



2017-2018 pLEDGE Program Requirements Due

It's hard to believe that we are already nearing the end of the 2017-2018 academic year. It feels like just yesterday we met our current class of EDGE students over summer, and now, we are getting ready to meet yet another group of students for Summer EDGE 2018!

With the end of the Spring 2018 semester on the horizon though, it's time to finish up any pLEDGE requirements that still need to be completed. So for those in the two-year free tuition program at COD, here is a reminder of the requirements due at the end of the semester:

- **Serve 10 hours of community service over two semesters at COD.**
 - ⇒ Students must turn in their completed community service hours to the EDGE Office in Liberal Arts-1 at the Palm Desert Campus.
- **Complete an EDGE Program workshop or one career pathway workshop at the COD Career and Workforce Solutions Center.**
 - ⇒ Students must attend and sign in at an EDGE approved workshop on campus, which will indicate attendance to the event.
 - ⇒ See upcoming workshop information on page 4 of the newsletter.

In addition to this information, the EDGE staff recently shared a number of volunteer and workshop opportunities over email,

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in order to assist pLEDGE students in completing these tasks.

Please Note: All mandatory pLEDGE requirements are due at the end of the semester.

Don't miss your chance to receive pLEDGE benefits for your second year at College of the Desert and complete your requirements as soon as possible!

For additional resources, contact our EDGE Office by calling 760-636-7970 or be sure to email us at edge@collegeofthedesert.edu.



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Health & Nutrition Workshop

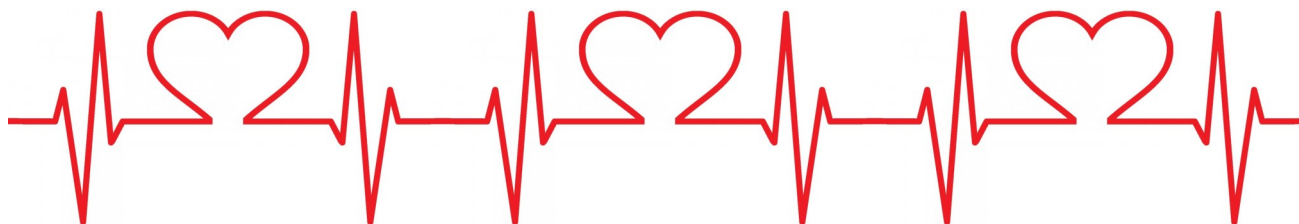
It was a packed house for our Health & Nutrition Workshop, which took place on Monday April 9, 2018 from 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the Business Building, Room 4, at the Palm Desert Campus.

Over 60 students attended the event, which was presented by Health Science Professor Craig Doussett. Topics discussed were the importance of healthy eating, preparing nutritious meals and why it matters to college students. A friendly game of jeopardy was also played by all in attendance, and special prizes were also given out to raffle ticket winners!

Important take-aways from the event were insights on meal planning and how doing this saves you time and money, as well as being knowledgeable about the foods that we consume daily and what they can do to our bodies. Students also walked away with healthy snacks and fruits, provided by Professor Doussett.

Information on our upcoming Spring 2018 workshop on **Preparing for Your Second Year at COD** can be found on page four of the EDGE newsletter.

We hope to see you there!



Professor Craig Doussett presenting to students in attendance.



EDGE Counselor Jenna giving presentation introductions.



A variety of snacks were made available to students after the event.



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High School Campus Visit Days

What an exciting three Fridays we experienced on campus during our recent High School Campus Visit Days that took place on March 16, March 23, and April 6.

During this time, we were visited by high school students from all over the Coachella Valley, who had a chance to experience College of the Desert for a day as a regular college student. While here, they received a tour of the campus, completed their My First Schedule Workshop, attended a career party workshop, and got to visit with different departments during a campus resource fair.

A number of EDGE and pLEDGE students were also in attendance, as many served as volunteers for the three-day event. Volunteer opportunities included assisting the EDGE staff with event set-up and breakdown, lunch distribution, and passing out waters and t-shirts to our guests. Because of the assistance of our EDGE and pLEDGE students during this event, we were able to successfully pull off our biggest visiting class of high school students ever to the College of the Desert campus!

**A Big Thank You to all of our
EDGE & pLEDGE Student Volunteers!**



The EDGE Staff had a great time meeting high school students during the events!



High School students receiving a tour of College of the Desert.



A view of the event's Resource Fair, held at the College of the Desert Amphitheater



Folklorico dancers brought festive cheer to the Resource Fair



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Preparing for Your Second Year Workshop at COD

Let's face it: College can be a little hard and overwhelming sometimes. Because of this, the EDGE Program has teamed up with the COD Financial Aid Department and our EDGE Counselor, Jenna Huntzinger, to present our second workshop of the Spring 2018 semester.

Titled "**Preparing for Your Second Year Workshop at COD**," the event takes place on Thursday, May 3, 2018 from 2:30–3:30 p.m. in the Business Building, Room 5, at the Palm Desert Campus.

The workshop will focus on the following information:

- New Year-Round Pell Grant
- Pell Grant Lifetime Eligibility
- Financial Aid & Scholarships for Continuing Students
- The Importance of Satisfactory Academic Progress & SEP
- UC Gold & Blue Opportunity Plan

Be prepared by getting familiar with how financial aid works in your second year, and learn about programs that are available to help you succeed, transfer and graduate! **Raffle prizes will also be available for attendees.**

Please Note: This workshop will count towards your mandatory workshop requirement for pLEDGE, so if you still need to fulfill this area, do not miss out!

To RSVP for the event, please contact us via phone at 760.636.7970 or email us at edge@collegeofthedesert.edu with your name, student ID number, and contact information.



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