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## Monrovia Unified Partners with University of La Verne to Guarantee Student Admission

**MONROVIA** – The Monrovia Unified School District began a partnership with the University of La Verne that guarantees admission into the private university for all qualifying students within the District.

Monrovia is one of 12 public school districts to join ULV’s Partnership for Access to College Education (PACE) on Jan. 19, opening doors for additional higher education opportunities for students.

“We are committed to giving our students as many options as possible to continue their education.” Monrovia Unified Board President Bryan Wong said. “This is such an amazing opportunity for our students, and I am proud to be part of a school district that relentlessly seeks such valuable avenues for our students to succeed.”

Qualifying Monrovia Unified seniors who apply for the fall 2017 term will reap the benefits of ULV college preparatory courses, application fee waivers, and financial aid of at least \$10,000 per year, among other resources. Additionally, District staff members enrolling in ULV’s Ed.D. program are also guaranteed a \$100 per unit scholarship.

“It’s all about the students and showing them that there are many options out there,” University of La Verne President Devorah Lieberman said. “We are doing this because we want to grow our own students from our own region and keep them in our region after they graduate and begin their careers.”

“We encourage students to pursue their dreams – and help transform those dreams into reality,” Monrovia Unified Superintendent Dr. Katherine Thorossian said. “Education is the key.”

#### PHOTO CAPTION

**012716\_MUSD\_PACE:** Monrovia Unified Superintendent Dr. Katherine Thorossian (left) stands with University of La Verne President Devorah Lieberman after signing an agreement with the private university to guarantee college admittance and other benefits for District students.

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#### OUR MISSION

Inspire students to engage in meaningful learning in a safe and nurturing environment that embraces diversity.

Challenge students to be ethical, productive members and leaders of the community.

#### OUR VISION

Our students will be ethical, compassionate individuals who:

- graduate from high school prepared for college and career,
- contribute and adapt to an ever-changing world by being resourceful and responsible citizens, and
- embrace diversity.