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Fernando Enciso-Márquez, Assistant Director of Community Engaged Learning, University of San Francisco Named California Campus Compact 2018 Richard E. Cone Award for Emerging Leaders Recipient

University of San Francisco's Fernando Enciso-Márquez, Associate Director of Community Engaged Learning at the Leo T. McCarthy Center for Public Service and the Common Good recognized for his impact on service-learning and community-campus partnerships throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

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Hayward, CA – California Campus Compact has selected Fernando Enciso-Márquez, M.P.A., as the recipient of the first California Campus Compact 2018 Richard E. Cone Award for Emerging Leaders in Community Engagement.

In 1999, California Campus Compact developed the Richard E. Cone Award for Excellence & Leadership in Cultivating Community Partnerships in Higher Education. Since then, the award has been bestowed annually upon an individual who has made significant contributions to the development of partnerships between institutions of higher education and communities – partnerships through which student learning and the quality of life in communities are simultaneously improved. This year, for the very first time, the Richard E. Cone Award recognizes an exemplary early-career individual who is an emerging leader in the field of community engagement, whose work has had a positive impact on campus and in the community, and who is guided by the best practices of community-campus partnerships. It is the hope of California Campus Compact that this award will inspire all higher education institutions to consider ways to deepen their efforts to institutionalize and sustain authentic community-campus partnerships.



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“Fernando is a passionate and skillful community leader who has worked quietly and tirelessly to promote social justice, service learning and community engaged scholarship to administrators, faculty, students and community partners, with impressive results,” said Elaine Ikeda, Ph.D., Executive Director of California Campus Compact. “We are grateful for Fernando’s leadership in furthering our work in the Bay Area and we are excited to recognize and highlight his exemplary work in the field of service learning and civic engagement by presenting him with our first 2018 Richard E. Cone Award for Emerging Leaders.”

Fernando holds a Master of Public Administration from University of San Francisco (USF), and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from San Jose State University (SJSU). In his five year tenure at USF, he has contributed in the administration of all of the Leo T. McCarthy Center’s local-to-global undergraduate programs, running service learning programs with a strong social justice emphasis, developing and delivering curriculum on diversity, inclusion, public service and civic engagement; and building and maintaining partnerships with Bay Area non-profit, advocacy, and government agencies. He is also involved in shaping the evolution of new programs at the McCarthy Center which promise to enhance student learning and contributing to advancing equity and social change.

David Donahue, Director of the Leo T. McCarthy Center for Public Service and the Common Good writes in his recommendation, “As someone who has been involved in the field of community engaged teaching and learning for 25 years as a professor, scholar, and director {of the Center}, I can think of no one in the field who better exemplifies the four criteria you are looking for in an award winner. I consider myself incredibly fortunate to work with Fernando. Early on in my tenure at the McCarthy Center, I recognized Fernando as a person of exceptional gifts and talents and unlimited passion and commitment for community engagement. His connections across USF and the City of San Francisco and beyond are wide AND deep. One of the things I best love about working in education is the opportunity every so often to meet those individuals that you know – as you learn about what they think, what they value, and what they do – can do anything and that whatever they do is going to leave this world a better place. Fernando is that kind of person.”

Fernando has been a longstanding advocate of community service and social justice. He worked at SJSU’s Mosaic Cross Cultural Center, the San Francisco Public Defenders Office and its community-building initiative in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood, and for the Washington, DC Office of U.S. Congressman Mike Honda. He continues to serve on many nonprofit boards and organizations, including the San Francisco Human Rights Commission and the SFUSD Public Education Enrichment Fund Community Advisory Committee. He is also honored to serve on the Board of Advisors for two USF community partner agencies, Breakthrough San Francisco and Faithful Fools Street Ministry.

Evaluating Fernando’s role in community engagement, his USF colleague Star Plaxton-Moore describes what Fernando brings to the Advocates for Community Engagement (ACE) program and every project he leads, “As a life-long San Francisco resident, local activist and passionate educator, Fernando has shaped our programs in ways that



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allow us to more authentically engage students and community. Specifically, our student leadership curriculum and community-engaged activities now reflect a deeper social justice orientation because of Fernando's expertise and experience as an activist and organizer who is extremely knowledgeable about pervasive and intersecting justice issues in the Bay Area and beyond. The entire institution has benefited from Fernando's authentic and sustained connections with nonprofits, advocacy organizations, local leaders and city agencies. He has advised faculty, staff and students searching for community partnerships, and has leveraged his personal and professional connections to build USF's network of community partners."

USF Sociology professor Dr. Evelyn Rodriguez writes, "Fernando is already a leader on our campus and in our San Francisco community, and has already shown that he is nurturing and preparing 'the next generation of civic leaders.' His work makes USF a better institution, because the community engagement he supports is truly in service of our mission to 'educate leaders who will fashion a more humane and just world,' and is aligned with our core value of advocating for 'learning as a humanizing, social activity.' I have no question that he will only continue to make more meaningful contributions at the McCarthy Center and at USF."

About the Richard E. Cone Award for Excellence & Leadership in Cultivating Community Partnerships in Higher Education

Richard E. Cone, Ph.D., has been a voice in the national dialogue on experiential education, civic engagement and service-learning since the 1970s, and has provided a guiding spirit and voice in the development and evolution of California Campus Compact since its beginnings more than 20 years ago. For 25 years, he directed the much-lauded Joint Educational Project (JEP) at the University of Southern California from which he retired in 2002. In 1999, California Campus Compact presented Dick Cone with the first Richard E. Cone Award for Excellence & Leadership in Cultivating Community Partnerships in Higher Education. Since then, the award has been bestowed annually upon an individual who has made significant contributions to the development of partnerships between institutions of higher education and communities – partnerships through which student learning and the quality of life in communities are simultaneously improved. In 2017, California Campus Compact decided to create the Richard E. Cone Award for Emerging Leaders for Community Engagement. This award recognizes an exemplary early-career individual who is an emerging leader in the field of community engagement, whose work has had a positive impact on campus and in the community, and who is guided by the best practices of community-campus partnerships. It is the hope of California Campus Compact that this award will inspire all higher education institutions to consider ways to deepen their efforts to institutionalize and sustain authentic community-campus partnerships. As it often has been said, a community's character is reflected in the people it selects to honor. Each award will be presented on alternating years. For more information on the Richard E. Cone Award and a list of past honorees, please visit www.cacampuscompact.org/html/initiatives/coneAward.html.

About California Campus Compact

California Campus Compact is a coalition of leading colleges and universities that works to build the collective commitment and capacity of colleges, universities and communities throughout California to advance civic and community engagement for a healthy, just and democratic society. Through innovative programs and initiatives, grant funding, training and technical



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assistance, professional development and powerful research studies and publications, California Campus Compact each year invests in and champions more than 500,000 students, faculty members, administrators and community members involved in diverse and ground-breaking activities that support and expand civic and community engagement throughout California. For more information, please visit www.cacampuscompact.org.

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