El Monte Union High School District

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MEDIA ADVISORY

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El Monte Union, El Monte City School District, and Mountain View School District to Host 23rd Annual Tamalada Gala

WHAT: El Monte Union High School District, El Monte City School District, and Mountain View School District will host its 23rd annual Tamalada Gala celebration, bringing students, educators, and community members together for an evening of holiday festivities and recognition.

The celebration will feature festive decorations, a mariachi performance, traditional food such as tamales, a photo booth, and a special presentation honoring this year's Bobby Salcedo Esperanza Award recipients. Students will play an active role in the event, assisting with food distribution and capturing the experience.

WHEN: Thursday, Dec. 10
5 to 8 p.m.

WHERE: Grace T. Black Auditorium
3130 Tyler Ave., El Monte

DETAILS: The celebration will include the presentation of the Bobby Salcedo Esperanza Award, which honors educators who reflect Salcedo's dedication to education and student success. A 1994 Mountain View High School graduate, Salcedo taught at South El Monte High School, served as an administrator at three El Monte Union schools, and later joined the El Monte City School District Board of Education before his passing in 2009.

The event also brings together local organizations and community members whose donations help fund college scholarships and advance students' academic success.

Coverage and/or inclusion of this event in your calendar of events is welcome and greatly appreciated.

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.