

PASS IT ON

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Events January to March

January

- 24 - Calapalooza
- 31 - 1st General Meeting

February

- 4 - Spring Welcome Mixer
- 10 - Intern Development Day
- 13 - YM Seminar
- 15 - YM Training Day & Open Transfer Community Gathering
- 22 - 24 - Winter Retreat

March

- 4 - "1+4" Mixer
- 5 - 2nd General Meeting
- 7 - Friends of PASS
- 9-10 - Buyiti Retreat
- 8 - *bridges* MC and Transfer SHADOW
- 15 - Mixer
- 23- 31 - SoCal Outreach

Introducing PASS 28



PASS 28: Staff

This issue of *PASS IT ON* highlights the events and activities that have occurred during the fall 2012 semester within PASS. Although, not all of the events and activites are summarized in this issuse, PASS is now using social networks such as facebook and twitter to provide on-the-dot updates and event pictures. Also, the PASS website (www.pass.berkeley.edu) is updated weekly to provide information such internships, programs and many more!

It is worth mentioning the newly transitioned staff members that form PASS 28. For 28 years, PASS has successfully help underprivilege Pilipin@ students in their paths to higher education. More than ever, PASS 28 is ready to serve.

Significant changes have occurred during the fall semester especially with the renovations of Eshelman Hall currently taking place, PASS along with the other bridges recruitment and retention centers have temporarily relocated at Hearst Field Annex.

There is nostalgia in the air with the many great memories that PASS has shared in 515 Eshelman however, in light of the current situation, PASS hopes that Hearst Annex can serve as a safe space for all students and a place to call home.

Also, PASS would like to congratulate one of its own for a successful first semester term in the ASUC. Pilipin@ Community Endorsed Senator Dee Jay Pepito who served as the External Relations Coordinator in 2011-2012 has made great strides to improve understanding of the Pilipin@ identity, resolving multicultural issues such as racial insensitivity in the larger campus community, advocating for womyn's rights and securing spaces for student groups during Lower Sproul Redevelopment.

With this said, watch out for the following issues of *PASSIT ON* released in March and May. The following issues will detail events such as Central and So-Cal Outreach, Friends of PASS and Senior Weekend 2013!



Transfer Community

The transfer community at Cal is a growing one. University admissions officers note that in recent years, there has been a rise in the number of transfer applications than each preceding year. It seems that more and more students have been taking the "untraditional" paths before coming to Berkeley. Because of this, the transfer population on the Berkeley campus is one of the most diverse, with people coming from all socioeconomic, cultural, and geographic backgrounds, and Berkeley prides itself on being the UC campus that accepts the largest proportion of transfer applicants that it receives.

PASS has recognized that there is a need to foster a community for transfer students. With the short time that they have on this campus, it is very much, "You're in, and then you're out." It seems that this leaves a shorter amount of time for students to seek out resources, get involved, and find out about opportunities before and after graduation. By utilizing the transfer space, *Lipat* (a Filipino term literally translated to "transfer"), transfer students learn from one another about the opportunities they can take advantage of during their time here at Cal.

As Transfer Coordinator, I started the year off with Transfer Picnic, which was a chance for folks to meet one another over sushi. It was held on



the steps of Doe Library, and it was great seeing new and familiar faces alike. Then, in November, PASS hosted TransFall Mixer during which attendees de-stressed over games and food. It was a blast, and we were able to forget (even if just for a moment) about the papers, textbooks, and problem sets we had waiting for us at home.

These events are meant to welcome the entire transfer community in one place, whether Pilipin@-identifying or otherwise, to enjoy one another's company.

An issue that many transfers face at this campus is a lack of community amongst transfers, which is why Lipat was created: PASS wants to acknowledge the fact that the transfer community is growing, while also recognizing that there is not

just one need that the community shares, nor is there just one way to cater to it.

By bringing together transfers from across campus and across the smaller colleges, we aim to create a space where transfers can connect with one another; but more importantly, learn from one another.

There is a vast difference between the transfer experience and that of someone who comes in as a frosh. By connecting with people who share the same background status, it becomes easier to break down barriers and make friends in the short amount of time we have here. Lipat can be that for you.

--Djenilin Mallari

Pathways

This year, Pathways was held in Heller Lounge in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Building. Pathways seeks to provide undergraduate students with helpful resources regarding post-collegiate options such as graduate school and future career paths.

The event featured guest panelists: Rodolfo Santos (Academic Achievement Counselor, Incentive Awards Program), Jayton Tsai (Administrative Counselor - Wharton), Aura Abing (School Psychologist), Cynthia Ledesma (Graduate Minority Outreach, Recruitment and Retention Project) and Regina Fulinar (President, Young Filipino Professional Association).

PASS recognizes the need for retention events such as Pathways con-

sidering less than 2% of all graduate students obtaining either a doctoral's or master's degree at UC Berkeley are of Pilipino descent. Underrepresentation in graduate programs is also evident as minority students consists only 15%



Pathways 2012

all Berkeley graduate students.

The significantly low rates of students of color whether in undergraduate or graduate institutions remain a fervent issue for PASS. Events like Pathways strive to provide first-hand perspectives and resources for the many post-collegiate opportunities to curb recent trends.

PASS deeply expresses its gratitude to its Alumni for volunteering their time and passing down valuable wisdom to the many undergraduates aspiring to change the current statistics. It is also with the assistance of school and community partners that PASS is able to provide unrivaled resources to the campus community.

--Sean Tan

Filipino Empowerment Day



FED SHADOW

FED SHADOW brings students from all over Northern California to spend the weekend in Berkeley and immerse themselves in a college environment, in addition to being empowered politically, culturally, and academically, at the Filipino Empowerment Day Conference. This program has been held annually since it was just a SHADOW Day in Fall 2004, and was expanded to an entire SHADOW Weekend in Fall 2010. It has grown to not only be one of the major PASS events of the year, but also one of the largest events in the Pilipin@ community at Cal.

This year, students from all over the Bay Area and Stockton participated in the program, with representation from Balboa, James Logan, Mt. Eden, Arroyo, and Edison High Schools. Despite coming from different communities and experiences, the forty students were able to build lasting relationships with their peers, mentors, and volunteers throughout the weekend. Among the last picture takings, note givings, and tears at the conclusion of the program, was the desire by many of the students to not only participate in future SHADOW events but more importantly, to maintain the relationships they have built with many of our community members, in hopes of achieving a higher education.

In addition to FED SHADOW, this semester our component put together the very first LGBT SHADOW, with the goal of showing prospective students the various resources and safe spaces for LGBT/Queer students and allies on a university campus, as well as different ways they can continue being actively involved and aware of issues in those communities after high school. The event was a success, with workshops put on by past Gender and Sexuality Coordinator Brian Villa and collaborative workshops facilitated by the Gender and Equity Center (GenEq).

Given the achievements of the program, our organization took advantage of the opportunity to apply for the Innovation Grant, as a means to provide more funding to future LGBT SHADOWs and make it a more institutionalized program within PASS.

If we are allowed to put forth more resources for a program like this, we could increase the capacity of students we can accommodate as well as increasing awareness of this event among local high schools and community colleges. Furthermore, instilling this program in our community will not only

address the need to be aware of LGBT issues, but also re-emphasize the importance of having safe spaces for LGBT/ Queer identifying and allied students. On a broader level, establishing a strong and traditional program such as LGBT SHADOW will show Cal students that there is definitely a need to be inclusive and welcoming of prospective students from all backgrounds, making sure that we truly work to get all marginalized groups into higher education.

--James Work

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FED SHADOW Weekend 2012

Fall 2012 Internship

Alyson de la Rosa

is a second-year, majoring in Psychology and an intern for the YM Coordinator. Alyson is yet another example of an intern who was first exposed to PASS while still in high school.

Her choice to intern for PASS was overwhelmingly influenced by her desire "to give back to the community."

Alyson, like Maria, still both fondly recalls and actively stays in touch with the PASS alumni that visited her school so many years ago. The only difference now, is that she herself can feel the satisfaction, pride, and joy, of knowing that she too is "making an impact in student lives."

She also acknowledges that she is still learning and still becoming even more politically-aware and sensitive to what so many Cal and like-university level students still take for granted--including the most subtle nuances of a certain language and of certain attitudes, conscientious or not.

For Alyson, recruitment entails, "making sure under-served Pilipinos out there know of the different options that they have--that they are not limited to community colleges or even no college at all, that there are different ways to go about

life" and *retention* signifies "taking care of oneself as well as one's relationships with other people."

On a final note, she advises all current and aspiring interns and undergraduates alike, to "step out of one's comfort zone" and "branch out" and "make the most and best of every situation imaginable."

Maria Mindanao

is a first-year, majoring in Molecular Cell Biology and interns for the PASO/PASOC Coordinator. She chose to intern for PASS after engaging with past PASS interns and staff while she was still in high school. Influenced and inspired by her early formative interactions with PASS alumni, Maria knew almost immediately that she too wanted to get involved and to make a difference.

While tirelessly working towards influencing and inspiring college bound students to get involved and become more aware of current pertinent issues such as Prop 209, she also found herself inadvertently bonding with these same students.

For Maria, PASS is not just another focused campus organization offering simple academic services. PASS, rather, is an invaluable space and medium from and through which to connect and col-

laborate with the wider Pilipin@ community both within and outside of academia.

Aldrin Carreon

is a 3rd year, majoring in Political Economy International and Area Studies (PEIS), who first chose to intern for PASS in order to access the incredible opportunities and resources that PASS offers especially to the Pilipin@ community.

Aldrin prides himself in not only acquiring the skills invaluable in effectively facilitating his own classes, but also in having had the rare opportunity to bond and engage with other Pilipin@ students within a school that has a history of being deprived of a significant Pilipin@ student population.

PASS has become like his second home, even withholding to celebrate his birthday once he found out that it coincided with a PASS event. To Aldrin, PASS is not just any typical campus affiliated group, rather PASS is a home away from home--a real and genuine community of friends and networks with whom he will collaborate long after graduating from Cal.

---Grace Chong



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