Mexican American Student Services College Mentoring Services 2016 – 2017 SY

In SY 2016-17, Mexican American Student Services Department (MASSD) implemented several strategies to collaborate with local colleges and universities. The MAASD provided the following types of opportunities for District students: 1) college student mentoring programs, 2) community-based mentoring, 3) mentoring by Student Success Specialists, 4) collaborative opportunities with Pima Community College and the University of Arizona.

Community and College-Based Mentoring

During the 2016-17 SY, the MASSD collaborated with the following organizations to provide mentoring services to Mexican American students: University of Arizona's Project Student Outreach for Access & Resiliency (SOAR), Chicano Por La Causa's Nahui Ollin Wellness program, the University of Arizona's Mexican American Studies Department's Collaborative Research in Action (CRiA), Boys to Men Mentoring, University of Arizona WordCats/MathCats, Child & Family Resources, Inc., AmeriCorps VISTA, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., and University of Arizona's Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlan (MEChA).

These organizations mentored students through collaboration with MASSD at 11 school sites. The MASSD collaborated to support a total of 34 volunteers to mentor 552 students district wide. The 34 mentoring volunteers from 10 community agencies and college entities worked with MASSD to provide mentoring in the 2016-17 SY. (Appendix - MASSD Mentor Volunteer Chart SY 2016-17). MASSD Student Success Specialists collaborated with sites to increase the number of Mexican American students who received mentoring services through community and college organizations from a total of 360 students in SY 2015-16 to 552 students in SY 2016-17. The number of community organizations MASSD partnered with also increased from 7 to 10 (Appendix - MASSD Community and College Collaborations).

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Community & College Mentoring Collaborations SY 2016-17

Organization	Program	Description		
University of Arizona	Project Student Outreach for Access & Resiliency (SOAR)	A group of mentors who meet one-on-one or with a small group of middle school youth weekly, addressing topics including academic strengths, self-esteem, conflict resolution, career exploration, and the college search process. Mentoring pairs or groups remain consistent throughout the semester in order to develop a strong, positive relationship.		
Chicano Por La Causa	Nahui Ollin Wellness program	This program introduces high school students to topics on problem solving, self- esteem, safe sex, family dynamics, substance abuse, and bully prevention. Mentoring was facilitated in classroom settings with a cultural perspective.		
University of Arizona Mexican American Studies Department	Collaborative Research In Action (CRiA)	A two-semester, intergenerational, and multi-institutional ethnic studies and social justice project. Community college and university students participate in a series of workshops to build and cultivate an awareness of local resources while also preparing them to facilitate participatory research projects with middle and high school students. The trained community college and university students work in assigned middle and high schools to mentor students and help them select and develop a research project. Middle and high school students share their research project findings in a poster and/or panel-style format at the University of Arizona's Mexican American Studies Department's Youth Symposium on Social Justice and Ethnic Studies.		
Desert Men's Council	Boys to Men Mentoring	An organization that provides mentors who give teenage boys a community of mentors who listen, encourage and believe in them. The program's mentors ask the boys what kind of man they want to be, praise them for their gifts, support them when they make mistakes and encourage them to become the man they want to be.		
University of Arizona	WordCats/MathCats	A program that works with students who need improvement in reading or math skills. Volunteers are trained and recruited from through the College of Education.		
Child & Family Resources, Inc.	The Grrrls project	A curriculum for an eight-week afterschool program creates a community of young women who are empowered with knowledge and skills to build a healthy future. Middle school girls in across TUSD participate in workshops on topics such as good decision-making, healthy relationships, positive body image, and reproductive health.		

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Child & Family Resources, Inc.	Guy Talk	A program mentor young men at the high school level during 10 one-hour sessions. Guy Talk helps male student to build skills to make good life choices and avoid risky behaviors.	
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.	Delta Academy	A nationally recognized leadership program that encourages minority girls between the ages of 11 and 14 years to pursue opportunities within the fields of math, science, technology and engineering. The sorority's Tucson Alumnae Chapter offers Delta Academy programs in Tucson and Sierra Vista.	
AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service to America)	AmeriCorp Mentoring	VISTA members are nationally recruited, recent college graduates who are a part of a two-year project to improve graduation rates, and to promote higher education or post-high school options. AmeriCorps members help students and families access services such as tutoring, healthcare sign up and financial aid assistance. Additionally, AmeriCorp members implement graduation success programs, recruit and coordinate volunteer mentors, partner up with other local agencies and businesses, and bring college readiness programs and recruitment at the schools.	
University of Arizona	Movimento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztian (MEChA)	Movimento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlan (MEChA) believes that political involvement and education constitute the avenue for change in society. MEChA is a focused organization of committed leaders who are community role models. One of the goals of MEChA is to build relationships with youth and serve as a bridge between high school and college-aged students. UA MEChA advises and mentors high school students to promote higher education.	

MASSD Mentor Volunteer Chart 2016-2017

School	Organization	Program	# of Mentors	# of students/ mentees
Catalina	Child & Family Resources, Inc.	Guy Talk	1	4
Cholla	University of Arizona	Words Cats , Math Cats Tutoring / Homework help after school	1	4
Cholla	CRIA – University of Arizona Mexican American Studies Department	Mexican American Viewpoint CRC Classes – CRiA	1	29
Manzo	University of Arizona	Words Cats , Math Cats Tutoring / Homework help after school	1	12
Maxwell	Child & Family Resources, Inc.	The Grrrls Project	1	5
Mission View	University of Arizona	Women's Basketball	1	12
Pueblo	AmeriCorps	Peer Tutoring Program	3	4
Pueblo	CRiA- University of Arizona Mexican American Studies Department	Mexican America Viewpoint CRC Classes – CRiA	3	48
Pueblo Gardens	University of Arizona	Words Cats , Math Cats Tutoring / Homework help after school	1	15
Secrist	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority	Delta Academy	2	18
Secrist	University of Arizona	Project SOAR	4	21
Tucson	University of Arizona	MEChA	2	30
Tucson	Chicanos Por La Causa	Nahui Ollin Wellness Program	1	287
Utterback	Desert Men's Council	Boys to Men	1	5
Valencia	University of Arizona	Project SOAR	9	32
Valencia	Child & Family Resources, Inc.	The Grrrls Project (7th & 8th)	2	26
Total # of Sites: 11	Total # of Organizations: 10	Total # of Programs: 14	Total # of Mentors: 34	Total # of Students: 552