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# PASS AmeriCorps Newsletter

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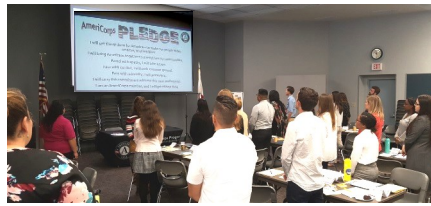
## PASS AmeriCorps 2017-18 has Begun!

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 re- views, 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 logis- tics and best practices, presenta- tions 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 Sen- ior 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 com- mitment 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 recog- nized 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 hon- ored our firefighters, police offic- ers, first responders, and other

heroes for the 9/11 Day of Re- membrance. Our PASS Ameri- Corps 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](#)



# Valley Center Middle School

*Erika Triebel,  
PASS AmeriCorps Member*



**Ms. Triebel PASS  
AmeriCorps Mentor**

My name is Erika Triebel and I am excited to be serving at Valley Center Middle School as the new PASS AmeriCorps Men-

tor. I recently moved to San Diego from Maryland after graduating from Penn State

University with a Bachelors of Science in Criminology and Sociology. I can be found on campus in room 902 which is located near the football field. Some students are familiar with PASS from last year, but I hope to get more students involved and aware of PASS this year. The PASS room is open before school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Also, the room is open during both lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays or with a pass. Our 9/11 service pro-

ject took place during both lunches on Thursday, September 28th. We honored our personal heroes by writing their names down on stars and stripes to create an American Flag. I am grateful for the ASB students helping me with this project and I hope to have many more student participants honor their heroes.

# Valley Center High School

*Matthew Pryor,  
PASS AmeriCorps Member*



**Mr. Pryor and PASS  
AmeriCorps will be avail-  
able from 7am - 3:30pm  
at VCHS**

My name is Matthew Pryor and I am excited to be here in California serving at Valley Center High School as the new PASS mentor. I am originally from a small town in Missouri named Waynesville. I am still getting used to the move and learning how different California expenses are, but at least the weather is fair and there are plenty of beaches to enjoy.

As for the PASS room, I am currently still enrolling students, but my room is open before school and at lunch everyday, during 5th hour for PASS students, and after school Monday through Thursday for ASE. I am also excited to be working on my 9/11 service project with the students and faculty at the school to honor public service heroes.

Mr. McMurdo and his art students have been extremely helpful in completing the outline for the project, providing both materials and hard workers. I look forward to collaborating with staff and students on all future projects!

# Oak Glen High School

*Sarah Plancarte,  
PASS AmeriCorps Member*

**Ms. Sarah  
and  
students  
honored  
our local  
first  
responders**



Hello, my name is Sarah Plancarte. I am the new PASS AmeriCorps Mentor at

Oak Glen High School. I moved to San Diego almost 10 years ago and graduated from UC Merced in 2014. Since

then, I have worked at a private tax firm and then served as an AmeriCorps VIP Fellow at Voices for Children. As a first year PASS Mentor, I am eager to begin working with students to achieve success both in and outside of the classroom. For our first Service Project, the students at Oak Glen would like to give thanks to local first responders, in commemoration of

9/11. Students created a "Thank You" poster that they held as a welcome to first responders. Members of the Valley Center Fire Department gave students information on what firefighters do daily, as well as, explain what it takes to become a firefighter. Afterward, the students received a tour of the fire engine and ambulance. I hope that this will be the start to a great new year of PASS.



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PASS

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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	26	27	28  MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY
29	30	31  Happy Halloween \$stipend	Service Logs Due		Newsletters Due	
<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						