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Application Open for 2018-19 PASS Year!

It's recruitment time again! All our service postings are up and the application portal has been opened. Each year, hundreds of individuals from all over the country apply to become Service Members with the San Diego County Office of Education's PASS AmeriCorps Program. We begin accepting applications after the new year to fill positions for the next school year. We are always so impressed by the wonderful people we meet who are interested in dedicating a year of their lives to national service.

Our program, PASS AmeriCorps, is highly competitive because of the experience we offer, the professional development and networking opportunities, the chance to make an impact, and the southern California location! We search for highly qualified individuals who are interested in

making a difference in the lives of the children in our San Diego County communities. Our PASS AmeriCorps Members must be at least 22 years old, hold an Associates Degree or higher, have some past experience working with youth, and have a desire to make a difference. All applicants go through a rigorous interview process with a three-hurdle step system before joining our team.

Our Term of Service for next school year is August 20, 2018 to June 30, 2019. If selected to join and become a service member with us, our members are placed individually or in pairs at elementary, middle, or high schools in Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, Valley Center-Pauma, or San Diego Unified schools. They receive a stipend of \$15,000 (1st yr) or \$16,000 (2nd yr) for a

1,700 hour term of service contract, medical/dental/vision coverage, and student loan forbearance. At the end of a successful term of service, each member receives a \$5,920 Education Award that can be used to pay student loans or for further education.

Please pass on the [link to apply](#) to anyone you think may be interested and qualified!

We are looking forward to meeting all our new applicants and putting together our amazing PASS AmeriCorps Team for the next school year!



Follow this [link to apply](#) or visit our PASS AmeriCorps website: www.sdcoe.net/pass-ameri-corps

Random Acts of Kindness Week

"Kindness starts with one", is the slogan to Random Acts of Kindness Week 2018. PASS AmeriCorps school sites celebrated a week of kindness, committing to doable, simple and meaningful kind acts. Kindness really does start with one—one person, one act, one place, one city, one county, and one movement with one goal in mind: to make our world a kinder place one act a time.



The non-profit foundation that believes in spreading kindness throughout schools, communities, and homes.

Some of the acts of kindness that our PASS students came up with included helping a teacher with a task, giving a compliment to a peer, leaving school staff a kind note, picking up litter around the school, helping a peer with homework, assisting the custodian with cleaning up after lunch, and much, much more.

Every single one of us can play a part in making the world a little kinder. What will you do?

Valley Center Middle School

*Erika Triebel,
PASS AmeriCorps Member*



**Girls on the Run/
Heart and Sole**

During the month of February, PASS recognized Random Acts of Kindness Week. Students were asked to write a random act of kindness they had witnessed or received recently. These acts will be posted around on campus for all to

see. Also, the month of February brought the foam obstacle course, which was a chance for the whole school to engage in a fun activity. In other news, VCMS had its first week of Girls on the Run/Heart and Sole practice. This is an after school program that creates a positive, safe space for girls to explore new ideas, build relationships, and develop life skills. There is a physical exercise component to the pro-

gram as well, however athletic ability is not required to join. The program is open to all middle school girls; all they have to do is register online! Financial aid is available for participation in the school program.

Please contact Ms. Triebel at triebeler@vcpsd.org or Mrs. Stehly at stehly.kr@vcpsd.org for more information.

Valley Center High School

*Matthew Pryor
and Daisy Hernandez
PASS AmeriCorps Members*

PASS Student, Alfred D. was great at helping us sort out all the appreciation letters and hand delivering them.



February is the month known for Random Acts of Kindness and Teen Dating Awareness. Students wanted to show their appreciation for their teachers/staff on campus by sending them heart shaped appreciation letters. They took the

time to reflect on the times teachers and staff have helped them. Thank you to the teachers and staff who make Valley Center High School a better place. February was also a month filled with emotions for our PASS students. With Valentine's day this month, we decided to incorporate a lesson with our students on what a healthy relationship looks like. The students

created a poster and listed positive attributes/qualities a relationship should and shouldn't have. Students were extremely happy doing February projects all while excelling in their classes. Progress reports came out and students are continuing to work hard to maintain their high grades and outstanding attendance. We plan on keeping our stride all the way through the end of the semester!

Oak Glen High School

*Sarah Plancarte,
PASS AmeriCorps Member*



Jonathan Tarr Foundation, Aloha by the Bay event

February, what a busy month! I attended an event hosted by the Jonathan Tarr Foundation to gather more information on nominating an OGHS senior for their scholarship. A student has not yet been selected, but stay tuned for

updates. In other news, Oak Glen students participated in Random Acts of Kindness week in which they participated in a couple community building activities. PASS hosted events such as the Giving Tree, a hot chocolate stand, and an activity called "Heart Attack". For the giving tree, students filled out apples with kind words and suggestions for acts of kindness and they were

added to the poster that hangs in the PASS room. Students also participated in an event called, "heart attack," where students wrote notes to specific people and they were hand delivered. Almost 150 hearts were distributed throughout the school! Random Acts of Kindness week was a success thanks to the wonderful participation of staff and 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, 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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March



March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Dr. Seuss Day	3 Matthew's Birthday
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Spring Forward Daylight Saving Time	12 Mini-Training & AmeriCorps Week Celebration- NCREC Com Labs 1-4 8:00am-5:00pm	13 	14 	15 Lei Ai's Birthday	16 	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19 Newsletters Due VUSD, SDUSD & Epiphany	20 1 st Day of Spring	21 YMHFA: Training SDCOE: Room 306 8:00am-5:00pm All PASS ACs	22	23 Amanda's Birthday	24
25 Ricky's Birthday	26 VUSD, SDUSD, & Epiphany Prep Closed Spring Break March 26 th -March 30 th All Other Districts & SDCOE Open	27 Newsletters Due SMUSD, OUSD & VCPUSD	28	29	30 VCPUSD: Shadow Day SMUSD Data Report 2 Due; Data for All other Districts Due April 5 th	31 DR2: Cutoff NDS: Cesar Chavez Day Stipend Direct Deposit

Notes

- March 12-16 – AmeriCorps Week: A time to salute AmeriCorps members and alums for their service, thank AmeriCorps community partners, and communicate AmeriCorps' impact on communities and on the lives of those they serve.
- March 12 – PASS AmeriCorps All Staff Meeting and Mini-Training – NCREC Com Labs 1-4 – 8am-5pm; No Senior Member Committee Meeting
- March 21 – Mandatory Training: Youth Mental Health First Aide – SDCOE 8am-5pm
- March 26-30- VUSD, SDUSD, and Epiphany Spring Break; OUSD, VCPUSD, SMUSD, and SDCOE OPEN; VCPUSD shadows on March 30th
- March 31 – Mandatory National Day of Service: Cesar Chavez. Plan project at your site. There will be an optional weekend event. Details will be emailed; Data Report 2: cutoff Date