Weekly Spotlight

California Assembly Bill No. 101 has passed! The bill will add one semester of ethnic studies to California’s public high school graduation requirements.

The law will teach high schoolers about the struggles and contributions of marginalized ethnic groups, which have often been ignored in mainstream curriculum. In his signing message, Governor Gavin Newsom emphasized that “students deserve to see themselves in their studies, and they must understand our nation’s full history if we expect them to one day build a more just society.” The bill represents a huge win for the students of California’s highly diverse public school system.

California’s College for All Coalition is a California-based, community-led coalition of 70+ student, parent, education, labor, faith, & civil rights orgs who promote social justice in public higher education. We’d like to highlight their incredible organizing work that helped pass this bill. Check out College for All’s Facebook and Twitter for more information.

Interested in learning more? Watch the recording of the College for All Organizing panel put on by The People’s Pitzer on October 13th featuring Pitzer Emeritus Professor Jose Calderon, Pitzer Latin@ Studies & Sociology senior Melanie Andreo, Pasadena Unified School District Director of Pupil Resources Cesar Casarrubias, Pomona Education Coalition member Fabian Nunez, and Chaffey High School Social Science Teacher Oscar Segovia.
Volunteers Needed

Every year, Pitzer works with Project Pericles to promote civic engagement within higher education through a letter-writing project: Debating for Democracy (D4D). D4D is an annual competition where students research, develop, and advocate their opinions and positions on current public policy issues. Students will produce a co-written, two page letter to an elected official advocating for a legislative response to a current issue. The primary goal of D4D is to inspire and encourage all participants to become successful and resourceful advocates in their community. Out of the thirty Periclean institutions, five winning teams will be selected to receive $500 towards mobilizing on their issue back at their home college the following year. Interested in participating? Learn more in the official Request for Proposals (RFP) here or reach out to aneuburg@students.pitzer.edu.

October Events

October 28 @ 5:30 pm: National Lawyers Guild Know Your Rights

Virtual Event - Register here

Join the CEC and National Lawyers Guild of Los Angeles for a training on legal rights for protest and other potential encounters with law enforcement. For more information, contact immediate_action@pitzer.edu.
Save the Date

Tuesday, November 9 @ 6-7:30 pm: Trans Policy and Rights with Joanna Atzerbaum-Chang

Virtual Event

Join PZ alum Joanna Atzerbaum-Chang for a discussion on trans policy and rights in California.

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