Welcome Back!

On behalf of The People’s Pitzer, welcome back to campus! We hope everyone has had a smooth start to the semester and is looking forward to learning more about civic engagement.

What is The People’s Pitzer?

The People’s Pitzer is a student-focused initiative started in Fall of 2020 within the Pitzer College Center for Community Engagement. The goal of the program is to facilitate growth in civic engagement among the Pitzer community, with a key focus on education and empowerment, as well as introducing new meanings of civic action and developing strategies for student involvement in community work.

Past work has included voter education and voting rights, while this year will see a shift towards community organizing and the role students can play in affecting change within their communities. TPP will be tracing connections between civic activism, popular movements, and widespread change, and hopes to increase civic engagement at the college as a whole.

Weekly Spotlight

CLEAR, Compañeras, Lideres, Emprendedoras, Aliadas, y Revolucionarias, is a group of women workers who are partners, leaders, entrepreneurs, allies, and revolutionaries in their communities and skilled in various jobs. This collective grants women from the city of Pomona and the surrounding regions access to greater job options and economic self-reliance while also providing opportunities for their professional and leadership development. The program includes job development trainings, health and safety workshops, and a multitude of other resources meant to empower the women workers.
The program is run out of the Pomona Economic Opportunity Center. The PEOC was founded by former Pitzer Professor Jose Calderon, and is a non-profit day labor organization whose mission is to provide an opportunity for day laborers to find safe work at a fair wage, to obtain new trades and skills that improve their employability and quality of life, and to improve overall conditions for all immigrant workers.

This fall, CLEAR and the PEOC is supporting California Senate Bill No. 321, which would convene an advisory committee to protect the health and safety of household domestic service employees, and develop industry-specific occupational health and safety guidance.

To learn more, check out the PEOC on Facebook @1PEOC, Instagram @peoc_pomona, and Twitter @peoc_pomona.

**Volunteers Needed**

This fall, TPP and the Pomona Economic Opportunity Center are looking for a Spanish-speaking volunteer to assist with making flyers, PEOC social media, and supporting SB321.

Interested? Contact Ari Wood at ari_wood@pitzer.edu.

**Save the Date**

**October 5 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Pitzer Industry Series: Government/Public Policy | Virtual Event**

Meet with alumni who are currently working in the Government/Public Policy industries. 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.

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Current Los Angeles city councilman and Pitzer Graduate Kevin de León ’03 has entered the race for Mayor of LA.

De León is the son of a single, immigrant mother, and was the first in his family to graduate from high school and college. He went to the U.C. Santa Barbara and participated in the New Resources program at Pitzer, graduating in 2003 with honors.

Before his political career, de León worked as a teacher and activist with the National Education Association and the California Teachers Association. He fought for increasing funding for schools in low-income neighborhoods, modernizing schools, and better health insurance for children.

As city councilman and the first Latino president of the California State Senate, de León secured millions of dollars for cleaning up toxic waste and the LA River, building new parks, making LA’s schools more environmentally friendly, keeping drinking water clean, and investing in permanent supportive housing for California residents suffering from homelessness.

Now, his mayoral campaign revolves around supporting those who are “barely holding on,” according to the Los Angeles Times, with his primary focus on fighting systemic problems affecting those struggling with homelessness and housing insecurity.

Kevin de León’s mayoral campaign depends on grassroots support. Get involved with his campaign, with online and in-person opportunities for volunteering and community organizing.
Volunteers Needed

Our center is looking for a fluent bi-lingual Spanish/English speaker to provide live interpretation for a CEC Know Your Rights event with the National Lawyers Guild on October 28th at 5:30pm. This event will be co-hosted by the Direct Action and The People’s Pitzer pillars of the CEC and will be compensated at the rate of $150/hour. We can provide both Spanish and English materials prior to the event for interpreter review.

The CEC is also looking for people who can provide document translation for our community partners and live interpretation at other CEC and community partner events. Written translation work is compensated at the rate of $33/hour. For example, community partner Huerta del Valle has asked for ongoing support with their farmer’s training program brochures and live sessions.

If you are interested in paid opportunities for either written translation or live interpretation, please email Ari_Wood@pitzer.edu and adcohen@students.pitzer.edu with your level of Spanish experience, availability, and services you’re interested in providing.

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Volunteers Needed

Interested in graphic design or social media? The CEC’s community partners are looking for regular student volunteers to help out with content creation for their social media presences.

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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.

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The National Lawyers Guild is an organization aiming “to use law for the people, uniting lawyers, law students, legal workers, and jailhouse lawyers to function as an effective force in the service of the people by valuing human rights and ecosystems over property interests.

The NLG is dedicated to the need for basic change in the structure of our political and economic system. The NLG is anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist, and anti-racist and we strive to bring in anti-oppressive practices to all aspects of our organization. Through the national office, local and law school chapters, national committees, independent projects, and individual members, the Guild helps to support social justice movements on the ground as well as provide solidarity to international struggles.”

The People’s Pitzer is hosting a Know Your Rights (KYR) event with the NLG this Thursday evening - see more on how to register and attend this event below. The NLG publishes pocket-sized KYR booklets, available here in a wide variety of languages, which are designed to be a practical resource for people dealing with law enforcement advising people of their rights when confronted by FBI agents or the Department of Homeland Security, including information for noncitizens and minors.

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The 5Cs are recognized as a local Sunrise chapter, which “will work to educate the community on climate change and drive the local government to support sustainable practices in Claremont.” They “strive to raise awareness for both environmental and social issues in our community and enact change in Claremont.”

Volunteers Needed

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Get involved in the 5C Sunrise Movement! Attend the club meeting today 11/8 at 7pm in the CMC Bauer Forum (or via zoom) or contact individual team leaders for more information:
**JEDI:** Centering BIPOC voices, activists, environmental justice, and local organizations/efforts. Contact lead Nick Black (nrba2020@mymail.Pomona.edu).

**Education:** Educating our hub and the surrounding Claremont community on climate justice, science, and policy. Contact leads Claire Partridge (Cpartrid@pitzer.edu) and Drew Pronovost (epronovost@g.hmc.edu).

**Policy:** Endorsing local candidates for election and researching climate policy solutions. Contact leads Ben Reicher (bmra2018@mymail.pomona.edu) and Ruby Foxall (rfoxall@g.hmc.edu).

**Recruitment:** Recruiting new members to Sunrise Claremont Colleges, promoting events, and getting the word out about the Sunrise Movement! Contact leads Elizabeth Ueland (Eueland4118@scrippscollege.edu), Sara Ueland (Sueland22@cmc.edu), Avery Pritchard (apritchard@hmc.edu), Camile Bernard (ccba2020@mymail.pomona.edu), Ren Raleigh (araleigh@students.pitzer.edu), and Alexa Potter (Apotter@students.Pitzer.edu).

**Action:** Leading events on campus like clothing drives, phone banking and GOTV for candidates, on and off campus protests, Environmental Justice speaker series, and community building. Contact leads Stella Cook (stelcook@pitzer.edu), Ava Tiller (actc2018@mymail.pomona.edu), Anthony Shing (Ashing@students.pitzer.edu), Austin Dowd (adowd@students.pitzer.edu), Sienna Scoggin (siscoggi@students.pitzer.edu), and Hava Chishti (hchishti@students.pitzer.edu).

**Media:** Managing all social media accounts (Instagram, Facebook, Youtube) and are looking forward to reaching more people through these platforms. Contact lead Gillian Bell (gbell2195@scrippscollege.edu).
Sign up [here](#) for the Sunrise Claremont Hub email list, contact them at sunriseclaremontcolleges@gmail.com, or DM their instagram @SunriseClaremontColleges to learn more.

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**Writing Legislation and Making Change for the Community**

**Sunday, November 14 | 5:30-6:30pm**

Skandera Courtyard
The Writing Center is going to be hosting a workshop about Legislative Writing with an emphasis on the Pitzer Student Senate and writing to your local legislators. They’ll talk about how there is such a wide range of what legislation can look like and you’ll be able to walk away from the session with some concrete pieces. There is going to be pizza, a lot of cool things to take away, and a space that prioritizes growth and learning. All are invited! Mask required!

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Pitzer alumna and trustee Michele Siqueiros ‘95 played a key role in passing a $47 billion higher education package that Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law on October 6, 2021.

Siqueiros is the president of the Campaign for College Opportunity, a nonprofit policy advocacy and research organization committed to increasing college access and success. The Campaign for College Opportunity co-sponsored the bills signed in October which were inspired by discussion with community college students facing obstacles to transferring.

The bills, AB 928 and AB 1111, open a pathway to transfer to University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) schools by establishing a committee dedicated to simplifying the transfer process and mandating community colleges to adopt a uniform course numbering system. The bills hope to improve the transfer rate from community colleges, according to Siqueiros, who says, “This historic legislation tackles transfer inequities head-on by increasing collaboration between our state public colleges and universities and eliminating unnecessary hurdles that have kept students from reaching their transfer goals.” The policy reminds us that working directly with community members is the best way to put forth equitable policy. In Siqueiros’ own words, “As a first-gen college graduate who knows firsthand the life-changing power of
a college education, especially for low-income, Black, and Latinx students, I am especially happy for the millions of community college students who will have a smoother path to transfer and reach their own college dreams."

**Volunteers Needed**

TODAY! Support the efforts of CEC community partners the Latino/Latina Roundtable of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA), and the NAACP Pomona Valley Branch to get the San Dimas city council to support a just map as it is moving from at-large to district elections.

Historically, the city of San Dimas has not had any people of color representation on the city council although the demographics of the city have changed. Now through the efforts of the Latino/Latina Roundtable, and with the help of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and SVREP, the city council is bypassing the possibility of having to go to court by agreeing to district elections in 2022 and 2024. This is already a victory and will help in being able to run and elect a Latino or Latina or person of color. The city council has held a number of hearings, including a recent one where it went through 38 maps and narrowed their support down to three. Although their proposed map was not included, the districts that are being proposed do include districts with a good percentage of people of color and particularly Latino and Asian Pacific.

Show your support Monday, November 15 at 7 PM at San Dimas city hall (245 E. Bonita Ave.) where the city council will make its final decision on what map it will use for the redistricting.

Conduct policy research with Pitzer Alumni Joana Chai-Chang Azterbaum (PZ’19) working with the Los Angeles Team of California Women's Foundation on exploring Trans-led Community Land Trusts. Email joana.chaichangaz@gmail.com for more information. The California Women’s Foundation is an intersectional organization devoted to racial, gender, and economic justice. They support organizations led by frontline leaders who reflect the communities they champion. Learn more about the organization here.

You can also volunteer with the TransLatin@ Coalition to support their prison letter program. The TransLatin@ Coalition is an organization formed by Trans Latin@ leaders who have come together in 2009 to organize and advocate for the needs of Trans Latin@s who are immigrants and reside in the US.
November Events

**Thursday, November 18 @ 5:30pm-6:45pm: Preparing for Civil Service in California: Workshop with Dana Nothnagel**

Register to attend [Virtual Event](#).

Dana was born and raised in Illinois and graduated from Pitzer College in 2019 with a degree in Political Studies. After graduation she accepted a fellowship with the Capital Fellows Executive Fellowship program in Sacramento, CA. She was placed at the California Research Bureau, an advisory agency that provides non-partisan, confidential research to the Governor's Office and Legislature. After completing her fellowship, she moved to the California Governor’s Office of Planning and Research where she conducted research on the economic impact of national security investment in California communities. Dana now serves as the Program Coordinator for the California Grants Portal, a new website focused on making over $20 billion in State funding opportunities accessible to all Californians. Dana is eager to help Claremont students understand the impacts they can have on the lives of 40 million Californians through a career in California's capital.

**Debating for Democracy Letter Writing Workshop**

**Tuesday, November 30th | 1:30pm**

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Weekly Spotlight

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Students’ voting rates increased from 56.9 percent to 79.7 percent, well above the national average of 66 percent.

IDHE Director Nancy Thomas "attribute[s] this high level of participation to many factors, including student activism on issues such as racial injustice, global climate change, and voter suppression, as well as increased efforts by educators to reach students and connect them to the issues and to voting resources."

Pitzer student voting rates earned us a platinum seal award (awarded to only 46 other colleges) from the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge, an initiative of Civic Nation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating equitable change.

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