



Looking Back at Winter EDGE 2019

Winter EDGE 2019 came and went, giving new and current students the opportunity to review their skills in different areas of math, over the course of a 3-week period at College of the Desert. More than 70 students completed the program this January, making them all better prepared for the courses they will take this Spring 2019 semester and beyond.

Upon completion of EDGE, students received an alumni EDGE t-shirt. Other benefits to EDGE include priority registration for classes, dedicated faculty and staff, assistance with financial aid applications, access to special student development workshops, and the opportunity to network with peers in class.

The EDGE Program will also offer Summer EDGE 2019, as well as pEDGE for 2019 high school graduates from the Coachella Valley, for students interested in participating. The application for Summer EDGE 2019 and pEDGE 2019 opens March 1, 2019.

For more information on EDGE and pEDGE, please contact the EDGE Office at 760-636-7970 or email us at edge@collegeofthedesert.edu.

**Great job to all who completed
Winter EDGE 2019!**

**The EDGE Staff wishes you the best this
Spring 2019 semester.**



EDGE student Andrea Garcia poses for the camera with her alumni EDGE t-shirt, excited to start the new semester at College of the Desert

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How to Have a Successful Spring Semester at COD

The Spring 2019 semester is upon us, which means it's time to hit the books once again at COD! Make the most out of it and read up on our tips for how to have a successful semester this Spring.

• **Meet With a Counselor**

Be proactive and set up a meeting or two with a counselor to talk about classes to take for upcoming semesters, discuss changes to your major of study, go over your academic progress, and explore transfer opportunities.

• **Consider Extracurricular Involvement**

Spring is a great time to seek out new activities to take part in. For example, this may include joining a club on campus, participating in new volunteer efforts in your community, or taking part in a sports team. Whatever it is that sparks your interest, this is a good time to start planning and thinking about what else you can add to your resume.

• **Set Time Aside for Studying**

One sure way to get straight A's this semester is by setting up designated study times this Spring. Look at your calendar and block off at least a couple hours a week for just studying. You may also want to pick out a designated study space that you can go to whenever you want to review materials. Try and make it a habit to go to this space every time you want to study, read, or work on an assignment.

• **Visit TASC at COD**

Finally, stay on top of your grades by visiting TASC, aka the Tutoring & Academic Skills Center at College of the Desert. Here you can get help with subjects like reading, writing, math, and science. You may also get assistance in foreign languages and English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) studies. TASC is available at all five COD campuses throughout the Coachella Valley.



These EDGE students are ready for the Spring Semester at Mecca/Thermal



Students at the Mecca/Thermal Campus patiently waiting for their class to begin



EDGE students at the Indio Campus take a moment to pose for the camera



pLEDGE Requirements Reminder

Reminder: You have until Friday, May 24, 2019 to complete your pLEDGE requirements for the 2018-2019 academic school year.

EDGE Pro Tip: Don't delay and get these things done now! Your future self will thank you.

List of Requirements to Complete:

Volunteer Hours

Students are required to serve 10 hours of community service for pLEDGE. Volunteering can be done anywhere in the community. Upon completion of your hours, a pLEDGE volunteer form must be filled out, indicating that the required 10 volunteer hours have been completed. Community service hours must be turned in to the EDGE Office in Liberal Arts-1 at the Palm Desert Campus by Friday, May 24 of the Spring 2019 semester. Forms may also be turned in at the respective administrative offices at our College of the Desert Indio, Mecca/Thermal, Palm Springs, or Desert Hot Springs campus locations. pLEDGE volunteer opportunities can be found [here](#), while the pLEDGE volunteer form can be found [here](#). Please note that this is a requirement you must complete every academic year.

Career Workshop

You must attend one career pathway workshop at the Career and Workforce Solutions Center by Friday, May 24 of the Spring 2019 semester in order to remain eligible for pLEDGE. To see a list of upcoming workshops, check your email for a message from the EDGE staff regarding opportunities to attend this semester. You may also check out the [Career Workforce Solution Center Calendar](#). To RSVP for one of these workshop dates, contact 760-674-7799 or visit the COD Job HUB at www.CODjobHUB.com—click on “My Events” after you log in. On the day of the workshop, be sure to indicate if you are a pLEDGE student on the sign-in sheet so that we can confirm that your requirement has been completed. Please note that this is a requirement you must complete every academic year.

Financial Aid Application

Turn in your FAFSA or CA Dream Act application to remain eligible for pLEDGE and get your tuition covered for the 2019-2020 academic school year! The priority deadline to turn in your financial aid application is Saturday, March 2, 2019, which is just right around the corner. For assistance with your financial aid application, check out the [Financial Aid Workshops Calendar](#) or contact the EDGE Office at 760-636-7970 or email edge@collegeofthedesert.edu for further assistance.

After you submit your application, please be sure to check for financial aid missing documents under your Student Self Service Portal in WebAdvisor. This will let you know if there are any forms still missing for your financial aid file to be complete.





Why You Should Join a Club on Campus

There are so many benefits to joining a club on campus at COD! Read on to see how participating in a club will give you an even greater edge over others in and around the college.

Benefits on Joining a Club on Campus

- ⇒ You will learn more about yourself in the process
- ⇒ You will develop new skills in communication, work ethic and leadership
- ⇒ You will learn how to engage with diverse groups of people
- ⇒ It will give you a break from your school schedule and studies
- ⇒ You will benefit from networking opportunities
- ⇒ You will be able to give back to your community through club-run events (and a chance to complete your pLEDGE volunteer requirements!)
- ⇒ You will have fun getting to know new people and experiencing new things
- ⇒ It can impact your career and student experiences in a positive way

This year's COD Club Rush dates are on Tuesday, February 5 and Wednesday, February 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Palm Desert Campus Amphitheater. Over 20 student-run clubs at COD will be present these days for you to explore and seek more information from.

So there you have it, EDGE students! Go out there and join a club this semester. We guarantee it will be one of the best experiences you will have at COD!



The EDGE Club at the COD Club Rush during Fall 2016

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