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# Associated Student Organization Newsletter

THE OFFICIAL VOICE OF ALL SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE STUDENTS

## Welcome Message from the ASO President

"On behalf of the Southwestern College Associated Student Organization, welcome to the 2013-2014 school year! This is the beginning of a great opportunity for advancement in your life. At Southwestern College we offer numerous resources to aid you in your journey to personal betterment and we provide countless avenues of support and encouragement to promote a satisfying college experience from our sports, to our programs, to our clubs, and student government. Don't be afraid to explore the many opportunities to get involved and meet new people!"

-Laura Del Castillo

ASO President/Student Trustee 2013-2014



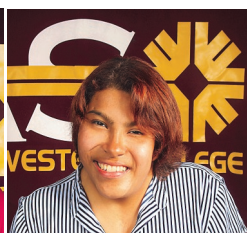
## ASO Executive Officers 2013-2014



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# ASO Welcome Week 2013

**D**uring the first week of classes, the ASO organized an event to welcome students and to inform them about the benefits of the Student Activities Sticker.

Students had the opportunity to learn about some of the programs and resources offered on campus such as the Academic Success Center, Online Learning Center, and EOPS. The ASO also gave away popcorn, pizza, cotton candy, and hot dogs along with promotional items that encourage academic success such as planners, pens, pencils, staplers, water bottles, bags and lanyards.

If you are interested in organizing events like this, join the Activities Committee or contact the ASO Social Vice President, William Apan at [asosvp@swccd.edu](mailto:asosvp@swccd.edu).

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES STICKER BENEFITS



- Campus Discounts
- ⇒ \$8.00 Off Trolley/Bus Pass
  - ⇒ \$5.00 Off at Campus Bookstore
  - ⇒ \$2.00 Off Health Services
  - ⇒ Free Fax Service
  - ⇒ Access to Emergency Student Loans
  - ⇒ Open Computer Lab
  - ⇒ Access to Calculator Rental Program
  - ⇒ Eligibility for ASO Scholarships

## Are you interested in getting involved on campus?

- ASO Officer
- Join a Club
- ASO Standing Committees
- Student Committees
- College Committees
- SWC Governing Board

**S**outhwestern College offers many opportunities to get involved on campus. The ASO represents the student interest in the governance of the campus, participates in the formation and the improvement of educational programs, and commits to effective student participation in all areas of student concern.

You can get involved by joining clubs, becoming an ASO Officer, or by attending and giving input on college standing committees along side our administrators and faculty.

For more information about clubs contact Gabriel Douglas, Vice President for Club Affairs at [asovpc@swccd.edu](mailto:asovpc@swccd.edu) or visit the Student Information Window inside the Student Center. For information on becoming an ASO Officer contact Manuel Gonzalez, ASO Executive Vice President at [asovp@swccd.edu](mailto:asovp@swccd.edu).





# SWC Talents

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN  
RECOGNIZED FOR ANY TALENT?



**Nominate**

him or her to appear in our  
next newsletter!



SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO PRISCILLA JIMENEZ, ASO VP  
OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AT ASOVPPR@SWCCD.EDU

## Interview with an ASO Officer



**Name:** Josue Gonzalez

**Current Position:** ASO Vice President of Finance

**Major:** Political Science

**Hobbies:** Puzzles, Meditation, Martial Arts, and Reading

**Why did you decide to join the Associated Student Organization?**

"I decided to join the ASO with the devotion to aid the students in accomplishing their goals whether by getting their Associates Degree or transferring to a 4-year institution."

**What do you hope to accomplish during your term?**

"I believe that the increase of representation of our ASO officers beyond our standing committees would be really helpful in having an input of different sources. Working with administrators, faculty and staff in college standing committees, representing our school government in external affairs, and constantly interacting with students will all guide the Associated Student Organization in meeting the needs of our students."



**Name:** Viviana Rodriguez

**Current Position:** ASO Senator At-Large

**Major:** Biology

**Hobbies:** Reading and swimming

**Why did you decide to join the Associated Student Organization?**

"Because I like helping students find different solutions to excel in their college journey!"

**What do you hope to accomplish during your term?**

"I want to create change for students in order for them to succeed in their studies and for them to take advantage of all the opportunities college can offer them."

**Why do you recommend that students get involved on campus?**

"I recommend they get involved on campus not only because it's a good opportunity for advancement, but you also get a chance to learn about resources the college offers you and are able to use them to your advantage."

# Calendar

Date	Event	Time	Location	Cost
9/4	Fall 2013 Musical Recital Series	7:30 PM -8:30 PM	Main Campus, Recital Room 801	Free
9/5 - 10/1	Combat Art Exhibit	11:00 AM	SWC Art Gallery, Building 710	Free
9/5	¿Cómo utilizar Blackboard?	3:15 PM - 4:30 PM	HEC San Ysidro, Room 5203	Free
9/9	Steps to Transfer to a University	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	HEC San Ysidro, Room 5206	Free
9/12	How do I fill out my on-line financial aid application? (Spanish)	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	HEC San Ysidro, Room 5201	Free
9/13	How do I pay for my college education?	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	HEC San Ysidro, Room 5201	Free

## Campus Resources

<b>Academic Success Center</b>	M-Th 10:00 AM-5:00 PM F 8:00 AM—2:00 PM	Room 420	<b>Library</b>	M-Th 8:00 AM—7:00 PM F 8:00 AM—2:00 PM Sat 10:00 AM—2:00 PM
<b>M.E.S.A Lab</b>	M-Th 8:00 AM—6:00 PM F 8:00 AM—2:00 PM	Room 396	<b>Health Services</b>	M-Th 8:00 AM—6:30 PM F 8:00 AM—1:00 PM
<b>Math Center</b>	M-Th 8:00 AM—7:00 PM F 8:00 AM—12:00PM	Building 420	<b>Transfer Center</b>	M-T 8:00 AM—6:30 PM W-Th 8:00 AM—5:00 PM F 8:00 AM—1:00 PM

## Steps to Career Success

Uncertain about which career path to choose? The Career Center offers individual career counseling appointments, workshops, walk-in assistance, and online access to career research software. So, let the Career Center partner with you to discover your career possibilities today.



Call the Career Center for more information,  
(619) 421-6700, ext. 5247

**Step 1 Assessment:** In order to choose the right major for you it's important to identify who you are, what's important to you as well as your natural skills.

**Step 2 Career Exploration:** There are so many Career Alternatives which can incorporate those natural skills and interests.

**Step 3 Choosing a Career:** Once you have identified the Career that interests you, it is time to plan your educational path.

**Step 4 Improving Your Professional Skills:** Standing out in an Interview requires strong interviewing skills as well as previous work experience in the field.

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