

ASSISTEENS

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The future 9th grade class held their ice cream social to welcome new members!



Coming Up

- Assisteens Recycling Drive is July 10-24 followed by Collection and Sorting on July 24.
- The Farm and Food Lab will be on Saturday, July 17.
- Baby Layettes will be on Saturday, July 24.

Coordinator's Message

Ms. Campbell
Assisteens Coordinator

Welcome to Assisteens' 24 newest members, and to all members and parents, I hope you are having an enjoyable summer. Assisteens is blossoming after a year of more limited activities and socially distanced events. We now have 71 members grades 7-12 from 20 different schools surrounding the Irvine community. We also have a summer full of philanthropic and social events.

Take a look at July:

Assisteens were once again able to work with [OC Parks](#) helping to maintain the natural beauty of Back Bay Newport. Monthly [Corona del Mar Beach cleanups](#) are continuing with enthusiastic Assisteens and parents being appreciated by lifeguards and beach goers. A second [Farm & Food Lab](#) is coming up July 17th to help with the process of planting food which will end up at local food banks. And to add to our environmental philanthropies is Assisteens' [Fundraising Recycling Drive](#) this month, ending with a Collection & Sorting event on July 24th, in the parking lot behind the ALI thrift shop. So be sure to ask your neighbors and family to save their plastic bottles and cans and drop them off on the 24th.

Besides working on the environment, many Assisteens have volunteered at the ALI thrift shop, tagging and assisting however needed. Parents and teens are encouraged to help out during store hours with tagging now on Tuesdays and backroom or floor help Wednesday-Saturday, 10-12:30 (beginning August 1 – 10-3:00).

Also scheduled at the thrift shop upstairs is the July 24th [Baby Layettes](#) philanthropy donating for preemies at Kaiser Permanente Hospital.

Look for two more philanthropy signups coming soon: [Self-Care Kits](#) - July 26 and [Help the Homeless](#) – August 1. There will be even more volunteer opportunities in August, so enjoy your summer serving the community and getting to know your fellow Assisteens.

I hope all Assisteens are able to attend summer Class Socials and pick up your Assisteens' tee-shirts. We need to let the community know who we are when we are out there volunteering and working to help in so many ways.

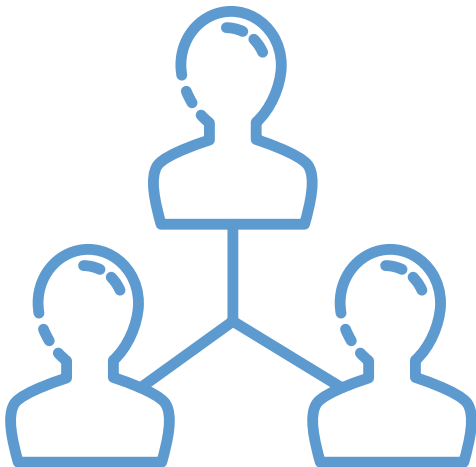
Letter from the Chairman

Kahla Magbenga
Assisteens Chairman

Hi Assisteens! My name is Kahla Magbenga, and I am the chairman for the 2021-22 year. I'm going to be a senior at El Toro High School, and I'm super excited to be leading such wonderful and amazing people! Giving back to the community has always been very important to me, and I hope this year we can give back as much as possible! I would really love to hear everyone's ideas for philanthropies, feedback, or even any criticism anyone has, because your voice is very important! Let's make this year an amazing one that we'll never forget. Let's do this together everyone! I'm looking forward to working alongside you all. :)

Membership

Sana Hamid
V.C. Membership



"I chose V.C. Membership due to having chaired most of the events this position oversees. Annual Meeting, Sunshine, and Self-improvement were all really great experiences, and it seemed befitting to use the knowledge I've gained from leading those events to ensure that they run smoothly in the next year. A goal I have for the next year is to engage with the events I oversee more to make sure that they are run smoothly as we progress throughout the year."

"Hello Assisteens! I am the V.C. New Members this year and will be in charge of taking attendance at every meeting and helping out the new members. One of my goals is to increase the number of new members and to communicate with those that are unable to make it to the meetings. I chose this position because as a new member myself in 7th grade, I wanted to feel more connected with the rest of the Assisteens. Now I want to make sure everyone feels like a part of a big family. Just a reminder to let your class advisor and me know if you cannot make it to one of our general meetings."

New Members

Luna Schaffer
V.C. New Membership



Philanthropy

Anna Lieggi
V.C. Philanthropy

"I'm Anna Lieggi, VC Philanthropy for this year. I chose my position because I really enjoy being able to work closely with the philanthropies, and I wanted to improve on the work I did last year. My goal is to ensure that everyone turns in very detailed reports and that we have an organized account of everything that happens throughout the year. Thank you!!"

"Hi, my name is Natalie Fu, and I'm going to be a junior at Beckman High School. I chose to be the Assistant VC Philanthropy because I wanted to be more involved with Assisteens, especially with the philanthropies. Some goals that I have are that I want everything to run smoothly this year and be able to assist the chairmen with anything that they need to insure the maximum number of participation. Thanks!"

Natalie Fu
Assistant V.C. Philanthropy

Fundraising

Ria Kundu
V.C. Fundraising

"Hey Assisteens! Make sure to collect any bottles, cans, or other recyclable items you may have and take them to a recycling center to help raise money for our many philanthropies. All the information with the recycling receipt form can be found on the website.

In addition, there is a Recycling Drive, now through July 24th. Collect and drop off recyclables at the ALI Thrift Shop's parking lot on the 24th from 12:30 to 2:30. Make sure to do your part, and mark your calendars for that! Assisteens can sign up to collect and sort at [this link](#).

If you have any other questions or concerns, feel free to email me at riak345@gmail.com for more information or clarification!"



Hours

Shrinikesh Borsune
Hours Chairman

"Hi Assisteens! It is very important to turn in your hours so you earn a minimum of 30 hours per year. Assisteens must turn in their hours to [this Google form link](#) every single month. Don't forget to turn in your parent's hours too, whether it be an hour for driving you to an event or if they stay to volunteer at a philanthropy. Just so you don't forget to turn in your hours, it is recommended that you log them before you leave a volunteer event. Please turn in your hours on time as well; for example: don't turn in hours from a month or two ago. Lastly, just a reminder: meetings count for hours too! Good luck Assisteens!"



Parliamentarian

Avlyn Singer
Parliamentarian

"I'm Avlyn Singer and I will be your parliamentarian for this upcoming year. I've held this position previously, and I can't wait to use that knowledge to get more people involved in our philanthropies and interested in our chairman and governing body positions. I'll do my best to make a solid team for next year!"

Publicity/Historian

Ella Wong
Publicity/Historian

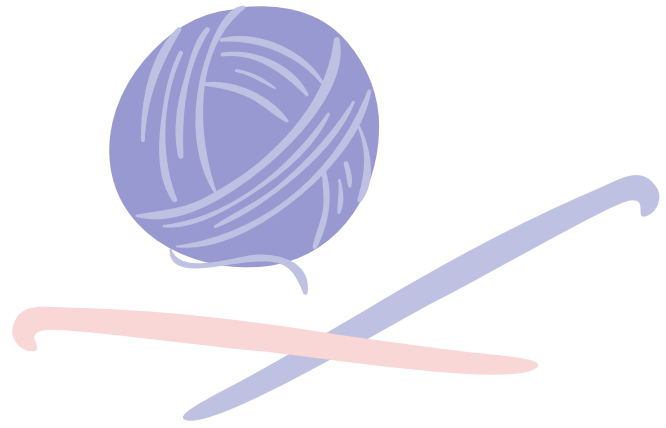


"Hi everyone! My name is Ella Wong, and I am this year's Publicity/Historian Chair. My goal is to spread more awareness about Assisteens and have new members join our organization. I also want lots of pictures to document our work and put them on our website so that people know what we do to help our community. Please take pictures at any and all events that you attend and email them to assisteenspictures@gmail.com. Also, make sure you tell your friends about Assisteens and what we do. Thanks and I look forward to being on the governing body this year!"

Baby Layettes

Kamryn Thongsrinoon
and Jazlynn Fu
Baby Layettes Co-chairmen

"Hi everyone! Our upcoming Baby Layettes event is on Saturday, July 24. Our job is to sew baby blankets for premature babies in the NICU at Kaiser Permanente. Our goal is to make 35-40 blankets per event with a total of 105-120 blankets. Alongside sewing, we also cut, measure, and iron all our blankets, so there are multiple stations where you can work. Be sure to watch for the upcoming sign up sheet!"



Big Buddy/Little Buddy

Riley Thai
Big/Little Buddy Chairman

"Hi, my name is Riley Thai, and I am the Big Buddy/Little Buddy chairman this year. Big Buddy/Little Buddy is where each returning member from the ninth-grade class gets assigned to one or more new members joining Assisteens in the seventh, eighth, or ninth grade. This is a great way to help the incoming members get accustomed to our organization and get any help they need. Big Buddies are there to guide the new members. Another part of this chair is planning socials to help the new members connect with their classmates and get to know each other. Some of the goals I have for this year are for the new members to connect with each other, and for the seventh, eighth, and ninth grade classes to know everyone's name in their respective groups. Hopefully, by the end of this year, all of the new members will be welcomed into this community and be happy that they joined Assisteens."

"Our first Farm and Food Lab on June 19th was very successful. Eighteen members and parents showed up for the event. Assisteens had the opportunity to weed the garden, plant different crops, water the plants, spread mulch, and help organize the farm. The next event for Assisteens at the Farm and Food Lab will be on July 17th, from 10 to 11:30. If you are unavailable, you are welcome to volunteer at the Farm and Food Lab anytime on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 to three. Just contact ngipple@sfua.org."

Farm and Food Lab

Jolie Wu
Farm and Food Lab Chairman



Thrift Shop

Selin Bennett
ALI Thrift Shop



"At the thrift store, Assisteens carry out a lot of tasks while volunteering. Volunteers work in the back to help sort and tag clothing as bags of donations come in. If it's not too busy, you might find yourself out in the front of the shop organizing clothes and picking up empty hangers. Regardless of where you end up working, you are guaranteed a fulfilling and fun volunteer experience. I have been volunteering at the thrift store for a few years now, and I can honestly say that it has been one of my favorite volunteer opportunities! I definitely recommend Assisteens to sign up for a shift at least once a year."

Sunshine

Olivia Vu
Sunshine Chairman

"Hi Assisteens! My name is Olivia Vu, and I'm the Sunshine chairman. For this job, I will send birthday cards to Assisteens on their birthdays. It's something that brings me, and hopefully other Assisteens, joy when they receive it. This is my first year as the chairman, so if there are any recommendations about how I could improve Sunshine, send me an email. Also, if you haven't already, please put your birthday on the [birthday list google document](#). It will help me keep track of when it's your birthday. Hope to do this again!"



Help the Homeless

Kylie Thongsrinoon
and Natalie Fu
Help the Homeless Co-chairmen

Hi Assisteens! We are Natalie and Kylie, your Help the Homeless chairmen. Our job is to coordinate with HomeAid OC to donate products and assist with volunteer events such as making hygiene kits and organizing food baskets to give out to those in need. Look forward to a Home Kit sign up in August!

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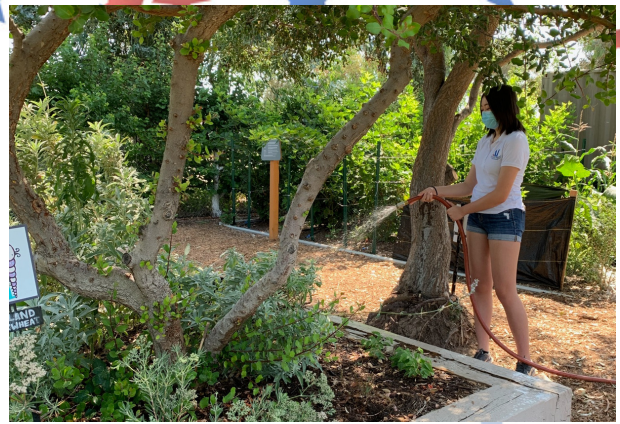
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- Kyle Schaffer, 9th
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- Vanshika Reddy, 10th
- Maya Godett, 10th
- Allyse Nguyen, 10th

Beach Cleanup Pictures



Farm and Food Lab Pictures



Thrift Shop Pictures



Thank you to everyone who contributed!

- Ms. Campbell
- Kahla Magbenga
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- Ria Kundu
- Shrinikesh Borsune
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- Rylie Thai
- Jolie Wu
- Selin Bennett
- Olivia Vu

Letter from the Editor

Hi Assisteens! My name is Kylie Thongsrinoon, and I am your newsletter editor this year! I can't wait to hear about all the events everyone has been participating in. If you want to include something, feel free to reach out to me at kykythongsrinoon@gmail.com