

## Making Things Happen

Dear AES Friends and Family,

This last month we have been busy recruiting new AES Board members, launching several projects led by our youth interns and hitting the streets getting folks registered to vote and informed on the upcoming election.



Our work has just started to rev up and we are so excited to share with you all what is happening in this month's newsletter!

## The New Faces of the AES Board

As September came to a close we welcomed six new members to serve on the AES Board! Each member brings unique backgrounds and experiences to our Board as well as a strong commitment and passion for youth leading change within our education system. In the coming months you'll get a chance to get to know each member. We are honored to welcome Julieta Alvarado, Rex Gastrich, Thang Ho, Vu Nguyen, Breanna Pierce and Alisha Sharma to Alliance for Education Solutions!



Julieta Alvarado grew up in Venezuela, where many girls were not given the opportunity to pursue an education, Julieta became very passionate about education,



In 2017, Vu Nguyen graduated from California State University, Chico earning a degree in Communication Design with emphases in Media Arts and Mass Communications, minoring

supporting underserved communities and mentoring young women to reach their potential.

In her professional world, Julieta is a Digital Marketing professional who most recently was the Marketing Director for Military.com, a division of Monster, Worldwide and most recently was the Marketing Director for Military.com, a division of Monster, Worldwide.

Julieta has a Masters in Business Administration from the University of South Florida, a Graduate Studies Certificate in Management from the University of Paris, Dauphine, and a Bachelors in French from Western Michigan University.

Welcome to the family Julieta!



in Instructional Design and Technology. During his time in Chico, he worked in roles for University Housing and the first-year student leadership institute. In his final 2 years, Vu was elected to serve as Associated Students Executive Vice President working on a variety of issues affecting students such as basic needs and food insecurity, undocumented students, and advocacy on the campus, local, and state level.

Vu currently leads Customer Relationship Management at Blue Bottle Coffee and consults on digital strategy for online businesses. As a first-generation college student from an immigrant family, Vu is excited to leverage his experience in marketing and outreach to help share AES's story and connect the organization to more people in meaningful moments that matter.

In his spare time, Vu enjoys spending time with family, travel, getting outdoors, and tending to his collection of plants.

## Measure L Campaign



### Time to Mobilize Voters

We are campaigning with Sac Kids First to raise awareness on Measure L, which secures funding for Sacramento schools!

We are canvassing every weekend from now until the November elections. Every weekend we plan to mobilize young people to join our efforts in knocking on doors to tell Sacramento voters about Measure L. Our goal is 10,000 YES's by November!



# Volunteer or Endorse!



AES will be hosting a day of canvassing for Measure L in the community on October 22nd from 10am-1pm at the [Youth Forward office](#) and we need as many volunteers as possible. Here is the [SIGN UP LINK](#). From 10am-11am volunteers will be going through a mandatory training about how to canvas about the Measure, what the Measure is about, and how to address voters in the targeted area. From 11am-1pm we'll hit the streets canvassing asking voters to support Measure L in November. Any and all help from AES volunteers on October 22nd is greatly appreciated! If you have any questions or would like more information please call or text Ana at (916)-969-0346!

## AES Impact Grantee Connect

AES grantees got together on October 5th to discuss organizational structures, ideas to help each other improve, and ways to support the collaboration of non-profits. Grantees had an opportunity to discuss the current status of their organizations and ways we can support each others work within the community. In the coming weeks, AES is coordinating individualized meetings to provide tools and resources to help each organization move their agenda forward. AES Intern Lavin stated, "Being able to join in on a grantee meeting allowed me to see more of the business side of things which was a good learning experience. We talked about how to bring out the best within ourselves to move our agendas forward and it was very cool to hear what everyone had to say."



## Recruiting NOW! Youth Advisory Committee Members

Join our very first Youth Advisory Board Committee

which seeks to create and plan the organizational structure of AES. This committee is made up of 18-24-year-olds who have a passion for improving the life chances of vulnerable youth and creating systemic change. The expectations of each Youth Advisory Board Member is to attend one in-person meeting each quarter along with three zoom call meetings providing knowledge and expertise on youth matters as it pertains to the work of AES.

Each member would also be in charge of leading a specific focus area to strengthen AES' yearly goals and objectives. Contact Ana Taukolo at [ana@aesimpact.org](mailto:ana@aesimpact.org) if interested!

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## Board Advisory Committee is recruiting!

If you're passionate about empowering young people to create change and are over the age of 24, considering applying to be apart of the AES Board Advisory Committee. You will have an opportunity to pull from your experience, knowledge and wisdom to help young people strategically take their ideas to action. Time commitment will be minimal and meetings will be available via ZOOM.

If interested please email Mele Tonga at [mele@aesimpact.org](mailto:mele@aesimpact.org).

## VOC Intern Spotlight: Thao Tu



Thao Tu is an 11th grader who was raised in South Sacramento. As a first generation daughter to immigrant parents, they strive to make change within their community so that those after them have access to a plethora of opportunities regardless of their background, race, ethnicity, or gender!

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