

HANDS ON 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW



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COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT
CENTER
AT SAC STATE

OPTIMISM AND OPPORTUNITY

By J. Ann Moylan, CEC Director

For the last 26 years, the Community Engagement Center (CEC) has worked to develop and support programs that bridge the University and the diverse communities in the Sacramento region and beyond. We are committed to providing meaningful opportunities for engagement that is mutually beneficial for Sacramento State, our students, and our many community partners.

The CEC works closely with local non-profit organizations, schools, businesses, government agencies, and campus-based programs that provide services to individuals, families, and communities. The work of the CEC is closely aligned with Sac State's identity as an Anchor University, one that is respectful of, responsive to, and collaborative with local communities. We honor the expertise of our partners and are committed to promoting anti-racism, diversity, equity and inclusion in all programs, policies, and priorities, as well as in community spaces.

We end this year and approach the next with optimism and increased opportunities for engagement. Please take a moment to read more about our past year and then reach out to let us know about your ideas for community engagement and how we can support you in making those ideas a reality.

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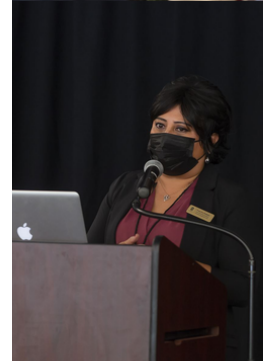


Celebrating 25 Years

CEC CELEBRATES 25 YEARS!

CEC celebrated 25 years (1996 -2021) with a festive luncheon at the Harper Alumni Center on Oct. 13, 2021. Our emcee for the event was Sharon Ito Warren and speakers included Ann Moylan, CEC director; Dana Kivel, past director of the CEC (2014-2020) and professor of parks, recreation and tourism administration; Robin Dattel, professor emeritus of geography; and Francine Redada, CEC's senior partnership coordinator. The event was attended by three trustees of the CSU as well as President Robert S. Nelsen, Jody Nelsen, the late Donald R. Gerth, former Sac State president, Bev Gerth, and many supportive administrators, faculty, staff, students, and community members.

The focus of the celebration was on the partnerships that connect the campus and the community, and the importance of employing a spatial point of view to understand the history, assets, constraints and challenges related to geographic location. We introduced CEC's interactive community-partner map, developed with Pat Oberle, assistant professor of geography, and his students. The map allows one to see not only where community partners are located, but also the broader context of that location. The map can be found on our website: csus.edu/cec.



HAPPY 20 YEARS, NETWORK CAFÉ!



Dr. Catherine Ishikawa



Dr. Kelly McDonald

Sacramento State's Community Engagement Center took on Network Café in January 2022 after Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services had led it for 17 years. We were able to hold only two in-person meetings on campus prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the rest of 2020 and all of 2021, Network Café continued virtually via Zoom. This past academic year, 2021-2022, we continued with virtual Network Café through April 21, when we hosted Network Café combined with our annual Community Engagement Showcase, a well-attended event that engaged campus and community.

May 19, 2022 we gathered again in person on the campus! Presenters for the May Network Café were Dr. Kelly McDonald, a professor of biological sciences and Director of the Center for Math and Science Success, and Dr. Catherine Ishikawa, an instructor of environmental sciences. We have been fortunate to have amazing presenters who make this such a rich experience for all involved. Those who attend and participate sustain a valued community resource for information and networking.

Whether you have not yet attended or are a returning participant, please mark your calendar for the 3rd Thursday of the month, 11:30 - 1:00, visit our webpage to get on the mailing list, and JOIN US!

June 2021 - May 2022

June 17, 2021

Project Sentinel; Josh's Heart Inc.

July 15, 2021

I-CAN Foundation; BayMark;
Elica Health Centers

August 19, 2021

SMUD; County of Sacramento -
Registrar of Voters

September 16, 2021

Jumpstart; Sac Children's Museum;
Sac Children's Home - Crisis Nursery

October 21, 2021

International Rescue Committee;
My Sister's House

January 20, 2022

Consumers Self Help Center;
Turning Point Community Programs

February 17, 2022

Northern California School of the Arts;
Sacramento CREAtE

March 17, 2022

SMUD; Valley Vision

April 21, 2022

(held with Community Engagement
Showcase)

Sac State Planetarium;

CEC: Jumpstart/ Student Volunteer
Leaders/CEC Student Ambassadors/Semester-
Long Volunteers, and Writing Partners;
Department of Environmental Studies;
Sac State Newman Civic Fellow 2022-2023:

Koleen's Canvas;

Sac State Career Center: College Corps

May 19, 2022

Sac State Biological Sciences, Sac State
Environmental Studies: Sirius II Project

Sponsored by:



JUMPSTART

by Giselle Moreno, Jumpstart Program Student Assistant

In fall 2021 we welcomed the Jumpstart program back to Sacramento State! After a ten-year hiatus, we are very excited to have this program back! Jumpstart matches university students with preschool children in under-served neighborhoods. Rachelle Davis came on board as our Jumpstart Site Manager; Dana Kivel, professor of parks, recreation and tourism administration, expertly served as principal investigator for the grant; and Kevin Ferreira Van Leer, assistant professor of child and adolescent development, was the service learning faculty, proving community connections as well as early childhood expertise.

Jumpstart is a national early education organization that recruits and trains college students and community volunteers to work with preschool children in low-income areas. Through a proven curriculum, these children develop the language, literacy, and social emotional skills they need to be ready for school.

The Community Engagement Center initiated 18 Jumpstart Corps Members. Corps Members are the heart of Jumpstart and execute the program's mission to create equitable learning outcomes. Corps Members served on teams with 5-7 peers and worked directly with a local Jumpstart staff member on training, session planning, service opportunities, and more. Importantly, they transformed the lives of 121 preschool children across 6 SETA Head Start early childhood education sites in the Sacramento region!



*Rachelle Davis,
Jumpstart Site
Manager*



*Giselle Moreno,
Jumpstart
Program
Student Assistant*



FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNITY BUS TOUR

by Dana Kivel, Professor, Recreation, Parks & Tourism Administration



On May 25th and 26th, a dream came true when 30 Sac State faculty, staff and administrators participated in the first annual Hornet Community Bus Tour (HCBT)! Campus participants connected and/or reconnected with each other and with more than 50 community partners. The “listening” tour allowed participants to learn about various non-profit, government, and community-based organizations that address education, affordable housing, unhoused populations, climate change, community development, school and community-based health programs, state and local government, food insecurity, workforce development, and urban agriculture. We met with Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg and members of his staff who described some of the City’s challenges, goals, plans and needs; and we met with the Mexican Consul-General Lilliana Ferrer and her staff who introduced us to the cultural, political and legal services provided through the Mexican Consulate.

The overarching goal for the bus tour is to introduce Sac State folks to the communities in which they live, work, and play and to motivate them to cultivate connections that will result in a variety of opportunities for students, mutually reciprocal research and project-based collaborations with community partners, and opportunities to volunteer with various organizations. This goal is aligned with Sac State’s commitment to being an Anchor University where, individually and collectively, we are working to intentionally and strategically connect to and with individuals and agencies that represent our diverse community. This goal is also linked to the University's commitment to equity, inclusion, and anti-racism as we prioritize some of Sacramento's most under-resourced/high-promise communities to increase opportunities for all.

The HCBT itinerary was developed through a committee that included current and retired faculty and staff. Robin Dattel, professor emeritus of geography, curated the experience during the tour by providing detailed historic, geographic and economic analyses as travelers wended their way through many parts of Sacramento. The tour was made possible through financial support from the Anchor University Advisory Council and the Community Engagement Center.



Staff at the Mexican Consulate warmly greet the Bus Tour.



Mayor Darrell Steinberg meets with the tour in City Council Chambers.



Azziza Goines, CEO and President of the Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce.

WRITING PARTNERS

By Francine Redada, Senior Partnership Coordinator

The Writing Partners Program at Sac State pairs college students with elementary students in a collaborative letter exchange. Writing Partners incorporates academic and social learning goals, and supports Sac State and K-12 students as they learn that writing has the power to help them better understand themselves, their relationships to others, and the world. Sac State faculty have integrated Writing Partners into various departments across campus, including nursing, teacher education, EOP, first-year seminars, English, and engineering courses. The program culminates with the elementary students visiting Sac State to experience college life.

During the 2021-2022 academic year, the Writing Partners program coordinated both an in-person and a virtual format. Toward the end of the semester, the matched writing partners were able to meet one another either in a group Zoom event or on campus. In collaboration with Sac State Campus Tours Office, tour guides created and facilitated a customized, virtual campus tour for the elementary school students.

Writing Partners enhances creative and critical thinking skills and fosters a sense of authority in students as writers and as members of the campus community. The letter exchange also serves to solidify the university students' identity as a college student, as they share their college experiences with the K-12 students. For many 4th, 5th and 6th grade students, this is their first trip to a college campus and they enthusiastically express their excitement about being a college student one day.

In 2021-2022, ten faculty with 17 class sections were paired with 18 elementary school teachers. A total of 481 Sac State students exchanged letters with 493 elementary students from 17 schools in six school districts around the Sacramento area!



THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SHOWCASE

By Ann Moylan, Director

Our 3rd Annual Community Engagement Showcase was held virtually via Zoom on April 21, 2022. This was our first experience with combining the Annual Community Engagement Showcase with our monthly Network Café, thereby increasing the opportunity for meaningful exchange between campus and community participants.

The following presenters brought a broad range of topic areas and diverse perspectives to the Showcase. We are grateful to all who shared their passions and their programs and to all who attended.

Kyle Watters, Planetarium Director and Instructor,
Department of Physics and Astronomy -- *The Sac State Planetarium*

Rachelle Davis, Jumpstart Site Manager -- *Jumpstart Returns to Sac State*

Anthony Fajardo, CEC Volunteer & Program Specialist;
Lorena Martinez and Anita Lor, Sac State students and
CEC Ambassadors -- *CEC Student Volunteer Leaders and
CEC Ambassadors Program*

Francine Redada, CEC Senior Partnership Coordinator --
Writing Partners at Sac State

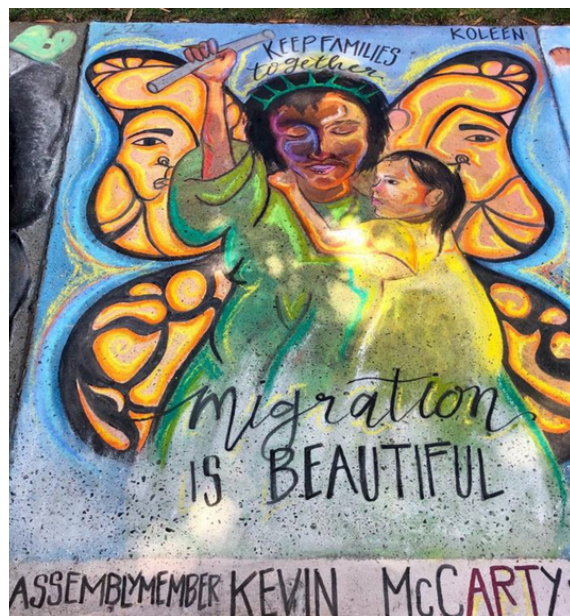
Christine Flowers, Lecturer, Department of
Environmental Studies -- *Keep California Beautiful
Environmental App Tracks Litter and Water Issues*

Koleen Fred Matias, Sac State student, Non-profit artist,
and 2022-2023 Civic Newman Fellow -- *The Artistry of
Activism*

Stephanie Francis, Lead Internship & Professional
Programs Coordinator, Sac State Career Center --
Sacramento Valley College Corps



Sacramento State Planetarium



Artwork by Koleen Fred Matias

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT RESOURCE FAIR

by Jasmyn Washington, Volunteer & Program Student Assistant

The Community Engagement Center hosted the annual Civic Engagement Resource Fair on October 19, 2021. This was our second time hosting the fair virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions, but the students were more engaged than ever. Hosting the event virtually meant that we could ensure that useful information was provided via direct engagement between students and all of the attending civic organizations. This year's theme was focused on helping students get registered to vote and understanding the power of their voice through their vote. We had 17 wonderful organizations give their time to present at the Civic Engagement Resource Fair. Thank you to all presenters listed here and to all who attended!

Civic Engagement Resource Fair

Presenters	Presenters	Sac State Presenters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASI, Office of Governmental Affairs • California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls • California Secretary of State, Students Vote Project • California Volunteers • Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Sacramento Community Engagement Team • City Year Sacramento • Global Shapers - Sacramento Hub • League of Women Voters • Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency • Peace Corps Prep Certificate Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project for an Informed Electorate • Capital Fellows Program, Sacramento State • Hornets Policy and Politics Alumni Chapter • The Legischool Project • Sacramento Semester Program, Sacramento State • Serna Center



Jody Nelsen participated with CEC, First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom and Governor Gavin Newsom.

SAC STATE VOLUNTEERS with RIVER CITY FOOD BANK

by Griselda Camacho, CEC Student Assistant

Twenty-one Sacramento State volunteers joined the Community Engagement Center on November 18, 2022 for this year's Annual River City Food Bank event to help package food for people facing food insecurity. Among the volunteers were Governor Gavin Newsom and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom who helped package food prior to the busy Thanksgiving holiday. Every year, River City Food Bank provides assistance to the Sacramento community by supplying nutritionally balanced foods. The week of Thanksgiving is a very important week at River City Food Bank as they hand out hundreds of turkeys to hundreds of households. The vegetables and other food packaged the week prior by Sac State students helped ease the distribution for the week of Thanksgiving. Due to the dedication of volunteers and the hard work of the people who make River City Food Bank run, many individuals and families in the Sacramento area were able to have a nutritious Thanksgiving dinner.



STUDENT VOLUNTEER LEADERS and CEC AMBASSADORS

by Griselda Camacho, CEC Student Assistant, and CEC Ambassador 2020-2021

2022 was the second year of CEC's new Student Volunteer Leaders Program. This year the program was extended to be a year-long program. The incoming Student Volunteer Leaders committed to provide 50 hours per semester for the 2021-2022 academic year. Abdul Alhayek, Gaby Gomez, Jadah Francisco, Jermel Taylor, Marissa Bustamante, and Roya Zaki were the 2021-2022 Student Volunteer Leaders who planned two of the biggest volunteer events of the year: the Sac State Day of Service on March 12th and Alternative Break events the week of March 21 - 25. Joined by a team of committed student volunteers, this group made a big impact on the Sacramento State community and on several Sacramento communities.

The Student Volunteer Leaders program would not have been possible without the guidance of the experienced CEC Ambassadors. The Ambassadors have the task of leading and guiding the Student Volunteer Leaders in their planning and professional development. This year's CEC Ambassadors, Anita Lor and Lorena Martinez, were very familiar with the program having been previous Student Volunteer Leaders themselves. The program aims to build strong community leaders through improving professional skills in program planning, community outreach, and volunteer recruitment and supervision. This year's cohort of Student Volunteer Leaders and CEC Ambassadors exceeded all expectations! Thank you one and all!



Abdul Alhayek



Anita Lor

SACRAMENTO STATE DAY OF SERVICE

by Lorena Martinez, Community Engagement Center's Volunteer Ambassador



The Community Engagement Center kicked off Sacramento State's first annual Day of Service. The Student Volunteer Leaders and CEC Ambassadors planned and coordinated the Day of Service events that took place on March 12, 2022. Sac State Day of Service is aligned with our campus identity as an Anchor University. The University does not only reside within our community but is also an integral partner with our community for the betterment of all. Through service projects such as these, Sac State students learn, grow, and develop personally, and the work they do in turn strengthens and enriches the region.

On Day of Service 2022, students and others participated in one of four volunteer opportunities developed through partnership with the following organizations.

SHRINERS HOSPITALS: Students completed **196 cards** that were delivered to medical professionals at Shriners Hospitals for Children.

SOIL BORN FARMS: **59 faculty, staff, students, alumni** and other participants helped glean fruits from neighborhood trees, donating **236 hours** to Soil Born Farms.

ARBOR DAY: **88 participants** planted **60 trees** on the Sac State Campus and donated **308 hours of service**. This project was a huge collaborative event that included Cal Fire, Circle4 AMplifying the Urban Forests, CA Climate Investments, CA Urban Forests Council, Invest From the Ground Up, Sac State Residence Hall Association, Taylor Quality Guitars, The Britton Fund, West Coast Arborists, and Western Chapter International Society of Arboriculture.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF GREATER SACRAMENTO: **38 participants** donated **152 hours of service** to the building and grounds in preparation for in-person programs.





ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

by Anita Lor, Community Engagement Center's Volunteer Ambassador

During Alternative Spring Break 2022, the Community Engagement Center and Associated Students, Inc. collaborated with two community partners to create a week of volunteer activities, both on and off campus, for the student population. This year, the central theme of Alternative Break was environmental justice and sustainability.

Several Del Paso Heights neighborhood projects were coordinated with Sierra Service Project and included rebuilding a fence for a family, planting and landscaping community gardens with Del Paso Heights Growers' Alliance, and building a play porch for young children between tiny transitional homes at Safe Harbor Tiny Home Village.

Deconstruction of the Solar Nest house on campus at the Arboretum, spearheaded by Emily Potts, assistant professor of interior architecture, allowed students to learn about the history of the Solar Nest home and techniques to safely take apart and salvage raw materials that were then donated to Habitat for Humanity. Project leads included PJ Carlino, assistant professor of design, and Gareth Figgess, associate professor of construction management.

Throughout the week of Alternative Spring Break, the student volunteers were led by the Community Engagement Center's Student Volunteer Leaders, Marissa Bustamante and Jermel Taylor, and Student Volunteer Ambassador, Anita Lor.



2022 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STUDENT FELLOWS

The Community Engagement Center hosted two Community Engagement Student Fellows in the spring of 2022, Valeria Alejandra Cortez and Teju Jaikumar. Supported by LEAD California to promote civic and social awareness, these students completed four projects during their 12-week fellowship. They 1) partnered with the Serna Center and College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) to plan Farmworker Awareness Week; 2) partnered with the Center for Race, Immigration and Social Justice (CRISJ) to support the Community Empowerment Faire; 3) organized the first annual CESF Statewide Conference, with attendance from six CA Campuses; and 4) sponsored the Civic Engagement Film Challenge. Film winners were: 1st Place: Sid Akbar; 2nd Place: Lily Ly; 3rd Place, Fernando Ochoa. We greatly appreciate the work that our Civic Engagement Student Fellows did to advance civic engagement and promote a healthy and just democratic environment.



Valeria Alejandra Cortez

Valeria Alejandra Cortez is a 3rd year first-generation college student pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science at Sacramento State. She hopes to one day serve her community as an elected official in local government and give back to those in need. Valeria is a welcoming spirit who is always available to help those around her and answer any questions. She is excited to be a part of the Community Engagement Center and is looking forward to making relationships with other Hornets.

Tejhasvi "Teju" Jaikumar is a transfer student at Sacramento State, majoring in sociology. She received her associate's degree from De Anza College, with a major in liberal arts with an emphasis in social and behavioral sciences, and certificate in leadership and social change. Teju was awarded the De Anza Student Leadership Award. Her career aspirations are to be involved with social justice and/or community advocacy.



Tejhasvi "Teju" Jaikumar

FARMWORKER AWARENESS WEEK

By Valeria Cortez, Community Engagement Student Fellow

With the leadership of the Serna Center and College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP), the Community Engagement Center assisted in the planning and execution of events and activities for the week of March 28th through April 1st. There was a book drive held throughout the week, where members of our community donated children's books that were given to the families of farmworkers. Andres Chavez, the grandson of Cesar Chavez, spoke to Sac State students and then engaged with them in an empowering conversation. We thank the Farmworker Awareness Week Committee for bringing such an important subject to life on our campus. All these events touched the hearts and stimulated the minds of many students, staff, faculty, and their families as we celebrated and appreciated the hard work of the farmworker community.



Andres Chavez, grandson of Cesar Chavez founder of the National Farm Workers Association

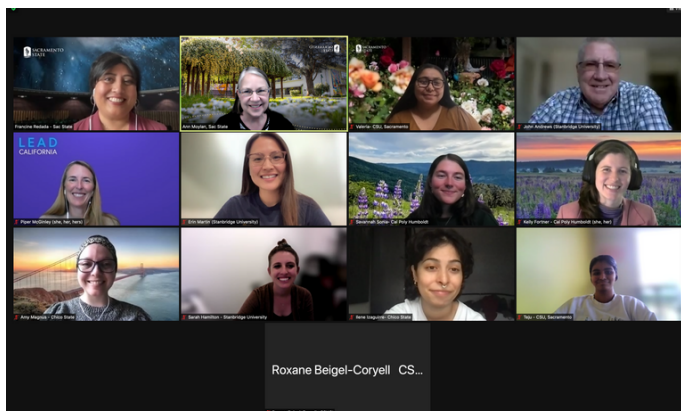
CRISJ COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FAIRE

By Tejhasvi Jaikumar, Community Engagement Student Fellow

On April 4, 2022, the Community Engagement Center (CEC) partnered with the Center on Race, Immigration and Social Justice (CRISJ) to host the Community Empowerment Faire. The faire included a panel event in which many organizations from the Sacramento area highlighted the work that they are involved with. Representatives from CEC participated in the planning meetings with a focus on selecting the presenting organizations which addressed issues related to immigration, policing, discrimination, and housing insecurity. These organizations promote the attitude that life is not about the circumstances, but how we react to the circumstances; and our challenge is to change not only the world, but also how we respond to the world.



FIRST ANNUAL CESF STATEWIDE CONFERENCE



Initiated and led by Sac State's two Community Engagement Student Fellows (CESF), Valeria Cortez and Teju Jaikumar, students, staff and faculty participated in the first Community Engagement Student Fellows state-wide conference. Thirteen participants represented six CA colleges. Students shared their varied experiences and impressive projects and together with faculty and staff discussed lessons learned from this impactful program.

NEW FACULTY ASSOCIATES



**Chong Choe-Smith,
Ph.D., J.D.**
Faculty Associate for
Community-Engaged
Learning

Chong Un Choe-Smith will be assuming her new role as Associate Professor of Philosophy in August 2022. She earned her J.D. at UC Davis School of Law and her Ph.D. in philosophy at Georgetown University. Dr. Choe-Smith previously served as a Senior Appellate Court Attorney with the California Court of Appeal. She teaches applied ethics, political philosophy, and the philosophy of law. Her research interests are broad and often concern human rights, animal ethics, and global justice. She currently serves as affiliated faculty with the Center for Practical and Professional Ethics and as a new faculty associate with the Community Engagement Center.

Dr. Choe-Smith's engaged ethics approach to teaching involves developing and teaching courses in moral, social, political, and legal philosophy, with an emphasis on social justice and experiential learning. She currently teaches a service-learning course in ethics, covering issues such as the philosophy of race, gender ethics, and immigration, and serves as the Philosophy Department's internship coordinator. Her current research also focuses on social or global justice, specifically migration ethics, and experiential learning with recent publications "Should Undocumented Immigrants Have Access to Public Benefits" in *Social Philosophy* and "Academic Internships in Philosophy" in *Teaching Philosophy*.



**Erin Rose Ellison,
Ph.D.**
Faculty Associate for
Community-Based
Research

Erin Rose Ellison, a community psychologist with over 15 years in the field, is an assistant professor of psychology, a member of the Anchor University Advisory Council, and a new Faculty Associate for Community Engaged Research at the CEC. Dr. Ellison received her Ph.D. in social psychology, with an emphasis in feminist studies, at UC Santa Cruz, and employs participatory action research (PAR), ethnography and social network analysis to study how relationships facilitate or constrain collective empowerment for groups lacking social power and an equitable share of resources. She often works in collaboration with youth in school-based programs or adult community organizers.

Dr. Ellison has been a boat cleaner, bartender, AmeriCorps member (rehabbing homes, working in a food bank, and delivering meals on wheels), a youth worker, non-profit worker, union and community organizer, urban farmer, evaluation researcher, and now a professor! When not working long days to make sure our awesome Sacramento State students have an excellent experience in the classroom and in community-based research, Dr. Ellison loves riding bikes, walking the cutest dogs ever (Rocky and Daphne), cooking, gardening, sailing, and creating!



COMMUNITY PARTNER SURVEY RESULTS

By Casey Knifsend, Ph.D. , Faculty Associate - Associate Professor,
Psychology

In February 2022, the Community Engagement Center surveyed all community partners with existing Academic Internship/Service Learning (IN/SL) agreements. This survey assessed the needs and opportunities for students during the Spring 2022, Summer 2022, and Fall 2022 terms. Looking towards the fall, over 30 of our community partners responded with ideas for student engagement in Fall 2022. Many partners, like the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Sacramento, described roles related to direct services (e.g., facilitating youth programming). Others, like Breakthrough Sacramento, noted capacity-building opportunities (e.g., conducting research on best practices for social and emotional learning). Desired majors spanned an array of programs across the Sacramento State campus and many partners noted they were open to exploring new ideas for collaboration. Please see our Fall 2022 Community Partner Needs and Opportunities Survey results on the Community Engagement Center website to connect with one or more of our valued community partners!



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

By Rachel August, Ph.D. , Faculty Associate - Professor, Psychology

The Community Engagement Center offered a new Professional Learning Community (PLC) in the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters titled "Cultivating Community-Engaged Faculty, Staff, and Students: Seeding the Anchor University". This PLC introduced the many opportunities for faculty, staff, and students to be engaged in the community and simultaneously support Sacramento State's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Anchor University initiatives. Participants heard presentations about creating academic internship programs, offering service learning and curricular community-engaged learning experiences, conducting community-engaged research, participating in community service, connecting with community partners, and more.

We were pleased to have a record number of 17 participants complete this PLC. Participants heard presentations from co-facilitators Ann Moylan, Rachel August, Kevin Ferreira van Leer, and Dana Kivel, and guest presenters Francine Redada and Erin Rose Ellison, and also joined in lively conversations and idea exchanges about community engagement. Each participant completed a detailed Three-year Community Engagement Action Plan which identified the community-related issues and community groups of most interest to them, key goals they plan to accomplish, strategies for reaching those goals, and outcomes anticipated as a result of reaching their goals. Participants presented their Action Plans and reflections on the PLC at the Center for Teaching and Learning Faculty and Professional Learning Communities Spring, 2022 Culminating Event.



THE NEW CURRICULAR COMMUNITY ENGAGED LEARNING COURSE DESIGNATION

By Chong Choe-Smith, Ph.D., J.D., Faculty Associate - Assistant Professor, Philosophy

The Community Engagement Center began to roll out the new CSU system-wide Curricular Community-Engaged Learning (CCEL) course designation this spring through focus groups and training videos that are posted on the CEC website.

CCEL is defined as “a course-based community service experience characterized by reciprocal partnerships that enhance student understanding, the outcomes of which benefit the common good.” The core elements of CCEL are:

- reciprocal partnerships,
- academically relevant community involvement, and
- a specific benefit to some shared material, cultural, or institutional interest of our broader community.

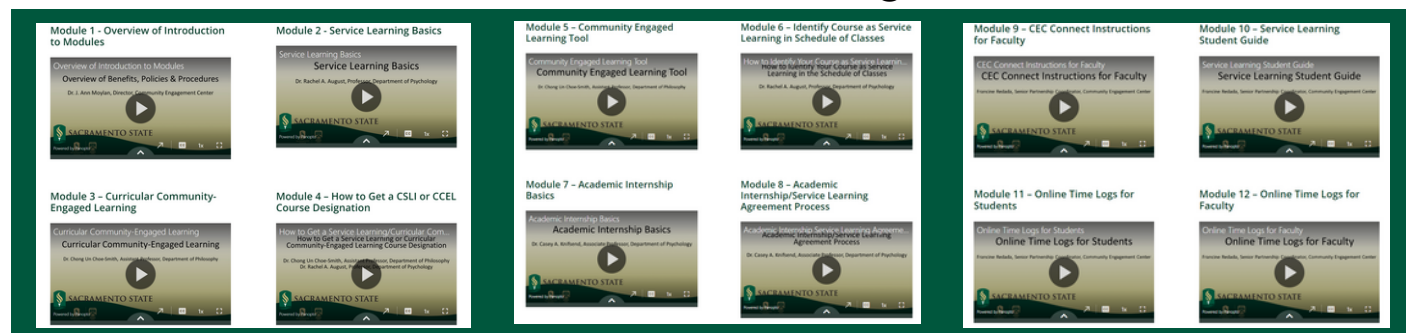
This course designation offers faculty a new avenue of participation in community-engaged learning that enhances student learning through impactful, hands-on interaction with our community partners. At the same time, because CCEL does not require all of the essential elements of service learning such as critical reflection assignments and integrated

assessment of civic learning goals, a CCEL opportunity can be more easily added to an existing course or designed into a new course.

One of the main motivations for creation of this new CCEL course designation is to capture all the meaningful and impactful ways our faculty and students partner with the community to advance student learning. Our faculty and students may be involved in various forms of community-engaged learning across the university and in our communities, but without the new course designation, those experiences were not being counted or celebrated. The new course designation will provide a way to draw attention to and recognize these important contributions to community engaged learning and our commitment to being an Anchor Institution in the greater Sacramento region.

The Community Engagement Center is eager to work with faculty to identify courses that may already or could potentially include a CCEL opportunity. Please take advantage of our new Resource and Training Modules on our website and reach out for further information.

New Resource and Training Modules



FRANCINE REDADA, RECEIVES AWARD OF APPRECIATION FOR 8 YEARS OF SERVICE

By Anthony Fajardo, Interim Volunteer & Program Specialist



During the April 2022 Network Café/CEC Showcase, CEC presented -now former- Senior Partnership Coordinator, Francine Redada, with an award in appreciation for 8 years, spanning from 2014-2022, of exceptional dedication and service to the Sacramento State campus and the Sacramento community. Francine was a key player in the support of service learning, in Sac State's utilization of the S4 CECconnect database, and throughout the CSU system as a member of the service-learning course designation working group at the chancellor's office. During her time with the CEC, Francine facilitated countless community partnerships between local service organizations and Sac State faculty/staff. She was instrumental in coordinating the Writing Partners program, guiding it through the transformation into a digital format during the pandemic through reaching out to University Tours and having regular meetings with faculty and elementary school students and teachers. She will be greatly missed as a member of the CEC office, the campus, and greater Sacramento community. Francine continues her commitment to academia and community engagement through her new position as College Corps Director for the University of the Pacific in Stockton. Congratulations, Francine!

CEC WELCOMES IRINA ALEKSEYEVA, CEC RESOURCE ANALYST



New to our team this year is Irina Alekseyeva, who joined Sacramento State and the Community Engagement Center as a Resource Analyst in 2021. Irina brings with her 13 years of higher education experience from various private universities. Her motto is 'Educate and Empower', which she practices when working with and providing training to the team. Irina leverages her technology and business acumen to create operational efficiencies within CEC. She is passionate about creative problem solving, relationship building, as well as budget and project management.

Community Engagement Center Staff



Ann Moylan, Ph.D. , CCLS, CFLE
*Director and Professor, Family
Studies & Human Development*



Irina Alekseyeva
Resource Analyst



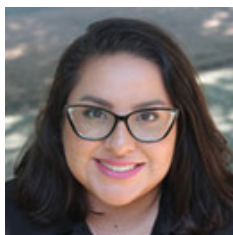
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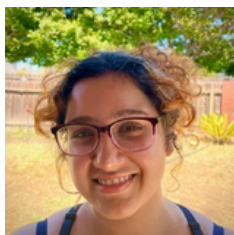
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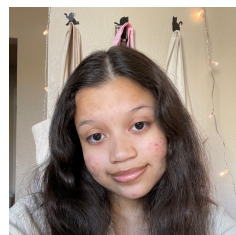
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Tania Arriaga
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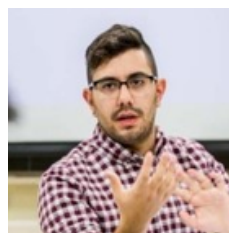
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It is with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to our two long-standing Student Leaders, Griselda Camacho and Jasmyn Washington, each of whom was with CEC for the past four years. We also bid farewell to the irreplaceable Francine Redada, Senior Partnership Coordinator, and Marisa Warnock, Volunteer and Program Specialist. We cannot thank these four enough for all their dedication in supporting and leading the CEC over the past several years. Also ending their roles with CEC this year are Dr. Dana Kivel and Dr. Rachel August. Their leadership over the past decade laid the groundwork for all that CEC has been able to accomplish, and their work on the Carnegie re-classification has set the standard for comprehensive, collaborative, exhaustive (and exhausting) work that effectively captured Sacramento State's commitment to institutionalizing community engagement.



MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

Our mission is to engage members of the Sacramento State campus through their educational experiences to become aware of and respond to local and global community concerns through community-engaged learning, volunteerism and academic internships.

Our vision is a campus climate that promotes community awareness and involvement and supports students to become civic-minded graduates who are actively engaged in making a difference both locally and globally.

Through an asset-based approach, CEC embraces and demonstrates the following core values: anti-racism, civic responsibility, collaboration, equity, inclusion, life-long learning, respect, and social justice.



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