

Hands On 2024 Year in Review



Collaboration. Partnerships. Relationships.

by Dr. J. Ann Moylan, CEC Director, 2020-2024

I am writing this introduction the day after our 2024 Hornet Community Bus Tour (HCBT). Now in its third year, the bus tour has proven to be one of the Community Engagement Center's (CEC) most impactful and memorable programs. Why? Because it demonstrates on so many levels the principle of collaboration, the power of partnerships, and the essential nature of relationships. Putting on the bus tour involves a collaborative process between CEC, the Anchor University team, and the Planning Committee. We work closely with community partners to coordinate the various stops on the tour and the community partners highlight the importance of collaboration in all the work they do in the community. They rely on each other; they work in partnership; they build relationships. Relationships are at the heart of decision making, program development, and program delivery.

As you read through this issue of the Hands-On Year in Review, please take note of the many examples of collaboration, partnerships and relationships evidenced here. And when you think of the Community Engagement Center, think CPR. We need more CPR. It is the lifeline. It is the hope.





Academic Internships & Service Learning

by Noel Mora, Community Partnership Coordinator

The Community Engagement Center (CEC) helps facilitate Academic Internships and Service Learning in several ways. All Community Partners (community organizations) that sponsor Academic Internships or Service-Learning opportunities must establish an Academic Internship/Service-Learning (IN/SL) Agreement with the university. Within the CEC, the Community Partnership Coordinator, Noel Mora, assists faculty and community partners with this process.

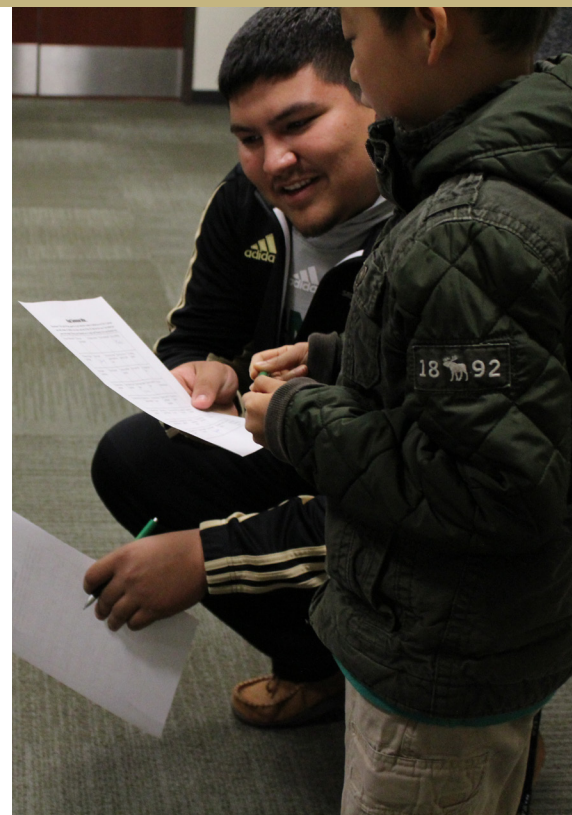


Academic Internships offer students an opportunity to work with qualified professionals in applying the skills and knowledge learned within the classroom to an on-the-job experience. Student interns tend to receive higher grades, do better in their overall coursework, and graduate faster because they are better able to see the relevance of coursework to real-world situations. Students also have the chance to “test” their career interests with an internship and will acquire work experience they can list on resumes and employment applications. In some cases, academic internships can provide students with a stipend or other payment for school tuition and expenses, and sometimes Academic Internships result in a job offer!



Service Learning is linked to specific courses and is a process of learning by doing that helps students deepen their understanding of course material. Students participate in on- or off-campus activities and experiences with a community partner, which may include businesses, non-profits, or governmental agencies. Faculty Associate for Community Engaged Learning, Dr. Chong Choe-Smith, assists faculty with obtaining course approval or re-approval as Service Learning or Curricular Community-Engaged Learning (CCEL) and supporting questions about Service-Learning pedagogy. This year, there are some notable new additions to our active community partners list, including Sacramento Public Library, Teichert, WEAVE INC., City of Citrus Heights, CA Chiropractic Association, and many more. For a complete list of current community partners, please visit the CEC website.

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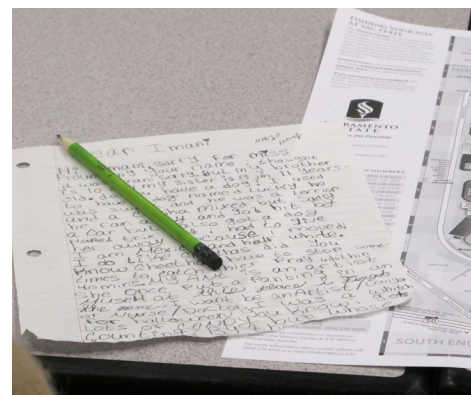


writing PARTNERS

by Noel Mora, Community Partnership Coordinator

The Writing Partners program at Sacramento State provides a Service-Learning experience that offers students an opportunity to teach and learn through a letter exchange with students from elementary schools in the Sacramento region. The program was founded in 2005 by former English Department faculty member, Dr. Catherine Gabor, who partnered with the Community Engagement Center (CEC) to pilot the program. The CEC continues to support the program by facilitating partnerships between faculty at Sacramento State and teachers at elementary schools in the local area.

In Fall 2023, there were approximately 486 Sacramento State students, and 465 K-12 students participating in the Writing Partners program. In Spring 2024, there were approximately 392 Sacramento State students, and 400 K-12 students participating in the Writing Partners program. This year saw an ongoing resurgence of in-person campus visits, which students have indicated is a highlight of the program. Many faculty and teachers opted for their classes to visit the planetarium, join a campus tour, or do outdoor activities to make their campus visits fun and engaging. The continued interest in the program, and testimonials from participants, are indications of the program's positive impact. The CEC looks forward to continuing support of the Writing Partners program.



WRITING PARTNERS ENROLLMENT:

Fall 2023
486 College students
465 K-12 students

Spring 2024
392 College students
400 K-12 students

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Alternative Break

A PROGRAM OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER

by Brooke Major, Volunteer and Program Specialist

Alternative Spring Break 2024 kicked off with beautiful weather and various exciting activities for Sac State volunteers to participate in. The Community Engagement Center's Alternative Break provides the opportunity for Sacramento State students, staff, faculty, and alumni to join different community and campus organizations, on and off campus, to make a positive impact during the week of Spring Break!

This year we collaborated with Sac State Sustainability, College Corps, and ASI H.E.A.T. to create a flexible 5-day experience by offering both on-campus and off-campus options. Various projects included clearing garden beds, composting, planting, harvesting, and leading garden activities with children in a local after-school program. We planted our roots at the BAC Yard on campus and at Sequoia Elementary School, where volunteers were educated on how to reduce our impact on the environment while gaining valuable gardening skills!

Our multiple-day event sprouted into being a great chance for volunteers to engage with campus partners while creating fruitful relationships throughout the week. Volunteers expressed their eagerness to serve in the community, learn the importance of sustainability efforts, develop leadership skills, and truly appreciate the environment we live in. The Community Engagement Center looks forward to continuing this annual tradition of meaningful service.



Day of Service

by Noel Mora, Community Partnership Coordinator

Thanksgiving Food Distribution with River City Food Bank

The CEC partnered with River City Food Bank to recruit volunteers for the annual Thanksgiving Food Distribution, which took place on November 17, 18, and 21. The event allowed students, staff, faculty, and alumni to volunteer their time and energy to distribute food to community members. Sac State volunteers joined community volunteers in organizing and offering food items including canned and dry foods, fresh fruits & vegetables, turkeys, and gift cards. The distribution events provide a powerful experience and positive environment with participation by a diverse mix of faculty, staff, alumni, and student volunteers. The impact was tremendous, with over 2,000 households receiving food for the Thanksgiving holiday!

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Participating Organizations

1. Alliance for Education Solutions (AES Impact)
2. Anti Recidivism Coalition
3. Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs
4. Asian Resources, Inc
5. California Coalition of Youth
6. Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution, Sac State
7. Center of Race, Immigration & Social Justice, Sac State
8. Community Engagement Center, Sac State
9. Community Justice Alliance Sac
10. Community Justice Collaborative
11. County of Sac Voter Registration and Elections
12. Jumpstart, Sac State
13. League of Women Voters – Sacramento
14. ONTRACK Soul Space
15. Sacramento LGBT Community Center
16. Sacramento Move to Amend
17. Sacramento NAACP
18. Sacramento Steps Forward
19. Wind Youth Services
20. Women's Empowerment



Civic Engagement Resource Fair

by Noel Mora, Community Partnership Coordinator

On Tuesday, October 10, 2023, the CEC coordinated the 7th annual Civic Engagement Resource Fair (CERF) at Sacramento State. The resource fair provided an opportunity for community partners to bring awareness to their organization's efforts, share resources for students, and create partnerships with Sacramento State and other community organizations.

Several campus and community partners participated in the event, as did students, staff, and faculty. Many connections were made with these diverse organizations that provided information and opportunities for volunteering, academic internships, service learning, and/or employment. Several organizations were also able to register voters and provide information about the primary and presidential elections. The CEC provided check in bags with our program information, pocket constitutions, and a bingo card of the participating partners with an event map. Sac State students were incentivized to visit at least 5 organizations to learn about their community efforts for a chance to win a Sac State blanket at our three drawings at the end of the event.

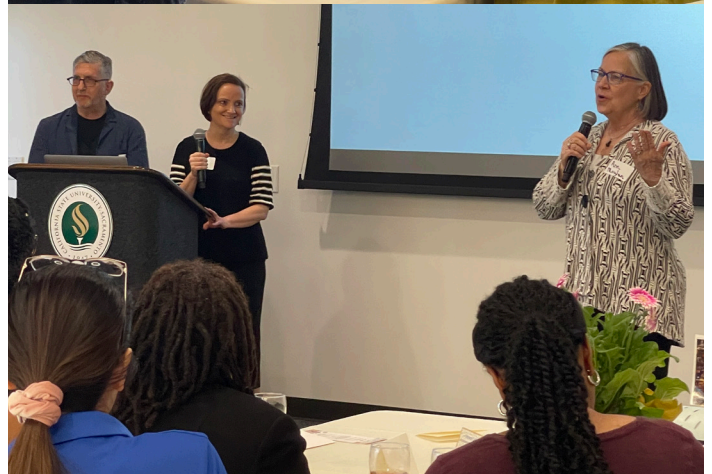
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Network Café
Making connections that matter

by Brooke Major, Volunteer & Program Specialist

Network Café began in 2003, through a partnership between the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services (SFBFS), Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), and United Way, to connect community resources and services to people in need. Beginning in January 2020, the Community Engagement Center took the lead in facilitating Network Café. All Network Café events attract a diverse audience of Sac State students, faculty, and community members seeking networking opportunities and collaborations. An average attendance of over 70 representatives from local non-profit organizations gather to learn about services, collaborate on issues, and generate solutions to serve our community. Community Organizations are invited to join Network Café as we continue to support local communities as they navigate the path to security, health, and prosperity.



Event Topics and Presenters | July 2023- June 2024

July 20, 2023: Birth Trauma Awareness, presented by Haley Myers Dillon, Director, Women's Resource Center Parents and Families Program, and Karis Joy Chiaji, Community Doula Health Advocate and trainer, Her Health First and Birthing Project USA (held virtually).

September 21, 2023: Deaf Awareness, presented by Licia Greeb, Development Director, CCHAT Sacramento, and Evan Hibbard, Assistant Professor, American Sign Language & Deaf Studies at Sac State (held virtually).

October 25, 2023: Immigration Support Services, presented by Roger Freeman, Anti-Trafficking Outreach & Training Specialist with Rescue.org and Julie Rietema, World Relief (held in person at the Harper Alumni Center at Sacramento State).

February 15, 2024: The Arts in Cross-Sector Work, presented by Michele Hillen-Noufer M.Ed., Executive Director, NorCal School of the Arts, and instructor, Theatre and Dance Department (held virtually).

April 18, 2024: Creative Space: A New Chapter for the Prison Arts Collective, presented by Dr. Stephen Blumberg, Director, School of Music at Sacramento State, and Professor Rachel Clarke, Chair, Art Department at Sacramento (held in person at The WELL, Sac State).

June 20, 2024: Restorative Justice in Prison and Community: Lessons and Opportunities, presented by Dr. Ernest Uwazie, Dr. Alexa Sardina, and Sarah Dominic-Cluck. Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution at Sac State (held in person in the Event Room, Sacramento State Downtown).

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Community Engagement Showcase

by Dr. J. Ann Moylan, Director, Community Engagement Center

The Community Engagement Center hosted the Annual Community Engagement Showcase on Thursday, April 18th from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in the Shoreline Room of The WELL. This year's theme was Community Engagement in Action: Cultivating Authentic Community Partnerships. Poster presentations highlighted the theme as it was reflected in signature and emerging community engagement projects, programs and activities. Twenty posters were selected this year, and presenters included faculty, staff, students and community members across most colleges and many departments and centers.

Dr. Rita Gallardo Good, Senior Associate Vice President, Office of Community Relations and Campus Engagement, visited the showcase and provided words of appreciation for the collaborative work that is reflected in this signature Anchor University and Community Engagement Center event. The Showcase is a reminder of all the collaborative work that goes on throughout the year linking the campus and the community in meaningful and mutually beneficial ways.



Showcase Presenters

1. **Abbie S. Jirde:** Institute for Social Research, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, (SSIS) in partnership with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA)
2. **Angela Clark-Oates:** Department of English, College of Arts and Letters (A&L), in partnership with 916 Ink
3. **Casey Knifsend:** Department of Psychology, College of SSIS, in partnership with Boys and Girls Club of Greater Sacramento
4. **Chloe Burke:** Department of History, College of A&L, in partnership with Sacramento History Day and National History Day - California
5. **Erin Kaplan:** Department of Theatre & Dance, College of A&L, in partnership with Folsom Men's Correctional Facility/Prison Arts Collective
6. **Ernest Uwazie:** Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution & Criminal Justice, College of Health and Human Services, in partnership with California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation (CDCR)
7. **Eliza Gregory:** Design, College of A&L, in partnership with Verge Center for the Arts
8. **Jas Pannu:** Mathematics and Statistics, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (NSM), in partnership with Markofer Elementary School
9. **Julian Fulton:** Environmental Studies Department, College of SSIS, in partnership with Keep California Beautiful
10. **Keyla Gonzalez:** Sacramento State Honors Program, in partnership with Irish Heritage School
11. **Marque Willis:** EDD Educational Leadership and Development, College of Education, in partnership with Elk Grove Unified School District
12. **Melissa Repa:** Career Center, Division of Student Services, in partnership with EdTechquity, Roberts Family, Square Root Academy, Mutual Housing California, and others
13. **Preetham Kumar:** Electrical & Electronic Engineering, College of Engineering and Computer Science (ECS), in partnership with local veterinary and medical clinics
14. **Rachelle Davis & Lupita Zavala:** College Corps, Sacramento State Career Center, Division of Student Affairs, in partnership with various community partners
15. **Samantha Blackburn:** Department of Nursing, College of HHS, in partnership with Folsom Cordova USD Schools
16. **Sayonita Ghosh Hajra:** Department of Mathematics and Statistics, College of NSM, in partnership with Fern Bacon Middle School, Miwok Middle School, Cardiovascular Wellness Program, Margaret McDowell Manor, Hiram Johnson High School, and Luther Burbank High School
17. **Shelby Moffatt:** Criminal Justice, College of HHS, in partnership with Law Enforcement Candidate Scholars' Program
18. **Tara Hardee Teodoro:** Enrollment and Engagement, CA Competes, Division of Student Affairs, in partnership with local community colleges and high schools
19. **Theresa Abah:** Gerontology Department, College of SSIS, Margaret McDowell Manor
20. **Tina Torres:** Sacramento State's Project Attain and K-16 Collaborative, Enrollment and Engagement, in partnership with local community colleges and high schools

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Jumpstart

by Fernanda Arteaga, Jumpstart Program Assistant

Jumpstart is a national early education non-profit program dedicated to providing children in underserved communities with social-emotional, literacy, and language skills to successfully prepare them for kindergarten and future education. Sacramento State supports Jumpstart's mission of providing equal education opportunities to early learners.

Sac State students are provided the opportunity to train with Jumpstart to become a Corps Member and teach crucial academic and social skills at various Sacramento Education and Training Authority (SETA) Head Start locations. Members are trained to deliver high-quality education and promote systemic change through their advocacy, leadership, and teaching. Serving as an aid to teachers, Corps Members visit schools in teams and work directly with children in selected classrooms.

Several opportunities for leadership roles are also available to Corps Members through Jumpstart events, including a hosted family engagement night, volunteer events, and community service. Participation in these activities provides members with valuable experience and assists with building initiative and acquiring workforce skills.



Katherine Abu, MM,
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Hornet Community Bus Tour

by Samantha Blackburn, Faculty Associate

Now in its third year, the Hornet Community Bus Tour is an opportunity for faculty, staff, and administrators to gain a deeper appreciation for Sacramento from historical, social, and geographical perspectives. Through visits with community organizations across two days, participants are able to listen and learn about the Sacramento region, particularly North and South Sacramento. In keeping with the University's mission as a community-engaged campus, this tour fosters mutually beneficial partnerships between faculty, staff, and community partners - across teaching, research, and service. This year, the bus tour included stops to learn about:

- Housing programs at an affordable housing site operated by Mercy Housing
- Civic engagement organizations at the Sacramento State Downtown building
- Local artists at the Verge Center for the Arts and SOL Collective
- Student health and wellness at Grant Union High School
- Food access and localization at Fruitridge Community Collaborative
- A variety of social and employment services at Lao Family Community Development
- Future mobility innovations at California Mobility Center

Approximately 7 staff members, 7 administrators, and 36 faculty joined this year's bus tour from across colleges, departments, and divisions. This important and impactful experience could not be provided without the planning committee, co-chairs, and the CEC Team! Special thanks to this year's co-chairs, Elisa Trimboli, Noel Mora, and Dr. Erin Rose Ellison; and to Professor Emeritus of Geography, Robin Dattel, who expertly researches, writes and narrates the tour. Planning team members also included Irina Alekseyeva, Dr. Samantha Blackburn, Dr. Mary Breunig, Dr. Darcy Fudge, Dr. Rita Gallardo Good, Dr. Will Gow, Dr. Jaime Jackson, Dr. Leah Joyner, Dr. Dana Kivel, Brooke Major, Dr. Ann Moylan, Dr. Patrick Oberle, Linda Ram, Dr. Mary Lee Vance, and Kimberlee Walker.

Community Engagement Student Fellowship

Community Engaged Student Fellows – LEAD California (2023-2024)

The Community Engagement Center, in collaboration with LEAD California, awarded four student fellowships for the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 semesters. The Youth Voice, Youth Vote, and Community Engagement Student Fellowship are opportunities for students to get more involved in service-learning and civic engagement, both on and off campus. The fellowships help students grow in leadership and community building skills, and students work with the Community Partnership Coordinator to find projects and programs to support. Students also focus on addressing major issues confronting various communities and engage students on campus with the community. Student fellows collaborated with various organizations, including the Center on Immigration, and Social Justice (CRISJ), and League of Women Voters of Sacramento, Students for Quality Education, NorCal Resist, Alchemist CDC, and the River City Food Bank.



Cindy Angeles

Community Engagement Student Fellowship (Spring 2024)

Cindy (she/her) is a second-year student at Sacramento State and is majoring in Communication Sciences & Disorders and minoring in Social Justice in Education. She hopes to pursue further education in the audiology program to become a pediatric audiologist! She also works as an afterschool instructor and event coordinator for a comprehensive afterschool program at a local elementary school. In her free time, she enjoys watercolor painting and playing volleyball! She cannot wait to work with the community!



Fatima Jeronimo-Vazquez

Youth Voice, Youth Vote Fellowship (Fall 2023)

Fatima Jeronimo-Vazquez is a first-generation student graduating with her BA in Child and Adolescent Development in Social and Community Context at Sacramento State. Through her involvement with various organizations and programs on campus, including the CEC, she has gained valuable experience she hopes to take with her into her future career in social work. She plans to pursue her master's degree after taking some time to explore the career field and gain more experience.



Mika Kula

Youth Voice, Youth Vote Fellowship (Spring 2024)

Mika is a second-year student at Sacramento State and is part of the GE Honors Program. She is majoring in Business Administration and minoring in Astronomy. Some of her interests include ceramics, astrophotography, city planning, and art!



Saniya Patel

Community Engagement Student Fellowship (Spring 2024)

Saniya is an international student at Sacramento State, originally from India. She is pursuing her bachelor's degree in computer science with a minor in mathematics. She has a passion for technology and loves problem solving, so she knew that a STEM career was the right path for her. She loves travelling and she knows two more languages, which are Hindi and Gujarati.

Integrating Community Engagement into Your Academic Career



Community Engagement Center (CEC) | Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL)

Facilitators: Ann Moylan, Chong Choe-Smith, and Erin Rose Ellison

The Community Engagement Center collaborated with the Center for Teaching and Learning in Fall 2023 to offer a Faculty Learning Community (FLC) on Integrating Community Engagement into your Academic Career. This FLC included training on community-engaged learning, community-based research, and the best practices for integrating mutually beneficial, collaborative, and equitable community engagement into one's research, teaching and service.

Each FLC participant develops a three-year action plan identifying practical steps for putting what they have learned into action. One example comes from Assistant Professor Derek Lam's new Service Learning version of PHIL 145A Chinese Philosophy, which

takes insights from Confucian philosophy to better understand mobilization efforts of non-profit labor organizations. Dr. Lam developed a strategy for integrating community engagement into his pedagogy and research in Fall 2023 and will now offer his new Service Learning course in Fall 2024. Other FLC participants from the Fall 2023 cohort have gone on to apply for an Anchor University Grant to fund their community-engaged research or pedagogy. Professional development through FLCs and other workshops continues to be one of the most effective ways for faculty to develop innovative community engaged courses or research projects that support their professional goals and enhance our students' experiences.



State and National Professional Engagement

by Dr. J. Ann Moylan, CEC Director

The faculty and staff affiliated with the Community Engagement Center actively engage in activities that extend our impact beyond the campus.

Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities, Washington, DC, October 2023.

Dr. J. Ann Moylan, Noel Mora, Dr. Chong Choe-Smith and Rachelle Davis presented a poster, "Community Engagement: Action for Social Justice." The poster highlighted the work CEC has undertaken to address equity gaps that may exist among the students who participate in CEC programs, such as Writing Partners and Academic Internships, as well as equity gaps that may exist in the populations served by these programs.

Middle Leadership Academy, Student Success Network, February 2024, Folsom, CA and April 2024, San Diego, CA.

Dr. J. Ann Moylan, Dr. Chong Choe-Smith, Dr. Melissa Repa, Noel Mora, Nicole Franco and Dr. Tina Torres presented their project "Equitable Access to For-Credit and Paid Internships." This project highlights existing

inequities in Academic Internship participation rates for Black and Latinx students and aims to inform campus leadership about national and local research on this topic. The project resulted in recommendations for ensuring that all students have equitable access to internships and paid work opportunities on campus and in the community.

Campus Compact Conference, Denver, CO, April 2024.

Dr. Sam Blackburn, Associate Professor of Nursing, CEC Faculty Associate, Jumpstart Principal Investigator, and incoming CEC Director, attended the 2024 Campus Compact Conference, meeting up with others from Sacramento State as well as others in the CSU. Dr. Blackburn strategically attended workshops aligned with the initiatives on our campus, especially those closely tied to the work of the CEC and Anchor University.



New Staff Spotlights



Katherine Abu, Jumpstart Site Manager

The Community Engagement Center (CEC) is excited to announce our new Jumpstart Site Manager, Katherine Abu, who joined the team in October 2023. Katherine is a first-generation Sierra Leonan-American with extensive experience with social impact organizations, nonprofits and in the education realm in underserved communities. After acquiring her B.A in Sociology from the University of San Francisco, Katherine spent six years as an educator, working with all grade levels, from pre-school to high school. After completing her master's degree in management from Oakland's Mills College, she spent the remainder of her time working with social impact and nonprofit organizations. Katherine is ecstatic to join the CEC team and serve the Jumpstart mission!

Brooke Major, Volunteer & Program Specialist

New to our team this year is Brooke Major, who joined Sacramento State and the Community Engagement Center as Volunteer and Program Specialist, in February 2024. Brooke is a Chico State University Alumna, which is where she built her passion for community engagement through volunteering and internships on and off campus. She brings her previous experience developing and coordinating programs to this role, aiming to provide enriching volunteer opportunities to the campus and community. Brooke is dedicated to creating exciting programs, partnerships, and experiences for the Hornet family to further enhance Sacramento State's commitment to student success.



David DeSpain, Administrative Support Coordinator II

David DeSpain joined Sacramento State and the Community Engagement Center as their Administrative Support Coordinator II, in May 2024. David is a graduate of University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign and a 6-year veteran of the United States Air Force. He has many years of experience managing office operations in military, corporate, and higher education environments. He is passionate about community engagement and believes that involving students in community partnerships is paramount to the educational fabric of a university. He is excited to serve students and the community in his new role.

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Faculty Associates



Dr. Samantha Blackburn

Faculty Associate for Assessment and Jumpstart Principal Investigator

In her role as Faculty Associate for Assessment, Dr. Samantha Blackburn coordinated multiple program assessment efforts within the CEC. She also served as the Principal Investigator for the Jumpstart grant this spring, supporting the overall project through which paid Sac State interns promote literacy and social-emotional learning in local Head Start programs. Dr. Blackburn also served on the Hornet Community Bus Tour Planning Committee, collaborated with Anchor staff and faculty on professional development planning, presented at the Annual Community Engagement Showcase, and participated in the Antiracism and Inclusive Campus Plan's Becoming Showcase.

Dr. Chong Choe-Smith

Faculty Associate for Community-Engaged Learning: Service Learning (CSLI) and Curricular Community-Engaged Learning (CCEL) and Team Member, Middle Leadership Academy

Dr. Choe-Smith provides faculty with ongoing support on Service Learning, Curricular Community-Engaged Learning, and the Community-Engaged Learning Tool. Highlights from the year include: co-facilitating a fall 2023 Faculty Learning Community on Integrating Community Engagement into your Academic Career; presenting with CEC colleagues on Community Engagement: Action for Social Justice at the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities (CUMU) conference in Washington, D.C., in October 2023; and participating in Sacramento State's 2023-2024 Middle Leadership Academy team project on equitable access to for-credit and paid internships.



Dr. Erin Rose Ellison

Faculty Associate for Community-Based Research (CBR) and Co-Chair, Hornet Community Bus Tour

Dr. Erin Rose Ellison provides leadership in moving the Community Engagement Center toward a more active role in supporting faculty and students who are engaged in or interested in becoming engaged in community-based research. Throughout the year she responded to inquiries and provided consultation for faculty and staff on community-based research, community engaged learning more broadly, and partnership development. Dr. Ellison was also a facilitator for the Faculty Learning Community, Integrating Community Engagement into your Academic Career, and a co-chair for the Hornet Community Bus Tour.

Community Engagement Center Staff



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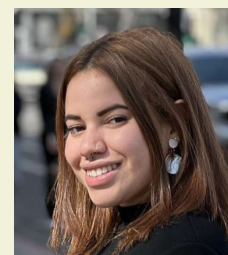
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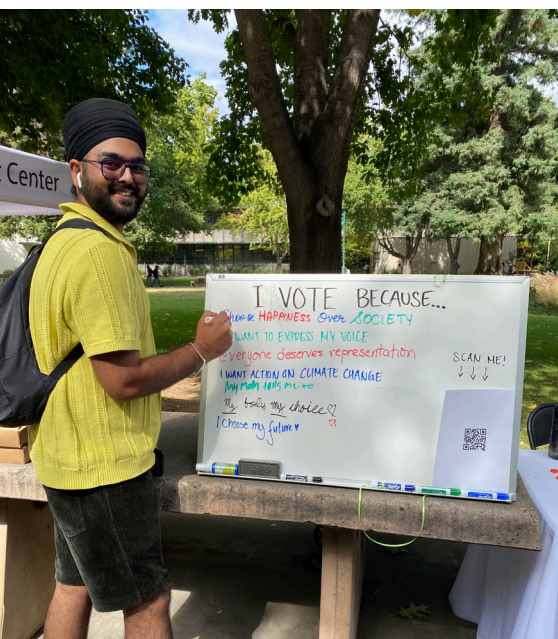
Concluding Remarks

by Dr. J. Ann Moylan, CEC Director

In reflecting on my five years with the Community Engagement Center, I take great pride in what we have achieved, while also being humbled by the work that remains to be done. While continuing to support faculty and students with Service-Learning courses and Academic Internships, we have updated processes for approving community-engaged learning courses, greatly increased the number of community partners approved to host student learners and instituted several new volunteer programs. In addition, we have planned and coordinated Network Café since 2020, Jumpstart since 2021 and, along with the team, the Hornet Community Bus Tour since 2022.

To better facilitate campus-community partnerships, we have created a Community Partners in Context map. Community partners can be seen in the context of such variables as neighborhood, household income, and public transportation. We also improved our communications with the campus by developing *The Bridge*, a newsletter for faculty, staff and administrators, and *CEC Connections*, a newsletter that goes out to all Sac State students informing them of volunteer, training, and professional-development opportunities and resources.

CEC continues to make a significant positive impact on and alongside the campus and the community. We work hand in hand with community members and organizations on common concerns, while also recognizing and celebrating community assets and the diversity of our region. The bottom line is we cannot do this work without YOU. Please look for your place in this community-engaged work. Whether you are on campus, in the community, or both, please join us in making Sacramento a stronger, healthier, more equitable, just, and caring region. Let us provide positive examples to the rest of the nation.



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