



**APRIL-MAY 2023**



## THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORTERS OF OUR FRIENDRAISER CELEBRATION

Thank you to everyone who joined us as we celebrated the 21st anniversary of the Leo T. McCarthy Center and the 2023 Community Partner Award winners. We had an amazing time with the center's new and old friends, showcasing our programs, and expressing appreciation for our community partnerships throughout the city.

We were honored to have San Francisco District 1 Supervisor Connie Chan join us as a guest speaker and thrilled to have Project Level entertain us and the USF Don on-site to greet everyone. We are grateful for each attendee who shared space with one another during a night of tacos, friendship, and community.

## Note From the Senior Director

As we get closer to the end of the academic year, I want to congratulate all of our graduates who have walked through the McCarthy Center's doors. You have worked hard day in and day out with an unwavering commitment to making a difference in this world. I have seen you become agents of change, and I'm excited to watch as you navigate your path to making tremendous strides for the common good.

Summertime, here we come! I'm pumped up and can't wait for our summer programs to kick off. Our McCarthy Fellows in Sacramento and Equity Interns program will begin in May, with Engage San Francisco summer literacy programs to follow. These are just some of the ways that the McCarthy Center amplifies our mission year-round. Let's do it!

Derick E. Brown  
Senior Director, Leo T. McCarthy Center



## GOOD LUCK MCCARTHY FELLOWS IN SACRAMENTO

The 2023 class of McCarthy fellows joined students from Loyola Marymount University, University of Southern California, St. Mary's College, Chabot College, and California State University-Fullerton earlier this semester at the annual Sacramento Legislative Seminar.

The Fellows engaged in rich discussions about the intricacies of the state public policy process with executive officers, legislators, legislative staff, campaign directors, lobbyists, and journalists. In readying for their 12-week fellowships beginning in May, the fellows met and networked with alumni in the Sacramento area, friends, supporters, and former staff of Lt. Gov. Leo T. McCarthy.





## Congratulations to the 2023 Blakley Scholars

Shennel Henries (above left) is an international studies major with a concentration in global politics and society and legal studies minor, interning at the Thurgood Marshall Civil Rights Center and the African American Redress Network.

Memar Ivy (above center) is an international studies major, interning with

the Democratic staff of the Joint Economic Committee through Chairman-designate Sen. Martin Heinrich.

Ashlyn Glancy (above right) is a sophomore studying politics, currently interning for California Sen. Alex Padilla in support of legislative affairs priorities.



## HONORING THE COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD-WINNERS

The Engage SF Partnership Award recognized Miriam Desmukes, director of Prince Hall Learning Center. The Community Co-Educator Award was presented to the 826 Valencia volunteer management team. The Changemaker Award was given to Silena Layne, program manager and steward of community at Faithful Fools. The Trailblazer Award was presented to Rudy Corpuz, founder of United Playaz.



## CALLING FOR SUMMER EQUITY INTERNS

Are you passionate about education and youth empowerment? Come support summer learning and educational equity by being an equity intern! In this summer program, equity interns spend eight weeks in full-time, paid fellowships supporting the YMCA of San Francisco's Power Scholars Academy. Develop knowledge and skills to work collectively toward a civic purpose, to educate and empower children and youth, and to accomplish professional responsibilities. Deadline: April 26. <https://tinyurl.com/equityinterns>



## CITY ATTORNEY DAVID CHIU VISITS MCCARTHY CENTER

Earlier this month, City Attorney of San Francisco David Chiu met with a cohort of McCarthy Center students for an intimate conversation in the center's classroom and offices. When he was a California state assembly member representing the 17th Assembly District, Chiu hosted McCarthy fellows in his Sacramento legislative office. Our students got the chance to connect with him directly, gaining insight into the connection between public service and policymaking and the local community.



## COMMUNITY PARTNER CO-EDUCATORS MAKE NEW CEL PLANS

Over a dozen of our community partners represented above are participating this semester in the Community Partner Co-educator Fellowship, a five week seminar where they are learning guiding practices for partnering with USF and our students. We look forward to hearing the final reports of the fellowship—learning about the connections they've made to their colleagues, other nonprofit experts, and the McCarthy Center staff. We're looking forward to the beautiful, mutually beneficial partnerships that are soon to come.

## McCarthy Center Events

May 4 | 6:30 p.m. USFVotes General Meeting  
Leo T. McCarthy Center

May 12 | 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Orientations for USF in DC and  
McCarthy Fellows in Sacramento  
and San Francisco  
Leo T. McCarthy Center

May 10 | 6-8 p.m. McCarthy Center  
Year-end Celebration  
Lone Mountain 100

May 18-20 Commencement  
St. Ignatius Church

Stay informed on the McCarthy Center's students, alumni, staff, and partners in 2023.

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