## October 2024 MVLA Spotlight MVPD School Resource Officers James Guevara and Thomas Low

Tonight, we recognize our MVLA Spotlight. As part of a long-standing community tradition, the MVLA board recognizes a partner, or partners, who have gone above and beyond, truly supporting MVLA students and their academic success. Tonight, we shine a well-deserved spotlight on Mountain View Police Department School Resource Officers James Guevara and Thomas Low.

Mountain View Police Department has a history of active engagement in community-building and safety education in our local schools across the grade levels. For many years, Officers James and TLow, as students and families know them, have built relationships and created opportunities for our students to thrive.

Their support is shown in many positive ways. Officers James and TLow show their commitment to youth in our community, whether it be through hosting PAL Boxing for middle and high school students, or helping to host MVPD vs. Alta Vista softball games. They have also developed the Dreams and Futures Program, an early-intervention summer camp for incoming middle school students that will soon become part of the MVLA student base. In addition, their home visits, family outreach, and student education about matters from vaping to social media have proven invaluable to our struggling students. They even spend their Thanksgiving holiday with colleagues and fellow volunteers, delivering over 50 holiday meals and care packages annually as part of the MVPD Cop & Gobblers program.

Thank you, Officers James and TLow, for being the approachable trusted adults that you are for so many of our MVLA students.