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SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear El Monte Union Community,

On behalf of the District and Board of Trustees, I want to welcome you all to an exciting year at El Monte Union. We have so much to be proud of and so many successes to build on.

The beginning of a new year is always a special time for me. My greatest joy is seeing freshmen take their first steps on a high school campus, facing new horizons as they continue their journey toward college and career with confidence and optimism. Our newest college-bound students are greeted by Link Crew leaders, a volunteer group of upperclassmen who are motivated to be positive

role models and mentors, committed to providing leadership throughout the school year.

Many El Monte Union students are the first in their



MENSAJE DEL SUPERINTENDENTE

Teacher Recognized for Supporting Special Education Students

El Monte High School special education teacher Raelene Felix has been recognized with the Exceptional Special Education Teacher Award by the West San Gabriel Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) consortium for her tireless advocacy on behalf of special education and for her dedication to her students' academic and socioemotional success.

"Every day, I am motivated by our students who face tremendous obstacles, but continue to come to school ready to challenge themselves and persevere," Felix said. "It is an honor to accept the award and a privilege to prepare our students for future success."

Felix works with students in the Career Skills Prep Academy (CSPA), established in 2014 at El Monte High School to assist students with mild to moderate disabilities who are not on track to earn a diploma and are not meeting core standards.

The program serves 11th-and 12th-grade students from across the District and provides students with work experience and community service opportunities.

After completion of the CSPA program, students are able to continue their education at the Adult Transition Center.

"The CSPA program has helped improve my life by helping me be more responsible, become a better reader and listener and be more active and communicative with people I may not know," former student Cody Turcato said. "It's helped me to keep moving forward and never give up."

Maestra es reconocida por ayudar a los estudiantes de educación especial

La maestra de educación especial de El Monte High School, Raelene Felix, ha sido reconocida con el Premio a la Maestra Excepcional de Educación Especial por el consorcio del Plan Local de Educación Especial del área oeste del Valle de San Gabriel (SELPA) por su incansable defensa en nombre de la educación especial y por su dedicación al éxito académico y socioemocional de sus estudiantes.

"Cada día me inspiro en nuestros estudiantes, quienes, a pesar de enfrentar grandes obstáculos, continúan asistiendo a las escuelas listos para desafiarse a sí mismos y perseverar", dijo Felix. "Es un honor aceptar este premio y un privilegio preparar a nuestros estudiantes para un futuro exitoso".

Felix trabaja con los estudiantes en la Academia de Preparación para Habilidades Profesionales (CSPA), establecida el 2014 en El Monte High School para ayudar a los



estudiantes con discapacidades menores a moderadas que no están en camino de obtener un diploma y no cumplen con los estándares básico.

El programa está al servicio de los estudiantes de los grados onceavo y doceavo de todo el Distrito y les brinda experiencia de trabajo y oportunidades de servicio comunitario.

Después de completar el programa CSPA, los estudiantes serán capaces de continuar su educación en el Centro de Transición de Adultos.

"El programa CSPA me ha ayudado a mejorar mi vida, ayudándome a ser más responsable, a convertirme en un mejor lector y saber escuchar, y ser más activo y comunicativo con personas que quizás no conozca", se expresó el exalumno Cody Turcato. "Me ayudó a seguir adelante y nunca rendirme".

South El Monte High School bustled as hundreds of students and their parents spoke with representatives from more than 30 colleges and universities during El Monte Union's annual College Night and Resource Fair in September.

Students received information on programs, activities, entrance requirements and degrees offered by participating two- and four-year universities, including UC Berkeley, UCLA, Cal State Los Angeles and Rio Hondo College. Representatives from the armed forces were also present.

For Mountain View High School junior Angel Jimenez, who is undecided about which colleges to apply to, College Night enabled him to acquire enough information about higher education to make an informed choice.

"I'm here to look at UC schools," he said. "Everybody talks about them, but I want to see if they are as good as everyone says."

The resource fair featured student support services such as Cal-SOAP, Foothill Family Services, El Monte/Rosemead Adult School and the El Monte Promise Foundation. Students and parents participated in the college-preparedness workshops FAFSA 101, Dream ACT 101, Systems of Higher Ed and Senior Timeline.

"On College Night, you can feel the excitement in the air as students really begin to see the possibilities of their future in higher education," Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga said. "Talking to the reps and filling out registration cards is a huge step forward in their lives."

South El Monte High School se llenó de visitantes en septiembre, cuando cientos de estudiantes se reunieron, junto a sus padres, con los representantes de más de 30 universidades y otras instituciones de educación superior, durante la Noche Universitaria y Feria de Recursos Anual de El Monte Union.

Los estudiantes recibieron la información sobre los programas, actividades, requerimientos para ser aceptados y diplomas ofrecidos por parte de las universidades (de dos y cuatro años de estudio) participantes, entre las que estuvieron: UC Berkeley, UCLA, Cal State Los Angeles y Rio Hondo College. Los representantes de las fuerzas armadas también estuvieron presentes en el establecimiento.

Para el estudiante de penúltimo grado de Mountain View High School, Angel Jimenez, que se encuentra



Para asegurar que los estudiantes de primer año