

# Welcome MAX 415

Hi Everyone! Welcome to the first ever LakeFarm Learning Newsletter, sharing new updates and activities that the agency has been working towards.

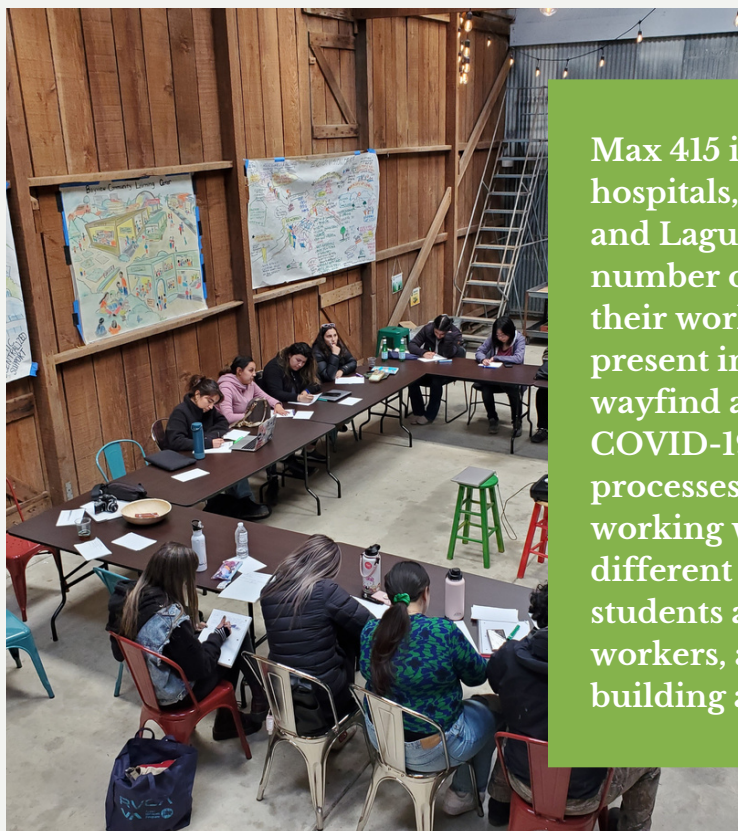
We are excited to announce our partnership with Max 415 and welcome them into the LakeFarm Learning community. Max 415 is a youth organization that is run and developed by youth and young adults in the San Francisco Area. Max 415, originally known as Max the Vax, focuses on supporting the health and well-being of underserved communities of color in San Francisco. When they were named Max the Vax, their work focused on informing youth about vaccinations for COVID-19. During that time, they learned more about the effects the pandemic had on youth and their well-being, and they learned how to heal from the aftermath of the global pandemic. As their focus shifted away from vaccination-specific work, they decided to change their name to Max 415 to respond to more needs in their communities.



LakeFarm Learning is excited to partner with Max 415 as their fiscal agent helping them to make a big impact on the populations they serve. LakeFarm recently hosted Max 415 at the Farm where they experienced the peace and serenity of the outdoors, and a productive team meeting space to help them make progress on their goals. Angela Colendres, a member of the Max 415 team, says “Max makes it a priority to engage with nature and the outdoors as well, since living in the City can make that very hard.”



If you would like to bring a group to LakeFarm Learning for a retreat or gathering, just call to book your time (415-203-5572). You can also help support groups like Max 415, getting urban youth out to nature, on the “GoFundMe” part of our website.



Max 415 is currently working in two hospitals, San Francisco General Hospital and Laguna Honda, where they help with a number of different operations. Some of their work at SF General includes being present in the lobby (helping patients wayfind around the hospital, greeting, COVID-19 screening, and making welcome processes efficient and pleasant) and also working with Career Paths (interviewing different departments within the hospital so students and fellows can shadow healthcare workers, and planning fun community building activities on Fridays).

Photos From Max 415 Retreat at LakeFarm Learning

Because Laguna Honda hospital is facing foreclosure, which would displace many residents and employees, Max 415 is helping to showcase how the closure could affect the residents and staff of the hospital and amplify their voices and that message in San Francisco. We are excited to work with Max 415 to expand their work and provide their staff and those they serve opportunities to enjoy the natural environment at the farm. We also want to welcome Angela Colendres, Danielle Wallace, and Jacob Colendres from Max 415 as the newest members of the LakeFarm Learning Board!



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