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**Mentor Tutor Connection**

Helping students achieve their potential and thrive

# Community Report



A MVHS student and mentor

MTC's 2016 AVHS grads

FALL 2016

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**Our Mission:** To help build brighter futures for youth in Mountain View and Los Altos through exceptional tutoring and mentoring programs that improve social and academic life skills.

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Padma Gargeya

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MTC was founded in 1996 by Los Altos Rotary Club and is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, Tax ID 27-3054503

## Welcome to Padma Gargeya

**P**adma Gargeya joined Mentor Tutor Connection as Executive Director on November 1, 2016. She has strong experience in the mentoring field through Bright Futures, an East San Jose based organization that works with vulnerable, underperforming youth to help them with relationship skills, academics and personal capital development. She served in various roles at Bright Futures including mentoring, training and supporting mentors, fundraising and as a member of the leadership team. She most recently worked in Program and Development for ConXión To Community (CTC), the parent organization of Bright Futures.

Prior to her non-profit work, Padma was in senior technical positions in a technology company in a role that bridged the technical and business sides of the organization. She left to make time for community service, with particular interest in non-profits focused on youth and education.

Padma earned her Bachelor's degree in Economics from University of Delhi, India, a Masters in Math-Computer Science from University of Massachusetts, Lowell, and a Project and Program Management Certificate from UC Santa Cruz Extension.

Padma is excited to join MTC which she says, "has such a great group of volunteers, community organizations, donors, staff and board members, all working together to help the youth in our community secure better personal and academic outcomes for their lives!"  
Welcome Padma!





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In 2016 we celebrated 20 years helping students in our community, and commemorated our Founders, Marge Bruno and Bob Adams.



Here's a look back at a few highlights over the years.

# 1996-2016

## SCHOOLS

### MVHS graduate wins Pulitzer

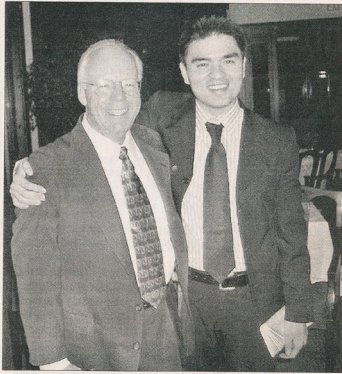
Town Crier Staff Report

Mountain View High School graduate Jose Antonio Vargas was one of several reporters at The Washington Post recognized in the Breaking News Pulitzer Prize awarded last week.

Two articles Vargas contributed to The Washington Post's Virginia Tech massacre coverage earned him the award. The Washington Post won six Pulitzer Prizes - one for its team effort on nine breaking news stories covering Virginia Tech.

"On the day of the shooting, less than three hours after the rampage, I landed an interview with Trey Perkins, who sat in the back of Room 207 when shooter Seung Hui Cho barged in," Vargas wrote in an e-mail to friends. "I found Trey on Facebook, 'friended' him, chatted with him on AIM and convinced him to talk to me on the phone. It ended up being the key interview of the day."

Vargas said he felt very See VARGAS, Page 25



When former Mountain View High School student Jose Antonio Vargas, right, discovered he had won a Pulitzer Prize, his first call was to his mentor and friend, former District Superintendent Rich Fischer, left.

## IN SPORTS

### Mtn. View team inspired on the court

CHANCE TO PLAY BASKETBALL KEEPS ALTA VISTA STUDENTS ENGAGED IN SCHOOL | PAGE 7



EUGENE H. LOUIE — MERCURY NEWS

## Community



ELLIE VAN HOUTTE/TOWN CRIER

The name's changed, but the goal remains the same for members of Mentor Tutor Connection: provide support to local students.

### 'Partners' changes name, retains mission to help youth

### Knitting adds productivity and sharing to Rotary's Partners for New Generations

By Marlis McAllister  
Special to the Town Crier

Partners for New Generations (PNG) Mentoring Program originated with individual mentoring that pairs a single mentor with a single student.

Several years ago, PNG member and Rotarian Bob Adams introduced group mentoring when he helped coach a basketball team at Alta Vista High School.

The group mentoring concept has expanded to include a soccer team, coached by fellow Rotarians Herb Marshall and Chris Elson, and a knitting class and club, also at Alta Vista.

The knitting class is a collaborative effort undertaken by Alta Vista teacher Claudia Loo, Saratoga's Knitting Arts owner



COURTESY OF PARTNERS FOR NEW GENERATIONS

The Partners for New Generations knitting class is a collaborative effort undertaken by Alta Vista High School teacher Claudia Loo and Saratoga's Knitting Arts owner Jan Hurwitz.

## Local News



Mentor Connie Webb, left, and mentee Parizadeh share some thoughts about the bond they formed through their involvement with Mentor Tutor Connection.

Clockwise from top left: A former mentee receives Pulitzer (LA Town Crier, April 2008); Mentors coach basketball at AVHS (SJ Mercury News, Oct 2005); A mentor and mentee profiled for the Voice's Holiday Fund (MV Voice, Dec 2015); PNG becomes MTC (LA Town Crier, Sept 2014); Knitting at AVHS (LA Town Crier, Nov 2005)

# Mentor Tutor Connection Impact: What We've Achieved Together

3 YEAR CUMULATIVE  
GRADUATION RATE

**98%**

OF MENTORED  
SENIORS (53/54)



**95%**

OF MENTORED  
SENIORS  
GRADUATED  
(21/22)

2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR

**161**

NUMBER OF  
VOLUNTEERS

TUTORS: 86  
MENTORS: 75



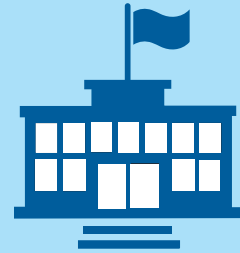
**479**

NUMBER OF  
STUDENTS SERVED

TUTORED: 391  
MENTORED: 88



Our volunteers are in  
100% of the schools in  
the three Districts in  
MV and LA we serve,  
which cover:



ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: 15  
MIDDLE SCHOOLS: 4  
HIGH SCHOOLS: 3

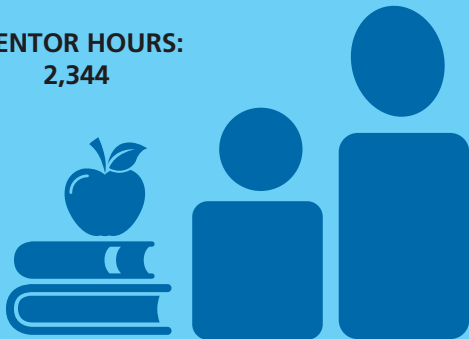


**5,478**

ANNUAL HOURS  
VOLUNTEERED  
WITH STUDENTS\*

TUTOR HOURS:  
3,134

MENTOR HOURS:  
2,344



## THE STUDENTS WE SERVE

AGE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: 75%  
MIDDLE SCHOOL: 7%  
HIGH SCHOOL: 18%

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

ETHNICITY

HISPANIC: 71%  
ASIAN: 22%  
CAUCASIAN: 6%  
OTHER: 1%

PRIMARY LANGUAGE\*\*

SPANISH: 66%  
ENGLISH: 16%  
OTHER: 18%



100% of our mentored students would recommend our program to a friend\*

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We appreciate our donors whose generous financial support funds our programs to help our students achieve their potential and thrive!

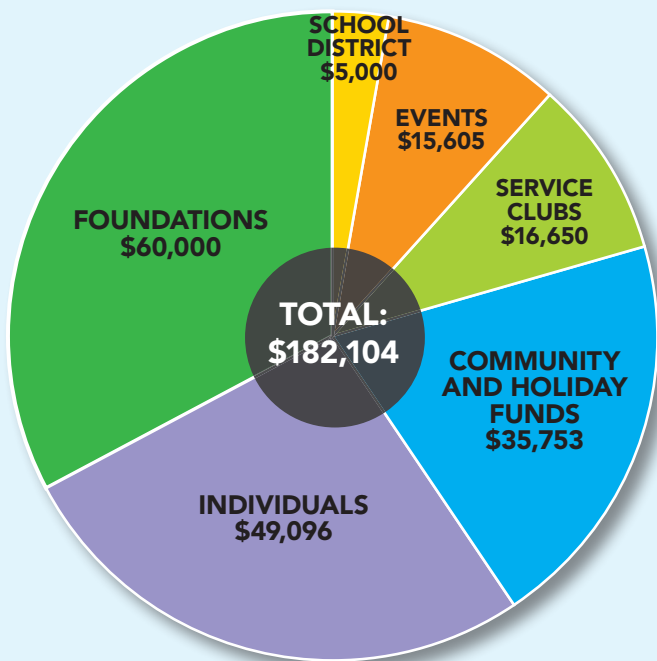
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