



# Associated Students

## Recognition # 8

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Subject: ASPIRE Support to Students Date: June 5, 2020

**Whereas:** The ASPIRE program is designed to provide educational support and services to increase the academic success, retention, degree completion, and transfer rates of African-American, African American descents, and other students enrolled at Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC). The ASPIRE program offers monthly workshops, academic counseling, and learning communities. They aim to develop a community among African-American students, other students, faculty, staff and administrators. The ASPIRE program motivates students by hosting cultural and scholastic workshops, connecting students to campus resources, offering academic support through study groups, tutoring, and learning communities, and most importantly, providing educational forums and events that reflect and discuss African-American culture and history.

**Whereas:** ASPIRE is a community of students with diverse cultures that lift one another and rise above all kinds of challenges to reach their fullest potential. During California's Stay At Home Order from Governor Newsom regarding the pandemic of COVID-19, the ASPIRE program was there to support its students and made sure they knew they were not alone during this difficult time for the African American community. The ASPIRE Program ensured the academic success of their students by ensuring all students complete a comprehensive or complete Mountie Academic Plan, especially during the complex midst of the current pandemic. In addition to ASPIRE's core values of academic excellence, ASPIRE continues to actively collaborate and promote virtual campus events with the Equity Center and the Umoja community. In collaboration with the Umoja community, a collection of Black Student Success Programs, ASPIRE was able to provide not only an Umoja Townhall event with their students, but also receive empowerment, essential resources, and solidarity during this event.

Additionally, to uplift and congratulate the success of Mt. SACs African-American students, ASPIRE was able to host a powerful African American Student Success Week from April 27th until May 1st. With all the great, spiritually elevating efforts provided by the staff and students of the ASPIRE program, they were able to continuously and diligently provide resources and various support for their students and peers. This is the time we need to show unity and support our brothers and sisters that are facing difficult times and let them know that Black and Black Trans Lives Matter.

**Whereas:** The ASPIRE program has always supported Associated Students events by promoting them through their direct program and social medias, as well as encouraging and supporting current and future student leaders.

**Therefore:** Be it resolved, that the A.S. Senate, the A.S. Executive Board, and the A.S. President approves **ASPIRE Support to Students.**

<b>A.S. Senate</b>			
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<b>A.S. Executive Board</b>			
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<b>A.S. President</b>			
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