
2025 UPSES Festa Report

January 25, 2026

UPSES Contas Meeting - 2025 Festa Report

Madam President, UPSES Board of Directors and UPSES members,

To say that our family was honored and humbled to have served as your 2025 Festa Presidents would be an understatement. This by far has been the most amazing and rewarding year of our lives. Thank you is not a strong enough sentiment to express our gratitude and admiration for all the love, support and help this community showed us. However, thank you or obrigada is the word we are left with.

Thank you to the 2024 & 2025 UPSES Executive Boards and Board of Directors for all your support and encouragement. Thank you to all the Fundraising Chairs who do tireless work year after year to raise funds for our Festa and our community. Thank you to all those who attended, volunteered at, donated to, and sponsored the Fundraisers throughout the year. Without these events and your time & generosity, the Festa would not be possible and our traditions would not carry on.

Thank you to the Kitchen Chairs, Manual Leal and Matt Madruga along with the entire Kitchen and Server volunteer base. You are the heart and soul of the Festa and your amazing, selfless donation of time and effort is priceless. Thank you to the Bazaar Chairs, Dinisa Valadao and Chris DaRosa and the countless volunteers that help set up, tear down and work within the booths throughout the weekend. Your dedication to making this a fun and family friendly event for our community is what traditions are made of. Thank you to our clubs and organizations; Santo Amaro, Alianca Acoreana, Cabrillo Club #16, the Portuguese American Social & Civic Club, The SD Filarmonica, the Portuguese American Dancers, and the PHC. Your contributions are what make the event memorable and the countless hours that you all put in is beyond honorable.

Thank you to all our community volunteers in whatever facet or capacity you took on whether it was within the parade and all its inner workings or any aspect the events that make up this tradition. It takes a village and we are one amazing village.

I am proud to report that the 2025 Festa brought in a Net Profit of \$215,711.

I hope that my goal to emulate my mother's kindness and compassion along with her love for this hall, this Festa and this Community shone through this last year. This was my tribute to her as well as to all the Matriarchs & Patriarchs I remember throughout my life who built this hall and our Festa traditions.

And finally, to my beautiful, amazing prima our 2026 Festa President Pamela Rodrigues, our beautiful 2026 Queen Aubrey Flynn and our 2026 King my handsome primo Jackson Emerson - I wish you all the love and support this community has to give and am so proud to pass this legacy on to you.

Obrigada y que Deus abençoe a todos vocês e que o Espírito Santo esteja com todos vocês sempre.

Jason & Darlene Byrne
2025 Festa Presidents