



# MOTION PICTURE & TELEVISION FUND MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

## PASSING THE TORCH

### OVERVIEW

**THE MISSION** of MPTF is to support the entertainment community in living and aging well, with dignity and purpose, and in helping each other in times of need.

**HAVING REACHED OUR 103<sup>rd</sup> ANNIVERSARY** in 2024, we are proud of our legacy of caring by providing programs and services for every stage of life.

**LOOKING AHEAD**, we invite you to create meaningful connections with students interested in below-the-line industry career pathways.

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**PLEASE JOIN US IN CONNECTING EXPERIENCED INDUSTRY MEMBERS AND TOMORROW'S INDUSTRY WORKFORCE, WHILE TAKING A POSITIVE STEP TOWARD A MORE DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE WORKPLACE!**

*"Society's most daunting challenges require complex solutions with citizens of all ages working together."*

- [Eisner Foundation](#)

### WHAT IS PASSING THE TORCH

Passing The Torch is an intergenerational mentorship program connecting students exploring careers in Film and TV with retired and semi-retired industry members. Mentors will enhance existing programs either in-person or virtually. Participation can include hands-on classroom activities and filming, panel discussions, and 1:1 mentorship. Retirees share their knowledge not typically found in academic settings.

Focusing on underserved communities, Passing The Torch aims to reduce ageism and promote diversity in the entertainment industry.

Passing The Torch mentors will offer guidance and support to students interested in the following career pathways: Camera, Cinematography, Lighting, Sound, Editing, Set Design, Props, Costume, Animation, plus more.

**BE THE MISSING LINK FOR WHAT ISN'T TAUGHT IN FILM SCHOOL**

MPTF mentors will:

- ✓ Encourage professionalism, accountability, ~~commitment~~
- ✓ Spark creativity by spending the extra time to listen to ideas and shape them into viable strategies
- ✓ Offer students real-time spaces to problem solve that may arise on a set
- ✓ Inspire self-confidence in students who will be ready to deliver 100% as a member of the workplace team

