HONORING THE LEGACY OF LEO

Message from the Director
The McCarthy Center is the nexus for programs and scholarship that supports USF’s mission to prepare students to be for others. I use the verb to be rather than to serve consciously. Being for others includes not only serving, but orienting one’s whole life—from academic learning and career vocation to voting and community and civic engagement—to thinking about the common good.

In all these ways, we honor the legacy of our founder, Leo McCarthy, who made such an impact through his work here in public life. In 1963, Leo was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. From there, he was elected to the State Assembly in 1968. From 1974 to 1980, he served as speaker of the Assembly and subsequently served three terms as Lieutenant Governor until 1994.

After serving in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, Leo graduated from the University of San Francisco with a BA in history and later his J.D. in 1961. He was proud of his connection to the university and its Jesuit mission. When he attended the inauguration of Stephen Privett as president of USF in 2001, he heard Privett describe his vision of educating students for a life of community, commitment to knowledge, integrity, and service, which he carried deeply about mentoring public servants committed to the common good. He mentored a number of young politicians including women like Nancy Pelosi and Anna Eshoo at a time when politics was still the province of men. We carry on that legacy today by developing student leadership through programs in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento.

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Valuing Education, Justice and Public Service
In so many ways, the McCarthy Center is a testament to what Leo valued. Leo cared deeply about education. We carry on that legacy by working with faculty and our community partners to support the university’s community engaged-learning requirement for all undergraduates. We carry it out by deepening and grounding students’ learning in every discipline through their public service, our community engagement minor and through our support of living and learning communities like the Esther Madriz Diversity Scholars. We carry it out by hosting our M.A. program in urban and public affairs.

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With gratitude for the example of Leo McCarthy’s commitment to knowledge, integrity, and service, we celebrate our 15th anniversary.
Sincerely,
David Donahue
Director, McCarthy Center

ABOUT THE CENTER

CELEBRATING THE McCARTHY CENTER’S 15TH ANNIVERSARY
Our Mission
In order to fashion a more humane and just world, the Leo T. McCarthy Center for Public Service and the Common Good educates leaders committed to lives of ethical public service by implementing academically rigorous program, cultivating authentic community partnerships and creating transformational experiences.

The McCarthy Center is dedicated to sponsoring academic programs, public events, community-engaged learning opportunities, conferences and faculty and student research that encourage civic engagement and ethical public leadership.

Undergraduate Community-Engagement
The McCarthy Center’s public service and community engagement programs for undergraduates remained strong in 2016-2017. USF is one of a handful of unique institutions requiring all undergraduates to complete a service-learning course before graduating. As a result, students participate in learning experiences ranging from local to global contexts. Student participation increased in McCarthy Fellows in Sacramento, USF in D.C. and the Public Service and Community Service minor, expanded in two of the three living learning communities and held steady among our Global Scholars and Advocates for Community Engagement (ACEs).
Additionally, we proudly note students who participated in McCarthy Center programs were also recipients of prestigious university-wide awards, including Kiana Martinez, who received the Excellence in Service and Leadership Award; Miriam Uribe, who received the Senior Leadership Award; Pearzi Bastiany, who received the Priscilla A. Scottian Award; and Nichole Vasquez and Sonia Hurtado-Ureno, who both received the Leo T. McCarthy Public Service Award.

One notable new offering was the People’s Guide to the Trump Presidency course, co-taught by Assistant Director of Community Engaged Learning, Fernando Enciso-Márquez, and two faculty from the Critical Diversity Studies program along with nearly 20 community activists and USF faculty guest presenters throughout the semester. The course was open to the public and culminated with a special student-led teach-in event in which students led presentations on social justice issues of concern under the new presidency including immigration reform, educational equity, environmental justice, and LGBT rights.

Faculty and University-wide Development
We celebrated Dr. Evelyn Rodriguez, Associate Professor of Sociology and Director of the Critical Diversity Studies Program for earning the 2016-2017 Service-Learning Faculty Award, which is bestowed by USF’s Provost’s Office. Dr. Rodriguez is also a long-time member of the McCarthy Center’s Steering Committee. In 2016-2017, the McCarthy Center continued to support community-engaged faculty through robust ongoing professional development opportunities, including the newly revised year-long Community-Engaged Learning and Teaching Fellowship; a Community Organizing and Engaged Pedagogies workshop series that yielded participation from approximately 60 faculty, staff, students, and community partners; two brown bag discussions about dilemmas of practice and publishing community-engaged scholarship; and a visiting speaker event.

The McCarthy Center also led the process of developing a university-wide Civic Action Plan, created in response to a call from Campus Compact for member campuses to re-commit to the public purpose of higher education. Over the past academic year, we collected and analyzed quantitative data, and convened conversations with multiple USF stakeholders to inform USF’s overarching goals and commitments related to civic engagement for the common good.
GRADUATE INTERNS, 8,400
HAS EDUCATED NEW
MCCARTHY CENTER
ETHICAL LEADERS
3,000
15
YEARS
SERVICE-LEARNERS
FACULTY DEVELOPMENT
HOURS
GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS
541
CO-SPONSORED
EVENTS
ADVOCATES FOR
COMMUNITY
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1
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for the
COMMON
GOOD
100%
INCREASE IN PUBLIC SERVICE & COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT MINORS
200%
SERVICE-LEARNERS
166
LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS
19
CO-SUPPORTED
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Graduate Engagement

The McCarthy Center supports two vibrant graduate programs. Over the 2016-17 academic year, the Master of Public Affairs program had 24 students actively engaged in an exciting academic year. The MA in Urban Affairs enrolled 21 students this academic year, bringing a total of 43 graduate students in Center two programs representing interests in urban affairs, public policy, community organizing, and political communications.

The most significant student accomplishments are the second-year student capstone projects. Capstone projects are thesis culminating the students’ two years of rigorous coursework, practical learning from 300 hours of internship, and intensive individual research. Internship placements at local offices and organizations included the Mayor’s Office of Communications, Girls Who Code, SF City Hall: Office of Resilience and Recovery, San Francisco Department of the Environment, San Francisco Tenants Union, Tendenlon Neighborhood Development Corporation, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, Association of Bay Area Governments and the National Democratic Convention.


Engage San Francisco

Engage San Francisco is a university-wide initiative that draws upon the resources of USF (brick and mortar, intellectual, and financial) to address community-identified needs of Western Addition community members and community-based organizations. Established a short three years ago, the 2016-17 academic year has been one of great growth for Engage San Francisco. We hired 2 additional full-time staff members, our first VISTA volunteer joined us, and we engaged with Western Addition partners, new and old.

While we worked with faculty, staff, students and community to identify points that connect USF’s research, coursework and co-curricular opportunities, it is our collaborations that represented our strongest measure of success. We offered 3 Mind, Body & Soul health and wellness clinics in partnership with 25 organizations that served close to 300 attendees.

We presented a Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction series for the employees of 10 community organizations. Our K-5 literacy program expanded to William L. Cobb Elementary School with graduate School of Education students.

In recognizing the assets and strengths of the Western Addition community, we instituted an inaugural Engage San Francisco Community Partner award and honored four organizations: Magic Zone, Prince Hal Learning Center, Heart to Heart of Schools of the Sacred Heart, the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center.

Engage San Francisco is currently working with close to 75 community partners in the Western Addition. In partnership with the San Francisco Unified School District, we are implementing a literacy initiative supporting students during the school day, with plans to expand after school and the summer. Almost 200 children have spent approximately 10,000 hours reading during our summer reading partnership in collaboration with the School of Education. We are leading a youth mental health initiative bringing together service providers in the Western Addition. With the School of Nursing and Health Professions, we sponsor mobile clinics providing primary care at the neighborhood Ella Hill Hutch Community Center. We have provided Community Engagement Grants to ten organizations to start-up projects addressing issues from literacy and food justice to art and racial justice.
THE McCARTHY CENTER GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES GENEROUS SUPPORT IN 2016-17

COMMUNITY-ENGAGED LEARNERS

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ENGAGE SAN FRANCISCO SERVICE-LEARNERS

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

URBAN AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS GRADUATE

2016-17 FINANCIALS

REVENUES

14% UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

18% GRANTS, GIFTS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS

8% ENDOWMENT

18% ENGAGE SAN FRANCISCO

5% ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

12% CENTER OPERATIONS

12% UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

EXPENDITURES
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IN SUPPORT OF A NEW GENERATION OF ETHICAL LEADERS
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