSU faculty who demonstrate extraordinary leadership to advance student success and who implement innovative practices that improve student outcomes and/or eliminate equity gaps.

Dana Kivel, PhD is a Professor in the Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration (RPTA) and the former Director of the Community Engagement Center (CEC) from 2014 - 2020. In their 17 years at Sacramento State, Dr. Kivel has been a tireless and creative leader dedicated to supporting students and the Sacramento community. Dr. Kivel is a recognized community activist with a decades-long track record of supporting social justice through such organizations as Community Against Sexual Harm (CASH) which they co-founded. They were instrumental in leading the team that documented Sacramento State's many efforts and accomplishments that earned it the prestigious 2020 Carnegie Community-Engaged Campus endorsement from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Dr. Kelly McDonald



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Kelly McDonald, PhD is a Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences and the Director of Sacramento State's Center for Science and Math Success. Dr. McDonald is a science education specialist with a passion for finding ways to help students of all backgrounds and cultures succeed. She has been recognized for her adoption of trauma-informed teaching practices in the face of the pandemic, and for a recent \$2.7 million grant awarded to McDonald and her colleagues to continue and expand the Sustainable Interdisciplinary Research to Inspire Undergraduate Success (SIRIUS) project.

Clarissa Laguardia



Congratulations to Clarissa Laguardia on receiving the Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellowship!

The Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellowship recognizes and supports community-committed students who are change-makers and public problem-solvers at Campus Compact member institutions. Fellows, selected for their potential for public leadership, must be nominated by their president or chancellor, and only one student can be nominated per campus. Through the fellowship, Campus Compact provides students with training and resources that nurture their assets and passions and help them develop strategies for social change.

Clarissa Laguardia is a Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA) graduate student who will finish her program in May 2021. She emigrated from El Salvador as a teenager and is a first-generation college student. Clarissa is a leader in the LGBTQ community, entrepreneur, and small business owner. Her goal for Sacramento is to build coalitions on and off campus, in the public and private sectors, and across various ethnic groups to promote cultural diversity, inclusion, civic engagement, social justice, language access and equity for all.

Griselda Camacho



Congratulations to Griselda Camacho on receiving the California Campus Compact – Community Engagement Student Fellowship (CESF)!

California Campus Compact (CACC) is a coalition of California's leading colleges and universities. CACC builds the collective commitment and capacity of colleges, universities and communities to advance civic and community engagement for a healthy, just and democratic society. California Campus Compact – Community Engagement Student Fellowship (CESF) is 4-month initiative specifically designed to support student leaders advancing service, service-learning and community engagement at member campuses throughout the state.

Griselda Camacho is a senior at Sac State, majoring in forensic chemistry. She is originally from Norco, a small town in Southern California. Griselda has been with the CEC since Fall 2018, as a Student Assistant, Student Leader, Campus Compact Community-Engagement Student Fellow, and most recently as CEC's first Ambassador. She is inspired daily by her hardworking parents who emigrated from Mexico to give her the life she has now. Their constant support and encouragement has allowed her to make it this far in her education. As a fellow, Griselda learned about video production and how to be more civically engaged within her community.

Janneth Magana Gil



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Janneth Magana Gil is a third-year student at Sacramento State, majoring in Child Development. She is a first-generation college student and lives in Stockton, CA. Janneth applied to be a Campus Compact Fellow because she loves being involved with her community. Before this fellowship, she was a behavior technician for children with autism. As a fellow, Janneth was able to express her opinions and provide resources about voter suppression and voter rights.