

**February Newsletter:**

# A LETTER FROM TONY REYES



***PASS Executive Director, Tony Reyes*** – This monthly newsletter is meant to give PASS supporters and friends a closer look at our journey towards enriching the lives of under resourced youth. I hope that you enjoy reading it as much as I love leading our organization.

At PASS, we define the essence of our organization this way: “Tennis is our vehicle, Success in life is our vision.” The Glendale Union School District has many amazing kids, great career centers, and awesome teachers who care about developing the same students we serve. This summer our students received scholarships from Winward Academy. Continued...

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*The first step to my goal is to go to college. A college who gives students the opportunity to throw realistic clay pigeons into jet engines to test its durability or join a Formula 1 team. A college that opens people's doors. I want to open doors for others, just like mine were on that day."*

# MEET OUR FUTURE SUN DEVILS



Adrian, pictured with Katie Salgado, was also selected as an ASU four-year New American Scholar.



Ramsey, Huda, Aurora were selected as recipients of four-year New American Scholarships at Arizona State University!

Check out some of our student testimonials on our YouTube page!

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# OPENING DOORS

*“I never learned how to say the words “engineer” or “physicist” in Spanish. Although I grew up in a Mexican household, I was never taught these “big words.” I joined PASS hesitantly. My friends convinced me to sign-up for this “tennis” program, I didn’t know any rules and just smacked the ball around. I describe myself as an opportunist, “what could I possibly have to lose?” As expected, I played horrendously on the first day but still had fun. However, after tennis we went inside the meeting room and began learning about algebraic expressions, parallelism, exponents –everything on the ACT. “Odd,” I told myself, “I thought this was a tennis program.” At that instant I felt confusion but delight. Confused because I believed I joined a tennis only program; delighted because I joined a program that valued education, just like I do.*

*I saw my door open. I met an engineer and PASS coach – Christina. She grew up in a small town, went to a small high school, and graduated from a small college. But her dreams weren’t small. Her dreams were just like mine. She invited a group of us PASS students to tour Honeywell. Everything was marvelous: the airplanes, jet engines, confidential technology. It truly was. But the thing I cherished the most was my conversation with her team. We talked about colleges. Some of their peers joined their school’s Formula 1 team; some spent summers studying with their teachers. And all of them, no matter the background, laughed. They were all so different. Yet, it was these differences that connected them. From that day onward, I saw myself working at places like Honeywell. I want to be a part of a community of people like this.*



# FULL RIDE TO MIT

Their award winning platform combines an interactive teaching approach with engaging on-demand video lessons to simulate in-person tutoring. PASS Coach Katie Salgado, whose day job is Program Manager for the Office of National Scholarship Advisement at ASU, offered to teach a college-readiness program emphasizing scholarships. Needless to say, these two facets combined allowed us a few home runs—enjoy!

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Coach Christina (pictured left) and Saih (pictured right) during a Honeywell tour. Saih has received a full ride Questbridge Scholarship to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Here are some excerpts from his college admissions essay:

