

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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El Centro College Student Government Association

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El Centro College Student Government Association has engaged in leadership skills in many activities that keep us learning and involving as a student leader. We have participated in so many events in campus by organizing meetings, social medias and fun events. We also engaged in activities outside our campus such as community service outreaches. El Centro student chapter has been active both in state and region level. We have invested in so many opportunities that has made us well known as student a body.

As El Centro student government chapter, we excel and learn as a student, we serve as leaders, we also impact all our campuses and our communities through community service outreaches. Community service outreaches have added great value to our learning skills as student leaders. We love to see our community grow, that is why we have been engaged throughout this school year in community service outreaches. Our volunteer services have made us to become a source of hope to our community.

Our first volunteer service to the community for this school year was Global energy race. We volunteered at Global Energy Race on September 24, 2018. We helped from 6:00am to 9:30am. We helped with the sign in session and we served food to the runner. This was a time to warmly greet the racers after accomplishing their commitment. They were proud and most of all tired. Serving food and water was immediately rewarding.

Next, we volunteered on November 8th for Dallas bike ride. We assisted the riders by directing them to where they need to be. Because of the direction to the large amount of people that was made the event went smoothly. We also helped to answer question from the rider and clarify any unknown things before they began their journey. We listened to their background stories and reasons for embarking on this race. We were able to guide and open the race starting point. Lastly, we set up for the rider's welcome back party decorations, and we all had fun.

We are proud to be among 2700 community volunteers who helped at annual Dallas thanksgiving meal. An average Feast of Sharing dinner serves 3,000 pounds of sliced turkey, 2,500 pounds of cornbread dressing, 750 pumpkin pies, 380 gallons of mashed potatoes, 140 gallons of turkey gravy. Our SGA members helped to serve food to the people of the community who came to the event. We also assisted in cleaning up after the event.

We participated in Martin Luther King service theme by volunteering together with Brookhaven and some other community colleges to serve meals at various nursing homes on January 21st. Additionally, we partnered with other student organizations on our campus on February 1st to volunteered at Hope Supply Co. Hope supply Co. is an organization that supplies quality recreations to needy children with diapers, hygiene, school uniform, toys, and clothes. We were glad to help packed almost one thousand baby diapers. We also helped to folded and packed clothes like pants, tops, socks, overalls, and bibs for children of all age groups. We were glad to have made an impact on the children and parents that these items will reach even without seeing them physically.

The outcomes of the community services that we participated in, made us understand how blessed we are to be a blessing to our community at large as students. Our community services have promoted and made our campus known in our community. We also use our community serve to promote our local SGA to the people. We are inspired to become a source of inspiration to some high school student on campus and many people we have come across. We engaged in community service to reach out to people by putting smiles and happiness on their faces. We are also involved in our community services for more student engagement.

Furthermore, we worked effectively on our campus by organizing events that will keep all our students involved and active. One of the first event that we held was 9/11 event. We made

a big banner and set up some tables at our student center where our student and faculty came by and signed banner in respect of those that lost their lives and were affected by this event.

State fair participation on September 28th, we went to join our school sisters for state fair parade, we walked and danced with the crown to let the people of the community know about our college and all the represented Dallas Community Colleges

Rock the vote is an initiative that has been a huge part of our local SGA. this event is one we look forward to every year. This year we hosted rock the vote together with League of women voters on October 4th to 9th. We used rock the vote to reach out to our student in order to get registered to vote, be aware of the upcoming elections, and answer all the questions concerning the election. We used rock the vote to inform and educate our students about the importance of voting. We had a great result at the end of the event.

We also present and represent all our students in every administrative meeting like president cabinet luncheon, Annual Dallas luncheon, and president luncheon which keep us engaged and more effective by telling our administrators our needs.

We also participated in hosting Beto O'Rourke where he came to address our student and some community member about importance of voting and the reason why they should vote. We also did student forum on October 18th. We made our student two sessions one at 1:30pm and another one at 5:30pm so that student who was on able to attend the first session can attend the second session. The purpose of our student forum is to give our student the opportunity to voice their concerns, ideas, questions, and appreciation to our campus administrations. We are also planning to have another one coming up on March 26th.

We did mock the election in conjunction with League of Women Voters on October 17th and 25th, we use monkey survey to mock the election. We questioned them with yes or no questions, which was based on our student forum event and Student government. We questioned our student if they have attended student forum in the past semester and if they know what student forum was all about. We asked them which session of our student from they would like to attend. We also ask them if they have heard about Student Government Association and if they are interested to be part of it for this semester. We made three booths with computers in each booth and we gave the student space to answer our survey question without any interference. After student completion of our survey questions, we directed them to the League of women voters for any question. The League of Women Voter also helped our student by showing them how to find the location of where to vote, things they need to take along with them on voting day. We use our mock elections to work and improve our student forum and student government. We also did voters information stop shop during the week of election. All these was to help student with their voting skills.

Moreover, we make fliers for all our meetings to keep in touch with all student organization and student on campus. We also futured in something called SGA corner we did a little magazine telling our student about who Student government was about, who we are and what we do. Each officer also encouraged our student with inspirational quote.

Halloween boo bash is also part of the event we organized at El Centro College. We sent out emails to get student participation. We did costume contestant, we played games, we danced, we gave out free gifts like cakes and T shirt.

Also, we participate with region and state activities. On October 27th we attended student Leader summit hosted at one of our campuses at Bill J. priest. We met with other schools from

the region and from there we attended DCCCD homecoming where we eat, drink, and dance, we had a great time. We also make sure we attended all regional meeting. We represent our student as student leader at community day held at Austin on January 30th.

Fundraiser event, we organized events that make students to know about student government on our campus and beyond our campus. We did breakfast to go with SGA on 5th of December. We brought Santa Claus to our student center. We use that as a means of recruiting member and to let student learn more about who we are. Students were able to take pictures with the Santa and with the charge of \$1. We gave out free waffles with drink. We made a mini magazine which we hand out to students.

Also, we also hosted Etiquette dinner at Double Tree Hotel. We made the dinner open for our student, other Dallas community college and non- student. We use the dinner to let people know about student organization. We invited chef Steve Deshazo the director of El Centro Food and hospitality who came to educate our guests on proper etiquette for professional mealtime like interview, business, meetings, and social event meal. We gave our guest the opportunity to ask question. We served our guests different four meals. They danced and enjoyed themselves.

We partner with other club on our campus to gather food for our pantry one thousand non-perishable food for our food pantry. We worked together with our adult resources center with food bank food distribution every.

At the beginning of spring 2019 semester we organized usher with SGA where we welcome back our student to school. We use part of what we learned from our last summer retreat to impact our campus by holding a free hug to welcome back our student for the first day

of spring class. We also played music. We pass out information about SGA. And we helped student to find with information and question.

We organized together with office of the student life during the second week of class, we pizza with our college president and welcome back service. Our president addressed our student and he was able to meet with them student one on one and in groups. We did Chaparral involvement day on the 30th and 31st of January 2019. We set up our table at the student center to recruit members to our organization. We also organized valentine fundraising from February 11th to 14th. We sell cards, candies, teddy bears, and flowers to student and faculty on our campus. We also use the fundraising event to talk to student about SGA.

Finally, we were able to reach out to our student and get them involved through our campus email notification, filers, poster, handbill, banner, social media account like Facebook and twitter. For the rest of this semester we are looking forward in volunteering for earth x day and more community serve.

In conclusion, through the mentioned event and activities listed above. We're able to impact our community through our volunteer outreaches. We've made most of neutral student to become more active and involved on our campus.

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