

## Ontario-Montclair Promise Scholars expand efforts

**T**he Ontario-Montclair Schools Foundation will support the expansion of the successful Promise Scholars work in the upcoming school year, which serves 20,000 K-12 students annually.

Promise Scholars works to strengthen the community by reaching out to all students and families early and often to instill the value of education after high school.

This work will be made possible through a new \$90,000 grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Ontario-Montclair School District and Chaffey Joint Union High School District staff will take part in a year-long community of practice with other educators, parents, educators, businesses, and local leaders to introduce kids to the opportunities available after high school and make sure they can achieve their goals.

Promise Scholars was established in 2011 by the Ontario-Montclair School District and Chaffey Joint Union High School District in partnership with Chaffey College and CSU San Bernardino.

Since then, the University of La Verne joined as a core partner and provides college visits to over 1,200 eighth graders each year.

Cal Poly Pomona, University of Redlands, and Azusa Pacific University also joined to guarantee a place in college.

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