VISION
In 2019, the California State University, Center for Community Engagement is spearheading higher education to develop and prepare leaders who are engaged and productive members of our global society, who make civic-minded decisions and contribute innovative solutions to address the complex social, health, economic, scientific, and civic issues of our time.

MISSION
To advance the California State University’s systemwide and multi-campus commitment to serving the economic, public policy and social needs of our state. Through advocacy, innovation and leadership, the Center supports campus efforts that are rooted in the exchange and production of knowledge and resources in mutually beneficial partnerships with our local and global communities.

CORE VALUES
- Collaboration
- Reciprocity
- High-quality
- Effectiveness
- Sustainability
- Life-long Learning
WHAT WE DO

The Center for Community Engagement (CCE) champions deep engaged learning for tomorrow’s civic leaders. We do this by:

- Promoting High-quality Community Engagement
- Building Community
- Assessing our Impact
- Changing California

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

- Build CSU-wide capacity to advance community engagement
- Raise awareness and visibility for the importance of community engagement and its connection to CSU priorities
- Mobilize partnerships to fuel and expand community engagement
- Strengthen the capacity of the Center for Community Engagement

HOW WE DO IT

**California’s Call to Service:** create policies and procedures that support the growth of service learning across the CSU; provide on-going support to service-learning/community engagement staff to share best practices; and, promote campus efforts through reports, press releases, social media and website.

**CSU STEM VISTA:** place VISTA members throughout the CSU in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) departments, institutes and colleges for one year to alleviate poverty by increasing the number of low-income and individuals historically and currently underrepresented in STEM—first generation, people of color and women—who earn degrees and enter professions by supporting their academic and professional success.

**Keck STEM SL Study:** examine the impact service learning has on common measures of student academic achievement (e.g. GPA, retention and graduation), career development and civic engagement. The CSU is leading the first research of its kind on the quality of STEM service-learning courses and its influence on student success.

**CalState S4:** establish a robust systemwide tracking system for student academic placements with community partners that strengthens the risk management process, is customized to meet campus needs, works toward common best practices, and effectively captures, collects, and retains data of students’ involvement in high impact practices across the CSU.

**State and National Partnerships:** enrich existing and establish new state, national, and global partnerships that are responsive to the economic, environmental, educational, health, scientific, social and civic issues of our time; and, provide community engagement resources to institutions of higher education.

**Systemwide Priorities:** connect to the CSU’s 2025 Graduation Initiative, STEM student success efforts, faculty development, and research opportunities for students through community-based research.

**CCE Infrastructure:** garner adequate financial and personnel resources to sustain programs; and, provide professional development opportunities for CCE staff, campus service-learning staff, faculty, and students.

SUCCESS INDICATORS

- Community engagement will continue to be recognized as an important strategy for reaching the CSU’s priorities, and system leaders spearhead community engagement projects.
- Campuses will have increased their visibility, recognition, and have appropriate staffing to support their base functions.
- Faculty will be supported, rewarded, and recognized for providing high-quality service-learning experiences.
- We will have meaningful assessment of service learning and community engagement; findings will shape institutional approaches to supporting student success.
- CCE will showcase diverse ways to use CalState S4 to assess service learning/community engagement.