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PASS Makes it a “Day On” for MLK Day

In 1994, Congress designated Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a National Day of Service with efforts supported and led by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). As the only federal holiday designated as a National Day of 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, such as education, the environment, and public safety.

To honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy, the PASS AmeriCorps Program made MLK Day a “day on” through serving as vol-

unteers at the 29th Annual All People’s Celebration, hosted by Alliance San Diego. The event took place on Monday, January 16, 2017 at the Balboa Park Ac-



Some of our PASS AmeriCorps Members serving at the 29th Annual All People’s Celebration.

tivity Center and was attended by about 1,000 business leaders, elected officials, faith leaders, community organizers, artists, and students. Our PASS AmeriCorps Members served as ush-

ers, parking attendants, backstage and community space assistants, coffee station assistants, volunteer room assistants, and breakdown and cleanup crew. We were also able to hold a booth providing information to individuals attending the event on the PASS Program and AmeriCorps in general.

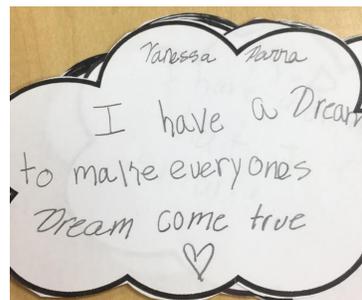
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, “Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve.” Our 38 PASS AmeriCorps Program Members work hard every day to encourage and empower youth throughout our San Diego County School Districts to embrace their greatness and make a difference in their schools, communities, lives, and futures through their own hard work and service.



Aubree and Juan work on a poster for PASS’s MLK service project at San Marcos Middle.



Come read our **DREAMS** right outside of the **PASS Room - Room 209** at **San Marcos Elementary**



Example of a **DREAM** from a **San Marcos Elementary** student. **What are you doing for others?**

San Marcos Elementary School, San Marcos, CA

Cassandra Gilliam, PASS AmeriCorps Member



4th grade PASS Students complete and decorate their DREAMS for the future

Welcome back, Tigers. This month's National Day of Service was to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. Students learned and discussed MLK's work towards a peaceful nation and all the positive things he ac-

complished in his life. Students also discussed how Martin Luther King Jr's journey helped shape their lives today. Students completed "cloud bubbles" filled with dreams they have for their futures, just as MLK once said "I have a Dream..." Everyone is encouraged to stop by outside of the PASS room to see the final project and maybe even identify some shared dreams.

Ms. Cass and the PASS students have also been working

towards increasing academic achievement by practicing reading, multiplication facts and learning ways to stay focused in the classroom, such as remembering to eat a good breakfast. What do you do to stay focused? Stop by room 209 to let us know and make suggestions to classmates and friends on how they can be a better listener/hard worker.

San Marcos Middle School, San Marcos, CA

Morgan Cochran and Chase Erickson, PASS AmeriCorps Members



Eric F. pencils in letters for the MLK day poster.

Students at San Marcos Middle School are excited to return back to school after a long break. The first Service Project of the year was in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. SMMS PASS students came up with their own project idea this month. They decided that

they wanted to have other students sign hearts, completing the sentences: "I'm proud to be..." or "My dream is...", Crusaders wanted all students at San Marcos Middle School to be able to express their gratitude for who they are and for the opportunities that they will have in the future. Most of the students in PASS used their artistic talent to create banners. Some students glued

hearts together to make the shapes. Others creatively wrote in their favorite MLK quotes or created pictures that symbolized MLK Day. It was the first PASS service project this year that truly allowed all students at SMMS to show their talent while accomplishing a common goal together.

PASS Professional Development in January



Sal Garcia hosted an amazing training on "Engaging Youth in Activities"

Sal Garcia, Program Specialist with Friday Night Live at SDCOE, came to our PASS AmeriCorps All Staff Meeting and conducted an amazing training with our PASS ACs. He taught and demonstrated several ice breaker games that our members can implement with their students. Our members were so cheerful during the training,

they all had a chance to reconnect and unwind after completing their first student data report in December. Sal's energetic training helped our team to bond and begin 2017 energized and excited to continue our work. We are truly grateful to Sal for making this contribution to our team. As one of our PASS ACs put it, "He is a Legend."

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"
- Martin Luther King Jr.

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The PASS AmeriCorps Program serves students in grades 3 through 12 at 29 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 targeted 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.

**PASS
AmeriCorps
Program
Upcoming
Month's
Calendar**

| February 2017 | | | | | | |
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| Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. |
| | | | 1 | 2 Groundhog Day | 3 | 4 Vanessa's Birthday |
| 5 | 6 PASS AC All Staff and Mini-Training - NCREC | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Lincoln's Birthday | 13 RETURNING PASS ACs ONLY: Training - SDCOE | 14 Valentine's Day | 15 | 16 | 17 SMUSD & SDUSD - Shadow WUSD - Closed All other Districts and SDCOE Open | 18 Daisy's & Truman's Birthday |
| 19 | 20 Presidents Day ALL Districts and SDCOE CLOSED | 21 VCPUSD - Shadow Day OUSD - Closed All other Districts and SDCOE Open | 22 VCPUSD & OUSD Closed All other Districts and SDCOE Open | 23 VCPUSD & OUSD - Closed All other Districts and SDCOE Open | 24 VCPUSD & OUSD - Closed All other Districts and SDCOE Open Newsletters Due | 25 Brendan's Birthday |
| 26 | 27 Tessa's Birthday | 28 Stipend Direct Deposit | | | | |
| Notes | Feb 6 – PASS AmeriCorps All Staff Meeting and Mini-Training – NCREC Comm Labs 1&3 – 12pm-4pm Feb 12-18 – Mandatory National Day of Service: Random Acts of Kindness Week Feb 13 – RETURNING PASS ACs ONLY – Training: Helping Our Boys Succeed in the Classroom and Beyond – JRRTC Comm Labs 1-4 (SDCOE) / Excel Training – 8am-4pm | | | | | |

February