



August 28th- September 1st, 2023

WELCOME BACK

On behalf of the Community Engagement Center team we would like to extend a warm welcome to all incoming students. Our team has been working around the clock in preparation for the many wonderful projects, partnerships and events to come this year, including celebrating our 25th anniversary. For those just learning about the CEC, we are here to support all students, faculty, and community partners on their community engagement journey. Check out upcoming events, programs, our Pillars of Engagement, and BIPOC Programs.

PILLARS OF ENGAGEMENT



Educational Access | Supports college access, tutoring, and mentoring programming. FMI: edaccess@pitzer.edu



Direct Action | Centers resources and information to support direct actions, community organizing, and coalition building. FMI: directaction@pitzer.edu



The People's Pitzer | Focuses on all things voting, census, policy, and legislation, including engaging with and holding elected officials accountable. FMI: thepeoplespitzer@pitzer.edu



Research & Fundraising | Supports the research and fundraising needs of our community partners by leveraging the human and material resources of the colleges. FMI: cecresearch@pitzer.edu



Social Media, Arts, & Communications | Provides flyers, graphics, social media, translation and interpretation, websites, podcasts and more. FMI: SMAC@pitzer.edu

To find out more about any of these [Pillars of Engagement](#), you can visit our website!

BIPOC PROGRAMMING



Amplifying Black Communities (ABC) | Amplifying Black Communities (ABC) supports the creation of meaningful and accessible ways for Black students to get involved with community engagement. Fosters and maintains quality partnerships with Black-founded, -led, and/or -serving organizations. Provides paid positions for students to advance racial justice for Black people on- and off- campus. FMI : ABC@pitzer.edu



Encuentros | Encuentros are weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly encounters (gatherings) of day laborers and Pitzer students to provide bi-lingual (Spanish/English) discussion topics over lunch. The topics are selected by community members and students to provide a platform for the sharing of ideas and actions in support of day laborers, workers, and immigrant communities.



Native Indigenous Initiatives | Native & Indigenous Initiatives supports relationship development between Pitzer College with local tribes; archives histories of these relationships, and provides student jobs. FMI : NativeInitiatives@pitzer.edu

To find out more about our BIPOC Programming you can visit our website!

LOOKING FORWARD



THE CEC IS CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

We are happy to announce that we will be celebrating the **CEC 25th Anniversary** this year!

Over the course of this academic year we will be sharing opportunities to celebrate 25 years of community empowerment and collaboration! We will be hosting and supporting **“25 days of Community Engagement,”** commemorating our dedication to community and supporting the amazing work happening on and off campus. If you are interested in being a part of the programming, please contact jessica_chairez@pitzer.edu!

We will be kicking off the first month of “25 Days of Community Engagement” with our **Open House, Tuesday, August 29th!** For more information about our 25 year anniversary programming check back throughout the semester!

UPCOMING EVENTS

+ **Tuesday, August 29th | 10am-2pm | CEC 25 | Welcome Back Open House in Scott Hall 108**

+ Wednesday, August 30th | 3:30-5pm | OSA Student Resource Fair

+Thursday, August 31st | 3:30-5pm | Career Services Job Fair

+ Thursday, September 7th | 2pm-4pm | **CEC 25 | AAIR Meet and Greet Coffee Cart in Scott Hall Lobby**

+ Friday, September 8th | 10am-3pm | **CEC 25 | Ethics and Orientation Training, Community Partner Meet Up and LiveScan Event in the GSC MPR**

CHECK OUR EVENTS PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS:

<https://www.pitzer.edu/cec/about-the-cec/upcoming-events/>



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TIP OF THE WEEK

Preparing for Community Engagement

Are you enrolled in a praxis course or do you plan on participating in community engagement this semester?

If you answered yes to any of the above, don't forget to attend our Orientation & Ethics Training on Friday, September 8th from 10am-12pm. It will be followed by a Partner Meet and Greet from 12pm-2pm. Students must complete this process once academic year. If you are unable to attend this in-person event, you can complete our training online no later than September 22nd, 2023. To complete our Ethics and Orientation Training, just follow these steps:

1. Attend our in-person Ethics and Orientation Training on Friday, September 8th
2. Complete the CEC Student Intake Form
3. Optional: If your partnership requires clearance please check our clearance page for information

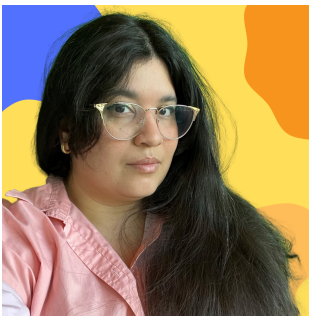
For our alternative virtual session you will: <https://tinyurl.com/PrepareCE>

1. Watch the recorded version of the CEC Ethics and Orientation Training here: <https://tinyurl.com/OETvideo>
2. Take the Orientation Quiz on the left side of the video after completing the training: <https://tinyurl.com/OETquiz>
3. Complete the CEC Intake Form: <https://tinyurl.com/cecintake>
4. Optional: If your partnership requires clearance, make an appointment with Campus Safety: <https://tinyurl.com/CECcleared>

For more information on how to get cleared, visit our [Clearance Information](#) page. And for all other questions related to this training, please email our office at cec_staff@pitzer.edu.

ARTIST | ACTIVIST-in-Residence

The Community Engagement Center and the Pitzer College Art Galleries are happy to introduce our 2nd AAIR | Artist Activist-in-Residence for the 2023-2024 academic year. We are excited to welcome [Curious Publishing](#) Founder and Editor in Chief, Rebecca Ustrell, to Pitzer! Find out more about Rebecca below.



Rebecca Ustrell (she/her) is a Latinx, Jewish graphic designer and journalist focusing on the art of print, based out of Upland, CA. She is the Founder and Creative Director of Curious Publishing - a 100% artist-run, non-profit publishing company that uplifts the voices of marginalized artists residing throughout Southern California. In addition to her role at Curious Publishing, she teaches self-publishing and zine-making for teens and adults, and holds public speaking engagements which drive community involvement in literary arts. Her work focuses on archiving Queer, BIPOC, and neurodivergent artist perspectives in relation to their communities.

Getting to Know Rebecca

When is your birthday?: September 13

Where is home to you?: Upland, CA is where I reside, but my heart is in New York City and San Francisco.

What do you look forward to most as this year's Activist | Artist-in-Residence?: The sheer potential of the collaboration between Pitzer staff, students and myself has me giddy and beaming with pride for the work I have done to get here and where this residency will take me as an artist. Activism to me has unlocked the power of understanding my community to better harness the power of marginalized artist voices. I look forward to exploring what it means to be a leader to drive positive change in the art community in my own neighborhood.

How do you practice self-care?: Singing opera alone in my car on a long drive.

What's one song you can't help but dance to?: Human After All by Daft Punk or

Operator by GRRL

What's your favorite meal or snack?: This one is tough! At the moment, I cannot get enough of dim sum. Specifically: steamed spare ribs, sticky rice, and har gao. I make this at home but also love to eat it wherever I'm traveling on the east or west coast. But in a pinch, Hot Cheetos never miss!

What is [AAIR](#)?

The CEC in collaboration with the Pitzer Art Galleries invites one local activist-artist per academic year for the purpose of promoting interdisciplinary platforms of exchange—through facilitating dialogue, sharing knowledge and skills, and generating impactful experiences—throughout the Pitzer at large. Expected AAIR activities will include: Creative and pedagogic engagement between an artist | activist and the Pitzer Community Collaboration with partners on campus (students, staff, and faculty), and community partners in the field. The AAIR also acts as a resource for partnered academic courses at the college.

If you would like to connect your fall or spring courses for this year with Rebecca and the AAIR program, please apply before August 31, 2023----- [APPLY HERE!](#)

MOR FELLOWS 2023-2024



The Margo Okazawa-Rey Fellowship is a year-long fellowship selected by the CEC in collaboration with the Intercollegiate Department of Asian American Studies (IDAAS) which encourages outstanding college students to implement community-based, creative, and/or research projects that integrate social justice, multi-racial solidarity, and feminism with an emphasis in Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies. We would like to congratulate two students who have been selected as this year's MOR Fellows, **Daisy Okazaki, PZ'25** and **Casey Xu, PZ'25**. Both of these students will be showcasing their work at the annual MOR Report Back in the Spring.

AWARDS AND FUNDING RESOURCES

AWARDS



Course Enhancement Awards: <https://tinyurl.com/CEAFA23>

Deadline: September 5th, 2023

The CEA (Course Enhancement Awards) is available at the beginning of each semester to all *faculty* teaching an SRX course or non SRX that has a community engagement component. This award for \$500 help with materials, guest speakers, events, and transportation needs.



Social Responsibility Thesis Award: <https://tinyurl.com/SRTA123>

Deadline: November 7th, 2023

This award is designed to support Pitzer students who will be completing a senior thesis or project during the 2023 spring semester. Funding is awarded to *students* who complete a senior thesis or project relating to a social responsibility or community engagement theme.



Kallick Community Service Award: <https://tinyurl.com/Kallick>

Deadline: November 13th, 2023

The CEC would like to invite you to apply for the Kallick Community Service Award available each semester. This award is open to all *students* who have completed 100+ hours of community engagement work over the course of the current academic year. Don't forget, you can combine your project hours!



Partner Funding Request (Community Partners Only):

<https://tinyurl.com/CPFunds>

Deadline: Rolling Deadline

\$250 MAX AWARD | AVAILABLE EACH SEMESTER

Community Partners may request funds to be used towards projects, events, initiatives. Funds will be accessible through reimbursement, direct payments to vendors unless otherwise requested. **Max request of \$250.**

FUNDING RESOURCES



[Community Engagement Transportation Funds](#) | Fall Deadline | Monday, December 18th, 2023 (Open to Students)

The CEC has transportation funds allocated for students doing community engagement-related travel either for a course or on their own. Students are allotted \$200 each semester. Requests are accepted on a rolling basis and are due no later than two weeks after the end of each semester.



[Community Engagement Clearance/Livescan/TB Funds](#) | Fall Deadline | Monday, December 18th, 2023 (Open to Students)

The CEC has clearance funds allocated for students doing community engagement-related travel either for a course or on their own. Requests are accepted on a rolling basis and are due no later than two weeks after the end of each semester.

GENERAL FUNDING

[General Funding Requests](#) | (Open to Students/Faculty/Community Partners)

Applicants may request to use funds for speakers, materials, event co-sponsorships, and conference related expenses. Funds are accessible through reimbursement, direct payments to vendors, unless otherwise requested.

TRANSLATION / INTERPRATION FUNDING

[Translation and Interpretation Funding Request](#) | (Open to Students/Faculty/Community Partners)

If you are in need of translation or interpretation services, complete the form linked below. We have limited funds available for these, so they will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

For any questions related to funding and awards please contact jackie_contreras@pitzer.edu.

CEC STAFF SPOTLIGHT



HECKER COMMUNITY FELLOW

We would like to introduce you to Crystal Rodriguez-Leal, the **2023-2024 Hecker Community Fellow!** Crystal is an artist and mother living in the inland empire. She is a NRS alumna. She enjoys the beach and spending time with her family. Crystal graduated Pitzer in the Spring 2023 as a Studio Arts Major with Honors.

The Hecker Community Fellow works closely with the CEC leadership team to faculty and community partners as it relates to SRX (Social Responsibility Praxis) courses and courses with community engagement components. For questions about internships and support you can reach out to Crystal via email, crystal_rodriguez@pitzer.edu.

Getting to Know Crystal

Full Name:Crystal Rodriguez-Leal

Pronouns: She/Her

What year are you? Spring 2023

What is your Major/Minor? Art

When is your birthday? June 19th

Where is home to you? Wherever my family is. Right now that is Rancho Cucamonga

What is your job title in the CEC?: Hecker Community Fellow

What do you do at the CEC?: At the CEC I get to help connect faculty to our community partners, and I get to be in community with some of our community partners. I get to help students get ready for community engagement and I oversee the Direct Action and SMAC Pillars of the CEC.

What is your favorite part of working in the CEC?: I love working at the CEC and my favorite part is that my job is a little different every day. Sometimes I am helping to support a community partner in some capacity, sometimes I am supporting our social media.

What is an activity you love doing back home?: I enjoy days where I get to hang out with my family

How do you practice self-care?: Because I struggle with some pretty severe panic and anxiety I have been working on mindfulness and breathing. I have also been taking little walks whenever I can.

What's one song you can't help but dance to?: Right now, it's been Queen of the Dead, by Casa De Brujas

What's your favorite meal or snack?: Cheese

For more information about the CEC please visit our website at <https://www.pitzer.edu/cec/> or follow us on IG @pitzercec.

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