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## Monrovia Unified, Azusa Pacific Partnership Guarantees Student Admission, Offers \$10,000 in Financial Aid

**MONROVIA, CA** – Sporting Azusa Pacific University (APU) T-Shirts and holding pennants during a July 26 Monrovia Unified Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Dr. Katherine Thorossian signed an agreement with APU President Dr. Jon R. Wallace to provide high school students a pathway to a high-quality, affordable university education.

The program creates a guaranteed admission pathway to APU for students who meet entrance requirements, including financial aid of at least \$10,000 a year, application fee waivers and programs to assist with college readiness and the application process.

“Azusa Pacific University and Monrovia Unified School District both equip students to be ethical leaders who make a difference in their communities,” Wallace said. “We are committed to making college more accessible and affordable for our neighbors and we look forward to welcoming many Monrovia High School students into our APU family.”

To qualify for guaranteed admission to APU, Monrovia Unified students must be continuously enrolled in the District for four years, complete necessary high school coursework for university entry without needing to complete any remedial courses, earn a weighted 3.0 grade point average or higher during grades 10 through 12 and earn a minimum SAT score of 990 or ACT score of 19. Qualified Monrovia Unified Class of 2018 students will be the first cohort to be offered guaranteed admission to APU.

“Monrovia Unified is committed to equipping our students with the necessary skills and knowledge that will prepare them for college and career,” Thorossian said. “Our partnership with Azusa Pacific provides our students with additional resources that aims to ensure they stay on track throughout high school to reach their goals for higher education.”

APU will also offer financial aid and scholarship workshops, provide annual academic progress reports twice a year to students and parents and train teachers, counselors and parents on APU admission requirements.

“Our students will have the opportunity to receive guidance in earning their place in a prestigious university,” MUSD Board Vice President Terrence Williams said. “Thank you to Azusa Pacific University for a partnership program that will support and motivate our students to pursue college.”

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- graduate from high school prepared for college and career;
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### PHOTOS:

**072717\_MUSD\_APUSIGN1:** Sporting Azusa Pacific University (APU) T-Shirts and holding pennants, Monrovia Unified administrators formed a partnership with APU leaders to provide high school students a pathway to a high-quality, affordable university education. Pictured: (front, left) Azusa Pacific University President Dr. Jon R. Wallace, Monrovia Unified Superintendent Dr. Katherine Thorossian (back, left) Monrovia Unified Board of Education member Chris Rich, Board Vice President Terrence Williams, Board member Rob Hammond and Board Clerk Ed Gililland.

**072717\_MUSD\_APUSIGN2:** Azusa Pacific University President Dr. Jon R. Wallace (left) signs a partnership with Monrovia Unified Superintendent Dr. Katherine Thorossian, providing financial aid of at least \$10,000 a year and guaranteeing admission for students who meet entrance requirements.

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