

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS ANNUAL REPORT

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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

Mission Statement

"The Associated Students is the primary advocate for students at California State University, Northridge and provides excellent, meaningful programs and services designed to create and enhance a spirited, learning-focused campus environment."

Values Statement

"In order to guarantee equal human rights for the student body, the organization declares the equal opportunities, shall be afforded all students without regard to race, color, religion, size, creed, gender, pregnancy, marital affiliation, sexual or affect ional orientation, age, ethnic origin, citizenship, nationality, veteran status, or physical disability."

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Hired and trained 83 student leaders including Senators, Executive Cabinet, Finance, Elections, SPACE and Standing Committees.

Big Show 7 featuring headliner "Ne-Yo" and second act "Living Legends" was held on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007 for more than 8,000 guests with increased ticket sales over last year, and a corporate sponsorship by Universal Studios.

The Policies Standing Committee developed a new mission statement for the Associated Students which was passed by student referenda during the Fall 2007 semester.

The committee developed a vision and values statement to accompany the mission statement, which was approved by the Senate in Spring 2008.

An increased emphasis on student advocacy provided a myriad of opportunities for students to experience governance at the local and statewide level. Director of Legislative Affairs Dina Cervantes was elected chair of the California State Student Association and served with distinction throughout the 2007-08 year. In addition, CSUN hosted the CSSA for it's Nov. 2007 meeting.

SPACE had a year of standout events, concluding with a sold-out major comedy show featuring Dan Adhoot, Kevin Hart, Jo Koi and headliner Gabriel Iglesias.

CHILDREN'S CENTER

Served more than 150 children of CSUN community in the on-campus Center

Served more than 35 children of CSUN students in our Family Child Care Network at off-campus family child care homes

Expanded the educational and career experience of twenty Child and Adolescent Development interns each semester as well as twenty-five kinesiology interns

Employed over thirty-five student assistants a semester

Began re-connecting with alumni and other friends of the Children's Center through publication of 2 issues of our newsletter

Very active parent group who did fundraising to enhance our curriculum with the incorporation of a dental health program

Committed and active Advisory Board consisting of A.S. student government, CSUN faculty and staff, A.S. staff, and Children's Center parents

Successful work day with CSUN student volunteers, parent volunteers, and community volunteers where we renovated our playground and garden as well as performed intensive cleaning throughout the school

A.S. RECYCLING SERVICES

Gave away 5000 reusable mugs at the President's Picnic to encourage reuse, reduce waste, and create greater awareness of recycling at CSUN.

America Recycles Day – November 15 – national awareness day to recycle and buy more recycled content products. This year, we reduced our waste by providing on-line pledging throughout the event—540 pledges in this one-day event!

EarthFair 2008 – awesome event, weather, students, faculty, staff, DJ, can sculpture, AS SPACE—all created a fantastic event! We had a record-breaking number of vendors where we had to double up to fit everyone in! Over 300 attendees played our booth “stamper” game where a potential 3000 pieces of environmental information were exchanged at the Fair! The Guess the Caps game also provided exchanges of information about the AS Recycling with 197 players!

Clean out-Donate-Check out – this year's annual move-out program, in partnership with Goodwill Industries and Student Housing, provided an opportunity for students to donate their reusable stuff to Goodwill instead of throwing it in the trash!

Outreach – many new ways we provided awareness to our students through tours of our recycling field office and yard, presentation to University 100 students, participating in a system-wide sustainability project by San Jose State grad students, and interviews with Daily Sundial reporters and articles. We also worked the traditional outreach events such as Orientation, RA training, Meet the Clubs, U-Matter Dor Fair, President's Picnic, tabling about campus, and the A.S. Fair!

A.S. RECYCLING SERVICES

Collection numbers for 2007 included: 163,188 lbs. mixed office paper; 128,168 lbs. cardboard; 9,392 bottles & cans; 34,800 lbs. pallets; and a combined total of 4,017 lbs. of laser toners, inkjets, and cell phones.

-Collaborated with The University Corporation to collect milk jugs from all the coffee houses on campus as well as got them on board to recycle their tin & steel cans from campus food services.

-Special collections services –expanded bottle & can collections throughout many University Hall departments

-Special event recycling: Offering services to be a greater presence at AS & CSUN sponsored events such as BIG SHOW, CERT Expo, U-MatterDor Fairs, Clubs & Orgs Recognition conference, and more as time and budget allow.

-Purchased additional bottle & can recycling containers as a result of research and demand from our students and staff! These will be placed throughout the campus in high-traffic areas over the coming year. Special thanks to our partners for donating bins: University Student Union, JD Recycling, and Valley Recycling Center!

Commencement 2008 – another great year—we “officially” became part of the commencement ceremonies not only by recycling bottles, cans & cardboard—we were included in the script at all graduations and honors convocation with a special “thank you” for being there.

RECREATIONAL SPORTS

The Fitness Centre generated more revenue than ever before and had 4198 members. Our Boxing Program conducted 214 orientation sessions.

Intramurals had the highest participation numbers since 1990 (not sure, I will confirm with Trent) in the Spring 08 semester with 916 students.

Sport Clubs seems to be an ever growing area as with the addition of new clubs, we now boast 23 Sport Clubs.

The Rock Wall was up and running this year and had 268 climbers.

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