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La Verne signs agreements with school districts



Signing were Mathew Holton, left, of Chaffey Joint Union High School District, University of La Verne President Devorah Lieberman, and Dr. James Q. Hammond, Ontario-Montclair School District.

Students in two Inland Valley school districts will have an increased chance of admission and success at the University of La Verne through agreements recently signed by university and district leaders.

Dr. James Q. Hammond, Superintendent of the Ontario-Montclair School District, Mathew Holton, Superintendent of the Chaffey Joint Union High School District and University of La Verne President Devorah Lieberman signed agreements in the spring.

“Educational access for all students, including those from underrepresented families, is paramount to the University of La Verne,” Lieberman said. “We are honored to be entering this new partnership, one that will provide students with the highest quality education and, ultimately, the opportunity to become community leaders and successful professionals.”

Promise Pathways

Ontario-Montclair’s partnership with La Verne establishes a pathway for students in Promise Scholars – a program that ensures students who meet requirements will gain admission to partner colleges. La Verne is the only private institution partnered with Promise Scholars.

La Verne agreed to waive its application fees for qualifying students, provide campus tours for two middle schools and assign masters-level counseling interns to assist with college and career readiness at Ontario-Montclair elementary, middle and high schools. La Verne staff will provide business leader presentations to sixth-graders, financial aid workshops and other college-access activities.

Chaffey’s partnership with La Verne paves the way for creating college preparation programs that will increase the number of Chaffey students being admitted to La Verne.