



February–March 2024



USF IN D.C. FELLOWS HIT THE CAPITOL

Meet this spring’s cohort of USF in D.C. fellows! Earlier last month Cindy Hoang, Paola Saavedra, Kyla Menconi, Maximilian Amend, Mitchell Dombrowski, Phoebe Perkins, Antonio Gomez, Forrest Cameron, and Taylor Matoba set out for the snow-packed East Coast, ready to begin a transformative opportunity to live in, learn about, and explore all that Washington, D.C., has to offer. We look forward to hearing their stories from the frontlines over the next five months. Read more: <https://usfblogs.usfca.edu/mccarthy/>

Note From the Senior Director



As we step into the spring semester of 2024, the center is abuzz with exciting news and upcoming events. We’ll celebrate Engage San Francisco’s 10-year milestone and the 10th year of offering Community Partner Co-Educators Fellowship. We are opening the doors for our fourth cohort of Equity Interns and a new class of McCarthy Fellows in Sacramento.

We are thrilled to introduce two new board members, Silena Layne and Jimi Harris. Their diverse expertise and commitment will undoubtedly enrich the McCarthy Center experience.



SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 5:30-7:30 PM
AFRICAN AMERICAN ART & CULTURE COMPLEX
762 FULTON STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 94102

We continue to build connections, foster knowledge, and create positive change together. Thank you for being a vital part of the McCarthy Center community. Wishing you a fantastic start to the new calendar year!

Derick E. Brown
Senior Director



Engage San Francisco Takes the Stage at KQED's Night of Ideas

The McCarthy Center continues its partnership with KQED this spring with a presentation in the lineup in Night of Ideas, an annual event bringing together local cultural organizations, leading thinkers, and artists to contemplate a city life that is more just, culturally vibrant, and sustainable. Join us for an Engage Literacy

panel including staff, alums, community, and School of Education partners that will share Cultural Humility and Literacy of Place with The Fillmore on Saturday, March 2, at 8 p.m. at the San Francisco Public Library's Main Branch. Read more: <https://usfblogs.usfca.edu/mccarthy/>

USF RISING MENTORSHIPS COME TO CAMPUS

In 2024, the McCarthy Center kicks off the USF Rising Youth Mentorship program—bringing USF students and young mentees through community partners together to foster lasting connections while emphasizing college opportunities. Look for our students and young people on visits to the Hilltop's Innovation Hive, simulation center, and skills labs.



STUDENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT: EVAN CAJIGAS

Finance major Evan Cajigas '24 recently shared his journey as a McCarthy Fellow with the San Francisco Fire Department. Guided by the McCarthy Center's equity mission, he dove into the Behavioral Health Unit under Capt. Heather Buren. Through trials and revelations, his story illuminates the complexities of public service and the pursuit of fostering a supportive environment by shedding light on the challenges and triumphs of mental health support in public service. Read his guest blog post: <https://usfblogs.usfca.edu/mccarthy/>



USFVOTES PREPARES FOR SUPER TUESDAY

March 5 is Super Tuesday, and that means the USFVotes Vote Everywhere Team will be on hand to support everyone on this important day, including hosting two campus polling places, open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., tabling locations across campus with headquarters located in University Center for assistance to the polls, ballot info, and election day goodies. In the evening, all are invited for the traditional Election Watch Party starting at 4:30 p.m. A 24/7 election hotline will be available at usfvotes@usfca.edu or DM on Instagram @usfvotes



WELCOME NEW BOARD ADVISERS

Jimi Harris, left, is the community relations chief, overseeing giving for PG&E's community investment program. A native San Franciscan and USF Law School alum, Jimi has served on the boards of the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center and the Willie L. Brown Jr. Institute.

Silena Layne, right, co-founded YOU Choose and Opportunity Impact, and currently supports the Tenderloin through her work at Faithful Fools. Silena '03 is a USF alum and continues to be an educator, advocate, and community leader passionate about equitable change.

McCarthy Center Events

March 2 Night of Ideas: Engage San Francisco Literacy | 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
San Francisco Public Library, 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco

March 19 PSCE Minor Information Session
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Masonic 105
Zoom Meeting ID: 613 920 0819

March 5 USFVotes Super Tuesday
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
UC 1st Floor and multiple Hilltop locations

April 19 Engage San Francisco 10th Anniversary | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
African American Art & Culture Complex
762 Fulton Street, San Francisco

Stay informed on the McCarthy Center's students, alums, partners, and staff in 2024.

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