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# PASS AmeriCorps Newsletter

## Epiphany Prep Charter School

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## 2018-19 Service Year Reflections

The PASS AmeriCorps service for 2018-2019 has surely been a wild ride, and it is important to remember to stay strong. This is the time of the year where there are many loose ends to tie up and we have to be diligent in doing so. End of year tasks include gathering teacher comments, making sure that mentoring hours and National Days of Service projects are reached with the students, ensuring that the binders are in order and up-to-date, and that any other forms of information tracking are in order. Mentors get an opportunity to reflect upon the year and see what worked for them, what they wanted to do, and set themselves up for next year if returning or prepping the next member who will take on their school site. Their end-of-the-year project acts as a culmination of a year of service as a PASS AmeriCorps mentor. These pro-

jects range from podcasts, videos, interactive games, art projects, and everything in-between. Lastly, and what's arguably the most important aspect, is wrapping up the year with the students. Students may be promoting to middle school or high school or graduating altogether. The PASS

sessions, passing on skills and life lessons that students could benefit from. Others may throw goodbye parties, celebrating a fantastic year of the mentor and mentee relationship and making it through the ups and down that the year brought. Then there are those who may write their mentees congratulation

and/or farewell letters, congratulating the students on their progress and leaving them with a strong, send-off message. It is important to say goodbye in a way that acknowledges the mentor-mentee relationship and the strides that have been made, the hard work done, and the goals accomplished. A year of



AmeriCorps mentors may be moving on to the next chapter in their lives and left to say farewell, or will be returning to a different school site. Some mentors may run small groups to have farewell

service is a special, unique experience filled with challenges and major accomplishments, and deserves celebration for the mentor and the mentee.

## Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week is celebrated from May 6—May 10, to honor teachers and recognize the lasting contributions they make to our lives. Teachers play a critical role in educating and shaping our children: the future leaders of our country. They are kind, patient, hard-working, dedicated



and understanding professionals that mold our children's lives in a positive direction. In PASS AmeriCorps, we partner with teachers to support our students, and know how much they affect their lives on a daily basis. We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to our stellar educators!

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*Cynthia Arguello,  
PASS AmeriCorps Member*

With only few days left in the school year, Epiphany PASS scholars are kicking it in gear to finish the year off strong. Here's what we have been up to: Scholars just wrapped up their CAASPP testing, and leading up to the tests, the scholars really took the initiative to seek help during Wednesdays' after-school homework hour, and also, the seventh-grade class had been especially busy preparing for their college overnight trip. It has been great to work with the scholars to ensure that they turn in assignments in order to attend the fieldtrip. They have been truly working hard and many of the PASS scholars received the privilege to go. The PASS AmeriCorps & BASE (after school) Comic Book club has been really flexing their creative muscle. During the month of May the scholars worked on producing a Claymation short movie. The theme of the short was "lending a helping

hand." The students showcased their own stories that highlight different ways to be helpful and more kind. The short film was shown in the BASE talent show and STEM workshop. As we wrap up the year, I have asked the students to reflect on their year, their challenges, and their successes. It has been greatly rewarding to see their personal growth. I highlighted many of their accomplishments and handed out certificates of completion at our end-of-the-year PASS celebration. The scholars enjoyed food and beverages as we said goodbye to the school year. The celebration was bittersweet as we said our goodbyes, but working with the scholars has been such a rewarding experience. Thank you so much for allowing your

scholars to be a part of PASS AmeriCorps and thank you to Epiphany for the support you have given the program. Have a great summer!

## Some of the Comic Book Club scholars making their Claymation characters



**Mario M, Jonathan D.G, and Oscar L. showing off their thinking caps after our homework hour**



## PASS Spotlight



On June 20th, PASS AmeriCorps students participated in a picnic to celebrate their participation in the program. Best of luck next school year!



A BIG thanks to Epiphany for allowing us to hold our weekly team meetings on site



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The **PASS AmeriCorps Program** serves students in grades 3 through 12 at 30 school sites across San Diego County, including campuses in San Diego, Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, Escondido, and Valley Center. Each **PASS AmeriCorps** member provides support for 30 students through individual and group mentoring, academic support, grades and attendance reviews, leadership development, guest speakers, service learning projects, and parent outreach. Through their service with **PASS**, our AmeriCorps members are able to create positive change in our schools and communities.

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Upcoming  
Month's  
Calendar

June 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 <i>Lorenzo's Birthday</i>	4	5	6 Last Day of School VUSD <i>Maegan's Birthday</i>	7	8
9	10 <i>VUSD - shadowing</i>	11 Last Day of School SDUSD <i>VUSD - shadowing</i>	12 Last Day of School VCPUSD & SMUSD <b>PR3 Due for VUSD</b> <i>VUSD - shadowing</i>	13 Last Day of School OUSD & SMUSD <i>VUSD - SDCOE Rm 304</i>	14 <b>PR3 Due for OUSD, SMUSD, VCPUSD, &amp; SDUSD</b> <i>VUSD - SDCOE Rm 304/307</i> <i>Madeleine's Birthday</i> <i>Ariana's Birthday</i> <i>Antoinette's Birthday</i>	15
16  Father's Day <i>Jessica's Birthday</i>	17 <b>Due:</b> Legacy Reflection, Final Service Log, Rollover List, Year End Production <i>All Report SDCOE Rm 306</i> <i>Irma's Birthday</i>	18 <b>Due:</b> NDS/Project, Profile Binder & Logs, SDCOE Badge <i>All Report SDCOE Rm 304/305</i>	19 Year-End Celebration Marina Village <b>CORAL ROOM</b> <i>Christina's Birthday</i>	20 <i>Erika's Birthday</i>	21  <b>HAPPY SUMMER</b> <i>first day of</i>	22
23	24	25 <b>PR3 Due for Epiphany</b> <b>*Due for Epiphany:</b> profile binder & logs, SDCOE badge	26	27	28	29/30 All PASS ACs Exited <b>Thank you!</b> LAST Stipend Deposit AmeriCorps Insurance Ends

**Reminders** – Please check your email for due dates, deliverables, shadow day schedules, and room reservations at SDCOE for after all the schools close.

**Progress Report 3 (PR3)** – Due to Supervisors: June 12<sup>th</sup> for VUSD, June 14<sup>th</sup> for OUSD, SMUSD, VCPUSD, SMUSD, & SDUSD, June 25<sup>th</sup> for Epiphany – Send from school computer or transfer to supervisor by flash drive – Do not email from personal computer.

June 19<sup>th</sup> – Year-End Celebration at Marina Village 8am-5pm – Wear AmeriCorps Polo

June 30<sup>th</sup> – Official last day of Term of Service. Thank you for your service!