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MLK Day Legacy of Service with PASS AmeriCorps

As the only federal holiday designated as a National Day of Service, Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) challenges us to make MLK Day a "day on, not a day off." By engaging in service opportunities on this day, individuals and groups follow in Dr. King's footsteps, working to strengthen their communities and make differences in many areas of human need.

To honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy, the PASS AmeriCorps Program made MLK Day a "day on" by serving as volunteers at two locations. The 30th Annual All People's Celebration, hosted by Alliance San Diego,

brought together over 1,000 people across San Diego to share a message of hope, and provide important information to the public on how to make San Diego a better place in 2018.

In North County, the Seed to Preschool Neighborhood Farm, brought together 83 volunteers to clean up and prep their urban garden for the next planting season. This North County Community Services program grows 5,000 pounds of food every year, which goes directly into the lunch and snack at their preschools for low income families in our communities.

Our 39 PASS AmeriCorps Program Members work hard every day to encourage and empower youth to make a difference in their schools, communities, lives, and futures through their own hard work and service.



PASS AmeriCorps making it "a day on" of service



Collaborative Partner Spotlight - Heather Nemour

We want to thank Heather Nemour, Project Specialist with SDCOE's Student Support Services Department, for her training on the 40 Developmental Assets this month. We took the opportunity to get to know her a little better.

Favorite aspect of your job? I get to do what I love everyday: learn and become an expert on various topics around student mental health & well-being, and then teach it to others. Knowing that I am able to influence adults that work directly with students or at the district level excites me. If I have

positively impacted one person, then it was all worth it.

Most important quality for success? Positivity and Integrity

Greatest achievement? The opportunity to work in school communities for the past 20 years and interact/collaborate with every type of stakeholder (students, parents, school staff, and community partners) has provided me with invaluable experiences that have shaped who I am today both personally and professionally.

Three words to best describe you? Positive, Caring, and Enthusiastic

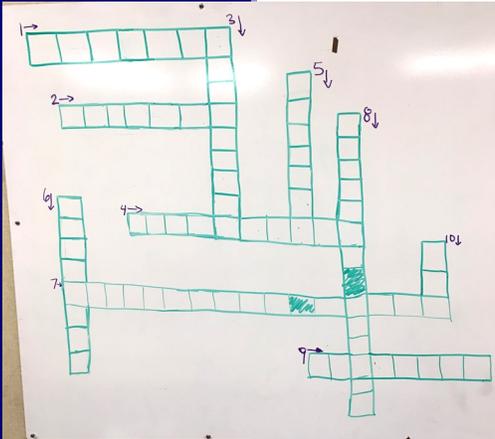
Something unique about your 13 year old self? I was fascinat-

ed by the foreign exchange students at my high school. I befriended all of them and that was my click. I just loved all of their accents and the stories they shared with me. It opened my eyes up to how beautiful and unique each of us are.

Advice for our PASS AmeriCorps Members? Take advantage of every learning opportunity that comes your way. Realize that you will make many mistakes along the way, but look at those as opportunities for growth! We cannot grow if we can't learn from our mistakes. And never forget that you can be a non-parent caring adult for so many students who do not have one!

Valley Center Middle School

*Erika Triebel,
PASS AmeriCorps Member*



One of the crossword puzzles at lunch

PASS AmeriCorps is so excited to be back in action after winter break! During the month of January, PASS students took great initiative to improve their grades before the quarter ended.

Students sought improvement by coming to the PASS room before school and during lunch to work on assignments. Also, students have asked for advice from their teachers on what they can do to succeed in class. PASS AC has been honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. this month as well. There have been tolerance, acceptance, and equality themed crossword activities in the PASS room during lunch to

engage students with the important teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The PASS students are in the process of creating a collage of MLK Jr. to illustrate unity. As quarter three starts, PASS AmeriCorps will be focused on helping students stay on top of assignments, and setting new goals for the second half of the year.

Valley Center High School

*Matthew Pryor
and Daisy Hernandez
PASS AmeriCorps Members*



The students have been filling up our MLK Jr. Poster with their positive dreams!

Welcome back Valley Center High School! It's a brand new semester in

a brand new year and not only are the PASS students excited to be back, but we PASS mentors are as well. The first couple of days back the students filled us in on what they did

over their two weeks off. Some traveled, some stayed home, and one of them got themselves injured and had to miss the first week back. But don't worry! He is fine now and has already made sure we know that he needs to catch up on all his work. As for the rest of the PASS students, most have been doing a good job of staying ahead of their work, so that they

don't get buried under a mountain of assignments. Since it's January, students have also been participating in our PASS AmeriCorps service project, writing a dream of theirs on our poster in honor of MLK Jr. The students have taken to the project with enthusiasm, and it's uplifting to see their aspirations. We are extremely excited to be back!

Oak Glen High School

*Sarah Plancarte,
PASS AmeriCorps Member*



PASS students Cameron and Jessica working on the MLK Day "I have a dream" poster

Oak Glen students are off and running into the new trimester. Spirits are high and students are working diligently to have a strong start to the new year. This month, we have been working on an, "I Have A

Dream" MLK Jr. Day poster. Students have been completing clouds that have prompts such as, "My dream for myself is," "My dream for my family is," and "My dream for the world is" and then we've been adding them to the poster. The poster will hang in the PASS room as a reminder to dream on! In other news, Oak Glen hosted a Connect and Respect Train-

ing that taught students about bullying and its consequences. The school-wide training was a great success and allowed students to relate to each other on a deeper level. The students did a spectacular job participating and respecting the presenter. I hope we continue to create a campus that is a safe space for all!



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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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Upcoming

Month's

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February 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2 Groundhog Day	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 	12 rakweek Lincoln's Birthday	13 rakweek Jackie's Birthday	14 rakweek Valentine's Day	15 rakweek	16 rakweek SMUSD, VUSD, SDUSD and Epiphany Prep - Shadow All other Districts and SDCOE Open	17 rakweek
18	19 ALL Districts and SDCOE CLOSED	20 VCPUSD & OUSD - Shadow Day All other Districts and SDCOE Open	21 VCPUSD & OUSD - Shadow Day All other Districts and SDCOE Open	22 VCPUSD & OUSD - Shadow Day All other Districts and SDCOE Open	23 VCPUSD & OUSD - Shadow Day All other Districts and SDCOE Open Newsletters Due	24
25	26 PASS AC All Staff and Mini-Training - NCREC	27 Tessa's Birthday	28 Amy's Birthday Stipend Direct Deposit			

Notes

Feb 11-17 – Mandatory National Day of Service: Random Acts of Kindness Week (<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/>)

Feb 19- Presidents Day- All Districts and SDCOE Closed

Feb 26 – PASS AmeriCorps All Staff Meeting and Mini-Training – NCREC Comm Labs 1&3 – 12pm-4pm; Senior Member Committees 11am-12pm

February



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