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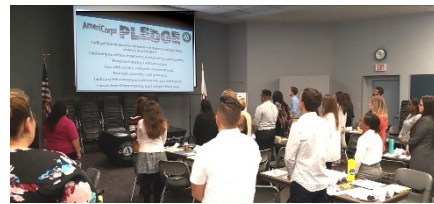
PASS AmeriCorps 2017-18 has Begun!

Our PASS AmeriCorps Program 2017-18 school year has begun!

PASS AmeriCorps is an AmeriCorps Program in various school districts and sites throughout San Diego County. We strive to support our partnering school sites in reaching their LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan) goals, working to provide support, increase student motivation, improve achievement, and foster school connect- edness.

PASS (Promoting Achievement and Student Success) AmeriCorps serves students in grades 3 through 12 at 30 school sites across San Diego County, including campuses in San Diego, Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, and Valley Center. Our PASS AmeriCorps service members

each provide support for 30 students through individual and group mentoring, academic support, grades and attendance re- views, leadership development, guest speakers, service learning projects, and parent outreach, and encouraging our students to



Taking the AmeriCorps Pledge, Orientation 2017-18

become positive leaders in their schools and communities. For the PASS AmeriCorps website and more information, [click here](#). Before beginning at the school

sites, our PASS AmeriCorps Service Members completed an intensive two week Orientation Training, including program logis- tics and best practices, presenta- tions from guest speakers on current hot topics, and insight from our Senior PASS Ameri-

Corps Members (members who elected to serve a 2nd, 3rd, or even 4th year with our program). A special thank you to those Sen- ior Members: Suzanne

Bray, Kevin De La Cruz, Corey Bishop, Katy Herder, Mackenzie Vischer, Marrison Moramarco, Jennifer Garritson, Ricky Holguin, Theresa Ludwig, and Iliana Salas. Thank you for your help during Orientation and for your com- mitment to PASS AmeriCorps!

Celebrating National Days of Service

As an AmeriCorps program, PASS AmeriCorps celebrates National Days of Service throughout the school year. These days are nationally recog- nized and AmeriCorps programs all across the country participate in events and projects to raise awareness, give back, and bring communities together. In the month of September, we hon- ored our firefighters, police offi- cers, first responders, and other

heroes for the 9/11 Day of Re- membrance. Our PASS Ameri- Corps Service Members worked with their schools and students to create posters, cards, and books, for display at the schools or to give to local fire and police stations.

**9/11 Day of
Service and
Remembrance**

**For more information about
National Days of Service,
follow these hyperlinks:
[PASS AmeriCorps - NDS](#)
[Points of Light](#)**



Rolando Park Elementary School

*Kevin De La Cruz,
PASS AmeriCorps Member*



The PASS AmeriCorps Mentor, Mr. Kevin.

Greetings Rolando Park Elementary Panther community! I am Kevin De La Cruz, the PASS AmeriCorps Mentor at this school site. It has been fun and exciting these first couple of weeks getting to know and work with the students and staff. I look forward to creating bonds and memories with the students

this school year. Some information about myself: I am originally from Pasadena, CA and moved to San Diego for my undergrad at San Diego State University. I graduated with a B.S. in Criminal Justice. I joined the PASS AmeriCorps Program right after college and decided to join for a second year because I saw the changes of improvement within each student that I've impacted throughout the school year. This month's National Day of Service (NDS) will be honoring

those who have fallen in the 9/11 attack. For the project, students will attach a paper leaf to a leafless tree. On each leaf, students will write a word that helped them overcome obstacles in their lives.



Sherman Elementary School

*Ricardo Holguin,
PASS AmeriCorps Member*



The PASS AmeriCorps Mentor, Mr. Ricky.

Hello Sherman Lions! What can I say? This is my fourth year at Sherman Elementary School and it is always a great privilege to be back and be part of a wonderful school. I am aware that we are facing some changes that may be challenging this year, howev-

er, I am more than ready to help the school to create new and stronger relationships with all the staff. We have a great principal, teachers and support staff. Let's all work together for our students and I will do my best to help our students achieve their goals. I have new ideas and projects for this year that I am excited to share with teachers. I am in the counsel-

ing room located in the front office. If anyone has any questions about the PASS AmeriCorps Program, please feel free to stop by. Please stay tuned to our upcoming San Diego County Office of Education PASS AmeriCorps newsletter as you will see our work throughout the year. Go Sherman Lions! RRAAWWRR!

Horace Mann Middle School

*Theresa Ludwig and
Antionette Simmons,
PASS AmeriCorps Members*



The PASS AmeriCorps Mentors, Ms. Antionette & Ms. Theresa

Happy September! We are your PASS AmeriCorps Mentors for the 2017-2018 school year. Ms. Theresa is returning for her 2nd year of the program, having previously served at Horace Mann in 2015-2016.

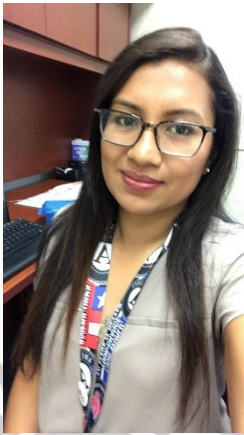
She graduated from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN with a Bachelor's in Justice and Peace Studies. She is looking forward to re-establishing strong connections with the Mann community and helping students achieve success this year. Ms. Antionette received her Bachelor's in Biology at SDSU in 2015. Recently, she completed a pre-med program at UCSD. This

year she hopes to build influential relationships with staff and students while promoting leadership. Thank you everyone for welcoming us on our first few weeks on campus. We have started to distribute enrollment forms to students. If you have received one, please return them to us in room 403.

Memorial Preparatory for Scholars and Athletes

*Iliana Salas,
PASS AmeriCorps
Member*

Greetings Memorial Prep! The PASS AmeriCorps Program is excited to be back for the school year. I am grateful to all the staff for being so welcoming the first weeks on campus. Thank you to



Ms. Salas, the PASS AmeriCorps Mentor.

Mrs. Estrada, Mrs. King, and Mrs. Ena for helping me get settled and informing me about the school climate. Thank you Mrs. Medina for referring students to the program. Thank you to all the teachers for allowing me to visit your classes. I am excited to be at Memorial Prep! A little about me: I was born and raised in San Diego. I attended California State University, Dominguez Hills

where I earned my B.A. in Human Services. I really enjoy working with students and I know being in a school setting is where I want to be! I like going to the movies, the beach, and reading books. I also like spending time with family and friends. I am looking forward to getting to know more students, staff and administration. Students stay tuned for the upcoming service projects.



San Diego High School

*Suzanne Bray and Amy DeNinno,
PASS AmeriCorps Members*

Hello, San Diego High School! PASS AmeriCorps is so excited to be back this year and cannot wait to be able to get to know the SDHS community, staff, and students. There are two PASS AmeriCorps Mentors on campus, Amy DeNinno and Suzanne Bray. Ms. Amy is a recent graduate from San Diego State University with a B.A in Urban Planning and a minor in Envi-

ronmental Studies. She is passionate about environmental health and social justice. This is the reason she has decided to serve in PASS AmeriCorps Program. She also loves writing music in her spare time. Ms. Suzy is eager to be serving her second year with PASS AmeriCorps Program at SDHS and is looking forward to the year. She has a B.S in Public Health and loves

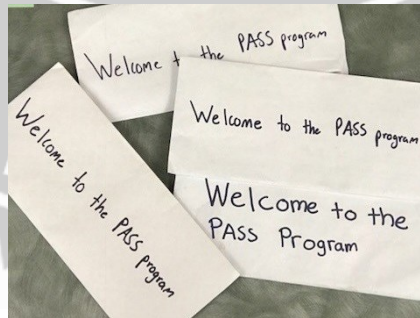
the mountains or anything in nature. We are here Monday through Friday from 7:00 am until 3:30 pm. The PASS office is located in the back of the library, room 350N. Stop by and say hello!



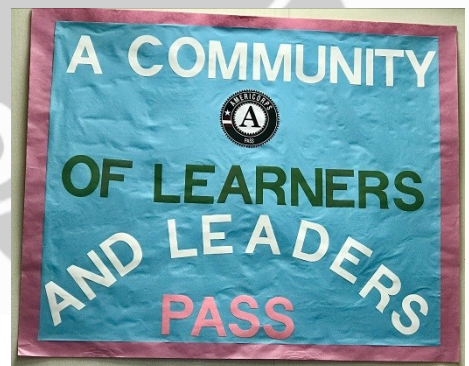
**PASS AmeriCorps Mentors,
Ms. Amy & Ms. Suzy.**



What's New! Come find out what is new in PASS AmeriCorps or on Campus at SDHS!



The PASS AmeriCorps Program is starting! Please turn in your permission slips to your PASS AmeriCorps Mentor!



Starting our PASS AmeriCorps program to become a "Community of learners and leaders".



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Program

Upcoming

Month's

Calendar

October

October 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Mini-Training & PASS All Staff NCREC Comm Labs 1-4 12:00pm-5:00pm	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Kyle Tait's Birthday</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14 11 th Annual Forum for Healthy Minds 8:00am-4:00pm *Mandatory*
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23  Red Ribbon Week	24	25	26	27	28  MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY
29	30	31 <i>Happy Halloween \$stipend</i>	<i>Service Logs Due</i>		<i>Newsletters Due</i>	
Notes October 2 – PASS AmeriCorps All Staff Meeting and Mini-Training –NCREC Comm Labs 1-4: 12pm-5pm; Senior Members Committee Meeting – 8am-12pm October 14- Mandatory Weekend Member Development Forum for all PASS ACs October 23-31- Red Ribbon Week- Alternative service project during the month October 28 – Make a Difference Day – Mandatory National Day of Service during the month						