



## Mustangs on the Move (MOTM)

After-School Programs at John Muir High School

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A chance for teens to express, discover, learn, succeed and lead



### Young People Need a Strong Educational Foundation to Become Healthy, Resilient Adults

Located in NW Pasadena, Muir is the lowest performing of four public high schools in the Pasadena Unified School District with a 2011 API score of 650. (The state target is 800.)

Muir's student population is 60% Latino and 34% African American. Nearly three-fourths qualify for the federal free and reduced lunch program, an indicator of family poverty.

These students face numerous socio-economic challenges that present obstacles to school achievement.

### 20+ Educational and Enrichment Programs and a Safe Place to Go When School is Out

Programs are offered before, during and after-school hours, Monday through Thursday, and on weekends during the school year.

Our wide range of activities includes college preparation, leadership development, art, dance, music, theatre, sports, yoga, cooking, life skills, mentoring, homework assistance and credit recovery classes. We utilize a project-based approach that connects to in-school learning.

These programs broaden skills and knowledge, foster healthy personal development and provide critically needed remedial academic support, enabling students to graduate on time.

A family literacy component for parents and other relatives of Muir students includes continuing education, financial literacy and parenting workshops.

MOTM serves more than 80% of Muir students.

### We Get Results

Students who regularly participate have better school attendance and score higher on the California high school exit exam. Overall, Muir improved its API score by 19 points in 2011.

30% more seniors graduate on schedule due to MOTM's credit recovery classes.

**Mission:** To build hope and resilience in the lives of youth and their families in Northwest Pasadena and West Altadena. We work in partnership with the community to provide life-changing services and to act as a catalyst for pragmatic solutions that reduce community violence, improve academic achievement, and launch career paths for the benefit of the greater Pasadena/Altadena area.

**Vision:** A healthy, safe community where families thrive, youth reach their full potential, and equality and opportunity are accessible to all.

*“Flintridge takes on the most difficult community problems and then marshals the resources needed to truly make a difference. Its emphasis on youth at the high school level and after high school is so critically needed in Pasadena.”*

**Mayor Bill Bogaard**

## Equipping teens with skills and knowledge

A high percentage of students who regularly participate report plans to pursue post-secondary education. They also affirm that adults on campus are available for personal support and that their community is interested in helping them succeed.

Each program has a student advisor. In addition to a small stipend, students develop valuable leadership skills.

MOTM has been meeting students' needs for educational

and enrichment activities since 2003. Flintridge and local youth-serving agencies work together to provide the programming. This cost-effective and practical strategy enables MOTM to offer its wide range of quality programs.

**Join us in making an investment to benefit the future of our young people.**

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***Well done !***

*After attending multiple MOTM programs for four years, Valeria received a Bill Gates Millennium Scholarship and is now attending UC Berkeley.*

*Cody, a foster teen with a mother in jail, lived in five cities over eight years and was behind in school units as a senior. On the verge of dropping out, he sought help from MOTM and, through staff's encouragement, he completed MOTM's credit recovery classes and graduated with his class.*