Welcome, new and continuing CASSA members to what, I believe, will be an outstanding Spring Semester! With all the events that we have planned this semester, there will be plenty of opportunities to attend guest speaker events, help out around the community, and socialize with other students who share your career passions. There will never be a dull moment, for there will always be something to do to earn those 30 hours toward your red graduation cord. Also, as CASSA members, you will constantly be in the loop as to what events will be taking place and when; I will be sending out Sunday email updates to alert you of upcoming events and opportunities to earn hours. I am looking forward to this semester’s events and I thank you for taking an interest in the Child and Adolescent Studies Student Association.

-Heather Creelman
CASSA President
Hi Everyone! My name is Morgan Bond. I’m a senior here at CSUF, majoring in Child and Adolescent studies with a minor in Human Services. I have been a member of CASSA for the past year, but I am excited to have been elected as your Community Service Manager. Through this role, I hope to bring many fun and memorable opportunities for all of our CASSA members. After graduation, I plan on entering the Masters program to pursue my dream of becoming a school counselor. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my amazing boyfriend and close friends. I also hope to leave the door open to all our members for any new and creative ideas they may have for local community service opportunities.

Hey CASSA members, my name is Jennifer. This is my third semester as a CASSA member. For my last semester as a CASSA member, I decided to run for the position of Professional & Career Development Manager. I am in charge of finding guest speakers to speak at the meetings. I am a transfer student from Rio Hondo College, and I decided to attend CSUF because it was local, and I heard they had a great CAS program. I am a CHAD major because I really enjoy working with children. I am a senior, and I will be graduating in May. Eventually, I would like to teach in the lower classroom levels; however, I am also interested in working with foster children. I enjoy the summer time because I like water sports, such as jet skiing, wake boarding, and boating.

Hi, my name is Michael Kubasek, but to some I’m known as that guy who looks like Josh Groban. I am a senior, and this is my second semester as a member of CASSA. My position on the CASSA Board is Information Manager. I am responsible for taking the weekly minutes at Board Meetings. I also develop, edit, and post the CASSA newsletter, which you are now reading. Unlike most members of CASSA, I am not a CHAD major, I am a History Major. Although most would think that, due to my major, I would want to be a History teacher or professor, what I really want to do is work in a K-8 class. In high school, I was in the Future Teachers Program where I helped in elementary classes. My hobbies include gaming, reading, and swimming.
On February 4 and 5, a wide range of campus programs and services, as well as fraternities, sororities and organizations, had informational booths in the quad for Discoverfest. CASSA was out in full force to recruit anyone interested in working with children and/or adolescents. Several board members the previous year were recruited through this process. CASSA promoted its Pizza Social, which is a great introduction for new members. People were eager to learn about the many activities and events CASSA participates in. Those viewing the booth were given complementary bubbles and pencils.
The first CASSA meeting was a tidal wave of new faces and pizza. Old and new board members were introduced with a look back at events from Fall Semester. After the formal portion of the meeting, members were able to mingle and ask the board questions concerning hours, membership, and cords. With such a high turn-out, CASSA is looking forward to an exciting new semester!
Where do I go to get my Teaching Credential? Which classes are required to qualify for admission? What tests do I need to take to get in the program? All of these are questions asked by members of CASSA as they apply for the Teaching Credential Program. On February 18th, CASSA members were given an overview from Lillybeth Sasis, Assistant Director for the Center for Careers in Teaching (CCT). From completing both the CBEST and CSET to maintaining a 2.75 GPA, members were given a wealth of knowledge that most applicants for teaching often miss out on.
Often, the concepts of limited resources and conservation are difficult for teachers to express to children. To aid future teachers, Population Connection (PopConn), a non-profit organization, has graciously created developmentally appropriate educational resources and information on how to present such delicate material to children. Lead by Professor Valerie O’Krent, CASSA members experienced fun, hands-on ways of teaching conservation and resource awareness through our “Teaching Green” Leadership Conference on Saturday, March 14 from 9:00am-12:00pm. At the end of the training, members were given a certificate of training, a packet with more information on the activities and how to contact Population Connection, and a CD with activities for multiple grade levels (generously donated by PopConn). All who attended would like to thank Population Connection and Professor O’Krent for their time, generosity, and the invaluable ideas presented. We are definitely more aware of the need for conservation and spreading this message to others!
In order to earn your CASSA cord, the following are required:
- At least two semesters of membership in CASSA (semesters do not need to be consecutive)
- Completed 30 hours of CASSA participation/service, with the following minimums in 3 categories:
  - Minimum 2 hours in Leadership participation/service
  - Minimum 6 hours in Community participation/service
  - Minimum 5 hours in CASSA event attendance
- Cord log must be typed on the required CASSA form (available on CASSA website), printed and signed, and turned in to CASSA office (EC553) by April 8th, 2009 (if you want to receive your cord in time for May 2009 graduation)

Note: Absolutely NO cord logs will be accepted after April 8th, as there will not be enough time to confirm qualification and completion of the requirements. You may, however, turn in your cord log on that date with only 26 hours, if you list the last scheduled events you will be attending in April to qualify for your last missing 4 hours – Recognize we will confirm your attendance at these events prior to awarding you your cord. CASSA cord log requirements will be checked and verified, and then a list of qualifying recipients will be announced in the April 28th Sunday Update. Cords will presented to those qualifying CASSA members at the Celebration of Achievement on May 4, 2009 (evening event). If you cannot be the celebration event, you will need to contact Heather, the CASSA President, to make alternative arrangements to pick up your cord.
CASSA is proud to showcase a documentary viewing and discussion/critique of the potential effects of Hip-Hop music/music videos on adolescent development. With the commercial success of gangsta rap and music videos, which often portray men as extravagant thugs and women as sex toys, debate has simmered about the impact rap and the surrounding hip-hop culture might have on youth. The documentary, Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes, is an interesting examination of manhood, sexism, and homophobia in hip-hop culture. This event is highly recommended for any and all who wish to work with teens, or who have an interest in media literacy.

**Event:** HIP-HOP: BEYOND THE BEATS AND RHYMES  
**Where:** TSU Theater  
**When:** April 14th, 7:00-9:00pm  
   Documentary Film Shown in TSU Theater, followed by Discussion of Youth Culture and Hip-Hop Music facilitated by Prof. Shelli Wynants (CAS 360- Adolescents and the Media instructor)
CROP Hunger Walks help children and families worldwide -- and right here in the U.S. -- to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow. Each year, some two million CROP Walkers, volunteers, and sponsors put their hearts and "soles" in motion, raising over $16 million per year to help end hunger and poverty around the world -- and in their own communities. This year you can be a part of it by joining Team CASSA in the Fullerton CROP Walk! Last year walkers in the Fullerton CROP Hunger Walk raised more money than in any of the other 41 walks in California, and ranked 25th in fundraising nationwide. The organizers of the Fullerton Crop Hunger Walk have set a minimum fund raising goal of $75,000.00, with 500 participating walkers (that's about $150 per walker). During the Fall, CASSA raised over $8,000.00 for CHOC and recruited more than 100 walkers, so let's do it again this Spring for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty (CROP)! Invite your family members and friends to register as members of Team CASSA and help the Fullerton CROP Hunger Walk meet its goals.

The CROP Hunger Walk takes place on Sunday, April 26, 2009 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm and begins and ends in the Fullerton Downtown Plaza, located at the corner of Harbor Boulevard and Wilshire Avenue. You can earn 3 community service hours toward your cord log by raising a minimum of $35.00 and participating in the walk. In addition, the first 65 CASSA members to reach the minimum fundraising goal will receive a free CROP Walk t-shirt. All walkers will have the opportunity to win raffle prizes in a drawing to be held after the event. In addition, the three youth walkers (high school age or younger) who raise the most money will be awarded a special prize after the walk -- so encourage your younger family members and friends to walk with you. You can get started with the CROP Hunger Walk by registering to walk with Team CASSA online. Simply go to www.cropwalkonline.org and choose the Fullerton CROP Hunger Walk. Then click on "Join a Team," click the "Search for a Team" button and then choose "CASSA - Cal State Fullerton." Join the team, register, set your earning goal and get started by sending out e-fundraising letters. After you register online, you'll also receive an email from CASSA providing you with more specifics about the event.
Last Christmas, CASSA participated in Operation Christmas Child, a program which gives gifts to those who are not fortunate enough to purchase basic amenities. Children in over 100 countries received gifts from CASSA members. This Christmas, 8 million children will receive shoe box gifts; for some of these children, it was the first gift they ever received.