

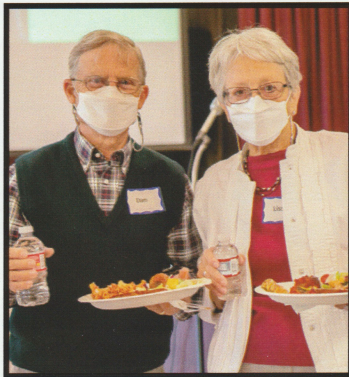
MISSION

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.

Tutor Appreciation Dinner



The event was held at Claremont Presbyterian Church (CPC) Fellowship Hall on May 10, 2022. Food was catered by Claro's Italian Deli. Attendees included Tutors, CLASP Board members, School Board members, and CLASP Staff.



Tutor Support Committee Chair, **Bev Jack**, led off the occasion by recognizing the members of her committee who worked so hard to make this evening happen: **Harriet Archibald-Woodward, Arlene Pirolo, Ellen Hamilton, Raydie Buckley, and Dean Nishimura**. Plus, a special thanks to **Maury Feingold, Tobey Leier, and Alan Jack**, the last two responsible for the photos of students and tutors adorning each table centerpiece.

CLASP President **Frank D'Emilio** then introduced the members of the Claremont School Board in attendance (**Steve Llanusa, Kathy Archer, Nancy Treser Osgood, and Bob Fass**). Members of the CLASP Board of Trustees were introduced as well, plus CLASP Board Emeriti **Adar Belinkoff, Carole Harter, Lissa Petersen, and Barbara Shelley**.

Program Director, **Cristina Antonioli**, introduced and thanked CLASP Staff: **Jim Keith, Raydie Buckley, Maria Martinez, and Cristina Moreno**. Not in attendance, **Lauren Cassatt**, was also thanked.



Cristina and Bev then presented various awards to Site Supervisors **Lauren Cassatt, Cristina Moreno, Jim Keith, and Maria Martinez**. Cristina asked all CLASP tutors to stand and be recognized. She then had every tutor who had tutored only one year sit down, followed by increasing years of service all the way through 14 years of tutoring. **Lissa Petersen** was the only one left standing – she had amassed a record 15 years as a tutor for CLASP!



Frank announced that CLASP Tutors and Techies have been awarded the City Fourth of July Committee's

Community Heroes Award, and thus will be recognized in the City's 4th of July Parade!

Attendees then broke into teams of three people each to play an online game of Kahoots! The theme was: Are you smarter than a 5th grader? The first place team from Wheeler Park named themselves, "Rakatu;" they answered 13 out of 14 questions correctly in the fastest amount of time. They are certainly smarter than 5th graders! The event was a lot of fun, and everyone had a good time.

Congratulations to CLASP's College Tutors Graduating in 2022

We are always grateful to college students who choose to tutor with CLASP to satisfy their graduation requirement for community service. Thank you, and congratulations to the following two University of La Verne graduates.

Jacob Arnold Freedman



Jacob Arnold Freedman is receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology. He will be taking a, "Gap year" before deciding the next step in his future. He plans to travel across the country while doing a lot of soul searching about a possible career goal. Jacob has been tutoring this whole semester.

Jacob's favorite memory of CLASP is when, "I was helping a very hyper and unfocused student focus and complete an entire persuasive essay in just one hour. That was

Nishena Marie Rains



an accomplishment for him and for me!"

Nishena Marie Rains is receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Art History. She plans to take a year and work as a substitute teacher, then she'll go to graduate school to pursue a Master's Degree. Nishena has been tutoring for two and a half months.

Nishena says, "My favorite memory is when the students were interested in collage and asking questions about that particular art form. It was really fun to answer students' questions about art."

Congratulations to CLASP's Tutors Graduating From High School

Claremont High School is one of three main sources of tutors that participate in the CLASP program.

The following are the tutors of the graduating class of 2022.



Afiya Imam has tutored for CLASP for over three years, and in addition, she has served as the Student Representative on the CLASP Board of Directors for the last two years.

Afiya will attend New York University majoring in psychology. Her intention is to attend medical school specializing in pediatric medicine.

Her favorite memory of CLASP was when she had a conversation with her student about social justice movements, a subject for which they shared a passion.

Jenny Tran has tutored for CLASP for a year and a half.



Jenny will attend the University of California Los Angeles where she will major in biochemistry and eventually work in the health care industry.

Her favorite memory of CASP is tutoring Camila playing, "Buzz Feed Food Quiz." She truly enjoys her student's bubbly personality, her positive energy, and most of all, just having fun together.



Tiffany Vo has tutored for CLASP for two years. She also was a CLASP student for five years from first through sixth grades.

Tiffany has been admitted to Chapman University's Pre-Pharmacy Freshman Early Assurance Program, Pharm.D.

Tiffany has a special affinity with CLASP in that she was also a student being tutored in the program. Her memory as a student of CLASP was playing, "Spot It" with her tutor after homework. Her favorite memory as a tutor is how her students look forward to doing math the most.



Lily Nguyen has tutored for CLASP all four years of high school.

Lily looks forward to either taking a, "Gap year" or possibly going to culinary school. The plan is still a work in progress, but she is eligible for and will apply for the Rainbow Scholarship for CVA residents.

Her favorite CLASP memory is with her student, Ryan, when he had to do long division and used multiple white boards to complete one problem. "That was a fun time."

Good luck to our graduating CLASP high school student tutors and a heartfelt thanks for their efforts in helping our students!

CLASP has just completed another academic year, and we continue to make progress toward returning to pre-pandemic form. Our sites operated in a hybrid model, tutoring students both in-person and online. Students were able to receive one-on-one homework help from the same caring adult twice a week. We have also continued a strong extra-curricular program offering students opportunities to participate in science and art activities.

The backbone of our program is, of course, the tutors. They overcame obstacles to maintain consistent and quality help to our students. These efforts have not gone unnoticed. I am proud to announce that the CLASP Tutors along with the high school students who helped with technology issues (Techies), have been chosen by the Claremont Independence Day Committee, as Community Heroes! They will be honored during the July 4th ceremonies and participate in the parade.

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank this incredible community for pulling together and continuing to find creative ways to serve our students.

Frank D'Emilio

Program Director's Message

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning how to dance in the rain.
- Vivian Greene

CLASP (staff, tutors, and kids) has learned how to do a lot of dancing these past 2 ½ years. No one knows for certain when or if the storm is going to pass, but one thing I know for sure, is that we must just keep on dancing. Waiting to be ready for the next steps when you don't know exactly what the steps are will just keep you stuck.

Now that I have a year behind me, I'm planning to spend much of my summer reimagining what CLASP will look like this fall. I am looking forward to working with the committee on some fresh new ideas. Suggestions or concerns you may have are always welcome.

Also, look for CLASP at the 4th of July Celebration. We will be recruiting community members for tutoring. Stop by our table and say, "Hi." Bring a friend and tell them about our website where they can sign up to tutor. Our Volunteer Registration form can be found on the CLASP website: <https://clasp4kids.org/volunteer/application/>

Rest up this summer and look for reopening correspondence in August. See you in September.

Thank you,

Cristina Antonioli

6th Grader Graduates and Favorite Memories



Bob Condit
2 years at CLASP
Favorite Memory is The Christmas party

Janessa Vista del Valle
Started attending CLASP in 1st grade

I liked having someone to help me with my homework. I thank Mr. Dean, my tutor for all his help, specifically in math. I improved so much thanks to his help and support.



Ethan Condit



6 years
My favorite memory is "All the help."

Allison Vista del Valle
Started with CLASP in 1st grade.

I always enjoyed being able to play and do different activities during recreation time. I liked having someone to help me complete my homework.



Sameer Mountain View
6 years



My favorite memory is, "All the parties"

Adrian Vista del Valle
Participated in CLASP as a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grader.

Skipped CLASP for 4th and 5th grades, returned to CLASP as a 6th grader.

I liked to run and play sports; I miss being able to do that this year. Playing games like soccer was very fun.



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Alondra Vista del Valle
Joined CLASP as a 1st grader.

I had the most fun during rec time catching lizards, and being outdoors.

I love to draw and write stories. Thanks to my tutor Bev Jack for helping and supporting me for the past few years.



Melissa Vista del Valle
Joined CLASP in 3rd grade

I liked doing different arts and crafts and playing games during recreation time.

Coraline Vista del Valle
Joined CLASP as a 3rd grader

I remember a funny story. One day a few years ago, it was raining and there were many puddles, on our walk to clasp from school.

Most of us were soaking wet including our shoes and socks so we all were given gloves to wear on our feet..

Also, having a very nice tutor working and helping me get my homework done has been a lot of help.

Thank you! Mr. Bill Baker for all your help!!



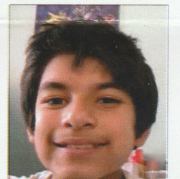
Adrian Mountain View
6 years

"My best memory is going outside and playing with my friends and having fun."



Aiden Sumner
6 years

"My best memory is when in 3rd grade, we made glove people with faces."



Ryan Oakmont
7 years

"My best memory is the raffles we used to do. I always wanted to earn the most tickets so I would be most likely to choose first."



Timothy Mountain View
4 years

"My best memory is the kindness of the tutors."

**On June 30, 2022, the CLASP Board
will see the departure of three members.**



Having served on the board since 2005, **Teddie Warner** will have served 17 years, longer than any other board member.

She was there when CLASP as an entity was formed. Holding offices of Corresponding Secretary (2008-10), VP Development (2010-11), three terms as Board President (2011-14) and VP Administration (2014-15), she has always been a strong supporter of CLASP. We have relied on her clear memory on the history of CLASP, telling us why things were done and offering context to all that we do. We cannot thank her enough for all that she has done for CLASP. While she is leaving the Board, she fully intends to remain as a member of many of the committees she currently serves on.

Art Parker, also leaving the Board at the end of June, has been on the Board since 2007. He has served as Assistant Treasurer (2007-11), Board



Secretary (2011-13), and Chief Financial Officer (2014-15). He also has been a long-time valuable

member of the Development Committee, providing sage advice and work for that critical committee. We will miss him dearly.

Margaret Lofgren was able to serve only one three-year term on the Board, with the last two years as VP Administration and chair of the Program Support Committee.

She is leaving Southern California to accept a position starting July 1 as



Middle School Head at an all-girls school called Roland Park Country School in Baltimore, MD. She has lived

in California for the last 32 years and has worked at Foothill Country Day School in Claremont for the last 26 years. Both of her daughters are located in New England, as well as her parents, so this is a golden opportunity to get closer to family and advance professionally. We will miss this wonderful lady that gave so much to CLASP during her short time on the Board.

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
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Bill Baker
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Lorena Bonilla
Ann Brutocao
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Tiffany Vo
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Josh Yen

Last Day of Clasp 6th Graders' Promotion Party



66% of our donations this year came from individuals who value the individualized help that CLASP gives to academically at-risk students in our community.

19% of our donations are from local nonprofits and businesses, including Winn Companies that manages one of the CLASP sites.

15% of our donations this year were a result of grants from both large and small foundations and organizations.

A good way to double your charitable gift is to participate in matching funds from your employer, insurance company or organizations like HalfMyDAE.

Robin Leonhard, who has prepared and donated the delicious food for the fall CLASP fundraiser for six years, will be the Honored Citizen at Claremont's 4th of July Parade.



On the last day of CLASP, two sites celebrated the promotion of thirteen 6th graders. The students received certificates of congratulations for their successful participation in CLASP's after school tutoring program.

Frank D'Emilio, CLASP's Board President, and **Kevin Ward**, CLASP's Board Member representing the CUSD, gave words of encouragement to the graduates as they move on to Middle School. **Cristina Antonioli**, CLASP's Program Director, presented the certificates at CPC, and Frank D'Emilio presented them at WP.

A celebration party was held at two sites, Wheeler Park and Claremont Presbyterian Church. Refreshments were served- pizza and cupcakes; and gift bags were presented to the graduates.

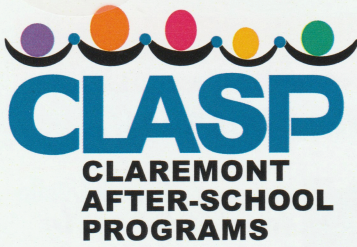


A CLASP Family Success Story

The occasion of Triniti Ho's graduation from California State University Long Beach, is evidence of CLASP's success in helping children succeed academically.

From left to right, the students are **Tiffany**, **Timothy**, **Triniti**, and **Tammi**, followed by their mother and father. All four students attended CLASP at CVA and were tutored by **Jim Keith**, Tiffany was in 8th grade, and was already helping to tutor younger students. Timothy is graduating from 6th grade this year at Mountain View school. His CLASP tutor has been **Al Streyffeler**.

Mr. Tom Ho stated his appreciation for CLASP's help for all his children.



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Tutoring Centers

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.

Claremont Presbyterian Church

1111 N. Mountain Avenue
Site Supervisor: Lauren Cassatt

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

1700 N. Towne Avenue
Site Supervisor: Cristina Moreno

Wheeler Park Recreation Center

626 Vista Drive
Site Supervisor: Maria Martinez

Claremont Community Day School

Virtual
Site Supervisor: Jim Keith



MÄKMÖ Visits Wheeler Park



A **MÄKMÖ** van from the LA County Library visited Wheeler Park on May 13th to conduct a STEAM enrichment program for CLASP students. This hands-on program consisted of a demonstration of how to program little robots to perform certain tasks.

Under the guidance of **Lawrence Mak**, an LA County Librarian, the students had fun programming and playing with their robots.

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