

**MISSION**

To help elementary-school children enhance their academic, organizational and social skills by providing high-quality after-school programs in Claremont Unified School District neighborhoods.

## CLASP Tutor Appreciation Dinner



*Cristina presented special humorous awards to her staff of Site Supervisors and Tutor Coordinator. L to R Susan Castle, Cristina Moreno, Maria Martinez, Jim Keith, Ben Martinez, and Raydie Buckley.*

CLASP's annual Tutor Appreciation Dinner was held at CPC on May 9th. Over 90 people attended and enjoyed a delicious Italian dinner catered by Claro's and a very enjoyable program.

Bev Jack and her Tutor Support Committee, along with others, planned and executed a memorable event. Cristina Antonioli, CLASP's Program Director, and Frank D'Emilio, CLASP's President of the Board introduced dignitaries in attendance and spoke briefly about this year's accomplishments.

A continuous loop of photos of this year's CLASP people and activities, created by Alan Jack, was playing throughout the evening.

Cristina presented humorous awards to each of the five site supervisors (Susan Castle, Jim Keith, Ben Martinez, Maria Martinez, and Cristina Moreno) and to Raydie Buckley, CLASP's Tutor Coordinator.

The, "Last person standing" when tutor longevity was played, was Lissa Petersen. Lissa has been tutoring continuously with CLASP since its inception in 2005.



*Dinner is served*

Frank announced the two winners of CLASP's Henry Krieger Scholarships. Naisaa Khedia and Giselle Soto were each awarded \$1,000 with which to continue their education.

A BINGO game was played in order to award the winners the beautiful table centerpieces created by the California Botanic Garden, and everyone was given a gift of travel cases with the CLASP logo printed on them.

The happy smiles as people were leaving the evening's event, demonstrated that, "A good time was had by all."



## Graduating Tutors Have Made a Difference...



### NAISAA KHEDIA

Naisaa is graduating from Claremont High School.

She has been tutoring since her sophomore year. She progressed from being a tech tutor, to a substitute tutor, to a regular tutor who helped out with a little bit of everything. She has also been the CHS student representative for the CLASP Board since her sophomore year. AND she is one of the recipients of the Henry Krieger Academic Scholarship Award.

She will be attending UC Berkeley this fall, majoring in chemical biology on the pre-med track. Her ultimate goal is to become a physician specializing in pediatric oncology.

Naisaa says she has two favorite memories of CLASP. "My first favorite memory was hearing about my student winning a competition for a subject he was particularly struggling with. Every tutoring session was spent improving his skills in that subject, so I was very proud. My second favorite memory was making the CLASP posters and advertising CLASP at the 4th of July parade, which was the first one since COVID happened."

Graduating from either high school or college, the following CLASP tutors, who volunteered their time and caring, have made a big difference in the academic progress of our students. We wish them all much success in their future endeavors.



### EMILY BUNNELL

Emily is receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Neuroscience. Starting this June, she will be working in a behavioral neuroscience lab at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, Oregon. The lab is looking at environmental and genetic risk factors of Alzheimer's disease. She is hoping to gain more research experience, in order to be able to apply to a PhD program in the near future.

She says this about her tutoring time at CPC1, "The children I was fortunate to work with were incredibly sweet and kind, but equally as hilarious and sassy. I loved bonding with the students about music we enjoy (which we would hum to while working on math), favorite movies and games to play, and sharing fun memories with one another. Having this connection and trust with the tutees made learning and working together so much more amazing!"



### CAROLINE SHOEMAKER

Caroline is receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Scripps College.

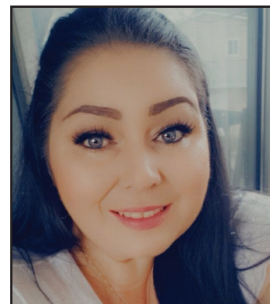
Her next plan is to work for a year in healthcare and apply to physician assistant graduate programs. She'd like to work as a physical therapy aide or a medical assistant during this gap year. Her ultimate career goal is to become a Physician's Assistant.

Caroline shares a memory of CLASP, "Having the kids be so proud and excited to tell the tutors about their improved test grades and report cards! It is so heartwarming to see them celebrate their growth." Caroline has been tutoring at CPC 2.



### JIHAE (JORDAN) OH

Jordan is graduating from Claremont McKenna College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Analysis. Next year she will be working as a Board Consultant at the South Coast Air Quality Management District and California Air Resources Board, supporting climate policy in California. She shares this memory of her time spent tutoring at CPC 2, "Besides all the laughs during Uno, handball, and math worksheets, my favorite memories of CLASP are when students opened up to me about their lives outside of the classroom. I enjoy feeling like they can trust me, and are excited to spend time together."



### CRISTINA MINOOK

Cristina will be receiving a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of La Verne. She plans to focus on her career as a sales coordinator and hopes to excel with her current company and move up into a management position. She has been working for the same company all through her college years, and she hopes her degree will help her be considered for future open positions.

She plans on pursuing a Master's degree after taking a gap year, but she is still undecided as to what her focus will be. She is considering Human Resources. During this gap year, she will focus on her career and help her children transition into high school.

Cristina shares her greatest memory of CLASP is, "Playing math dice with children. Math dice is a great game to exercise your brain, and it was really fun to see how many different equations you can come up with to get a specific result." Cristina was a tutor at CPC.





# Tutors, the Backbone of CLASP

Thank you to all the dedicated tutors who gave, unselfishly, of their time and caring support to our students. You should take pride in knowing that your efforts helped them achieve improved academic status! You truly are the, "Backbone" of CLASP.

Lizbeth Allen  
Nancy Ambrose  
Peter Ambrose  
Heidi Arch  
Harriet Archibald-Woodward  
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Jan McCoy  
Anna McGarry  
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Dean Nishimura  
Jihae (Jordan) Oh  
Diane OrozccEric  
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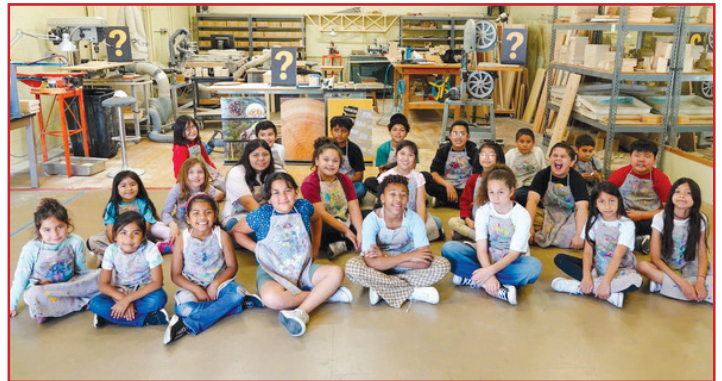
# The Sawdust Factory visit



CLASP students attended a special event at The Sawdust Factory in Upland on May 3rd.

The Sawdust Factory is a fun place where the students created

their very own woodcraft projects. A pizza meal was served by CLASP. This activity was one of many during this school year as part of CLASP's Enrichment Program's schedule of events.



# Congratulations to CLASP'S 6th Graders

Each year, CLASP recognizes all 6th grade students who will move up to middle school in the Fall. All these students have successfully completed CLASP. The following are this year's CLASP students, their site location, how long they have been with CLASP, and their favorite memories of CLASP in their own words. We wish them success in middle school and beyond!



**Carlos**

**School** Oakmont  
**Tutoring Site** Wheeler Park

Carlos started CLASP Online in the 5th grade and has been attending in person for the 6th grade. He states his favorite memory of CLASP, "I liked guessing the number of candy corn in Mrs. Martinez's jar." He reports that CLASP has helped him the most with, "Reading comprehension and AR."



**Isaac**

**School** Vista Del Valle  
**Tutoring Site** Wheeler Park

Isaac started with CLASP in either kindergarten or first grade. He stated that his favorite memory of CLASP "Is working with Mr. Bill and playing games." He says that CLASP helped him the most, "By learning and getting better at math."



**Jason**

**School** Vista Del Valle  
**Tutoring Site** Wheeler Park

Jason started with CLASP in the 4th grade. His favorite memory of CLASP is, "Painting pumpkins like Monsters, Inc." He says, "CLASP helped me with my homework, and I received 3 honor rolls because of it. I feel ready for El Roble."



**Cash**

**School** Chaparral  
**Tutoring Site** ONLINE

Cash started with CLASP in the sixth grade, when he moved to Claremont. He shares his experience with CLASP, "Before, I didn't understand math that well. Now, I started getting my grades higher." He also says, "CLASP gave me confidence."



**Jamison**

**School** Condit  
**Tutoring Site** ONLINE

Jamison has been with CLASP since the first grade, and he has completed all six grades with CLASP. He stated that his favorite memory of CLASP is, "Doing my writing with Lissa. She has tutored me for over three years." He also says that, "Completing CLASP has made me look forward to middle school."



**Mason**

**School** Chaparral  
**Tutoring Site** ONLINE

Mason started with CLASP in the 5th grade. His favorite experiences at CLASP are, "I liked meeting my tutor on the first day. It was really chill." He then added, "I liked the Christmas Party too." He also stated, "CLASP made me ready for middle school."



**Hayden**

**School** Mountain View  
**Tutoring Site** CPC

Hayden started with CLASP in the 5th grade. His favorite memory is, "The first time I was able to play soccer on the front lawn before tutoring started." He states that what helped him the most about CLASP was, "My tutor Andrea has helped me with my math skills and I am now doing well in math. I am better on multiplications and getting 80%-90% on my tests."

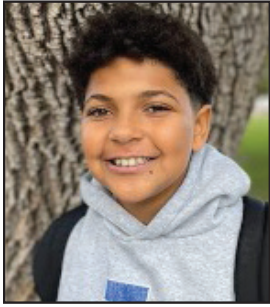


**Indie**

**School** Mountain View  
**Tutoring Site** CPC

Indie started with CLASP in the 5th grade. She says that her favorite memory of CLASP was, "When the weather got warmer, I got to play outside for a longer time before tutoring started." She also says that, "CLASP has helped me understand my math homework, and my grade has improved. Also, my reading, as I now read faster."





**Jayden**

**School** Vista Del Valle

**Tutoring Site** Wheeler Park

Jayden started with CLASP in the 4th grade, left for 5th grade, and returned for 6th grade.

He said his favorite memory of CLASP is, "Playing outside and snacks."

He also said, "Being in CLASP helped me by my getting better with my math."



**Queenie**

**School** Vista Del Valle

**Tutoring Site** Wheeler Park

Queenie started with CLASP in April 2024.

Her favorite memory of CLASP is, "The learning environment. It's a fun environment."

She says CLASP helped her the most with, "Speaking English."



**Ryan L**

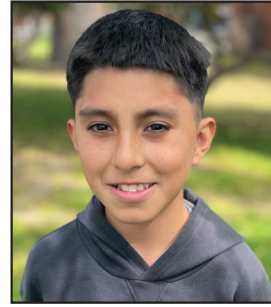
**School** Vista Del Valle

**Tutoring Site** Wheeler Park

Ryan has been with CLASP for three years, including online and in-person.

He stated his favorite memory, "I liked working with my tutor Lauren on Zoom."

He also states that, "Finishing my homework every week has been the most helpful."



**Justin**

**School** Mountain View

**Tutoring Site** CPC

Justin has been with CLASP since the 4th grade, 3 years ago, when he arrived in the USA.

He says his favorite memory is, "Eating homemade cookies from site supervisor Susan or tutor Kay."

He also states that, "My English has improved. I can now read Dog Man books and I can write in English."



**Ryan D**

**School** Mountain View

**Tutoring Site** CPC

Ryan started with CLASP in the 5th grade.

He says his favorite memory of CLASP is, "Playing outside with my friends before tutoring starts and hanging out with my tutor, Peter who has great stories!"

He also states that, "CLASP has helped me improve my math skills. My tutor helps me understand why I got a question wrong."



**Shayne**

**School** Mountain View

**Tutoring Site** CPC

Shayne started with CLASP in the sixth grade.

Her favorite memory of CLASP is, "Playing soccer outside with everyone before tutoring starts."

She says, "CLASP has helped me the most with my math grade."



**Siyar**

**School** Mountain View

**Tutoring Site** CPC

Siyar has been with CLASP for all six grammar school grades.

He says his favorite memory of CLASP is, "When they did a raffle at the end of the year and I won a soccer ball."

He also states that, "Clasp has helped me with my math homework, and it has led to my getting better math grades."



**Layla**

**School** Sumner

**Tutoring Site** CPC

Layla started with CLASP in the 5th grade.

Layla says her favorite memory of CLASP is, "Meeting new tutors."

She states that CLASP has helped her, "To understand more math, and it has helped me with my reading as well. My reading score has improved and my math scores are better."



**Aiden**

**School** Condit

**Tutoring Site** CPC

Aiden started with CLASP in the 5th grade.

He says his favorite memory of CLASP is, "Being with my tutors, working together and playing games. Also playing outside, with friends, before tutoring starts."

He states that, "CLASP helped me with my homework. My tutor and I work together to solve math problems."

## End of Year Promotion Parties

CLASP traditionally recognizes and celebrates all sixth graders who have successfully completed the tutoring program.

**Kevin Ward**, *CUSD Assistant Superintendent of Student Services* and **Frank D'Emilio**, *President of CLASP's Board of Directors*, presented each sixth grade student with a Certificate of Completion. They also had some words of encouragement for these students as they go on to Middle School.

Several students wrote thank you notes and/or spoke up and publicly thanked their tutors with words of praise and appreciation. The party included the playing of games such as Math Concentration, enjoying refreshments, and parting gifts for each student.



## Commissioners Visit CLASP Site

Community and Human Services commissioners of Claremont completed a site visit on May 2nd in accordance with the city's Community-based Organization Grant Program.

We are very grateful for the city's continued support of CLASP. Photo (left to right)

**Cindy Sullivan**, **Cristina Antonioli**, **Carol-Lee Marshall**, *Commissioner*, **Deborah Scott-Toux**, *Commissioner*, **Dirk Silva**, *Commissioner*, **Lauren Roselle**, and **Frank D'Emilio**.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FRANK D'EMILIO

CLASP has just finished its 19th year of service to the elementary school children of Claremont. Since its inception, we have provided a safe and welcoming environment for students to gather with friends, have a snack, play a game, and complete homework with the assistance of a caring tutor.



This May, I took part in one of the 6th grade promotion celebrations for CLASP students moving on to Jr. High School. Having witnessed many of these students mature and grow over the years, it was clear to me that CLASP has also helped these young people gain the confidence to take control of their

school responsibilities. This perhaps is the greatest goal of our program – to give students the skills to continue their academic journey more independently.

As successful as CLASP has been over the years, we are primed and ready to take on an additional service to the students that we hope will advance their ability and independence. With the help of the school district, we are planning to use assessment data to identify specific goals for each student. This targeted assistance will require additional materials and technology as well as training for our staff and tutors. We are extremely excited about this new focus.

In the coming months, we will continue to update you on this endeavor.

As I complete my 5th and final year as CLASP Board President, I want to thank you, once again, for the support each of you give to this incredible program. I plan to continue to help CLASP in any way I can, and I hope you will do the same. As the prominent American Methodist minister H. E. Luccock said in 1954, "No one can whistle a symphony; it takes a whole orchestra to play it." Thank you for being a part of the CLASP orchestra.



## PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE CRISTINA ANTONIOLLI

As the Program Director of CLASP, I am continually reminded of the profound impact that community has on our mission and the lives we touch. Today, I am compelled to express my gratitude for the unwavering support and commitment that the Claremont Community brings to our cause.



CLASP is more than just an after-school tutoring program for CUSD students; we are a community united by a common purpose—to empower and uplift those in need through education. It is through the collective efforts of volunteers, donors, staff, and the families we serve that we can

make a tangible difference in the lives of our students. Our community serves as the cornerstone of everything we do. It is the driving force behind our ability to provide academic support, mentorship, and a haven for children facing all types of obstacles. Through your generosity and dedication, we can break down barriers to learning, instill confidence, and cultivate a love for education that transcends the classroom. In addition to providing excellent academic support, CLASP offers enrichment opportunities in conjunction with our community partners.

This year, we were able to provide two trips to the Helen Renwick Library where our students obtained their first student library cards. Student volunteers from CHS taught our students block coding in conjunction with KidzCoding, compiling roughly 63 hours of code. Donations of pumpkins and succulents provided a fun Halloween painting opportunity in the fall and a Mother's Day planting opportunity this past spring. CHS's thespians, in James and the Giant Peach, enriched our students with their live theater performance. CHS's choir wowed our families with a Holiday Sing Along complete with a jovial Santa Claus (aka Raul Rodriguez). We rounded out the year with a trip to the Sawdust Factory in Upland and our end of year 6th grade promotion ceremonies.

As we continue our journey to empower the next generation, let us never underestimate the power of community. I am excited about partnering with CUSD to bring care pathways to our children, individualizing their tutoring experience by targeting specific standards through remediation. Let us continue to stand shoulder to shoulder, advocating for those who need it most and championing the belief that every child deserves access to quality education.

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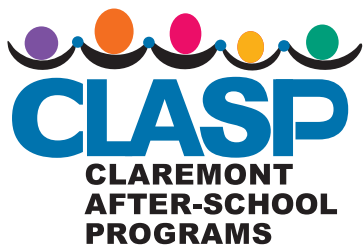
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### Tutoring Centers and Supervisors

Volunteer tutors are welcome to join CLASP throughout the school year.

Students who have been referred to CLASP by a teacher or principal may enroll at any time if space is available.

#### Online

Jim Keith *supervisor*

Grades 1-6

M T W Th varied times

#### Wheeler Park Recreation Center 1

Maria Martinez *supervisor*

Grades 1-3

M 2:45-4:15

W 1:15-2:45

#### Wheeler Park Recreation Center 2

Maria Martinez *supervisor*

Grades 4-6

T Th 2:45-4:15

#### Claremont Presbyterian Church 1

Ben Martinez *supervisor*

Grades 4-6

M 3:00-4:15

W 1:30-2:45

#### Claremont Presbyterian Church 2

Susan Castle *supervisor*

Grades 4-6

T Th 3:00-4:30

#### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 1

Cristina Moreno *supervisor*

Grades 1-3

M 2:45-4:30

W 1:15-3:00

#### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 2

Cristina Moreno *supervisor*

Grades 1-3

T Th 3:00-4:40



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