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# EDITOR'S NOTE

*new beginning*

Welcome back to another new academic year! As we start the fall semester, the new officer team of Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society held their first Officer meeting on Monday the 22nd of August at 4:30pm. After holding virtual meeting for the previous semesters and being away from each for far too long, the Officer meeting was convened on Ocean Campus at the Science Hall in Room 304. Leading the team was President Wu and along side Vice President He with Treasurer Cruz and Outreach Coordinator Su present to discuss the order of the day.

In this issue, you would have a chance to get acquainted with our advisor and the officer team! Get updates on upcoming events, workshops, and community service opportunities.

And most importantly, you can learn how to become a member of AGS! This is a chance for you to join a community of people who shares the same passion of working together to give back to the community by dedicating your time through volunteering.

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success"- Henry Ford



## Meet the Officer Team

Hey AGS officers! You know, our AGS members would like to get to know the team behind the scenes because after all, they would be seeing us frequently as we journey through the semester together. So don't be shy and tell us a little bit about yourself and how's it like being on the team? - *Outreach Coordinator Su*

My name is Airi, and I am currently a first-year student at CCSF studying Economics with a plan to transfer to into the UC system. In my free time, I enjoy baking and watching k-dramas. My favorite part so far about being in the officer team at AGS is that this is a great way to get involved with the student community, and I also get to work with other determined students who share similar goals. - *Outreach Coordinator Yamamoto*

Hi everyone! My name is Michelle and I'm currently a third year at CCSF studying nursing. On my free time, I enjoy baking and watching k-dramas. Being a part of the officer team is fun as I get to interact with different people and strengthen my public speaking skills. I'm looking forward to in-person club bonding events. - *Vice President He*

My name is Roxana. I am a second-year student at CCSF and I'm studying electrical engineering. I like to write and make films in my spare time. I'm the ICC rep for AGS and being part of AGS has brought me out of my comfort zone. - *ICC Representative Nguyen*

Hi my name is shang and this is my second year here in this school. It's been fun and engaging working with everyone in the team to collaborate and I look forward to our remaining school year. I look forward to the upcoming unity day event and the transfer oriented workshops. - *Community Service Coordinator Xu*



## Meet the Officer Team

Hi everybody, my name is Rodrigo. I am currently pursuing computer science as my major and I'm planning to transfer to UC Berkeley in the next fall. My biggest fear is being in a plane crash! - *Treasurer Cruz*



My name is Sophia. I grew up in SF and some of my hobbies are cooking and baking. I have a dog name Oreo. I am a nursing major trying to transfer to UC Irvine. My biggest fear is that I'm afraid of heights and falling, and I don't like rollercoasters. - *Secretary Mai*



I'm Dawson, the chapter president of AGS Omega Chapter officer working towards a bachelor's and hoping to expand my network, and further my career. In my free time, I climb (rock climbing) and do archery. - *President Wu*



Hey, my name is Jaafar majoring in Computer Science and this is my first semester in CCSF. My goal is to transfer to a top university. I like all sport activities that allow me to focus on my goals and relieve stress. Some of these activities are soccer, gym, handball, volleyball, and badminton. - *Fundraising Coordinator Khaled*



Hey there, I'm Lucy a sophomore majoring in Film, Television, and Electronic Media and might apply to transfer somewhere in SoCal or the East Coast for next year. Some activities I enjoy are skiing, ice skating, tennis, and karting. I look forward to a productive semester. - *Outreach Coordinator Su*



## Advisor of AGS

# DR. REYES

*by Lucy Su  
Special Thanks to Dr. Reyes*

Our advisor Joseph Reyes a.k.a Dr. Reyes has been with the Alpha Gamma Sigma Honors Society for seven years now. It all started when the former advisor who has been with AGS for over 20 years asked Dr. Reyes to take over.

Being with AGS as an advisor comes with a collection of books written in memories. The many fundraising opportunities that AGS had set out in the plaza selling pizza and t-shirts, as well as the volunteering moments with students passing out shots and delivering food were one of Dr. Reyes favorite moments. What really stays forever are the little interactions that AGS members have with the students; telling them about AGS, stories of their volunteer work, and enjoying the time spent with each other laughing and talking. There's also one of the biggest favorite moments of Dr. Reyes, and that was the time when AGS went to the Spring 2019 conference in Los Angeles, and had eight students walking away with scholarships and awards that. He recalled that everyone had a great and fun time which wasn't the same when the pandemic hit in 2020. That's when conferences were made virtual so the energy and whole atmosphere hit differently than it was in-person.

The truth untold is that the pandemic has affected everyone's life differently, and changed the way people feel and see each other. The way it affected AGS just like other organizations and clubs is



that, "people miss being together," said Dr. Reyes.

And the barrier that has blocked human interactions resorted the conformity of virtual interactions. Meetings are held through some sort of technological device with people's faces stuck behind a screen. Dr. Reyes' impression of this was that it doesn't generate the same kind of energy for any club and that it hurts AGS. He hopes that now that things are slowly fading back into its "n-

ormality," he said that, "It's going to be on us as well as other clubs to kind of bring that back somehow, get folks used to being together with people." But it's not as easy as it sounds now that some people already adapted to the new way of things. Many have moved to work remotely due to so many factors in terms of convenience relating to time and energy. This has also restricted the influx of students on campus because most of their classes may be online. Currently, at the City College of San Francisco, there are still regulations in place requiring students and public members to wear masks inside the buildings on campus. And the college is operating at least 50-65% in-person classes which has been more than last semester but not as much as other colleges that resume all in-person classes. So members may not want to go on campus and meet with clubs if they don't have any classes in-person.

For some people unsure of what AGS is, Dr. Reyes would describe AGS as "a group of incredibly bright individuals coming together to help the community" and said that, "while AGS is about honoring students who have done very, very well academically, it is also a huge part of it. And this is what the founding individuals really wanted to push was that the individuals that were part of AGS serve the community, that we go out and show that we understand that the community may need our help in some fashion, and that we're there for them." He also mentioned that even though it's nice to have the notation put on transcript, and the opportunity of getting a scholarship,

he said, "it's nicer to have a group of individuals that you can be part of that are probably just as intense as they are about trying to get their studies done and getting their grades and working together outside in the community, and outside of college.

Besides being an advisor for Alpha Gamma Sigma at CCSF, Dr. Reyes is also the department chair for Biological Sciences. He's also the Vice President for department chair council meaning he's Vice-President for all the department chairs on campus and is also part of the Academic Senator under the Participatory Governance at the City College of San Francisco. He mentioned that he's working on trying to help and maintain the integrity of this college by participating in almost every committee except, of course, student committees.

Speaking of students, Dr. Reyes shared the best advice he could possibly give to students who plans on transferring to a four-year university, but it can also be for students who plans to pursue or continue their higher education. His advice was; "Is to find the place where they think they can thrive, where they can do all the things that they would like to do. College is not just about the educational aspect, but it's also about the social aspects, the where you are in the country, where you may be wanting to go transferring to. And, that's something that I remember my family and my mentors when I was starting to go through all of this, but they really forced me to remember that it wasn't all about grades.

It wasn't about what I thought I was going for my family. It was about me going off and enjoying life a little bit. And sometimes that's hard to remember because you're working on trying to do well in your grades and thinking that you have to get a job after some sort or, you were working towards that. That will come, as long as you're enjoying what you're doing." He also expressed, "I love being in school. And I had no family members above me or older than me that had ever gone to college. So it was all completely new to me. So I took my time, traveled a great deal to Europe three times, and backpacked through different parts of the country, and just wanted to learn about people. And when I came back, I was in class and studied hard learning the material so that I could enjoy using it and not just remember it. And I think people forget that, especially students that are having to transfer off."

Dr. Reyes transferred to San Jose State after completing two years at a community college. He got a full riding scholarship both academically and to play baseball. He was in minor leagues for a year and got tired of it, then he played college ball which he enjoyed. Because he was playing baseball, he wasn't in class as often as he should to concentrate on his studies. So he left baseball to focus on his studies and that's how he got the scholarship. He enjoys being in the classroom and labs. So when Dr. Reyes was at San Jose State, he began doing research there, and from there, he went to Cal and got his PhD.

What got Dr. Reyes into teaching was his passion for teaching. He said, "I loved being in the classroom with people and the students and just being able to talk with people about all the issues we could. What was cool, what was not cool?" He also taught as an undergraduate student at San Jose State. He went to Cal and taught there, and when he got his PhD, he went to Harvard for a year, and then at the University of Texas for a year to teach. He taught at both spots while doing his postdocs and then was offered a position back at Cal.

Dr. Reyes was a faculty member at Cal for 20 years, simultaneously doing his research and teaching. But he realized that doing research and writing the grants took him away from being in the classroom which he missed. So that's when he decided to retire from Cal but City College of San Francisco was looking for someone to take over biological sciences. So they knew him for quite some time before asking him to come out of retirement to teach and run the department. And he was delighted. So here he is at City College of San Francisco for about twenty years now.

One last thing Dr. Reyes want the members of AGS and the officers to know is that his door is always open to them. And that if you have any questions about the college, your education and need somebody to talk to, he's here in his office room 303 at the Science building!



# Unity Day

by Airi Yamamoto

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Unity Day came back to campus this semester after being held online for the last few years due to the pandemic. It was a significant event that offered opportunities for all students to learn about resources available at CCSF and join clubs to enhance their city college experience. Every single club and resource center worked really hard to prepare for this event, and it was a huge success! Many volunteered in the cold morning, setting up the tents, tables, and placing red table cloth.



As all the clubs gradually got ready for the event to begin, the Amphitheater was filled with music that brightened up the mood. People were taking pictures with Rocky, our school mascot, and enjoyed this special event that is held once a semester. It was also amazing to see students stopping by at tables and asking a lot of questions!

Thank you all for your participation and support! We couldn't have done it without all of you.



# BE A MEMBER

## ALPHA GAMMA SIGMA OMEGA CHAPTER HONORS SOCIETY

To become a member of AGS Omega Chapter  
follow the the guidelines on the next page.

It is fairly simple and we are happy to assist you if you have any  
questions.

Email us at [agscsf@gmail.com](mailto:agscsf@gmail.com)

# Member of AGS

## Guidelines

- 01 Maintain at least a 3.0 GPA
- 02 Completion of 15 or more Community Service Hours per semester, 30 per school year
- 03 Payment of Chapter Dues

Members in Good Standing will receive a Transcript Notation each semester according to the criteria below:

- Honor Society Seal of Merit | 60+ Units of credit & 3.25+ GPA
- AGS Seal of Membership | 12-59 Units of credit & 3.0+ GPA



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