

## Ontario-Montclair Promise Scholars Honor Founding Donors

**M**ontclair Hospital Medical Center, Cardenas Markets and Allstar Kia were among the donors to Ontario-Montclair Promise Scholars Program honored Nov. 14 during an appreciation event at Chaffey College Community Center in Chino.

The board of the Promise Scholars program presented plaques of appreciation featuring student artwork to the first round of major donors for the organization, launched earlier this year.

"We have long had a dedication to higher education, and we're happy to be able to support a program that encourages it from such a young age," said Gregory Brentano, Montclair Hospital Medical Center CEO. "Planting these seeds early will make a difference to the future health and economy of our community."

The Ontario-Montclair Promise Scholars initiative is dedicated to preparing all Ontario-Montclair School District students for success by increasing their high school completion and college going rates.

"I'm very happy to have a healthcare partner that understands the connection between education and health" said Leslie Sorensen, OMSD Resource Development Administrator, as she recognized the donation and participation of Montclair Hospital Medical Center.



Montclair Hospital Medical Center CEO Gregory Brentano speaks during the scholars program. He is also CEO at San Dimas community hospital.

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classroom activities that involve planning high school course selection and career exploration, and assistance with college and financial aid applications. The program also hopes to be able to offer scholarship assistance, with the amount based on what the endowment will support.

Montclair Hospital Medical Center, a founding sponsor of the program, is a not-for-profit hospital owned by the Prime Healthcare Services Foundation. The foundation's sister organization, the Dr. Prem Reddy Family Foundation, has a long history of supporting education in healthcare in the high desert communities, with activities such as creating and maintaining the Dr. Prem Reddy School, a public health library, and a scholarship program.

To support the development of Promise Scholars, OMSD has formed the Ontario-Montclair Schools Foundation. The foundation is seeking support from individuals, businesses and service clubs to make the promise possible. To volunteer, visit the website [www.ieuw.org/promise-scholars](http://www.ieuw.org/promise-scholars) or contact Sara Clark at [SClark@ieuw.org](mailto:SClark@ieuw.org)

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The program begins in fifth-grade and follows students through graduation, with students informed about post-secondary learning. The program hopes to achieve its vision by increasing parent and student awareness of education, increasing student knowledge and planning about such programs, and increasing both their readiness and access to college.

"We take our mission very seriously to make sure the funds go to the children," said Madeline Stewart, President of the Promise Scholars Board.

The event opened with a performance by the Vernon Middle School Choral Group, before Stewart, Dr. James Hammond, Superintendent of the Ontario-Montclair School District, and Chris Hughes, representing the City of Ontario, each gave remarks on the importance of the program.

Promise Scholars is based on the Online to College Program, and includes activities such as field trips to universities and community colleges, speaker presentations to students about their college experiences,

