

# El Monte Union High School District

*Community Committed to College and Career*



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### **El Monte Union Earns Top Honors for Academic Excellence, Community Impact**

**EL MONTE** – For the second consecutive year, El Monte Union High School District (EMUHSD) has been selected as a San Gabriel Valley Tribune Readers’ Choice Top Three School District, reflecting the District’s unwavering commitment to academic success in the classroom and providing healthier outcomes for the communities it serves.

El Monte Union, which was also cited in the Tribune’s 2023 Readers’ Choice poll, has experienced another banner year, as it works toward maintaining positive school culture and academic rigor for its students by providing career technical education pathways and innovative technology, as well as social and emotional support through its wellness centers.

The San Gabriel Valley Tribune Readers’ Choice Awards celebrate excellence in education and acknowledge institutions that have demonstrated extraordinary academic programs, innovative teaching practices, and a profound impact on the lives of students.

“We are grateful to the El Monte Union community, without its continued support we could not complete our mission to provide equity in education for every student,” Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga said. “The true winners of this poll are our dedicated and hard-working faculty and staff, who work tirelessly to ensure our students will be able to fulfill their academic potential, on their way to becoming lifelong learners and leaders in their communities.”

El Monte Union’s Class of 2024 graduates will be attending some of the top colleges and universities in the country, including USC, UCLA, Middlebury College, Amherst College, University of Pennsylvania, Washington University, and Pomona College, after receiving a wealth of prestigious scholarships, among them a Dell Foundation scholarship, a Posse Foundation scholarship, and five QuestBridge National Match scholarships. Additionally, El Monte High School graduate Nathalie Trigo Lopez received a full-ride scholarship to attend Georgetown University.

El Monte Union’s commitment to fostering a greener and healthier future was recognized by the Southern California Regional Energy Network in October 2023 with its Sustainable Trailblazer Award, highlighting the continued progress of the District’s Clean Mobility in Schools Pilot Project and its fleet of 11 electric school buses, 11 electric utility maintenance carts, and four electric ride-share vehicles.

The 2023-24 school year saw El Monte Union complete a number of modernization projects generated by the District’s \$190 million Measure HS Bond, passed by voters in October 2018. Arroyo and Mountain View high schools both held ribbon-cutting ceremonies celebrating new, state-of-the-art athletic stadiums, which include new rubberized tracks, modern bleachers, concession stands, upgraded parking facilities, and grand stadium entrances.

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EMUHSD celebrated a number of accolades in the just-completed school year, including Arroyo High School's 2024 California Distinguished School status, El Monte-Rosemead Adult School being named a 2024 Exemplary Model Adult Education program, and Fernando R. Ledesma High School's 2024 Model Continuation School recognition.

**PHOTO CAPTION:**

**EMUHSD SGVT READERS CHOICE AWARDS 1:** El Monte Union High School District has been honored as one of the Top Three School Districts in the 2024 San Gabriel Valley Tribune Readers' Choice Awards, showcasing the District's steadfast commitment to success and the dedication of its students, teachers, staff, and parents.

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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.*