

# The Alliance Opportunities

Program	Description
<p><b>Road Show</b></p>	<p>For information about any of these opportunities, please email <a href="#">Kathleen Corona</a> or <a href="#">Theresa Meyerott</a>.</p> <p><b>Road shows</b> are <b>college readiness school assemblies</b> presented to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and connect young adolescents with current CSUSM students. Available at no cost to all 40 Alliance middle schools, the roadshows include interactive activities and are facilitated by Alliance Ambassadors and other CSUSM students. The road show dialogue and activities were designed to provide content knowledge about college through high engagement to K-12 students. Through these interactions with college peers, Alliance Ambassadors are role models for younger generations to see themselves as college students in the future.</p> <p>The goals of the assemblies are to: 1) Emphasize the benefits of the guaranteed admissions agreement, 2) Highlight requirements for college acceptance, and 3) Get students excited about attending college. Register <a href="#">here</a> for your school to have a Road Show.</p>
<p><b>Zoom in The Room Webinars</b></p>	<p><b>Zoom in the Room Webinar is a live college readiness webinar</b> presented to a single classroom, online over the internet, utilizing Zoom conferencing technology.</p> <p>These presentations are available to any grade level of students and connect young adolescents with current CSUSM students. Available at no cost to all MOU districts, these roadshows include interactive activities and are facilitated by Alliance Ambassadors and other CSUSM students. The road show dialogue and activities mirror our assembly shows and were designed to provide content knowledge about college through high engagement to K-12 students. Through these interactions with college peers, Alliance Ambassadors are role models for younger generations to see themselves as college students in the future. The goals of these classroom road shows are: 1) Emphasize the benefits of the guaranteed admissions agreement, 2) Highlight requirements for college acceptance, and 3) Get students excited about attending college 4) Provide access for K-12 students to college information.</p> <p>***The Alliance is now hosting Zoom in the Room Webinars which are live webinars in a variety of topics, such as, <i>Conversation with a College Student</i>, <i>A Day in the Life</i>, and <i>What does it take, College Readiness Roadshow</i>. All of these webinars are designed to allow K-12 students in all of our Alliance middle and high schools to have dialogue with CSUSM students around specific topics but also allow question and answer opportunities for students.</p> <p><b>To register for a Zoom in the Room Webinar, click this <a href="#">link</a>.</b></p>

<p><b>Major/Minor Fair</b></p>	<p>In partnership with Career Services, The Alliance works with K-12 districts to bring 250 high school juniors/seniors to the CSUSM campus to explore and learn about options for a variety of college majors and minors. This annual event provides a presentation regarding careers paths and supports students with curriculum to complete prior to arriving on CSUSM campus and during the event. This year, the Major/Minor Fair occurs on <b>October 15, 2019</b> and you must sign up by September of each school year.</p>
<p><b>FACE</b></p>	<p>The Family Alliance, Community Exchange (FACE) program supports families in nurturing an environment of cognitive, social, and emotional success individually and collectively. This workshop provided one night per week for 8-weeks of curriculum focused on the Habits of Mind, characteristics of successful individuals, such as, curiosity, flexibility, engagement, openness, creativity, integrity, responsibility and persistence. It is grounded in the belief that connections among families and schools have a positive impact on student achievement and resilience can be cultivated. Each week's session is guided by one of these specific Habit of Mind or way of being. When families and educators create environments to foster these habits and when youth understand how successful people react to challenging situations, they learn how to be successful in academics, career, and life. Each night of the event includes a family meal and age appropriate learning experiences.</p> <p>If you would like to schedule a FACE program in your district or school site, please contact <a href="#">Kathleen Corona</a>.</p>
<p><b>Discover CSUSM Day</b></p>	<p><b>Discover CSUSM Day-</b> This annual open house event, <a href="#">Discover CSUSM</a> is a perfect opportunity for prospective and newly admitted students, families, and anyone interested in learning about CSUSM to see the campus up close, explore our academic colleges and programs, talk with current students about their own experiences and see why Cal State San Marcos is the premier university of the region. Join us for campus and housing tours, academic lectures, information sessions, and learn more about our student clubs, organizations, academic departments and resources at the student life expo.</p> <p>The Alliance will host special opportunities for students and families to participate at CSUSM day on <b>April 11, 2020</b>. More information will be provided to those schools interested in attending.</p>
<p><b>Ambassador Program</b></p>	<p>This Alliance Ambassador Leadership program is designed to support community leadership through a scholarship and leadership curriculum during the 4 years of an Alliance student's college experience. During an Ambassador's students' time at CSUSM, Ambassadors within The Alliance mentor K-12 students, coach one another, develop leadership skills, and develop activities within each Alliance initiative. In their first year, Alliance Ambassadors focus on the transition to college. They are paired with experienced Alliance Ambassadors as mentees to ensure they feel connected and begin to learn their role within The Alliance. During the Ambassador's second and third year, they begin formalizing leadership skills as they coordinate, implement, and mentor K-12 students within the CSUSM region. During their fourth and final year, as seniors, they a serve as role models to fellow Ambassadors and CSUSM students with a laser focus on post-college career plans and preparation.</p> <p>Entering freshman from Alliance school districts can apply to be an Alliance Ambassador, during October 1<sup>st</sup>– February 1st of a student's senior year in high school. Ambassador paper screening and interviews occur between September – November of their first semester as a freshman in attendance at CSUSM.</p>

	<p>For more information and an application, visit our website at this <a href="#">link</a>.</p>
<p><b>Alliance Meet Ups (AMUs)</b></p>	<p>Our fourth year of the AMUs at CSUSM and attendance continues to grow. The AMUs provide a monthly meeting place for Alliance students to connect/meet each other, learn about services offered on campus, engage in thoughtful conversations about meaningful topics, eat lunch, and understand how The Alliance can support them. Members of the campus community routinely accept invitations to present, which also speaks to the value of the AMUs. During each AMU, an opportunity drawing is held for items such as, transit cards (bus passes), CSUSM meal cards, and campus swag; we also provide free school supplies and other resources.</p> <p><a href="#">2019/2020 Alliance Meet Up Dates and Topics</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September 12, 2019-Completed</li> <li>• October 10, 2019-Completed</li> <li>• November 14, 2019</li> <li>• December 5, 2019</li> <li>• January 30, 2020</li> <li>• February 25, 2020</li> <li>• March 26, 2020</li> <li>• April 16, 2020</li> <li>• May 5, 2020</li> </ul>
<p><b>Alliance Counselors' Forum</b></p>	<p>This annual event, The Counselors' Forum, creates a space for high school and middle school counselors from all Alliance districts to come together to focus on meeting the needs of the whole student – academic, cognitive, social, and emotional – and to discuss best practices in helping districts and students achieve the goals set forth by the Memoranda of Understanding. The Alliance is focused on a continuous improvement cycle of inquiry with all programs and therefore this year's 2020 Counselors' Forum will contain speakers and workshops based on the input and results of a Counselor Needs Assessment Survey.</p> <p>Please mark your calendars for the <b>4<sup>th</sup> Annual Counselor Forum on April 21, 2020</b> at CSUSM. Registration will open on The Alliance website and via email notification on January 21, 2020.</p>
<p><b>Collaboration Day Faculty Learning Community</b></p>	<p>This inaugural event occurred on February 26, 2019 in a collaboration between The Alliance and Dean Katherine Kantardjieff of the College of Science and Math. It focused on strengthening connections between and among industry, higher education, and high schools. It was because of the rich conversations and outcomes of this collaboration day, math and science faculty from CSUSM and the local K-12 districts elected to continue to meet monthly.</p> <p>This group, now identified as the Faculty Learning Community (FLC), is comprised of math and science teachers from K-12 and CSUSM faculty, who are committed to discovering and solving issues in math and science education. The group has decided to follow the recommendations of collaboration day findings and are working monthly in the following three areas:</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Integration</u> – Aligning teaching practices between high school and college; Embedding Engineering practices into Science &amp; Math courses</li> <li>2. <u>Grading practices</u> – Developing consistent assessment expectations at both level</li> <li>3. <u>Applications</u> – Connecting pedagogy to “real world” expectations; Teaching students to apply concepts rather than relay content knowledge</li> </ol>
<p><b>Campus Event Visits</b></p>	<p>The Alliance recommends schools from our MOU districts bringing students to the CSUSM campus in a variety of ways depending on the needs and focus of each school. The Alliance believes when visiting the campus, students should engage in specific focused and rigorous activities promoting college, allowing each student to envision themselves as a college student.</p> <p>The Alliance has created a <a href="#">Google General Event Calendar</a> for events on campus relevant to supporting the variety of different group needs when touring CSUSM. This calendar will not specifically contain Alliance events, but rather a variety of activities from across the campus. Feel free to utilize this link to access a variety of engagement opportunities CSUSM has to offer.</p>
<p><b>General Campus Tour</b></p>	<p><u>General</u> CSUSM Group tours are field trips (10-50 guests) from high schools, junior or community colleges, or non-school related programs facilitated by the campus outreach office. Led by our P.R.I.D.E. Student Ambassadors, these tours are designed to educate guests about the exciting opportunities in higher education at CSUSM. To make a reservation for a Group Tour, please email us at <a href="mailto:campustour@csusm.edu">campustour@csusm.edu</a> or call this office at (760) 750-4830 in advance. .</p>