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PASS AmeriCorps Newsletter

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PASS AmeriCorps Celebrates “AmeriCorps Week”

AmeriCorps Week 2018 (March 12-16) was dedicated to celebrating the 75,000 Americans currently serving their communities through AmeriCorps programs, as well as the more than one million alumni who have already completed more than 1.4 billion hours of service since AmeriCorps started in 1994. For AmeriCorps Week, programs and organizations throughout the United States held events, proclamations, editorials, and awareness campaigns to highlight the contributions and impact of AmeriCorps programs.

In our schools, students reflected on the significance of national service, discussed the impact made by mentors in their lives, and learned more about AmeriCorps and the

opportunities that it provides. Additionally, our AmeriCorps Service Members are conducting informational presentations for students and school staff, in university classrooms and career fairs, and for community members to raise awareness of AmeriCorps.

On March 12, PASS AmeriCorps honored our Members by holding a Day of Celebration with team-building activities focused on giving thanks, and a catered lunch. Our Members participated in gratitude and appreciation-based activities, and had the opportunity to connect and build their teamwork and sportsmanship through playing some fun teambuilding games during lunch. Thank you to our PASS



PASS AmeriCorps Team 2017-18

AmeriCorps Members for their dedication and service to our students, schools, and their communities!

Did you know?

Nearly 4,000 AmeriCorps members responded to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria and many are still on the ground in those communities today.

More Information on AmeriCorps Facts and Impact - [Hyperlink: AmeriCorps Week 2018](#)

Collaborative Partner Spotlight - Gabriela B. Delgado

We want to thank Gabriela B. Delgado, Program Specialist with SDCOE's Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program and Homeless Education Services Department, for her training on Group Facilitation this year. We took the opportunity to get to know her a little better.

Favorite aspect of your job? Working with and serving young people and those who support them.

Most important quality for success? Integrity

Greatest achievement? Three-year service learning project consisting of over 50 murals at a

school site, including a large-scale mosaic mural, which positively impacted students, parents, teachers, and community members.

Three words to best describe you? Friend, Loyal, Honest

Something unique about your 13 year old self? I still listen to one of my favorite bands that I discovered when I was 13 (The Smiths)!

Advice for our PASS AmeriCorps Members? 1) Do something you love- if you

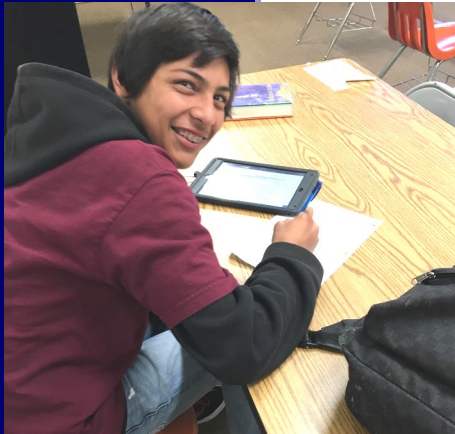
don't love your job, find a new one!; 2) Work hard to play hard; 3) Always be honest; 4) Never pass up an opportunity to learn something new; 5) Stay grounded- don't let your degrees or title go to your head.

Gabriela B. Delgado, SDCOE's Foster Youth & Homeless Education Department



Valley Center Middle School

*Erika Triebel,
PASS AmeriCorps Member*



Jacob came in during lunch to work on social studies homework

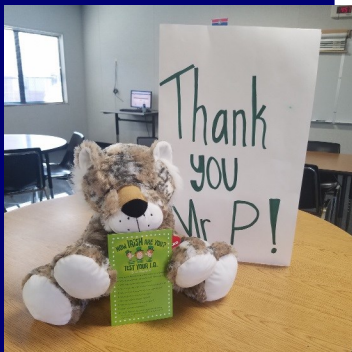
During the month of March, PASS AmeriCorps students worked to improve their grades for quarter three, which ends

when March comes to a close. I am proud of the initiative students took during the month of March to ask for help from teachers, complete assignments during lunch, and stay after school to finish missing assignments. I hope their hard work shows in quarter three report cards. In addition to working hard academically, students also participated in two National Days of Service for March. The first was Amer-

iCorps Week, where students discussed the role PASS AmeriCorps has at VCMS, and how the program has helped them specifically. The messages written by the students will be posted in the PASS room. The second national day of service was Cesar Chavez Day. Students learned about how Chavez has an impact on life today, and decorated a planter to inspire agricultural awareness.

Valley Center High School

*Matthew Pryor
and Daisy Hernandez
PASS AmeriCorps Members*



A thank you card from Mrs. Myers 3rd Period class for Mr. Pryor's birthday, which was March 3rd.

It's halfway through the semester! It's been a long month and both students and teachers alike are looking forward to spring break! PASS AmeriCorps started partnering with Project AWARE, which is an emotional literacy course at

the high school and the students have really taken an appreciation for it. PASS also held an informational presentation for students interested in serving with AmeriCorps. Many students entered without knowing what national service was and left with AmeriCorps as a possible option for their futures. The second half of the school year has been going well. The students are eager to

fix their mistakes from last semester, and it's always nice to see students have a positive self reflection; to look at what went wrong last semester and become motivated to change. Like always, we do our best to keep students motivated, and a lot of them are using their time wisely. I look forward to what April has in store, as we begin moving down the hill and closer to the end of the semester.

Oak Glen High School

*Sarah Plancarte,
PASS AmeriCorps Member*



March was a very busy month at Oak Glen. With the last day of the trimester falling on the 23rd, students spent the month zeroing in on their grades. We were still able to get in work while having fun with our service projects. For AmeriCorps week, students

Photos of PASS students posing in the AmeriCorps "Rosie-the-Riveter" stance

made an AmeriCorps poster to use as a backdrop for student portraits. Many students rocked the AmeriCorps pose! The poster is now proudly hanging on the PASS room wall. Students will also be working on a project called, Seeds of Hope. This will be in celebration of Cesar Chavez Day. Students will be decorating plant pots and planting seeds of various flowers. I am

excited to see what the students create. On another note, our final trimester is underway and OGHS has opened its gates to 15 new students. It is exciting to have new energy and faces on campus. With less than 60 days until the end of the school year, this last trimester will fly by but hopefully it will be our best one!



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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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AmeriCorps

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Upcoming

Month's

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April

April 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SMUSD Spring Break → April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5 Data Report Due OUSD, VUSD, VCPUSD, & SDUSD	6	7
8 VCPUSD & OUSD Spring Break →	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK Celebrate Service April 15 th -21 st	16 Andrea's Birthday	17 PASS AmeriCorps Resume Training & All Staff SDCOE Annex B 8:00am-5:00pm	18 Jose's Birthday	19	20 Global Youth Service Day April 20 th -22 nd	21 Creek to Bay Cleanup Mandatory Weekend Creek to Bay Beach Clean Up
22 	23 Epiphany Prep Shadow Day SDCOE and All other Districts Open	24 Newsletter Due	25	26	27 Haley's Birthday	28
29	30	April Spring Break Schedule ☞ VUSD, SDUSD, & Epiphany: March 26 th - March 30 th ☞ SMUSD: April 2 nd - 6 th ☞ VCPUSD & OUSD: April 9 th - 13 th Check in with your Supervisor for Shadow/Make Up Days				
Notes	April 5 th - Please submit Data Report 2 and One-Time/On-Going Volunteer Tracker by 5:00PM or before from your district account and computer.					
	April 17 th - PASS AmeriCorps Resume Workshop and All Staff Meeting. Breakfast and Lunch provided.					
	April 21 st - Mandatory Weekend Event for all PASS ACs: Creek to Bay Clean Up. Please encourage your students to participate.					
	April 15 th - 22 nd - Required NDS - Select to observe either Global Youth Service Day or National Volunteer Week.					