

News Release

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Mt. Pleasant AVID Program Graduates Largest Class

The Mt. Pleasant AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Program has been designated as a National Demonstration Model for the past five years. On **Friday, May 30, 2003, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM** at Lou's Village, 1465 West San Carlos, San Jose, the soon-to-be graduates will be honored at a recognition luncheon.

Mt. Pleasant's AVID Program is the largest in Northern California. One hundred percent of the students go to college. The program's success has been attributed to administrative support, parent involvement, exceptional staff and constant communication among staff, students and parents.

AVID's mission is to ensure that all students, especially *less served in the middle*, have access to a rigorous academic program and support to gain acceptance into four-year colleges/universities.

Mt. Pleasant's program has grown from 30 to 250 students in five years. Sixty-five students are graduating this year, 90% will attend a 4-year university and 10% will attend community colleges with the intent to transfer to a 4-year college.

East Side Union High School District Superintendent Joe Coto states, "We are extremely proud of Mt. Pleasant's AVID Program. It demonstrates that providing students support and access to rigorous curriculum plays a critical role in student success."



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