THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WELCOMES ALL NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS TO THIS SPRING SEMESTER!

DISCOVERFEST - Marisol Calderon

Once again, CASSA hit it out of the ballpark when it came to grabbing passerby’s attention during Discoverfest! Although it was still a bit early, the board members were extremely energetic. We were all very excited to meet new students and potential new members. It was fun experiencing the liveliness of the student body for a second time this academic year, and I was honored to spend time promoting our organization’s achievements. It was definitely a day to remember!
NANA’S KIDZ FOOD PACKAGING - Ruben Velasco

Nana’s Kidz Food Packaging Day gave me something valuable that I wanted to share with everybody. That Saturday morning I was really nervous for my first volunteer event of the spring semester. Seeing people I knew like Chelsea and some of the other volunteers made things a little easier. During the process, the supervisor explained why our actions were so important and left me with something unexpected; I was suddenly renewed with a sense of overwhelming confidence - a feeling that one could find in volunteering. Giving back is choosing to do something about a real problem and anyone can do it. That day, CASSA volunteers helped 70 families survive for three more days with the hundreds of goods that we packaged, easing the difficulty for families. There are few sources of greater confidence like knowing I helped a family survive and even more significant is that the CASSA events allow our volunteers to build up confidence through service in the community.

MARDI GRAS VALENTINES DAY - Stephanie Azua

The Valentine’s Day Mardi Gras event for autistic children was a success! The event took place in downtown Fullerton on Valentine’s Day. My duty was to gather children and families to sing karaoke, play instruments, or listen to music. I was very happy helping out with an amazing event that gives back to the community and the children. In addition, I had a fun time with my other CASSA members, and I will definitely go again next year. The most interesting thing that happened at the event was watching all the families having a great time. I loved watching children smile and laugh at the event. It is the most rewarding gift to help out our community for a good cause.

BOWLING SOCIAL - Silvia Rico

Attending CASSA's social Bowling Event was a great experience to get to know other team members and socialize with those that I already knew. People took food and snacks to munch on while we chatted and watched people bowl. This was my first social event with CASSA and it will not be my last. This experience was fun and was definitely a great way of making connections with other people in the same field.
**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION FOOD PACKAGING - Maria Guzman**

At the Child Abuse Prevention Warehouse, we packaged food for the families in need. Not only do they provide families with food, but they also help with clothes, toys for children, and furniture for the house. We started off by sorting the donated food and checking for expiration dates on the items. One thing I noticed was that there were a lot of expired foods being donated. It was a sad feeling to know that we were throwing away so much food that at one point could have been used. Once we got rid of the expired food, everything was separated between canned and dry goods. It was nice to know that each bag contained a variety of items like fruits, veggies, and protein. I believe that with our help, the sorting out process went quickly, and we all helped these families receive their food faster. I would, without a doubt, be willing to go back and help again.

**BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER - Mallory Ross**

The CASSA breakfast fundraiser is a great way for the CSUF campus to come and support our club! This fundraiser is fun, easy, and an awesome way for CASSA members to get involved with donating to our cause!

**GUEST SPEAKER: DALLAS STOUT by Daisy Torres**

One of the best CASSA events I have attended is Dr. Dallas Stout’s presentation. At the meeting, Dr. Dallas Stout inspired and encouraged me to pursue a career that I love, such as teaching. He mentioned that most future teachers love their job because of the people they serve. Additionally, Dr. Dallas Stout shared various personal stories about some of the people he has worked with in his career, which showed his passion to help others. Also, his personal stories taught me that it is important to live in the now moment. Dr. Dallas Stout defined the “now” moment as living today and not worrying about tomorrow. Overall, Dr. Dallas Stout is a humble and kind person who has greatly inspired me to live life to the fullest and take every opportunity in my journey of becoming a teacher. He never fails to inspire others.
READ ACROSS OC - Holly Victor

The Read Across OC event at Woodbury Elementary School was spectacular. Upon arrival, each of the volunteers were given a nametag and map to the classroom they would read in. The principal and office staff warmly welcomed us. They even set out a breakfast spread for us. Before reading to the fourth grade classroom, the students were encouraged to ask questions about college. I was surprised by the complexity of their questions and happily answered them. Afterwards, it was time to read the book I brought called *The Lemonade Wars*. The students listened attentively to the first two chapters. I paused and asked questions about the book to which the class responded with their unique and thought provoking insight. The students were captivated by the story and begged their teacher to read more as the bell for recess rang. Read Across OC was a wonderful event to partake in, and I’m glad that I had the opportunity to visit Woodbury Elementary School.

DIA DE LOS PADRES - Nora Castro

Saturday, March 7th was Dia De Los Padres at CSUF, and CASSA contributed by offering free childcare to parents. I was looking forward to a fun-filled afternoon. Our group of children was small, but this just meant a lot of quality, one-on-one interaction. We began with Judel teaching us how to play Apples to Apples. I won! Then we headed outside for chalk drawing on the pavilion’s patio. We drew different kinds of animals, named them, and jumped from one to the other. All the jumping had us breaking a sweat, so we went back inside to cool down and choose our next activity. We settled on letting our imaginations run wild with Legos and play-dough. When it came time for parents to pick up their children, our playmates were having such a good time that they didn’t want to leave. I felt the same way. Sharing laughter and memories is the best way to spend a Saturday!

SCTA CONFERENCE - Michelle Serigstad

On Saturday, March 7th I had the privilege of attending a conference that the S.C.T.A. hosted at CSUF. The keynote speaker, Jon Pearson, was without a doubt one of the best speakers I have heard on the topic of teaching. He used his amazing speaking abilities to express the importance of creativity and art in education today. Despite the content area, he demonstrated how drawings could be added to any lesson plan to deepen understanding of the material. After his talk, we attended different workshops throughout the day. During these workshops, I was able to learn more about how to effectively incorporate technology and media into learning. This conference provided great resources, advice, and inspiration for entry into a teaching career. I hope to attend many more of the S.C.T.A conferences in the future!
COASTER RUN - Mauricio Corona

It was an early and chilly Sunday morning but that would not be enough to stop CASSA. On March 8th, we were ready to represent our club spirit, in our vibrant orange colors, amongst the crowd of other excited runners at the Knott’s Berry Farm Coaster Run. We made our way to our starting corral and joined the other people that were there in support of a great cause. Not only were we able to enjoy the nice weather and the nifty backgrounds of Knott's Berry Farm’s attractions through the park during our run, but we helped raise funds for the Kids of Speech and Language Development Center, a center that serves children and young adults who have special needs in language, learning and/or behavior. Although the line for the free boysenberry pie at the end of the race was extremely long, we held our spirits high because we had just finished 3.1 miles of fun exercise, and all for a worthy, and noble, cause that helps such amazing individuals in their life’s journey.

GUEST SPEAKER: SOCIAL WORK PANEL - Vanesa Serna

I was very lucky to have been able to attend the Guest Speaker: Social Worker Panel. I learned a lot of new information regarding a career I plan to pursue in the future. I was given the opportunity to ask a question along with the rest of the CASSA members, which was nice and helpful. The students on the panel were all very helpful and motivational with the experiences they shared during the meeting. The information I learned will be useful when I get closer to entering the Master’s program.

NANA’S KIDZ - Miriah Harris

The Nana’s Kidz event provided three other CASSA members and me the chance to present a variety of games and activities for children who reside at an Anaheim motel. This was my first experience with Nana’s Kidz, and being a part of this event inspired me to create an activity. The turnout for the Nana’s Kidz event was low, as we only had two children participate. However, the children’s smiles and willingness to try all of our activities made the event a success. From coloring paper plates to experimenting with play dough, the children that visited our tables seemed grateful for the opportunity to enjoy the provided activities. Overall, I enjoyed the chance to work with children and got to share this experience with other CASSA members. I hope this event continues to be a part of CASSA’s community service events in the future.
A Few Other Events CASSA Attended this Semester:
MEMBER OF THE MONTH!

Every month, CASSA recognizes 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!

February Member of the Month:
Maria Guzman!!

Upcoming Events on the Next Newsletter:
- Movie Social
- Belle of the Ball
- Orangewood
- Walk For Kids
- Celebration of Achievement
- And many more...!

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BULLETIN BOARD:
Located next to EC-109

GENERAL MEETINGS:
Thursdays 12-12:45
Locations may vary

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

COME VISIT US AT EC 542!

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.