



# El Monte Union High School District

*Community Committed to College and Career*

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### **El Monte Union Students Gain College and Career Insight During Annual Conference**

**EL MONTE** – El Monte Union High School District students and families learned about how to succeed in high school, achieve their personal goals and prepare for college and career during the annual College and Career Family Conference, held Oct. 22 at the Pacific Palms Resort.

The event, hosted in partnership with the District, El Monte City School District, El Monte Promise Foundation, Rio Hondo College and the University of California, Irvine, welcomed more than 500 El Monte-area middle and high school students and families who participated in several information workshops, enjoyed a complimentary breakfast and received swag bags.

“We are extremely grateful to host an event that promotes college and career readiness to middle and high school students,” said Edith Echeverria, El Monte Union’s Director of Assessment, Accountability and Family Engagement. “This conference is an essential part of ensuring our students have an abundance of knowledge and resources to succeed in every endeavor they wish to pursue and so that their families also contain the necessary tools to support their children throughout their journey.”

The conference featured workshops in both English and Spanish and covered topics such as College Financial Literacy, Financial Aid, A-G Requirements, Tutoring Services, Support Resources for “Dreamers” and Fostered Youth, California State University System and more.

The District’s Wellness Coordinators also emphasized the importance of mental health by leading workshops that provided families with more information including the teen brain, how to motivate and reconcile with teenagers and suicide awareness and healing crystals.

“At El Monte Union, our greatest mission is to ensure all our students are well-equipped and prepared for their transition from high school to college and it is important that we as a District support our parents in remaining engaged throughout this process as well,” Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga said. “Thank you to our students and families for taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn more, our team of educators for providing exceptional resources and to our community partners for supporting our efforts to foster a college-and-career-going culture.”

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**EMUHSD COLLEGE AND CAREER CONFERENCE 1:** El Monte Union students and parents enjoy a complimentary breakfast and refreshments during the District's annual College and Career Family Conference on Oct. 22.

**EMUHSD COLLEGE AND CAREER CONFERENCE 2:** El Monte Union families connect with local community partners to learn more about resources offered during the District's annual College and Career Family Conference on Oct. 22.

**EMUHSD COLLEGE AND CAREER CONFERENCE 3:** South El Monte High School Wellness Coordinator, Imelda Moronez, helps families create their own suicide awareness bracelets using healing crystals during the District's annual College and Career Family Conference on Oct. 22.

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*The vision of the El Monte Union High School District is to empower and motivate our students to be resilient, college and career ready, lifelong learners and contributing members of our global society.*