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Working Title: Event Coordinator
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Jason Alessio has been working as an Event Coordinator with UC San Diego since 2016.

In the short amount of time he has worked for the University, he has developed and improved relationships with Campus partners. He has coordinated such high-profile events as Convocation, The Alumnae Gala and Stuart Collection celebrations.

Jason developed a Zero Waste program for Catering. He worked with multiple campus partners including student groups to develop and then test the program over a year. Executing over 30 events with detailed reporting that measured many metrics such as the amount of waste diverted from the land fill. As a result, he was asked to become a member of the Staff Sustainability Network. He was recently featured in a video produced by HDH Econauts.

However, one of the most heroic and impactful contributions he has made to the department and the students of UC San Diego, is his development of The Dining Helps Program. This summer there were only four of the Catering Team working on Campus. The team was tasked to start feeding students who would be in isolation and quarantine housing. We saw the struggles that other university dining programs were having providing this service. Jason took his years of hotel experience and exceptional skills in Excel and built spreadsheets that allowed us to offer students choices for every meal period during their stay. He created a beautiful menu PDF that is elegant as any room service menu. We then added a grocery list that students could order additional items in addition or instead of meal. The spreadsheet tracked all special dietary needs and requests. As well as reports that allowed the service team to deliver all the meals hot and on time. Jason helped develop the service program for the help desk that answers phone calls, texts and emails from students from 7 am to 7 pm, seven days a week. He coordinated with the Basic Needs office to assist students that needed Emergency Meal Assistance. Dining Helps has helped care for over 620 students since this summer with a peak of 165 students at one time after the Winter Break.

Jason just finished a project with HDH IT to convert the spreadsheets into a database to better manage the program.

Jason has also worked this past year with HDH Marketing team to completely overhaul the UC San Diego Catering website.

Jason's creativity, drive and professionalism make him an asset to UC San Diego.