

# CASA NEWS

Quarterly Newsletter

CASA Pitzer advances critical analysis and community partnerships around the most pressing issues in Southern California's Inland Region. The CASA community center in downtown Ontario brings local residents, organizers, activists, artists, and nonprofits together with Pitzer College faculty and Claremont College students to build community and enact social change. The CASA academic program (a two-course community engagement and action research program) facilitates student internships and community-based participatory research on issues of regional equity and justice pertaining to incarceration, immigration, education, environment, labor, art, culture, and health.

We want to remind all faculty, students, staff and community partners that you may now apply for funds to support your community-based classes, research or other collaborative projects and events, trainings, workshops, or celebrations! CASA's beautiful Pitzer facility in downtown Ontario is free to use for all community and justice-oriented gatherings.

*Our focus areas:*

## SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Supports the development of local arts, teaching, and research engagement with current and new community partners and greater numbers of students and faculty.

## KNOW JUSTICE, KNOW PEACE

Provides community-building and healing resources, tools, and training to organizers on the frontlines of injustice and trauma.

## VIBRANT COMMUNITY

Funds partner-led programming that advances community awareness, advocacy, and collaboration.

## PARTNER STIPENDS

Supports our core community partners who work with our students on regional issues of equity and justice.



Visit [www.pitzer.edu/casa-pitzer](http://www.pitzer.edu/casa-pitzer) to learn more about CASA. Click to [apply for grant funds](#) or to [reserve CASA](#). Register soon for CASA Fall courses! For detailed questions, contact [casa@pitzer.edu](mailto:casa@pitzer.edu).

*Join us for upcoming events at CASA:*  
*Community mural making: April 15, 10-3*  
*Alumni panel & reception: April 27, 4-6*  
*CASA action research gala: May 8, 5-7*  
*Ontario Art Walk: May 20, 6-9*

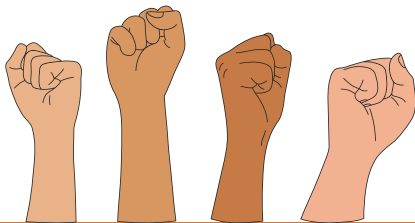
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## MEET OUR NEW ACTIVIST SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE



**Esmeralda Santos** is a graduate from the University of California, Riverside and works as the Movement Strategy Associate at the Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice. Esmeralda enjoys sunny days on the beach, tarot reading, and spending time with her cat! She is passionate about immigrant rights, learning about the environment and using education as a tool to uplift her community.



CASA Pitzer's Activist Scholar in Residence Program seeks to give activists time and space to reflect, and reimagine their work, while also providing them with institutional support for their growth and engagement with other organizers in the region, as well as members of the Pitzer College community.

## MEET OUR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



**Paulina Gonzalez**  
Administrative Assistant  
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Paulina Gonzalez is an IE local who graduated from UC Santa Cruz in 2022 with degrees in Legal Studies and Sociology. We are so excited that she joined our CASA community this winter as our Administrative Assistant, where she supports our space, academic program, and all those who engage with CASA.

Interested in being next year's  
Activist Scholar in Residence?  
Apply [here!](#)