Hello CASSA!
I hope that you had a wonderful winter break! This past semester came to a very quick end, but it was full of exciting events that we are looking forward to continue in the upcoming spring semester. Whether you are coming into CASSA as a new member or are returning, we appreciate your participation and hope that you are getting the most out of your experiences within CASSA. Below are the words of your fellow CASSA members and their first hand experiences at each of our fall events. Hopefully, their words will inspire you to get the most out of CASSA. As our members, you are the foundation of CASSA and we, the executive board, would like CASSA to be a contributing factor in helping you make memories that will last a lifetime! See you during the spring. Signing off for now, your president Chelsea Krueger. Go CASSA!!!!

Members of the Month!
Every month, CASSA likes to recognize one member who has gone above and beyond by participating in the most events and has also contributed to our donation drives! Thanks for your hard work and your participation in CASSA!

Jennifer Palacios (November—Pictured on the Left) & Katherine Landeros (December)
I did not know whether to attend the Road To Teaching Conference or not. After thinking about it, I figured it would be a great opportunity for me to get an idea as to what I want to do with my CHAD major after graduating CSUF. I do not regret attending this Conference one bit! The day started with a keynote presenter who was the teacher of the year, Mr. Timothy Smith! His speech was named "Cleaning the Whiteboard", it was really motivational. After his 30-minute speech, everyone dispersed and we were allowed to go to 4 different workshops throughout the day. I personally decided to go to the following workshops: Teaching Students With Autism, Introduction to Special Education, Early Childhood Careers and Pathways, & What To Expect When You Are Testing (CBEST & CSET). I was happy that I chose these particular workshops because CSUF faculty conducted them. For example, Dr. Tiffany Leger-Rodriguez, Dr. Melinda R. Pierson, and Ms. Caren Bautista. All of the workshops were eye opening to me. It made me realize that the route of teaching is the right fit for me. I have been thinking of teaching Special Education after attending the workshops consisting of Special Ed. I am considering it more. One quote that I will never forget from this conference is the following, "I live for disequilibrium."
NANA’S KIDZ by Yvette Diaz

On November 22nd, CASSA members had the privilege to participate in another one of Nana’s Kidz events. The event took place at the Valencia Inn in Anaheim where members had the opportunity to engage and interact with children living in the Motel. The goal of Nana’s Kidz is to give children a backyard experience while parents look for local community resources. This was such a great experience for CASSA members including myself. We did not have a big turnout, but the children who did participate had our undivided attention. This gave CASSA members the opportunity to really engage with the children. We played various board games such as bingo, connect four, hula-hoops, and soccer. The children really seemed to enjoy the time and attention of our fellow CASSA members. It was awesome to see their little smiles. Nana’s Kidz does an excellent job in providing activities and resources for these children and their families. I look forward to volunteering in more of their future events.

GUEST SPEAKER: AIMEE NELSON by Lizeth Perez

In one of the last CASSA meetings for the Fall Semester, Assistant Dean for the College of Education, Aimee Nelson was there to tell us all about majoring in the field of Education. I loved Mrs. Nelson’s power point because it gave me great tips on what to expect once I get closer to graduation. She also encouraged us to visit the Center for Careers in Teaching, which is in the humanities building. A couple days after this meeting, I made an appointment and I visited the center Advisor Bautista helped me plan my schedules. The schedule that she made for me is very helpful, and I plan on visiting her every semester just to make sure that I am in track. I am glad that Ms. Nelson talked to CASSA because I learned a lot of things that I did not know about the field of education. Thank You CASSA :)}
KATHY IRELAND by Paloma Fonseca

The Kathy Ireland Christmas event was something that I was looking forward to too for the Fall Semester. I had first attended this event last year and loved what this day brought to the children. It’s an event that gives children a day of fun filled activities as well as time to meet Santa. There were different stations set up from decorating cookies to painting that brought a huge smile to each of the children that came by. I was in the station to decorate Santa hats and that was fun to be a part of because not only did I help in decorating, I also got a chance to talk to some amazing kids. I felt like I learned more about this event and got to see the magic that it brings to children.

ORANGEWOOD by Danie Eden

CASSA has volunteered at Orangewood Children’s Home many times, mostly with elementary school aged children. This time we volunteered with girls ages 15 to 18 and to be honest, beforehand I was a little nervous about how this event would go. I was surprised that this was one of my favorite events at Orangewood! We spent the Friday evening playing games, crafting, getting to know each other, and lots of laughing! One of the girls told me that she is hoping to go to UC Santa Barbra next fall, which made me so happy that she was motivated to be successful! The adolescent girls who joined us that evening were really appreciative that us college students gave up our Friday night to spend it with them and the CASSA members had tons of fun!
CHRISTMAS AT THE OC ZOO BY DANIE EDEN

CASSA members spread some holiday cheer at the Christmas at the Orange County Zoo event! We got dressed up in our holiday attire and helped young children with Christmas themed crafts and games! Our members had fun getting into the Christmas spirit and interacting with the adorable children! We even got to look around the Zoo and see the cute animals. I highly recommend this event for CASSA next year!

LET'S MAKE A DEAL TV TAPING BY CHELSEA KRUEGER

On December 13th, CASSA once again attended the TV taping for the show "Let's Make A Deal"; a perfect activity to take our minds off of studying for the finals that were coming up that following week. Those of us who attended dressed up in costumes and conquered the stage. Most of us were chosen to sit right in the front where Wayne Brady walks. It was simply awesome. During commercial breaks, it was as if we were at a dance party. The entire audience danced to the music and had a blast. The show was fun from start to finish. As I looked around at the audience during commercial breaks, I could see the bright smiling faces of our members, and for me, that was the best part! As long as CASSA was happy, I was having a blast! I can’t wait for the next one!
On December 16th, CASSA held a breakfast fundraiser to offer some delicious and affordable breakfast goodies to all CSUF students. For this fundraiser, CASSA offered muffins, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, water bottles, orange juice, and Yoo-hoos, all for only $1.00! Since this fundraiser was held during finals week CSUF students were happy to purchase some snacks to help boost their energy to tackle their final exams. I had such a great time assisting the CASSA board with advertising and selling our breakfast goodies. I also enjoyed talking to my fellow CSUF classmates about our club, informing them about the amazing events we take part in over the school year, and encouraging to join. Overall, this simple event was a nice way to end the fall semester and I'm very grateful to be a part of such an awesome club!

On a cold Saturday morning, I participated in the CASSA Event "Grandma’s House of Hope Christmas Party" at El Dorado Motel in Anaheim. Volunteers helped set up and prepare for the event. From unloading packages to organizing toys for the children, it was a very busy and exciting day! I was so happy to assist those in need and seeing smiles on these children's faces made my day! What struck me was seeing so many low-income families there without a home and everyday necessities—Even some tattooed parents smoking in front of their children. But I know they are struggling to live a normal life with getting children to go to school. Overall, the day was a very eye-opening experience because I realized how thankful I should be even if I don’t have everything I want.
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Cord Policy:
Minimum of 30 hours as a paid member for 2 semesters.

• 2 hours of leadership
• 5 hours of event attendance (meetings & Socials)
• 6 hours of community service

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MISSION STATEMENT:
CASSA is the Child and Adolescent Studies Student Association. Our mission is to provide students with opportunities to develop leadership and professional skills. CASSA also provides opportunities to interact with fellow students and faculty in an atmosphere that fosters social networking by hosting weekly meetings, socials and community events.