

**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**

CLASP absolutely appreciates all our tutors. In fact, CLASP wouldn't be possible without them! To show our appreciation, a very colorful dinner party was held on May 11th at CPC in honor of all tutors of the 2022-2023 school year.



Over 75 people attended including tutors, Site Supervisors, members of CLASP's Board including Emeriti members, members of the Claremont Unified School District (including Superintendent, **Dr. Jim Elsasser**), and guests.

A delicious Italian dinner was catered by Claro's Italian Market. Colorful tablecloths, centerpieces, and gift bags added to the festivities; and a very enjoyable video, "Tooling Around Town With Tutors" was presented. **Bev Jack**, Tutor Committee Chairperson, started off the program by welcoming everyone and introducing Board President, **Frank D'Emilio** who then introduced CLASP Board and CUSD members in attendance. He then presented the **Henry Krieger Continuing Education Award** to Haley Solis, a former CLASP student. Next, Frank introduced CLASP's Program Director, **Cristina Antonioli**. Cristina presented gift cards to all Site Supervisors in attendance and thanked them for their amazing service.

Bev awarded Certificates to tutors who have volunteered for special landmark years of service – 5, 10, 15, and 20 years. She then raffled off beautiful gift baskets to those who brought guests as potential new tutors. The final piece of the program was the creative and fun



video showing all CLASP's tutoring sites, supervisors, and students. It was well received and will be shown to many groups as a tutor recruitment tool.

The final feel good moment came at the end of the program when all attendees gave **Cristina Antonioli**, CLASP's **Program Director**, a standing ovation to recognize and thank her for her contribution in making CLASP the amazing organization it is.

Attendees all left feeling proud to be part of CLASP and the important difference it makes to our children.

**Henry Krieger Continuing Education Award**

**Henry Krieger**, a longtime, extremely significant, member of CLASP's Board of Directors, recently passed away. In his honor, and with memorial donations received by CLASP, the Board has established an academic stipend for a deserving CLASP student. This monetary award may be used for college tuition or other expenses related to college or trade school.

The first recipient of the annual "Henry Krieger Continuing Education Award" was announced at the Tutor Appreciation Dinner on May 11th. **Haley Solis**, is a former CLASP

student who is currently attending San Antonio High School. She plans to attend Citrus College this fall and will study Biology and Biomedical Science. Haley hopes to eventually work in the field of Biomedical Research.

Haley is pictured here with Program Director, **Cristina Antonioli**, Board President, **Frank D'Emilio**, and Award Selection Committee member, **Nancy Treser-Osgood**.

Congratulation, Haley! We wish you much success in your future education and career goal.



# Graduating Tutors Have Made a Difference...



## BEATRICE HUANG

Beatrice Huang was CLASP's newest online tutor. She was our Featured Tutor in CLASP's May e-newsletter. She is graduating from CHS, and her number one choice of college is the University of Pennsylvania. Beatrice plans on majoring in business with a focus on marketing or corporate strategy.

We didn't receive a favorite memory of CLASP from Beatrice, but she told us that she finds tutoring rewarding, and she wanted to give back to the community.



## Toby Michelson

Toby Michelson is graduating from CHS. He has been tutoring online with CLASP for one year. He will be continuing his education at UC Santa Barbara, majoring in mathematics.

Toby said his favorite thing during CLASP was reading books with his student. He loved that!

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.



## HEATHER OCHOA

Heather Ochoa has been tutoring with CLASP since Sept. 2022. She is graduating from CHS and has committed to San Diego State University where she will major in biology. After receiving a Bachelor's Degree, she plans to continue her education by going for a Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy. Her career goal is to become an Occupational Therapist.

Heather said that one of her favorite memories in CLASP was playing games with the boy she tutored. "We played fun multiplication games using a deck of cards. It tended to get very competitive, and we both had a lot of fun."



## RYAN MA

Ryan Ma is graduating from Pomona College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Neuroscience with a minor in Asian American Studies. He has been tutoring with CLASP at Wheeler Park since November of 2022. After graduation, Ryan will be working at Stanford University in the School of Medicine as a Clinical Research Coordinator working on Pediatric Chronic Pain Studies. He plans to attend medical school in a few years.

Ryan says his favorite memory of CLASP is, "Being able to not only tutor students, but mentor them and learn more about the activities/things they are interested in."



## HANNAH YERGER

Hannah Yerger has been tutoring at Wheeler Park/Online for about 2 years during COVID. After finishing her Bachelor's Degree in Biology a year early, she decided to attend the Keck Graduate Institute to attain a Post Baccalaureate Pre-Medical Certificate. She is currently applying to medical schools and will, hopefully, be attending next fall. Her goal is to become a pediatrician.

She didn't state a favorite memory of CLASP, but she responded instead saying, "CLASP has been a wonderful experience that has taught me so much more than I could offer to the students. I have loved every moment of watching the students grow in academics and in their self-confidence. It's a special job that we tutors get to do, and I will always be grateful."



## CAMERON STOCKFORD

Cameron Stockford is graduating with honors from Pitzer College with a degree in Molecular Neuroscience. After a two-year gap he will pursue an MD-PhD to become a physician-scientist in the field of neurology and neuroscience. During the gap years he will continue researching disease mechanisms of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) at UCI School of Medicine. He has been tutoring with CLASP at Sumner Danbury Elementary School for four months.

Cameron recalled his favorite memory of CLASP, "One day, I showed up to tutor my students, and they all had some odd, handmade slime that one of their classmates made at home. It was enjoyable to see all of them so excited to play around with it and be so mesmerized by it. Then, after finishing our work, my tutee wanted to create bubbles with it - so he had us sit at opposite ends of the table, and we pulled back and flung the slime down swiftly to make a massive bubble between the table and the slime!"





# 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.



Nancy Ambrose  
 Peter Ambrose  
 Heidi Arch  
 Harriet  
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 Denise Harwood  
 Kay Held  
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 Beatrice Huang  
 Alan Jack  
 Bev Jack  
 Haaris Jamal  
 Tom Johnston  
 Sophia Jung  
 William Jung  
 Jennifer Kern  
 Arman Khasru  
 Naisaa Khedia  
 Anita Klein  
 Julia Kolt  
 Sam Kupetz  
 Caitlyn Layseca  
 Steve Lesniak  
 James Lisenby  
 Juli Lloyd  
 Susan Lominska  
 Jeiana Lottie  
 Pat Lunde  
 Ryan Ma



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 Steve Mancini  
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 Nina Wu  
 Josh Yen  
 Hannah Yerger  
 Paloma Zarazua  
 Kaitlyn Zhang

# CLASP Graduating 6th Graders & Their Last Day Parties

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!



**Abdullah**

**Tutoring Site**  
Wheeler Park

**School**  
Vista del Valle

**Started CLASP**  
Second Grade

"My favorite time in CLASP was when I wore mittens on my feet. Mrs. Martinez saved us a pair since our shoes were wet from the rain."



**Aerallynn**

**Tutoring Site**  
Wheeler Park

**School**  
Vista del Valle

**Started CLASP**  
First Grade

"My favorite memory at CLASP has to be when we put on mittens on our feet because our socks were wet because of the rain."



**Axel**

**Tutoring Site**  
Claremont Presbyterian Church

**School**  
Mountain View

**Started CLASP**  
2019

"My favorite memory of CLASP is going to the ALF Dinosaur Museum."



**Mickey**

**Tutoring Site**  
Wheeler Park

**School**  
Vista del Valle

**Started CLASP**  
First Grade.

"My favorite memory of CLASP is of when we got to make frames and pencil holders and paint them (from saw dust)."



**Nathan**

**Tutoring Site**  
Sumner Danbury

**School**  
Sumner Danbury

**Started CLASP**  
Fourth Grade

"My favorite memory of CLASP is of during fourth grade when we played soccer"







**Deion**

**Tutoring Site**

On-Line

**School**

Mountain View

**Started CLASP**

Sixth Grade

(started this January  
– five months)

“My favorite memory of CLASP is figuring out this week’s math lesson. It was fun.”



**Jake**

**Tutoring Site**

Claremont Presbyterian Church

**School**

Condit

**Started CLASP**

2021

“My favorite memory of CLASP is playing with Thai.”



**Janae**

**Tutoring Site**

On-Line

**School**

Sumner Danbury

**Started CLASP**

Sixth Grade

(started this March  
– three months)

“My favorite memory of CLASP is my tutor.”



**Josue**

**Tutoring Site**

Wheeler Park

**School**

Vista del Valle

**Started CLASP**

First Grade

“My favorite time in CLASP is when we had rec time and we played outside with all the students in CLASP.”



**Tina**

**Tutoring Site**

On-Line & CVA

**School**

Oakmont

**Started CLASP**

First Grade

My favorite memory of CLASP is when we used to get tickets each day when we did our work. We wrote our names and put the tickets in a jar. When we had a party and your name was pulled out, you got to choose a prize. Once there was an art set, and I got it!”



**Thai**

**Tutoring Site**

Claremont Presbyterian Church

**School**

Condit

**Started CLASP**

2021

“My favorite memory of CLASP is last year when we said goodbye to those 6th graders.”



**Tommy**

**Tutoring Site**

Wheeler Park

**School**

Vista del Valle

**Started CLASP**

First Grade

“My favorite time is when CLASP treated students to cheese and pepperoni pizza during first through third grades to celebrate a holiday.”



**Yohan**

**Tutoring Site**

On-Line

**School**

Sumner Danbury

**Started CLASP**

Two years Good Shepherd, took two yers off, resumed in 5th Grade.

“My favorite memory of CLASP is that my tutors are all nice and joyful with me.”

## The One Thing that is Certain is CHANGE



Orchid environmental adaptations are inspiring and ingenious. Originally from the swamps and savanna grasslands, orchid seeds traveled through the air and nestled into the nicks and crannies of trees of hardier, nearby rainforest forests. To survive so far above the ground and without soil, orchids had to adapt.

Orchids adapted by transforming their roots, leaves, seeds, and pollination methods to better grow. These adaptations allowed orchids to capture, process, and store nutrients. (Credit to <https://orchideria.com/orchid-adaptations>)

CLASP, like an orchid and many organizations due to COVID, has adapted and transformed to serve our tutors and students better. These adaptations have come in the form of one-to-one mentoring with stronger and deeper connections for tutors and students. Tutors are quick to tell me that they have enjoyed working with the same student all year because they were able to see their growth. Some of our shy students have learned to express themselves and be open with their tutors. It has been wonderful to see them flourish at our sites.

In addition, CLASP offered enhanced and varied enrichment activities. In the fall, students created their own personal Zine, painted pumpkins to take home for Halloween and made dog toys to be donated to a local shelter for an MLK Day Service Project. Our families and CLASP community came together to enjoy the Holidays with music provided by Treble from Citrus College. Valentine's Day Fun allowed our kids the opportunity to make tasty treats, show love to our feathered friends by making bird feeders and hone their math graphing skills with conversation hearts. Through the generosity of our community partners, we ended the year with field trips to the Alf Museum and not one, but two theatre performances at Claremont High School. We promoted thirteen 6th graders out of our program and are looking forward to enrolling new students and tutors in the fall. We continue to adapt to the changing landscape and with the deep roots and strong support of the CLASP tutors, families, and board, we have made like an orchid and will flourish as change is inevitable.

Please stop by the CLASP Booth in Memorial Park on July 4th. Also, be on the lookout for an invitation to our Tutor Social at the end of the summer. School starts on August 30th and CLASP begins the week of September 18th. Have a restful and safe summer!



**To infinity and beyond!**



This tagline, of the character Buzz Lightyear from the movie *Toy Story*, evokes the chasing of one's dreams and goals with confidence and hope. These words were on my mind as I participated in the 6th grade promotion event on the last day of CLASP for this school year.

The mission of the CLASP program has always been to help children enhance their academic, organizational, and social skills as they make their way into the world beyond elementary school. I watched with pride, as the 6th graders eloquently thanked their tutors and parents for helping them overcome difficulties with schoolwork (math came up often) and preparing them for junior high school. I listened to them talk with excitement about moving on to the next stage of their educational journey. Some of these students were in my class as 1st or 2nd graders, and I was amazed at how much they have grown into confident young people.

This experience reinforced in me how much CLASP does beyond simply helping kids with homework. We provide mentorship for students so they will continue to independently use the skills they have developed.

Thanks to all of you who help in this effort. On behalf of the entire CLASP community, I wish our 6th graders all the best as they pursue their hopes and dreams wherever they may go – even, "To infinity and beyond!"



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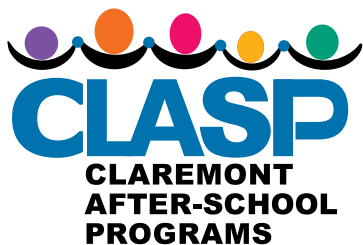
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PLEASE STOP BY  
CLASP's Fourth of July booth in  
Memorial Park and say, "Hi." Bring  
friends with you; we are always re-  
cruiting new tutors and other volun-  
teers to continue to make CLASP the  
vital organization it is.  
Our children truly benefit from the  
service of our volunteers.

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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/Nicole Stark *supervisors*

Grades 1-3

M 2:45-4:15

W 1:15-2:45

### Wheeler Park Recreation Center 2

Maria Martinez/Nicole Stark *supervisors*

Grades 4-6

T Th 2:45-4:15

### Claremont Presbyterian Church

Susan Castle *supervisor*

Grades 4-6

T Th 3:00-4:30

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Cristina Moreno *supervisor*

Grades 1-3

M 3:00-4:30

W 1:30-3:00

### Sumner/Danbury

Stephanie Black *supervisor*

Grades 4-6

T Th 2:45-4:15



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