



TPP Newsletter 3/29/2022-4/1/2022

Weekly Spotlight: Senate Bill 851

[SB-851 Cal Grant Program: independent institutions of higher education](#)

This bill, written by Senator Anthony Portantino, expands support for low-income college students who attend independent California colleges and universities by reviewing guidelines around associate degree transfers and Cal Grant award amounts and expanding eligibility for parents of Cal Grant recipients and foster youth. This bill affects existing laws that currently exclude low-income students from parts of the Cal Grant program if they attend independent schools.

The bill has passed the California Senate Education Committee and will “remove arbitrary limits on student access to higher education and provide broad equal opportunity for undergraduates to thrive at institutions of higher education across California,” [according to Senator Portantino](#).

Want to learn more about expanding educational opportunities for all? Check our TPP community partner [College for All](#), a community coalition supporting education access in California.

Above information provided by Professor José Calderón - thank you!

Volunteers Needed

[High School Students - Apply to Future Voters Action Week with The Civics Center!](#)

FVAW is a five-day virtual workshop for high school students interested in developing their leadership skills. The program trains students to develop public narratives and voter registration action plans and also offers an opportunity to collaborate with other students. There is no cost to apply or to attend. Applications for Future Voters Action Week are due April 1. The Civics Center is a

nonprofit project of Community Partners, a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) organization, dedicated to building the foundation of youth civic engagement. More info can be found on [our website](#).

Ontario for Agriculture Organizing

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 April 8th 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.

The People's Pitzer

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

Other Opportunities

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

Art Exhibition: Pau S. Pescador: Working

March 29, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Pitzer College Art Galleries



Pau S. Pescador: Working explores the stories of trans individuals who work in the civil service sector in a time when legal protections have become contested ground and successive Presidential administrations have issued opposing orders on the rights of employees based on gender, gender expression, and sexual orientation. Pitzer College Art Galleries is open for groups of up to 6 people for one-hour visits. Appointments are offered Tuesday through Saturday on the hour at 1, 2, 3, and 4 pm. [Make a reservation](#) to visit our current exhibitions, and complete our [online health check form](#) on the day of your visit, prior to arriving.

My Law School Experience: Application to Post-Graduation!

March 30, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Pitzer Career Services

Meet a Pitzer alumna who is a recent law school graduate from American University Washington School of Law. She will share her journey to law school and her post-grad experience. Come prepared with some questions for our Q&A portion.

RSVP in [Handshake](#) for Zoom Link.

Cesar Chavez Day

March 31, colleges observe March 25



Information below from [Wikipedia](#).

Cesar Chavez was an American labor leader and civil rights activist. Along with Dolores Huerta, he co-founded the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA), which later merged with the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee (AWOC) to become the United Farm Workers (UFW) labor union.

Cesar Chavez practiced leftist community organizing tactics to advocate for Mexican-American farmworkers. In the 1960s, he began organizing strikes among farmworkers, most notably the successful Delano grape strike of 1965–1970. Influenced by the Indian independence leader Mahatma Gandhi,

Chavez emphasized direct but nonviolent tactics, including pickets and boycotts, to pressure farm owners into granting strikers' demands.

He became an icon for organized labor and leftist groups in the U.S. His birthday is a federal commemorative holiday in several U.S. states. In 1994 he posthumously received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

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.