



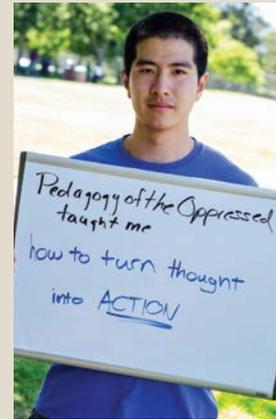
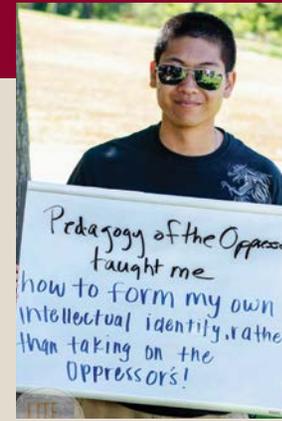
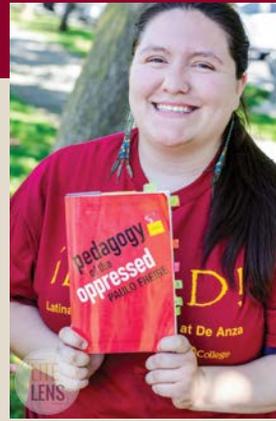
## What is LEAD?

LEAD is both a program and a student club. It was created in 2005 by students who wanted to know more about Latina/o history, culture and communities.

**As a program**, LEAD offers many classes in a variety of disciplines, and uses a unique style of learning to promote civic engagement and student success. Students work in small groups called “familias” throughout the quarter. Each familia has a mentor who serves as the liaison between the instructor and student, and who makes sure that each familia member has all the support they need to succeed. In familias, students collaborate on projects, support each other and create a strong sense of community.

**The LEAD club** extends this sense of community and civic engagement to students who are not taking a LEAD class, but who still want to be a part of the work that LEAD does on campus and in the community.

**The program and the club are open to all students**, regardless of ethnic background, who are interested in social justice, community service and creating a supportive familia at De Anza. You can take one LEAD class, or take them all.



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## Why join LEAD?

Students say the best things about LEAD are

- Creating friendships within the familia
- Giving back to the community
- Working for social justice
- Applying class teachings to real-world problems
- Having the support of trained mentors and instructors
- Having both classes and a club with your familia

## How can I become a LEAD mentor?

Mentoring is an important part of the LEAD program. Mentors facilitate work in the classroom and guide students to academic and community resources. To qualify as a LEAD mentor, take a LEAD class and talk to your instructor about mentoring.

## What activities does LEAD participate in?

LEAD participates in events throughout the year that focus on a variety of social justice issues, including:

- **Center for Farm Worker Families** – an ongoing commitment from LEAD to work with farmworkers and their families in Watsonville
- **Global Issues Conference** – an annual conference giving LEAD students the opportunity to educate the De Anza community about issues facing individuals worldwide
- **Kirsch Center Garden** – a revived on-campus community garden maintained by LEAD
- **Mass Incarceration Teach-Ins** – workshops in collaboration with the California History Center on police assault and techniques for dealing with police in a way that does not heighten the possibility of violence
- **Take Back The Night** – an annual event promoting awareness of sexual violence on college campuses

*LEAD community service classes are noted on transcripts.*

## Collaborations on and off campus

As a major program at De Anza College, LEAD collaborates with other programs and organizations such as:

- Black Leadership Collective (BLC)
- California History Center
- Castellano Family Foundation
- Center for Farm Worker Families
- Day Worker Center of Mountain View
- De Anza Associated Student Body (DASB)
- Higher Education For Ab540 Students (HEFAS)
- Inter Club Council (ICC)
- Latino Heritage Events
- Rainbow Club
- Students for Justice
- Vasconcellos Institute for Democracy in Action (VIDA)
- Women's History Events