



TPP Newsletter 3/10-3/18/2022

Weekly Spotlight: Community Groundwork

Information below taken from [Community Groundwork's website](#).



Community Groundwork is an organization helping community college students become engaged, effective, and equal citizens through careers in public service. Co-founders Michael

Ceraso and Elizabeth Emerald established Community Groundwork to give two-year college students the same tools to pursue careers in politics and public service available to students at four-year institutions.

Co-founder and Executive Director Michael Ceraso's long political career started at a community college. After completing his A.A. degree from Citrus Community College, he went to work on Barack Obama's first presidential campaign in New Mexico. He discovered his skill-sets and professional networks were behind his campaign peers who completed political internships and training programs at four-year schools unavailable to two-year students.

Recognizing that community college students might lack the practical know-how or confidence to participate in a sector that feels resigned to university and Ivy League students, Michael's goal is to demystify the process and instill confidence in two-year students whose careers in government advocacy political campaigns are within reach.

To fulfill that mission, Community Groundwork programs provide stipends to supplement lost wages from missed shifts and cover expenses like transportation and food to remove as many practical impediments as possible for those students with the passion, curiosity, and work ethic to participate.

Community Groundwork training and mentorship programs offer access to accomplished political professionals who volunteer their time to teach courses on everything from networking and resume-writing to digital storytelling and data analytics. After these quarterly programs, students leverage job shadowing and placement opportunities with elected officials, local races, and city agencies near each partner college.

Volunteers Needed

Ontario for Agriculture Organizing Interns needed!

Many individuals and community-led organizations in the Inland Empire have formed a coalition fighting against the destruction of over 200 acres of prime farmland in Ontario to make way for more polluting warehouses. The coalition includes the Robert Redford Conservancy for Southern California Sustainability, the Southern California Agricultural Land Foundation, American Farmland Trust, and the League of United Latin American Citizens, among others. They need to collect 10,000 signatures by March 31st for a referendum in the city of Ontario to prevent farmland destruction. If interested in helping out collecting signatures and community organizing, email ontario4ag@gmail.com.

Interested in TPP's work? We are looking for two more student interns! If interested, contact aneuburg@students.pitzer.edu. Work-study preferred.

Looking for a summer internship? TPP has compiled a list of [volunteer and internship opportunities](#) relating to government, public policy, and civic action. See some internships highlighted below and be sure to check out our website for more information!

[A Collaborative Study of Social/Political Psychology of Online Communities](#) |

University of Michigan

Deadline | March 31st, 2022

Location | Remote

[Legal Assistant Intern](#) | Orange County Public Defender's Office

Deadline | April 28th, 2022

Location | Fullerton, CA

Public Policy Internship | Tesla

Deadline | May 2nd, 2022

Location | Washington, D.C., Palo Alto, CA, Remote

Policy & Legislative Affairs Intern | Orange County Board of Supervisors

Deadline | May 5th, 2022

Location | Santa Ana, CA

Associate Social Justice & Activism Podcaster | The Creative Process

Deadline | May 27th, 2022

Location | Los Angeles, CA

Development Intern – Grant Writing | Mother and Child Education Center

Deadline | September 1st, 2022

Location | Portland, OR

Upcoming Events



The poster is orange and black. At the top left is the logo for 'DIRECT ACTION @PITZER'. To its right is a small white box with 'THE PEOPLE'S PITZER' and a green checkmark. Further right is the logo for the 'NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD'. The main text reads: 'LEGAL OBSERVER TRAINING', 'WHEN: 03/22 @5:30PM', 'WHERE: ZOOM'. Below this is a quote: '"NLG-LA works to ensure the legal and practical access to demonstrations in Southern California by regularly providing legal observers at demonstrations to observe and document potentially unlawful or unjustified interference with demonstrators' rights by law enforcement." Join the CEC and National Lawyer's Guild of LA for a training to be certified as a legal observer.' At the bottom left is a 'SIGN UP' button with a QR code and the URL 'https://www.nlg.org/legalobservers/signup'. At the bottom right is an illustration of a hand holding a megaphone. At the very bottom, it says 'FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT IMMEDIATE_ACTION@PITZER.EDU'.

Legal Observer Training with the National Lawyers Guild of Los Angeles

March 22 @ 5:30 pm

[Virtual Event](#)

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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.

Connect with Us

Want to hear more from The People's Pitzer? Join our email list [here](#). Want to get involved in the Community Engagement Center in other ways? Fill out our volunteer interest form [here](#).

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.