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## 2018-19 Service Year Reflections

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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



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

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

## Teacher Appreciation Week

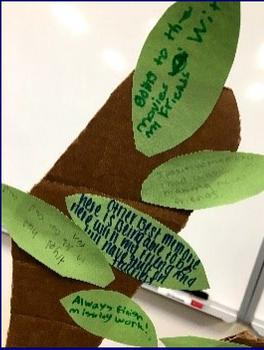
Teacher Appreciation Week is celebrated from May 6—May 10, to honor teachers and recognize the lasting contributions they make to our lives. Teachers play a critical role in educating and shaping our children: the future leaders of our country. They are kind, patient, hard-working, dedicated



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!

# San Marcos Middle School

*Jennifer Sylvia,  
PASS AmeriCorps Member*



This picture captures a few of the green leaves displayed on the SMMS Tree of Growth

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is fast approaching! There are a lot of end of the year projects that students are busy working on. Completing missing work and keeping focused during classroom discussions has been a lot of what we have been working on lately. The PASS AmeriCorps Room lunch bunch will be closed the last week of May and will remain closed for the rest of the year. However, the PASS Room will still be open in the mornings and after school for students to come work on homework, play games, and socialize with other students. The Helping Hands National Day of Service project for the month of May was a letter writing activity. PASS AmeriCorps students reflected on their year and thought about what advice they wish they had heard at the beginning of the year. Then, the students wrote down their words of advice

and encouragement to students who will be in the PASS AmeriCorps program next year. These letters will be saved and passed on to next year's AmeriCorps students. The students did a great job writing these letters and reflecting on their year at SMMS. In the PASS AmeriCorps classroom, students are updating their goal tracker paperwork for the final time, as well as voluntarily completing an end of the year survey. In an effort to positively close out the mentor and student relationship for this school year, students are contributing to a closing activity called SMMS Tree of Growth. The Tree of Growth is a cardboard tree that symbolizes the large amount of growth and change

that has taken place over the year. I am so grateful for my experiences working here at SMMS with all of these amazing students! I wish them much happiness and success in their futures!



The SMMS Tree of Growth in the beginning stages of construction



## PASS Spotlight

**PASS AmeriCorps Drama Club had a successful performance of Peter Pan and Wendy A Musical on May 9th in the Multipurpose Room. Students came together, worked hard, encouraged one another, and created something truly spectacular! All students involved had the opportunity to showcase their talents, whether it was through performing or being part of the backstage crew. Thank you to all of the SMMS staff and students who supported the PASS AmeriCorps Drama Club throughout the year!**



PASS AmeriCorps student, Adriana, who was a part of Drama Club's backstage crew



The Helping Hands May NDS letters to future PASS AmeriCorps students



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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.

**PASS  
AmeriCorps  
Program  
Upcoming  
Month's  
Calendar**

**June  
2019**

June 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
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
<b>Notes</b> <b>Reminders</b> – Please check your email for due dates, deliverables, shadow day schedules, and room reservations at SDCOE for after all the schools close. <b>Progress Report 3 (PR3)</b> – 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!						