

2025 Community Engagement Board Candidates Finalized					
There are six members that will be cycling off of the Community Engagement Advisory Board: two advocacy members, one community member, and three practitioners. More specifically, the two advocacy members represent uAspire and Public Advocates. The one community member represents Catalyze. One practitioner represents University of California and two practitioners represent K-12.					
Below are the top applicants as well as runners up based on member scoring. Areas that are colored purple and green are choice points for the Committee. A final determination will be made by the Committee and then will be recommended to the Governing Board for approval.					
Community Engagement Final Slating Based on Member Prioritization					
Slot	First Name	Last Name	Organizational Affiliation	Category	Geographic Reach Described
Advocacy (1 Representative)	Vincent	Rasso	University of California Student Association	Advocacy; University of California	Statewide
Community (1 Representative)	Omar	Butler	New Door Ventures	Community; Workforce Development	Regional Focus; Bay Area and North Central
Practitioner: K-12 (1 Representative)	Danielle	Carmesin	Ferndale Unified School District	Practitioner; K-12	Regional Focus; Northern
Practitioner (1 Representative)	Abby	Grattidge	Cal Poly Humboldt	Practitioner; California State University and Student (graduate)	Regional Focus; Northern
Practitioner (1 Representative)	Thoibi	Rublaitus	Corona-Norco Unified School District	Practitioner; Adult Education	Statewide
Researcher (1 Representative)	Juliet	Maestas	Red Sky Education	Researcher; California Community Colleges	Regional Focus; Northern
Student (1 Representative)	Durriya	Ahmed	University of California Student Association	Student	Statewide
Runners Up					
Advocacy (1 Runner Up)	Elizabeth	Marquez Bernardino	Alpha Public Schools	Advocacy; K-12	None listed
Community (1 Runner Up)	Nina	Torres	LA STEM Collective	Community; K-12 and Student (graduate)	Statewide
Practitioner: K-12 (1 Runner Up)	Megan	Lowery	Stanislaus County Office of Education	Practitioner; K-12	Regional Focus; Central
Practitioner; K-12 (1 Runner Up)	Sheyla	Tupua	Governor's Office of Service and Engagement, Office of Community Partnerships & Strategic Communications	Practitioner; K-12	Statewide
Researcher (1 Runner Up)	Tina	Ngo Bartel	San Diego & Imperial Center of Excellence (Hosted at MiraCosta College)	Researcher; California Community Colleges	Regional Focus; South Coast
Student (1 Runner Up)	Jessica	Lopez	Coastline Community College and ASU Online	Student	Statewide