Welcome to the new fall semester! This year, the new executive board consists of some returning and some new persons. Four have returned to the board, Dr. Katherine Bono (Advisor) Jessica Gutierrez (formerly Vice President), Lindsey Ellsworth (formerly Information Manager) and Amy Tso (Departmental Activities and Awards Manager). The following statements were written by each board member themselves to allow you to get to know us. From us, we were very happy to meet you and look forward to the rest of the semester with you.

**President — Jessica Gutierrez**

Hello there! My name is Jessica Gutierrez and I am very excited to be your CASSA President. I am currently in my third year as a Child and Adolescent Studies major, with a minor in Natural Sciences. My future goal is to become an elementary school teacher, preferably within the primary levels. I joined CASSA as a general member my first year at CSUF, then became Vice President my second year, and now I’m going on my third year as Executive President. CASSA has helped me grow as a person and also strengthened my leadership skills. I’ve met so many people through CASSA, and it’s allowed me to network with different individuals and groups. This year my goal is to expand the CASSA name and increase the level of participation from our general members. I want CASSA to reach its full potential and it’s only possible through our members. Aside from being CASSA President, I am also a member of the National Scholar Collegiate Society and Student California Teacher Association chapters at CSUF. If you have a question or just want to grab lunch and talk, don’t hesitate to ask me! A few fun things about me: I love photography, Angels baseball, traveling, and most importantly, I LOVE FOOD! My favorite television show is Friends, and I tend to quote things from Friends all the time. I'm a down to earth person who is always ready to have fun!

Remember, ONCE A TITAN, ALWAYS A TITAN!

**Vice President — Lindsey Ellsworth**

Hey! My name is Lindsey and I'm a fourth year Child and Adolescent Studies major, as well as this year’s Vice President of CASSA. I joined CASSA in the Spring of 2009, and quickly became more involved, serving as Information Manager of CASSA last year, 2009-2010. Currently I am also a Peer Mentor for Freshman Programs and working part time as a student assistant here on campus in the Student Success Center. I anticipate being very busy this year, but when I have time to myself I enjoy cooking, trying new sports such as rock climbing and snowboarding, going for long drives, listening to music, and spending time with my family and friends, particularly my mother and nephew.

I look forward to making this year in CASSA a great success.
Finance Manager — Sandra Yip

Hey everyone! My name is Sandra and I am the Finance Manager for CASSA. I am currently a senior at CSUF as a CHAD major and this is my second year being part of CASSA. I first heard about CASSA in my CAS 300 class from two board members who gave a presentation of what CASSA was all about. That was enough to draw me in. As a general member of CASSA, I had the opportunity to do a lot of volunteer work, which I love. I also met awesome people, made new friends, and built connections with faculty. After having such great experiences as a general member last year, I decided to take the next step by becoming a board member. Apart from CASSA, I work at the Togo’s section of Nutwood Café. In my spare time I love to scrapbook, spend time with friends and family, and take random road trips to unknown places. This previous summer I had the opportunity to teach in China through a program at CSUF and the experiences I had made me grow as a young lady as well as an educator. When time and money allows it, I hope to travel to other countries to learn and experience different cultures and maybe even teach.

Information Manager — Amy Tso

This is my third year of being in CASSA. This is my second year of being on the Executive Board. This year, I am the Informational Manager. I am in charge of taking minutes (notes) at the weekly board meeting and making the newsletter every semester. I am also the historian, where she is required to take pictures whenever possible. I am a fourth year in college with CHAD and PSYCH major, with hopes of maybe working in the healthcare field but not as a nurse or doctor. This year will be an awesome year.

Membership Manager — Joann Lee

Hi everyone! My name is Joann Lee and I am your new Membership manager for the ‘10-‘11 school year. I am currently a third year at Cal State Fullerton as a Child and Adolescent Development major with a minor in Natural Sciences. I am striving to graduate by this spring and continue on my education in the Credential Program here at CSUF. In the future, I plan on becoming an elementary school teacher. I joined CASSA this past spring semester to get more involved in school. I wasn’t able to meet a lot of new people which is why I wanted to join the board to become a more active member of this club. I will do my best to increase the membership of our club and make sure that we all get to know one another.

During my free time, I love to eat and hang out with my family and friends. I love going to new restaurants and trying new food! I enjoy laughing and try my best to be positive in every situation. I LOVE to take ugly and jumping pictures, so if you need a picture buddy, call me! An interesting fact about me is that I know how to solve the rubix cube in under a minute!

I can’t wait to meet all of you and hope that we can work together to make this year amazing!
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Community Projects Manager — Melissa Rivera

Hi! My name is Melissa Rivera and I am one of the Community Projects Managers. I am a CHAD major and Math minor with plans to become an elementary or junior high math teacher. I have a part-time job as the Assistant in Charge of the Library at an elementary school. I LOVE my job because I get to pass along my love of reading to “my” 510 students every week. My family (including my cats) and friends are most important in my life. I like to drive them crazy by trying to be as green and cruelty-free as possible. This is my second year as a CASSA member. I had so much fun volunteering and helping Brianne (the past CPM) last year, I wanted to be a part of the executive board. I am excited to explore this leadership aspect of CASSA and look forward to finding fun and meaningful volunteer opportunities for us.

Best wishes for a great year!

Community Projects Manager — Whitney Robinson

Hey guys! My name is Whitney and I am the other community projects manager. I like long walks on the beach and staring up at the stars. JK. I transferred from a junior college in Fall 2009. This year, I am a senior majoring in CHAD. I love working with children so I want to be an elementary school teacher. If I could pick a specific grade I would teach fourth. I had a blast in CASSA last year, so now I am hoping to make your CASSA experience as amazing as mine was.

A little about myself... I am obsessed with hockey (GO DUCKS) and love football (GO PATRIOTS). My friends and family are very important in my life. And I can’t forget to mention, “I love my cats.” If you ever have a question, don’t hesitate to ask.

Departmental Awards and Activities Manager

My name is Carmelina Hernandez and I am the Departmental Awards and Activities Manager for the 2010-2011 season of CASSA. I am a senior recreation leader for the City of Anaheim, and I hope to bring the fun of working there to CASSA’s events. I have many exciting socials planned for this year, and I can’t wait to enjoy every one of them!
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Career Development Manager — Briseida Castaneda

Hola everyone, my name is Briseida Castaneda, I go by Brizzy. This is my third semester here at CSUF. I was a CASSA member for two semesters, and first semester of being on the board, I am very excited to be the professional and career development manager for this year. To make it simple for you, I am in charge of bringing interesting and helpful guest speakers that will guide you and I on our journey here at CSUF. About me, I live with my awesome papis (parents) who I love very much. My short term goals are to graduate with my BS in Child and Adolescence Studies, attain sign language certificate, and join credentials program. I enjoy working with children and looking forward on becoming an elementary teacher. Two of my long term goals are to manage my own preschool, and be a mother of 2 lovely children. Some of my hobbies are to have play time with my nephews who every day put a smile on my face, jogging, scrapbooking, movies, dancing and of course pictures. I’m always up for anything fun, creative, spontaneous, and challenging. Stay in CASSA so I can know a little bit about you. Let’s Dream Big, stay positive, and always SMILE. I leave you with one of my favorite quotes “My eyes are an ocean in which my dreams are reflected” – Anna M. Uhlich * Go Titans!*

ICC Representative — Jesus Perez

I am the Inter-Club Council (ICC) representative for CASSA. My duty is to represent CASSA and communicate with various organizations and clubs in the college of Health and Human Development. As an ICC representative I am responsible for writing proposals to apply for funding that is used for guest speakers and workshops for our meetings. I am a senior double majoring in Chicano/a Studies and Child and Adolescent Development. My goal is to attend a graduate program in order to become a Social Worker. In my spare time (if I have any) I like to play video games, play music, and go on the occasional adventure.

Website Manager — Sarah King

Hi, I am Sarah King and I am a senior in psychology. I am this year’s CASSA Website Manager. I have been involved with CASSA since fall 08, and took on a club position to be more active and involved with the club. I joined CASSA because I like working with children and think they are very imaginative and creative, which is fun to be around. I enjoy reading, writing, playing on the computer and hanging out with both friends and family. I am also highly involved with SLI, which is the Student Leadership Institute.
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Faculty Advisor — Dr. Kate Bono

Hello, my name is Dr. Kate Bono and I am the faculty advisor for CASSA. I have been a full-time faculty member in the Department of Child and Adolescent Studies since the fall of 2006. I earned my Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate University in applied developmental psychology in 2003. After I finished my Ph.D., I took a position as Research Director at the University of Miami’s Linda Ray Intervention Center for At-Risk Children and Families. While at the University of Miami, I conducted program evaluation and research in an early intervention program for children who were prenatally exposed to cocaine and several parenting programs for at-risk families. I currently teach courses focused on research methods, early child development, and families. I also conduct research about the contributions of parenting, interventions, and child abilities to the development of school readiness in both typically developing and at-risk children. In addition to CASSA, I am also involved in community organizations focused on Early Childhood Education, such as the Orange County Association for the Education of Young Children. When I am not working, I spend time with my family and friends including my two boys Dario, who is 5 ½, and Alex, who just turned 2. I also enjoy traveling and reading novels. This year, I hope to help support CASSA to be the best organization possible!

Faculty Advisor — Dr. Natalie Carrick

Greetings. I am the co-faculty advisor for CASSA. I am very excited to have joined CASSA this year and hope to help the organization and students however I can. This is my third year at CSUF and I have greatly enjoyed working with the students and faculty in the CAS department. Before coming to CSUF, I completed my doctoral work in developmental psychology at UCI. I also spent several years as a research assistant at UCSD and as a preschool teacher in Boston. My research interests concern early cognitive development with an emphasis on children’s representational skills. The majority of my studies examine children’s imagination and ability to discern real from fantastic information. When I am not working, I’m usually out with my husband finding new restaurants and places to visit.

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Discoverfest  By Amy Tso

On September 1st and 2nd, CASSA came out to promote at Discoverfest in the central quad. CASSA was located in front of MH building along with the Greek organizations, the information table, and other major clubs. The table attracted students with two poster boards glued with numerous pictures of various CASSA events, balloons, leis, other numerous decorative items and free giveaways like key chains, pencils, and flyers to the numerous passing students.

CASSA board members were out and about at the CASSA table and throughout Discoverfest excitedly to promote the club. Many students eagerly came forward to ask questions about the club and joined right on the spot.

Pizza Social  By Lindsey Ellsworth

On September 9, 2010, over 60 students crowded into EC 167 for pizza, fun, and information. Students filled seats, lined the perimeter of the classroom, and peeked past doorways just to get a glimpse of what CASSA has to offer. The room was filled with eager new, returning, and potential members. This event kicked off the first CASSA meeting of the Fall 2010 semester and was open to all inquiring students. Those in attendance were introduced to the Executive Board who work hard every semester to bring their members the best volunteer opportunities, professional guest speakers, social and networking events possible. Membership was explained and a video showcasing past CASSA events was displayed while students enjoyed their free lunch. Students were immediately given opportunities to get involved with CASSA community service events via sign ups for CHOC Walk, a beach clean up, and a school supply drive. A competitive game of "CASSA Bingo" was played, with the winner(s) being awarded the amazing prize of a discounted CASSA membership. Overall, the Pizza Social was a great success filled with fun, food, and opportunity.
On September 30th, Holly Sneed, a CSUF Professor gave CASSA an overview of her exciting career and shared successful stories of her journey as an art professor. She brought excitement into the classroom and CASSA members were motivated by learning tips to interact and make an impact on children. How do you make it fun for children if children have to sit most of their time in school in a chair and listen to the teacher? As Holly Sneed said, incorporate students to be a part of the teaching experience. For example, Holly shared how she once was going on vacation and she invited her students to research places for her to go. The kids were super excited to bring their writing assignments for Holly to read hoping she would go visit the places they had suggested her. After her vacation, Holly brought pictures back and the kids were excited to point out the places they had suggested their teacher. Sometimes it takes more than being a teacher to really make learning fun and engaging. Students need motivation, action, and kinesthetic movement to enjoy learning. Be creative, art is everywhere and its all about having fun while learning.

Sandy Avzaradel  By Briseida Castaneda

Having a BA in Child and Adolescence Studies has great advantages that CASSA learned this October 16th. Sandy Avzaradel, a program coordinator for the IUSD, answered some of the common questions that some of us ask ourselves.

After sharing her career path, and brief stories about her children, Sandy gave a detailed power point presenting the benefits of having a BS in Child and Adolescence Studies. She presented CASSA the list of career options that are out there such as: teaching – Pre-K to 12th grade, childcare (pre-school/school age), city, county, state, federal government jobs, research, psychology, marriage/family therapy, counseling, school psychology, leadership in the above areas, occupational therapy/physical therapy, speech and language pathology, medical field in pediatrics, and Family Resource Centers. CASSA members were able to ask questions about experience needed for certain jobs, and what it takes to become a great teacher (for those that are becoming teachers).

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School Supply Drive  By Melissa Rivera

Each month, CASSA will have a different theme for collecting items and donate to different organizations. For month of September, in honor of academic years commencing, we have decided to host a school supply drive.

As caring students and future teachers, we understand the importance of having the proper school supplies to be a successful learner. CASSA members had a blast collecting over 60 bundles of supplies for the teachers of La Veta Elementary School. We hope that our contributions will help the students have a successful year. It is also a nice way to thank the teachers for all their hard work and dedication to making a difference in the lives of children.
Bolsa Chica Beach Clean Up  By Whitney Robinson

On September 25 we had our first community service event at Bolsa Chica State Beach. Many members spent three hours cleaning trash of the beach. Together we collected several bags of trash. Thanks to all the volunteers who help to keep the oceans clean and safe for future generations (and sea life).

Collected:
Too many straws, Candy wrappers, Cigarette butts (ewww)
Toys, Lots of fishing line

Fun Fact:
A pod of dolphins call the area between the lifeguard tower 16 and the Jetty home.

Orange County Book Festival  By Melissa Rivera

CASSA volunteered at the Orange County Children's Book Festival on Sunday, October 3rd. Volunteers helped set up booths for the over 100 authors and illustrators, vendors and exhibitors. After setting up booths, CASSA volunteers walked around the event to provide help where needed. During the event, authors, illustrators, and vendors entertained children and parents alike. The main stage and multicultural area also offered an amazing array of entertainment for the whole family. Some of the activities included a kids' game carnival, pictures with a python, train and race car rides, a model train exhibit, and a petting zoo. Hundreds of children and their families went to the event. It was great to see so many children having fun and bonding with their loved ones.
Orangewood  By Norma Herandez (General Member)

I had the fortunate opportunity to volunteer my time at Orangewood Children's Home. Being my first time out in an event, I didn't know what to expect. As we waited for the children to arrive, we set up the place and began to plan how we would do things. When the children arrived, we had them sit down. I sat down at a table with two young girls, who were more than excited to get started. I introduced myself and right away one of the girls said, "I don't know why but I am so happy you guys are here." My heart melted upon hearing those words because although the place looked pleasant on the outside, who knows what difficult times they may be going through.

The first activity we started doing was the lollipop ghost. It was a quick and simple activity that the kids enjoyed. Other activities included making a basket out of a paper bag, coloring a card, and making a hanging spider web with pipe cleaners. CASSA members were in charge of helping out the children if they needed help. But the activity the most children found to be the most fun was Twister. It was great watching the children tangle themselves in impossible positions and do so with a smile on their face.

What I enjoyed the most out of this whole experience was spending time with the children. Coming into the facility, I had an idea to why the children are placed there and I wanted to make the two hours special for them. It was an amazing feeling knowing that even if it was for two hours, we distracted the children from their outside problems and showed them a good time. This was an amazing opportunity and I would definitely do it again.

CHOC Walk  By Yeni Jimenez (General Member)

The CHOC walk was such a remarkable experience. Even though it was sprinkling throughout the whole time, it was worth every minute that I was there. I have never walked to help the children for the Hospital of Orange County. As I was walking, I was telling another member how amazing it was that we are capable of helping the children in need. I know that if the children were able to say thank you in person they would. Children deserve a chance to live as long as possible and raising money to help find a cure to childhood illnesses is valuable. I will definitely participate again next year.
SoupPlantation  By Amy Tso

15% of all sales of the SoupPlantation FUNraiser that occurred on October 13th from 5 to 8 PM were donated to CASSA! At the Brea SoupPlantation, members were able to eat all sorts of delicious pasta, soups, breads and desserts. Besides the delicious foods that were received by the members, they were able to receive an hour of event attendance for their cord log hours with the kept of receipt. All the members have to do, to donate to CASSA, was present the flyer to the SoupPlantation worker after purchasing the meal with a drink. During the time period that I was there, the restaurant was filled with numerous happy customers. These customers included families of children, parents and grandparents, friends and students. Many of the customers that I saw were there to support CASSA. I had a great time. Overall, the event was a success!
Bowling Social  By Lindsey Ellsowrth

STRIKE!!! CASSA hosted a great social at the TSU Underground for new, returning, and prospective members and their friends to get to know each other better and have some fun. CASSA was able to entertain its guests with free food, free bowling, and free billiards all night. Those who participated received one hour towards event attendance just for hanging out and having a good time. The competition was fierce as all bowling lanes were occupied. Fun and music filled the room as members bowled and chatted under the neon lights. Overall, the night was a success, no fun spared. ;)

Upcoming Events

October
21st — Karate Kid Movie Social
28th — Professor Risto
29th — Pumpkin Carving
30th — Halloween Zootacular

November
7th — Buddy Walk