Welcome new and returning members! We are very excited to have you with us this semester. We have a wonderful team of board members dedicated to make this one of the most memorable year for you. We already have numerous events and activities planned along with different guest speakers throughout the semester so don’t miss out! Stay tune to your Sunday updates and thank you for being a part of CASSA. We look forward to meeting every one of you and getting to know you on a personal level. Please don’t be shy and come say hi!

Discoverfest by Dee Isen – Executive President

Discoverfest is an event that takes place every year to advertise all clubs on campus. This year it was held on September 5th and 6th. We had our booth set up across from the library in the quad with CHAD pencils, key chains, and candy to give out. Discoverfest was a fantastic event because we got to reach out to our peers on a personal level. We tried to talk to everyone who visited our booth individually. We spoke about how CASSA provides community service, professional development, and leadership skills to members. CASSA is not limited to any major which is great for everyone. Although CASSA brings all of these wonderful resume builders, I found that it has also brought me close friendships as well. Please look forward to an awesome year!
Pizza Social by Kristine Kellogg

On September 13th, CASSA organized a pizza social which offered food and beverages to introduce the club and their 2012-2013 officers. The club and pizza social event was promoted in several of my Child and Adolescent classes which appeared to interest a lot of students given the excellent turn out. Once I walked into the room I was instantly welcomed by smiles and familiar faces. The future CASSA members seemed eager to get involved and excited to hear about the upcoming events. Each officer introduced their duties within their role and offered support to any member that had questions. The officers were spirited and excited about each event that was discussed. Once I heard the officers discuss the previous events they had been involved in, I knew that I needed to be a part of this club. Since joining CASSA, I have become more involved with Cal State Fullerton and I am meeting new people in my classes.

Movie Social by Devin Farquhar

Every other Thursday night, Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) provides students, friends, and family a free movie. On September 27th, CASSA was given a great opportunity to get involved in the nightlife that Cal State Fullerton had to offer by attending the premiere of the movie “Brave.” This Disney movie is a great story about a mother and her daughter, and how they grow to understand each other. The film is filled with moments for tears, laughter and many other emotions. Even though being able to watch Brave was a great incentive, members were able to earn one service hour for attending and there was a great turn out from the CASSA group. After the movie we all got together on the stage and took a picture to show our pride of being a part of CASSA. If there is another movie social that is offered, I highly recommend it for everyone to attend because I definitely enjoyed it.
The inner coastal clean-up at Yorba Linda Regional Park was one of the first CASSA events of the year (September 15th, 2012). CASSA along with other organizations and families got the opportunity to clean up the park for families to enjoy. The volunteers were separated around the park, each with a designated person to record the different types of trash collected. Being that it is my first semester joining CASSA, I really enjoyed being able to meet new people as well as be involved with the community. This volunteer event was lots of fun because it was outdoors. Everyone who volunteered got a free shirt as well as free food provided by the clean-up organizers as their way of saying thank you. We were given BBQ food with snacks and beverages; it was delicious! Overall, I really enjoyed completing my first community service hours. I look forward to getting involved with CASSA a lot more as well as meet new people.
Guest Speaker – Ali Woodward by Nancy Vera

On September 20th, we had guest speaker, Ali Woodward, come talk to CASSA about Fristers. She is the founder of Fristers, a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to help teen mothers and their children. Fristers is committed to help break the cycle of poverty and abuse within the teen mom population. They provide education, access to resources, role models, and support to teen mothers and their children. Fristers offers programs for teen mothers and their children at three different locations; Yorba Linda, Santa Ana, and Irvine. The program meets once a week and teen mothers get the opportunity to receive education while childcare is provided for their children. Teen mothers and their children are able to feel as though they are part of a family by being part of Fristers. The organization also provides various special events for the holidays for teen mothers and their children. Most of the program is run by volunteers who are devoted to help make a positive impact in the lives of teen mothers and their children. Ali Woodward told CASSA that volunteers are always greatly appreciated to help with their childcare or with the teen mother program; it would be great if CASSA could gather some members and possibly volunteer at one of the locations. I truly enjoyed learning about this nonprofit organization that is helping teen mothers and their children in our community.

Guest Speaker – Rick Bizant by Jennifer Maddock

On September 27th, over a lunch of salad and assorted sandwiches, we listened to Rick Bazant of OCFC (Orangewood Child and Family Center) speak as our guest during our CASSA meeting. We learned how a group recognized the need in Orange County for a warm, nurturing, and safe environment for children. After we heard of its history, needs, and the living arrangements in the cottages, we viewed a short video of OCFC. Rick Bazant then spoke of the importance of the volunteers that come to play, read, or just sit and watch a favorite video, over and over again with a child. Other OCFC opportunities include bringing gently worn clean clothing to the center because the children come to the center without belongings. These clothes plus any items like toys are then given to the child to take with them when they leave the center. I came away from this meeting with a renewed desired look into OCFC’s mentoring program for fostered youth especially with the image of watching Lion King over and over again left a lasting impression. This county-run center is providing services in a warm and safe environment to an often lost part of our community.
On September 21<sup>st</sup>, about 10 CASSA members went to Orangewood Children and Family Center in Orange. Orangewood Children and Family Center is one of the Social Service Agencies that prevents child abuse and neglect. This shelter offers a temporary home to children between the ages of early childhood to young adulthood that have been abandoned, neglected, and/or abused. CASSA members, including myself, had the opportunity to spend quality time with 25-30 boys and girls between the ages of 11-14 that evening. While we were at Orangewood, we interacted with the children through various activities such as arts and crafts, games, and sports. We decorated blank masks with markers and glitter, created drawings, played the “Guess Who I Am” game with Disney characters written on index cards, and had many more activities that were fun. One of the most memorable experiences at the event was during arts and crafts time; a young girl expressed her creativity by dazzling up her jeans with glitter. In addition, while a few CASSA members participated in a basketball game with the kids, other members led those who were on the sidelines through cheers to show their support for the playing teams. Overall, CASSA members had an amazing time with the children at Orangewood. I hope that everyone will have an opportunity to volunteer at Orangewood because it really makes a difference to the children who are going through a tough time in their lives.
Orangewood Part 2 by Bich-Lien Nguyen

On October 5\textsuperscript{th}, 2012, I volunteered at the Orangewood Children’s Home for the first time since joining CASSA in spring 2012. Once we were chaperoned inside the facility, the nine volunteers including myself, began to set up the tables and chairs into stations while waiting for the arrival of the kids. The children’s’ ages ranged from 6-10 years old and there were approximately 15 kids total. The activities planned by fellow CASSA members included: making your own ghost and/or pumpkin, coloring various Halloween pictures (ghosts, Frankenstein, etc...), and scrap booking. Near the end of our visit, two games were organized. We played “Red light, green light” and “Simon says” with the children before it was time for us to leave.

Overall, it seems that everyone had a fun time with the children. More importantly, it seems the children who started off shy and unsure of us, ended up engaging and having fun with us. There were lots of creativity, laughter, smiles, conversations, and running around with the children. Prior to this event, I was actually kind of nervous to meet the children and other CASSA members, but CASSA Vice President, Sabrina was very welcoming, warm, and friendly. At the end as we were saying good bye to the children, there were even a few hugs being given!

Scavenger Hunt by Elaine Ko

CASSA did an exciting scavenger hunt in place of the general meeting, which took place at the broken statue of David on October 4\textsuperscript{th}, 2012. The scavenger hunt was nothing like an Easter egg hunt. This particular hunt required running, pushing, sweating, taking pictures, and getting dirty. In the beginning, the CASSA members were split up into smaller groups and given a simple instruction which was to take a group picture with the items on the list within 30 or so minutes. The list of items was not actual items, but instead, it required people and action. For example, we had to take a picture of proposing to a random person, looking exhausted at the Aloha Java, writing a word on the grass with our bodies, and taking a picture with two random people while doing the can-can dance. Thankfully, many of the CSUF students on campus were kind enough to take the pictures with us. Besides the fact that the weather was hot and being tired from running around campus, this scavenger hunt allowed me to meet new members in the club. I cannot wait for the future game events that the CASSA club will hold.
CASSA Scavenger Hunt!
On October 14, 2012, CASSA participated in the CHOC Walk in the Park at Disneyland to help raise money for CHOC Children’s Hospital. CASSA’s team had a goal of raising $5,500 and greatly surpassed that by raising a grand total of $8,589.50! We had over 100 members on our team and made our presence known with our CASSA/Cal State Fullerton attire, bright orange and blue face paint and our loud and constant cheering. At the end of the event, CASSA was named craziest team in recognition of our persistent spirit and enthusiasm for the event. Personally, this was my second time walking for CHOC and it was twice as fun and spirited as last year. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing all of our CASSA members joining together for such a great cause and bonding with one another. This experience was positive, fun and worthwhile. I am so proud of how much CASSA’s members who raised money for children seeking medical care at CHOC. I hope this is a continuing CASSA tradition for years to come.
September Member of the Month

Congratulations to Sheila Castillo for being September’s Member of the Month! Sheila earned over 11.5 hours of community service in the month of September alone. She attended all of the general meetings, participated in the inner coastal park clean-up, and Orangewood Children and Family Center. CASSA appreciates all of her hard work and dedication and as a reward, we’d like to give her an additional hour of leadership for stepping up and volunteering her time.

Thank you Sheila Castillo!

Upcoming Events

October:
18 – Guest Speaker: Jennifer Palmquist
19 – Orangewood Children and Family Center
22 – Pretend City Halloween Bash
25 – General Meeting
24 & 25 – Bake Sale
26 & 27 – OC Zoo
26 & 27 – Haunted Garden Social
28 – Second Harvest Food Rescue
29 – Pretend City

November:
1 – General Meeting: CASSA Olympic
2 – Bowling Social
8 – Pizza with the Dean
9 – Orangewood Children and Family Center
12 – Fristers
15 – Guest Speaker: Jenna Walton
16 – Volleyball Sport Social
18 – Day of a Child
28 & 29 – Bake Sale
29 – Guest Speaker: Dallas Stout
30 – Orangewood Children and Family Center

December:
1 – Kathyland
6 – General Meeting
8 – Girls Inc Winter Workers

** EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE **
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)

For more information, feel free to email us at:
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Or stop by our office in EC 542

Monday: 8 AM – 3:45 PM
Tuesday: 7:45 – 10:45 AM, 11:30 AM – 2:15 PM, 4-5 PM
Wednesday: 8 AM – 12:45 PM, 2-5 PM
Thursday: 8 – 11:45 AM, 2:30 – 3:45 PM
Friday: CLOSED