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Welcome! By Jonathan Becks

First and foremost, welcome to each and every new student who is joining us this fall! We are truly grateful to have you on board with us.

In many of the classes here in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, students are encouraged to work in teams. It may be difficult working with others at times, but remember TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More. That was rather hokey, I'll admit, but it's true. I believe it and so should you.

The Public Administration Student Association (PASA) would like to invite you to join our team and make this year better than last year and the

year before that. We need you, plain and simple.

Other professional student associations on campus charge students a fee for membership. But PASA refuses to be an exclusive organization and strives to encourage greater inclusivity whenever possible. PASA is not just another student organization. It is a professional organization that gives students a way to put theory to practice.

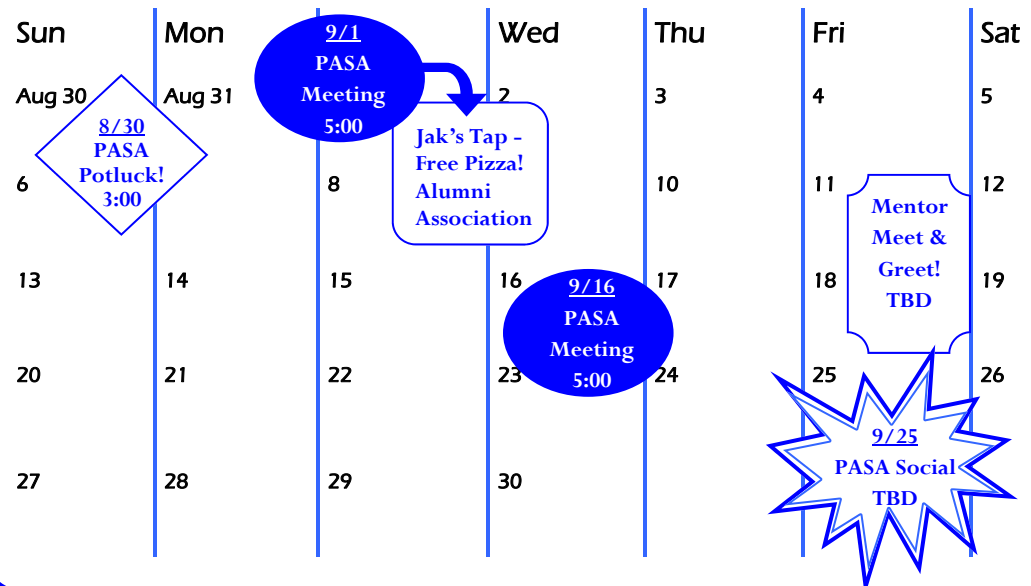
Our goal is to make you a great future practitioner and help you get the most out of your matriculation here at UIC. Each year we strive to organize a number of events and opportunities that encour-

age current students to listen to and network with current practitioners.

We invite you to take advantage of our new Mentoring Program which will begin as a pilot this fall and seeks to pair new students with alumni who are eager to share their experiences with new students and supplement their classroom education.

We also invite you to attend all of our regular business meetings to help coordinate career workshops and special interest panels. Again, from all of us in PASA: Welcome! We look forward to seeing you soon.

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PASA Serves Chicago By Jeanne Chiu

On Saturday, January 17, 2009, PASA joined 4,000 other Chicagoans by volunteering in the Chicago Cares Celebration of Service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The day began as volunteers checked-in at the United Center for a morning ceremony, with keynote speaker Reverend C.T. Vivian, a Civil Rights Activist who worked alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. After the ceremony, volunteers boarded their assigned school buses that took them to their sites.

PASA served at Marcy Center in North Lawndale, a HeadStart site that provides services for pre-school children and their families, a majority who live below poverty line. At the site, PASA worked on 3 projects. One group painted murals and artwork, another built and painted benches, and the third created a mu-

ral of Martin Luther King, Jr. using just domino pieces.

At that time, I was inspired to learn that Barack Obama spent Martin Luther King Jr. Day carrying out what he encourages all Americans to do: national service. PASA is just as proud to work together to strengthen our communities.

On Saturday, June 13, 2009, PASA joined more than 8,000 volunteers at the 16th Annual Chicago Cares Serve-a-thon, the largest day of community service in Chicago. The day started out with rainy weather, PASA representatives still trudged through the muddy grass of Grant Park's Lower Hutchinson Field to check-in and find their assigned bus.

They volunteered at Gary Elementary School in South Lawndale, which serves 1,278 students in

grades PK, 3 – 8. According to Schoolmatters.com, 98.1% of students that attend the school are economically disadvantaged. PASA painted classroom walls a bright green color to transform bland spaces into vibrant ones.

To find out more information about Chicago Cares and other volunteer opportunities, go to www.chicagocares.org. Go to the PASA website to check out more photos from these service events. Please feel free to email me at jeannechiu@gmail.com and let me know your ideas on what service events and organizations interest you. We could volunteer at a soup kitchen, tutor, and mentor, pack food for the poor and hungry, garden... basically anything that helps!



The January PASA team on their bus waiting to go to the Marcy Center.



The summer PASA team takes a break from their work for a snack and a picture.

Public Administration Book Marketplace!

Buying your books for fall semester or have some books you don't want from past semesters? Buy and sell them for a fair price to other PA students! Go to the Basement Lounge in CUPPA to check the PASA board. Students will be selling their books from previous

semesters and a list of required textbooks will be posted on the same board so you can ensure you're buying the right books. A list of rules will govern the use of the board and will be posted in the upper corner of the bulletin board. Aren't using your

books but don't want to sell or not interested in buying the books? Negotiate a semester loan between yourself and other students! Start saving time and money! Get over to the CUPPA basement lounge and start selling those books!