Welcome to our last newsletter of the year! This year has been filled with many accomplishments and it’s all thanks to our members. We thank you for your dedication to CASSA, and we hope you enjoy your summer vacations!

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2014!

Members of the Month

March

Congratulations to Kelly Coria for being the member of the month for March. Thank you, Kelly for all your hard work and dedication!

April

Congratulations to our member of the month for April, Crystal Morillon. Great job on your dedication!
TV Taping: @Midnight  By Joseph Requejo

Taking a mini road trip to Los Angeles, many CASSA members had the opportunity to be in the audience and see Hollywood in action at the taping of the Comedy Central show @Midnight. Our host, Chris Hardwick, along with guests from a new show “Silicon Valley” fired jokes at each other and left the crowd in an uproar of laughter! As a big surprise, special guest David Hasselhoff nonchalantly waltzed onto the stage for a quick scene and everyone was excited to see him in person! Guests competed with each other in impromptu comedic categories and the eccentric T.J Miller even tried to bribe Chris Hardwick with a sandwich in his pocket! During the break, Chris Hardwick entertained the audience by interacting with us, and he even straddled fellow member Francisco! Overall, the experience was exciting and hilarious as we got to spend time with fellow members laughing the day away.

Bake Sale  By Christine Dzou

On April 15th and 16th, the CASSA bake sale was held outside of the Humanities building. It was a great opportunity for the students in the club to come together and sell our assortment of baked goods. Many members contributed dessert items like brownies, cookies, and cupcakes. The fundraiser was donation based, and we experienced great support and generosity from many of the people who stopped by our table! Overall, it was also a fun experience meeting other members of the club. We all had the same goal-- to raise money and increase club awareness!
On April 8th, CASSA played with the children on the playground. Many of the children have active imaginations, and so we usually get very involved during play time. Often times, the volunteers go on the playground themselves! Inside the classroom, CASSA helped with snacks and talked to the children. Some of the children were first timers, and were unfamiliar with the area. That night, a girl was new and was not excited to be at Fristers whatsoever. Luckily, with the help of the staff and CASSA, Chloe eventually calmed down and played on the playground for the rest of the night! I recommend volunteering at Fristers to anyone in CASSA who has not volunteered there yet! I have now been to Fristers three times, and I absolutely love the environment and children who show up week to week.

On April 15th, CASSA was given the opportunity to work with a program called Fristers which provides classes, resources, and helpful information to teen mothers. CASSA put their two cents in by assisting the daycares accommodated for the mother's children. We worked with the children that ranged from 3 years age and higher. Since Easter was around the corner, we had activities like Easter hunts and decorating bunny faces. The children had a blast and had pure excitement from the fact they got candy and toys. Overall, Fristers has always been a rewarding opportunity to experience, and I can't wait for the other opportunities to make children smile.
On April 11th, it was my first time visiting Orangewood during the Spring 2014 semester. When we were informed that we would be working with boys and girls ages 10-14, I was excited because children usually around that age are full of energy. This visit was my first time in the gym and I was amazed on how big it was. Since we had a big space to do a fun activity, we started off with blowing up balloons and then hitting them up in the air so someone else can hit it after. The point of the game was to keep the balloon in the air without falling. That was a good ice breaker because soon after we played 5 rounds of dodgeball. Dodgeball was so much fun and I was amazed on how competitive the kids were. I always have a good time at Orangewood, working with these kids is so fulfilling to me and even though at times they are a little stubborn, they appreciate us for coming and having a good time.

On April 12th, I attended the seventh annual Head Start family festival in Anaheim. It was a free event where they had health screenings, storytelling, games, and community resources for children and families. It’s an event that the Orange County Head Start hosts each year along with their collaborative partners. They also bring awareness to the community about the importance of health and education in the lives of young children. I had a wonderful time helping children blow bubbles, build castles out of blocks, and complete obstacles. It was a fun way to get involved with the community and make a difference in the lives of families. This event truly inspired me to assist parents with education and resources, so they can provide their children with the tools they need to succeed.
Children’s Book Day  By Paloma Fonseca

On April 18th, we were invited to attend Children’s Book Day at the Children’s Center on campus. I’ve been wanting to visit the center for awhile and I’m glad I got the opportunity to volunteer in this event. When you walk in, you can immediately see different types of artwork that the children have done, and I also noticed there is so much open area for you to see what is around the center. The whole center was full of bright colors and it just made the center a comfortable environment. We were there to help with the different activities including reading books, making clocks, painting, and so much more. I really enjoyed the event and just seeing the children’s faces in how excited they were to create new things made my day!

OC Food Bank  By Diana Maldonado

On April 19th, CASSA members volunteered two hours of their time to pack food donation boxes for the elderly. We all enjoyed putting the care packages together. It was hard at first to put the package together, but as soon as we figured out a system as a team and knew our individual roles, it became very easy and fast paced. We managed to put hundreds of packages together. It was a rewarding experience being able to be a part of this and know that my time and devotion changed people’s lives. All of CASSA’s members left the food bank with warm hearts and smiles on their faces knowing that we made a difference in the world.
On April 24th, CASSA had Heather Guay as guest speaker. She talked about her career as a teacher and her journey before reaching her dream job. Everyone in the club was thrilled to hear about Heather’s non-profit organization. Namaste Nepal is an organization that prevents human trafficking in Nepal. Every year, Heather and her organization visit Nepal and help children in need by providing schooling and resources for them. Some CASSA members were even interested in raising money to volunteer in Nepal. The meeting ended with Heather’s top 10 tips to living a great life. I truly enjoyed learning about her career. Life is not only about caring for ourselves but to look out for others as well.
Celebration of Achievement

On April 30th, the Child and Adolescent Development Department hosted the Celebration of Achievement. The CAS department awarded CAS students who had made the Dean’s list, won a scholarship, or had been a peer mentor. The theme of the celebration was reaching for the stars, and members of CASSA were recognized with cords for completing 30 hours of community service.

Donations

Throughout the spring semester, CASSA raised about 200 toys to New Alternatives, and donated over 35-ounce container of can tabs to Orange County Ronald McDonald House. In addition, at the end of spring semester, CASSA donated 815 box tops to Laurel Elementary School. Way to go, CASSA!
iCare Fun Run
General Meetings
CASSA Banquet
All my life, I have always known that I wanted to help children in some shape or form. However, my career goals rocked from neonatal nursing to children’s social work to elementary teaching. It wasn’t until recently that I realized that speech language pathology for children was my dream job and six beautiful 2nd grade students helped me find this path. They had learning or speech disabilities which caused them to consistently fall behind in class. Seeing the sadness in their eyes and anger at themselves for not being able to comprehend what they’ve learned is simply heartbreaking, but when they finally get something right, their joy is blinding and positively intoxicating. After learning I was good at aiding children’s education and changing their negative opinions of themselves, I realized I wanted to help children that needed help the most.

Lindsey Vasquez

Ever since my freshman year of high school, I had dreamt of becoming a speech-language pathologist. As a young child, I had a speech disorder and was teased by my classmates and family because of it. My confidence was lowered simply because I was unable to speak properly. During kindergarten, my mother took me to a speech-language pathologist. The pathologist taught me to speak correctly, and she restored my confidence. As a result, I hope to do the same for every child who comes to me with a speech disorder. Every time that I volunteer or attend the weekly meetings and see all of the members’ smiling and welcoming faces, I am filled with happiness. Their spirit motivates me to give the same positive energy to every child that I encounter in the future so that they, too, will have confidence in themselves to make a difference in the world.

CASSA Award Nominees

Ashley Allen
Xonnie Lopez
Hanh Nguyen
Jackie Silva
Lindsey Vasquez
CASSA Executive Board

2013 -2014

President – Chelsea Krueger
Vice President – Ashley Garin
Community Projects Managers –
Rebecca Graubner and Cassandra Vota
Membership Manager – Joseph Requejo
Information Manager – Alejandra Navarro
Finance Manager – Lien Nguyen
Developmental Awards & Activities Manager – Sheila Castillo
Professional & Career Development Manager – Megan Houng
ICC Representative – Stephanie Nguyen

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Danielle Eden and Heidi Correa
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Finance Manager – Mallory Palovik
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Professional & Career Development Manager – Stephanie Nguyen
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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.

Cord Policy:
Minimum of 30 hours as a paid member for 2 semesters

- At least 2 hours of leadership
- At least 6 hours of community events
- At least 5 hours of event attendance (meeting or socials)

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CASSA Meetings: Thursdays 12-12:45 p.m. in TSU Alvarado AB