



# School News



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## Portola *Middle School*

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### UCR Visit

Portola Middle School AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) students visited the University of California at Riverside. AVID is a college-preparatory program students take in order to learn the skills necessary to be successful in a four-year college. A core component of the program is providing students opportunities to see the real-life applications of their learning.

Part of their visit included a tour during which time students were encouraged to ask questions and learn more about college life. The tour guides also introduced our students to the culture of UCR. They learned about its rich history and commitment to supporting young people like those in the AVID program achieve their college dreams.

This experience opened new worlds to our students. As one of our eighth-grade AVID students said, "I've always wanted to go to college, but now I'm even more motivated to succeed."

