



October Newsletter Focus



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ASG Senators

On behalf of Jesus Suarez, ASG President:

I am honored to speak about two of the most extraordinary individuals I have had the pleasure of meeting, Alec Valenzuela and Luis Santacruz. Although both have recently joined the board of the Associated Student Government, I have been fortunate enough to know them for quite some time. Both have proven to be strong leaders and excellent mentors for their fellow peers and mentees. Alec, one of our newest Elected Senators, has already shown great initiative in a variety of ways in her role as a student leader. Alec currently serves as a student representative in one of the most important student-centered committees on campus, the Pathway Academy Advisory Committee. Moreover, Alec has also gone above and beyond in her role as a student leader by finding ways to make us, as a board, more efficient in our efforts to serve our fellow Coyotes. Luis, another of our newly Elected Senators, has already begun to make great strides towards making our board have more representation from the various communities on campus. Beyond his role as a student leader, Luis has also demonstrated great perseverance in his unyielding dedication to his academic studies. Luis is one of those individuals that does not allow challenges to stop him from achieving his dreams. As if his demonstration of academic excellence wasn't enough, Luis also aspires to dedicate his career to develop advancements in the field of mental health - something that I am sure we can all agree is paramount to student health. There are not enough words in the world to truly express how proud I am of both Alec and Luis. I know that the future will hold wonderful roles for these two student leaders.



Luis Santacruz, *GPS Mentor*

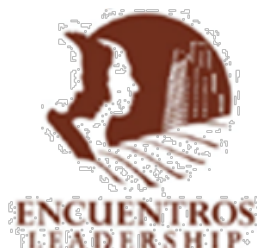


Alec Valenzuela, *GPS Mentor*

Encuentros Recap

On behalf of Jesus Miranda, Associate Dean of Student Equity and Engagement

Our inaugural Encuentros Leadership and Education Conference took place October 6th at Cuyamaca College. To assist us in hosting this event, we partnered with Encuentros Leadership, which is a non-profit organization for the past 15 years that is based out of North County San Diego. The conference is specifically aimed at young Latino boys in middle school, high school, and families from our local community. We are proud to say Cuyamaca is the first community college to host an Encuentros conference outside of North County San Diego. The conference participants were able to experience what makes Cuyamaca College the academic jewel of East County by showcasing academic programs, student support services, a career expo, and partnerships with surrounding businesses. We are looking forward to build on our initial efforts during our second Encuentros Leadership and Education Conference coming in the fall of 2019.



Coyote of the Month



This month we are excited to introduce not one but multiple exemplary students as Coyotes of the Month. These students volunteered for the Encuentros Conference held this month. Among these students, we had Pathway Academy student volunteers, alumni, GPS mentors, and Outreach Ambassadors. We want to give a warm and special thanks to Esmeralda Monsivais, Henry Bernal, Hugo Martinez, Jasmyn Green, Sonia Mendoza, Luis Santacruz, Felix Lozano, Kenya Avilez, Heba Almasraf, Ruby Siles, Litzy Grijalva, Valerie Rochin, Fernando Lucero, Dylan Leonard, Jesus Pinuelas, Jose Santana, Emilio Ocampo, Dariana Romero, and Nicholas Enema.

“A leader is someone who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way”

John C. Maxwell

