

**March 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.

There are two precepts we teach students to be successful in life. One, identify and take full advantage of opportunities. Two, “community“ includes you and it must come full circle. Just as the community supports our program, we can show appreciation by serving the community in meaningful ways.

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# NOW SERVING...

PASS kids served over 300 hours volunteering as ball kids at the Arizona Tennis Class Challenger Pro Tournament. The organizers chose the best of the best for the Borgas- Berrettini final. For the second year in a row, seven of the twelve ball kids selected were PASS students!



Coach Tony (pictured left) and various PASS students during the Arizona Tennis Classic. We're extremely proud of all the hard work and dedication that our students displayed during the week of the tournament. For most students, this was how they chose to spend their spring break!



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# PERSEVERANCE PERSONIFIED



Jesus (pictured above) 'accidentally' tried PASS as a 7th grader through another program. The odds were stacked against him from the start and long-term attendance was doubtful. Thankfully, Jesus proved all the doubters wrong!

Tennis was his first competitive sport and attending our classes meant a 20 mile round trip to the Phoenix Tennis Center,

Jesus faced early frustration on and off the court since tennis was his first competitive sport and the educational portion of our program was not something he originally sought. With time, all of that changed. Jesus is now a bonafide leader in our program and a reliable role model to others. He now plays the #2 spot on the varsity team for Arcadia HS and is an official ball kid trainer for the Arizona Tennis Classic with 70+ hours volunteered. Now a part of the ACE program, Jesus will be taking college level course through Scottsdale Community College while still in high school. We are so proud of the amazing young man that Jesus has become!

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