

Disability Athletics Faire
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Dear Dr. Scroggins,

I'm writing to express my thanks for your support and sponsorship of the Disability Athletics Faire this past Saturday. Your presence alone was much appreciated. Your words of wisdom at the opening ceremony were inspiring. I'm taking advantage of this email to also thank the Mt. SAC Village. It really did take this entire village to pull off the magnificent event. It truly was wonderful.

I am grateful that Trustees **Jay Chen**, **Laura Santos**, and **Robert Hildalgo** were there. Mayor **Bob Pacheco** gave me his card and asked me to keep in touch. He also asked if I would like to have this team recognized at the next Walnut City Council Meeting. If it is okay with you I would like to do that.

Service Center for Independent Life volunteer **Jermey Schmidt** was the initial force behind the event, and **SCIL** in general is such a great partner! Because of his vision and drive to see it happen, we have begun a legacy that I hope will continue. Thank you to Audrey for providing the initial support for the idea a couple of years ago. I'm grateful to our core team who worked on this event for a long time. Core team is **Joe**, **Debbie**, **Larry**, **Bruce**, **Brandi**, and me, and of course, the main initiator for the event, **Jermey**.

The **Student Life Office** helped us recruit **Associated Students** who were incredible. Beginning with the leadership of **Rene Jimenez** and **Jin Uh**, and ending with at least 50 student volunteers. Along with the A.S. volunteers, I received much positive feedback about the football, basketball, and swimming team athletes who volunteered. The **Pep Squad** was wonderful. I am aware that several coaches were also in attendance along with **Chris Jackson** and **Assistant Director, Marc Ruh**.

Jim Friesen and the team from **Event Services** was outstanding. The set up was perfect and they were responsive, helpful and gracious. I was relieved that we had no major incidents that day. However, **Marti and Jose** from Student Health were on standby in the first aid station and **Public Safety** patrolled the area. A big thanks to **Mike Taylor** who wrote press releases for us, and was present the day of the event and taking lots of photos! I took some also, which I will send to Mike.

I want to acknowledge the work of DSPS faculty and staff, **Julie**, **Brandi**, and **Don**, and student workers **Christian** and **Sam**. Their participation and readiness to jump in where needed (and they were needed!) are very much appreciated. The volunteers as well as the participant athletes partook in the sports activities. What a great way to include everyone. Everyone had such a great time! I saw it, heard it, experienced it. Once again, thank you for your generous support.

I'm sure I've forgotten many whom I should also thank. Everyone, please feel free to let me know whom I've forgotten and/or thank them for me.

I look forward to next year!



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