A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
-CAMERON HEATH

Welcome new and returning members! I am very excited to meet everyone that will be joining us this semester with CASSA. We have so many fun events and activities planned, along with many different guest speakers for all of us to enjoy. Make sure to keep your eyes open for the weekly Sunday updates that I will be sending out to keep everyone informed of our current events. Like I said before, I am very excited and looking forward to meeting EVERYONE this semester, so please come stop by at the different events and say hi!

WHY JOIN CASSA?
-JESSICA BENNETT

If you are a Child and Adolescent Development major, CASSA is a great organization to join because you can network with peers and other professionals in the field. CASSA offers so many opportunities to help members develop leadership and professional skills. We also do great community service, and we have a lot of fun! As a member of CASSA, you could improve your resume and even earn a red graduation cord. With all that this organization offers, why not join CASSA?
It is with great pleasure that we welcome new and continuing members of CASSA. This year’s Board is an enthusiastic and hard-working group that is prepared to lead us into an exciting academic year. Although you may have only met your Board members recently, their work for CASSA began much earlier this summer, and it has paid off—as we enter the 2007-2008 school year, we have several speaker events, fundraisers, newsletters, and the popular CHOC walk at Disneyland already scheduled.

The members meet as a board once a week in addition to frequent group emails that keep all of us up-to-date and involved with CASSA activities. Although each of us is responsible for a specific job on CASSA, we enjoy the support of the entire Board.

The fall semester is a great time to join CASSA. By becoming a member, attending meetings, and participating in events, you will enjoy close and frequent contact with fellow CHAD majors and faculty, gain community service experience, and contribute to our Child and Adolescent Studies department. You may join CASSA even if you cannot come to our Wednesday meetings. We, the faculty advisors, and current Board members would be happy to chat with you about the many ways in which you can become involved.

All members receive an emailed Sunday CASSA Update from Cameron Heath, our president, that offers information about meetings and opportunities for professional development and community service. On top of enjoying student and faculty camaraderie in our club, any two semesters of membership and 30 hours of participation earn you a red cord to wear at commencement. What a great way to stand out in the crowd and display your commitment to helping children and families! We hope to see you soon at a CASSA meeting or event!

Best wishes,

Professor Shelli Wynants and Dr. Janna Kim
Dr. Shelli Wynants

How long you have been teaching at CSUF/in the CAS department: 11 years

Courses you teach/have taught @ CSUF: CAS 300 (although not in a long time), CAS 301, CAS 310, CAS 330, CAS 360, CAS 490T (Topic: Controversial Issues in Development)

Other CSUF organizations you are a part of: I was the faculty director of SIBS Peer Networking Program for 6 years, but this year Dr. Bono has happily taken the position.

Research focus: My current research interests are media literacy and adolescents; Previously, I have done research on the influences on adolescents’ self-perceptions

Hobbies/other interests: I like playing card games and pool, walking, bowling, traveling, and socializing with students at CASSA events!

Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.

– Marian Wright Edelman

Dr. Janna Kim

How long you have been teaching at CSUF/in the CAS department: Since August of 2006.

Courses you teach/have taught @ CSUF: CAS 325B, Age 9 Through Adolescence, and CAS 360, Adolescents and the Media. I look forward to teaching classes on gender development and CAS 300 in the future.

Other CSUF organizations you are a part of: I’m an ally of CSUF’s Safe Space program, which helps make CSUF a safe and welcoming place for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered students.

Research focus: My area of research expertise is adolescent development. I’m interested in how gender, culture, and the mass media affect adolescents’ sexual health and overall well-being. I am also interested in socialization processes in Asian American families.

Hobbies/other interests: I enjoy living vicariously through television. I love So You Think You Can Dance, although I’m known for having two left feet. I watch every stage of the Tour de France, but I can hardly ride a bike. I’m addicted to Lost, although (I’m glad) I’ve never been stranded on a tropical island.
President-Cameron Heath

Name: Cameron Taylor Heath  
Major/Minor: CHAD, with minors in Psychology and Kinesiology  
Year: Senior  
Position Duties: As President I have a lot of duties, but my board members and advisors are so on top of their positions that it makes my job much easier. My duties include leading both the general meetings and the board meetings. I take care of other jobs as well, like t-shirt orders, replying to members’ inquiries and questions, and helping out anywhere I am needed.

Finance Manager

Name: Stephanie Peterson  
Major: CHAD  
Minor: Spanish  
Year: Senior  
Position Duties: I am in charge of CASSA's finances. I create a budget for the year, make deposits, and reimburse members for any purchases made for CASSA. If you have any questions about what needs to be done about reimbursement, please come see me.

Information Manager

Name: Noreen Cortez  
Major: CHAD  
Year: Senior  
Position Duties: As the information manager, I am responsible for recording the minutes at weekly board meetings and making sure every member receives all of that information. I am also in charge of developing and editing the newsletters.

Membership Manager

Name: Jessica Bennett  
Major: CHAD  
Year: Junior  
Position Duties: I am in charge of creating the membership application and processing new members. I also am in charge of coordinating the class presentations at the beginning of the semester.

Vice President

Name: Pamela Guetierrez  
Major: CHAD  
Year: Senior  
Position Duties: As Vice President, I assume the duties of any board member that is not present. I assist the president and board members with their duties. I help organize, direct, or assist any projects I take responsibility for. CASSA members can direct any questions that they have to me.

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.  
- John Quincy Adams
The CASSA Executive Board Members

Departmental Awards and Activities Board

Names: Lauren Harter & Ashley Redfox  
Major: CHAD  
Minor: Natural Sciences  
Year: Senior  
Position Duties: We are in charge of keeping the bulletin board up-to-date with valuable information such as membership forms, upcoming events, meeting dates and times, etc. We are also in charge of the Celebration of Achievement Ceremony in May.

ICC Representative

Name: Luz Valdez  
Major: CHAD  
Year: Senior  
Position Duties: I attend meetings for the Health and Human Development Inter Club Council every 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. In attending the meetings I try to get funds toward guest speaker events, refreshments, and conferences that CASSA members may attend. Other responsibilities include attending board meetings and taking lead in one of the general meetings. As officers we are responsible for working together to get tasks done, and that requires all the officers to help each other out when asked.

Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work. –Vince Lombardi

President of Community Projects Board

Name: Kelly Anderson  
Major: CHAD  
Year: Junior  
Position Duties: I plan and coordinate community service events and dates. I also keep track of hours attended at events, design flyers and produce sign-up sheets.

President of Professional and Career Development

Name: Jackie Lim  
Major: CHAD  
Year: Senior  
Position Duties: I communicate with potential guest speakers and arrange the guest speaker events. Some things that CASSA members can ask me is about what upcoming guest speakers to look forward to.

Web Manager

Name: Katie Harp  
Major: CHAD  
Year: Junior  
Position Duties: Web page designer! I am responsible for keeping the website updated and informative by posting upcoming events, news, and pictures.
**Cord Policy Requirements**

1. At least two semesters of membership in CASSA
2. A total of 30 hours of participation and service through CASSA, with the following sub-requirements:
   a. A minimum of 2 hours of leadership service
   b. A minimum of 6 hours of community service
   c. A minimum of 5 hours of CASSA event attendance
   *The remaining hours may be completed through extra hours in the above mentioned categories.
   *5 hours of service may be earned by participating in the SIBS Peer Mentoring Network as a Big Sib.

**Guest Speaker Events**

- **Jackie Lim**

There are different guest speakers to look forward to this semester. They each represent a different aspect of child development, and will give you a taste of what career possibilities are in store for you. Our first guest speaker on September 26 is a music teacher. He will talk about his experiences and why music plays such a vital role in the classroom. On October 24, we will have the director of teacher training for the Frostig School, a school whose mission is to serve students with learning disabilities, come in and speak about her everyday experiences and how she tries to make her students the most successful that they can be. Other guest speakers to look forward to include an English Language Learner teacher and a counselor. I am excited for this semester’s upcoming guest speakers and I know that they are really looking forward to speaking to you about their career and experiences.

**Leadership Opportunities**

- **Pamela Gutierrez**

As a part of CASSA, members are required to perform three hours of leadership. Members can fulfill these three hours by signing up for committees for guest speakers. As part of a committee, members are responsible for setting up and cleaning up before and after the events, providing food and beverages, or creating posters to promote the guest speaker events. Opportunities for leadership hours also includes working at the bake sale table and helping at the Celebration of Achievement. At the end of the year, CASSA holds the Celebration of Achievement to acknowledge CASSA members who have shown extraordinary dedication to CASSA. Members are responsible for creating certificates, setting up and cleaning up the venue, and assisting the Department of Child and Adolescent Studies’ recognition of its students.
This year there will be at least three opportunities for CASSA members to participate in events each month. Some of the planned events include visiting the Orangewood Children’s Center where CASSA members will brighten needy children’s day by having fun making crafts, playing games, and enjoying other activities. Members can also participate in the CHOC Walk in Disneyland to raise money for the Children’s Hospital of Orange County. Walk along side Minnie and Mickey while having a blast with us! Another event that CASSA members can participate in will be Corazon de Vida in which they will take a trip down to Mexico to help out at an orphanage. There will be plenty of fun activities to choose from; come join us and donate valuable time!

Children’s Hospital of Orange County has provided outstanding medical assistance to young children. However, their assistance would not be possible if it were not for donations from the community. CHOC Walk is an opportunity for the community to raise money to be donated to the CHOC organization. It has been an annual tradition at the Disneyland Resort since 1991, and every year more people join the walk which, in turn, raises more money. All of the money that has been raised in past years has helped to support the care, services, education and research that CHOC provides to the children in Orange County. On October 21st, CASSA will be part of the thousands of people to join the 17th annual CHOC Hospital/Disneyland Resort Walk in the Park and see first hand why there are “A Million Reasons to Walk.”

Any suggestions about what you’d like to see in our next newsletter? Send your responses to us via e-mail: noreencortez@gmail.com (Noreen Cortez, Information Manager)
CASSA Mission Statement

CASSA is the Child an Adolescent Studies Student Association for Child and Adolescent Development majors. CASSA is an organization in which student, faculty, and community members interact to help students develop their leadership skills, professional skills, and knowledge of children. CASSA also provides opportunities to interact with fellow students and faculty in an atmosphere that fosters social networking. In addition to hosting regular monthly meetings, semi-annual career development days, and a variety of other social events, CASSA sponsors community service activities and public awareness activities.