Weekly Spotlight : California Center for Ethics and Policy

The California Center for Ethics and Policy (CCEP), located in Pomona, focuses on the intersection of policy and ethical challenges in California. Recognizing our state’s role in national and global leadership, the CCEP identifies and helps implement “reasoned, evidence based solutions” to ethical legislative challenges.

Want to learn more? Check out their website or podcast: Securing Justice: A CCEP Podcast on Housing Insecurity in California.

Volunteers Needed

Debating for Democracy Letter Writing Competition

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. Pitzer students will produce a co-written (two Pitzer/non-senior students minimum), two page letter to a federal or state 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 about this competition by reviewing the Request for Proposals (RFP) here and our rubric based on the RFP to guide letter writing here. Letters are due in March 2022 but we recommend getting started as soon as
possible. You can view previous winning letters here as well as a helpful infographic we have created here. TPP will host a letter-writing workshop later this month to assist students interested in participating. If you need more information, please reach out to aneuburg@students.pitzer.edu.

### Upcoming Events

**Laspa Center for Leadership Elect Her Training**  
February 25 @ 10:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Virtual Event

The Laspa Center is again partnering with Running Start to host the Elect Her Training on February 25 from 10:00 - 12:30 p.m. It will be virtual this year. Student and alums across the 7Cs are invited to participate. This is a unique nonpartisan training for women and gender fluid individuals on how to run for political office. The goal is to advance gender equity in this and other arenas.

The training includes a 1-hour panel discussion with elected officials that they hope to announce soon. Attendees will also have a chance to develop an elevator speech about an issue they care about and map out a potential network of support. Past participants report that the Elect Her training had a positive impact on their confidence, intention, and decision to run for student government and public office.

All 7C students are invited to take advantage of this great training as it is only offered every 2 years.

**Pitzer Industry Series: Public Policy/Government**  
March 1 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Virtual Event

Hosted by Career Services, this event will feature a winter break shadowing host working in public policy and government at Google.

This program is part of a series that provides us with a regular platform for Pitzer alumni and families as well as employers to discuss careers in a variety of fields. In typical Pitzer fashion, we have specifically designed these series events to be small, approximately
10-15 students, to allow for meaningful conversations. Contact tamara_muir@pitzer.edu for more information.

Interested in collaborating with TPP? Contact TPP Program Assistant aneuburg@students.pitzer.edu or CEC Managing Director tricia_morgan@pitzer.edu. Check our website for additional information and updates.

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Follow our Instagram and Facebook (@ThePeoplesPitzer) for updates, and be sure to check out our website to see all our resources. Keep an eye out for future newsletters as well!

Further questions? Comments? Concerns? For more information about The People’s Pitzer, as well as how to get involved in our team, contact Alaina Neuburger at aneuburg@students.pitzer.edu.