WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ashley Guerrero Campos
Administrative Assistant

Ashley was raised in Pierce County. She graduated from the University of Washington in Sociology. She's a first generation Mexican-American who loves nature.

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We kicked off the year with a Parent Welcome MESA Magic Night where we invited parents and their students to learn more about TSPS MESA and meet the wonderful team. Students and parents were able to see some of PLU preserved animal displays from the Biology department and engaged with some PLU math majors over math puzzles and games.
In October, we launched a new academic support program supported by our wonderful TSPS MESA mentors. MESA Students are offered tutoring services virtually at no cost twice a week. In November, we took some middle and high school classes at an Engineering Manufacturing Company called AST located in Tacoma to learn more about Computer Engineering and Robotics. We wrapped the quarter with MESAgiving. We hosted MESAgiving at Wapato Park where we provided Thanksgiving food/items to our MESA parents.
Tiffanie Meredith is a first year MESA teacher who teaches Math and Algebra 2 at Spanaway middle school. She got into STEM because she loves Math. Right after she got out of the Army, she started her teaching journey in Elementary Education. As she was working on her Master’s degree, she was able to get permission to complete her middle school math endorsement. Her favorite part about serving as a TSPS MESA teacher is working with the students and seeing how excited they are about building and exploring MESA projects.
Melinda is a first year TSPS MESA mentor. She is a Bosnian-American from Federal Way, and is currently an intended Nursing major at PLU. She strives to become a Pediatrics Registered Nurse. She is planning to complete her masters in Nursing after finishing her Bachelor’s Degree at PLU. Melinda enjoys watching shows like Grey's Anatomy and Nightwatch. Her favorite part about serving as TSPS MESA mentor is working with the middle schoolers on their popsicle stick bridges and competing with the high schoolers on whose glider can go the farthest. She hopes to see MESA students enjoy the program and the projects they are working on so later on it will help them decide future endeavors and maybe even spark an interest in a STEM major.
MENTOR'S SPOTLIGHT
THOMAS TRANG

Thomas is a first year TSPS MESA Mentor and Junior at PLU. He is from Portland, Oregon, and comes from an Asian American household. He is a Chemistry major with an emphasis in Biochemistry. He chose to major in Chemistry because science has always been something he always wanted to do. In addition, it's always changing and evolving every year, with scientists making discoveries.
His main goal is to become an epidemiologist or a pharmacist. His favorite part about serving as a TSPS MESA Mentor is working with kids in different age groups. It gave him a whole different perspective on how different ages see science. Being able to help students choose a science field they are interested in is important to Thomas, especially in under-represented communities. According to Thomas, MESA students are hard workers and are very passionate about the activities that are assigned to them. They communicate with their peers very well, tackle challenging tasks, and lead the group to achieve their tasks. Thomas can see many bright futures with MESA students as they continue to tackle challenging tasks throughout the years and one day become leaders to others.
COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- **24-hour Pierce County Crisis Line**
  (800) 576-7764

- **24-hour Pierce County Crisis Text Line**
  Text "HEAL" or "NAMI" to 741741

- **TACID (Tacoma Area Coalition for Individuals w/ Disabilities)**
  (253) 565-9000
  support, education, info, referrals
UPCOMING WINTER EVENTS

January 19, 2022  Career Day
January 27, 2022  College Tour
February 10, 2022  Black STEM Speaker's Series
February 12, 2022  SAT Saturday Academy
February 15, 2022  College Access Workshop
February 17, 2022  FAFSA/WAFSA Workshop
February 24, 2022  STEM Movie Night
April 24, 2022  Parent Workshop: How to support your students with Post-Secondary Planning
April 28, 2022  MESA DAY!!!
Event Calendar
2021-2022 School Year

WE OFFER:
After-School Programs
Field Trips
College and Career Readiness
Summer Programs
Parent Leadership
MESA Day

Calendar is subject to change
Happy Holidays from our Team to Yours!

Navigating the transition back to in-person learning has not been easy. We appreciate your support during these times.
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