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# PASS AmeriCorps Newsletter

## San Marcos Unified School District

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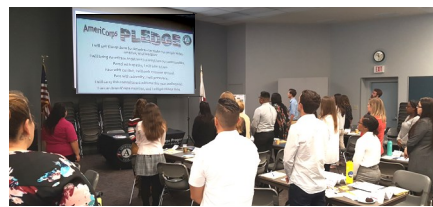
## PASS AmeriCorps 2017-18 has Begun!

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 reviews, 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 logistics and best practices, presentations 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 Senior Members: Suzanne Bray, Kevin De La Cruz, Corey Bishop, Katy Herder, Mackenzie Vischer, Marriana Moramarco, Jennifer Garritson, Ricky Holguin, Theresa Ludwig, and Iliana Salas. Thank you for your help during Orientation and for your commitment 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 recognized 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 honored our firefighters, police officers, first responders, and other

heroes for the 9/11 Day of Remembrance. Our PASS AmeriCorps 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](#)



# San Marcos Middle School

*Madison Stark,  
PASS AmeriCorps Member*



**PASS AmeriCorps can be found in Room L3.**



I never would have guessed that a couple months after seeing my name on a college diploma from the University of North Carolina, that'd I'd see it on an

ID badge for the San Diego County Office of Education, but I couldn't be happier that it is! Starting with my cross-country drive from NC to CA, my experience with PASS AmeriCorps so far has been filled with excitement. I'm thrilled to be the new PASS Mentor at San Marcos Middle School, where I've been given a warm welcome by the Crusaders family. In between completing paperwork to enroll

students, I've been able to help out with both the Scholastic Book Fair and Afterschool Hub. Next week, PASS students and I will execute our service project for September 11th, which will honor both victims and heroes, as well as engage students in a deeper reflection about the tragedy and its aftermath. I'm so excited to start building positive mentorships, and I know I'll learn so much this year from students & staff alike.

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others" - Mahatma Gandhi*



**I love AmeriCorps!**



**A new PASS Student, Jesus, stops by to say hello.**



**Mr. Chase, last year's PASS AmeriCorps mentor, is now a teacher's aid at SMMS!**



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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 <sup>th</sup> Annual Forum for Healthy Minds 8:00am-4:00pm *Mandatory*
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23  Red Ribbon Week	24 	25  <i>Service Logs Due</i>	26 	27  <i>Newsletters Due</i>	28  MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY
29	30 	31 <i>Happy Halloween \$stipend</i> 				
<b>Notes</b> 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						