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Welcome BACK
to SCHOOL
MORENO MUSTANGS

SCHOOL
COUNSELORS:
BUILDING
BETTER
HUMANS

COUNSELORS CAN DO
VIRTUALLY
anything.

BE
FEARLESS
IN THE PURSUIT
OF WHAT SETS
YOUR SOUL ON
FIRE

Welcome!
your
counselors

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Creating a sense of Community for Latinx Students

The power of Affinity Groups
& creating courageous spaces

Hola! soy Roberto Aguilar

My mission is **to empower students and communities to achieve their dreams** by building relationships so that individuals feel heard, seen and valued.

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Objectives

- Define “Affinity” group
- Establish info needed to initiate an Affinity group
 - Examples of what to do with your group



In Lak'ech (I am you/You are me)

Tú eres mi otro yo.

You are my other me.

Si te hago daño a ti.

If I do harm to you.

Me hago daño a mi mismo.

I do harm to myself.

Si te amo y respeto

If I love and respect you,

Me amo y respeto yo.

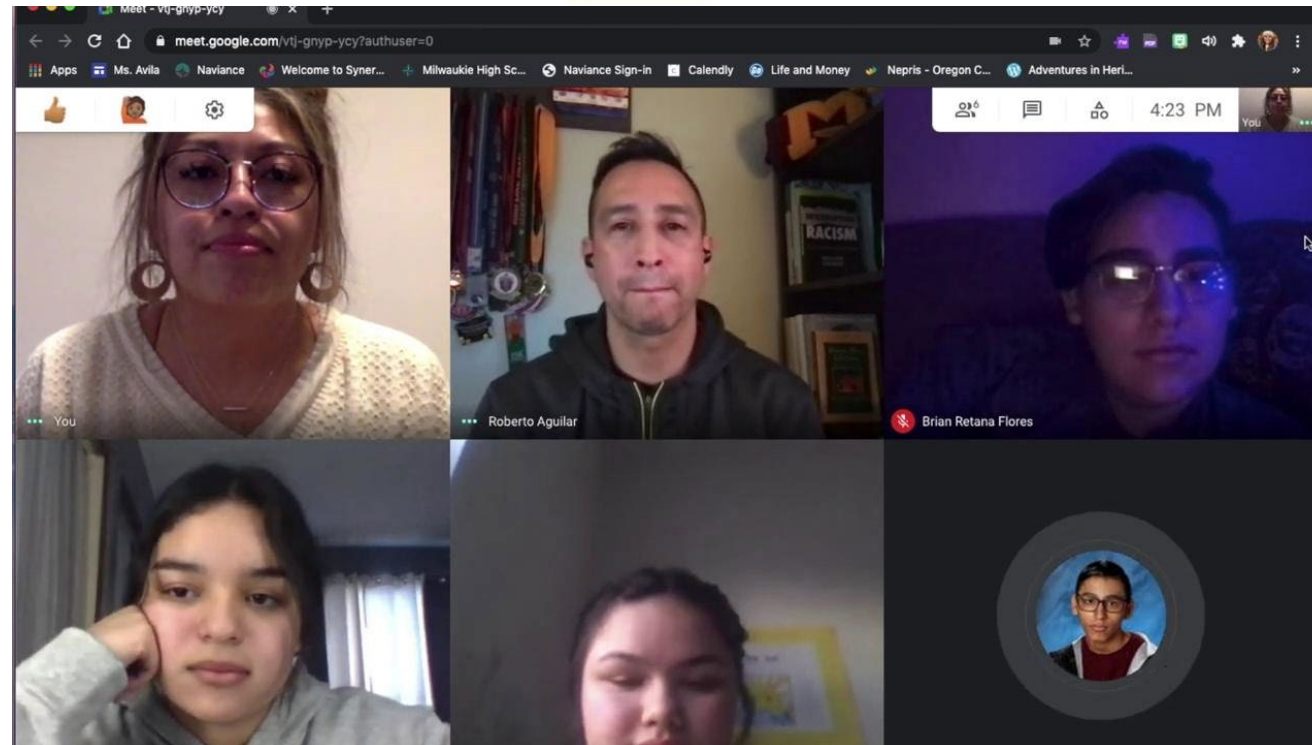
I love and respect myself.

Mayan inspired poem, "Pensamiento Serpentino"

Luis Valdez (1971)



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af•fin•i•ty group

noun us
plural noun affinity groups

a group of people linked by a common interest or purpose.



Why Affinity Groups?

- Build Relationships
- Create affirming environments
- Support and empower students

Synthesized from various texts

**NO
SIGNIFICANT
LEARNING
OCCURS
WITHOUT A
SIGNIFICANT
relationship.**

DR. JAMES CONER



Building an Affinity Group in your school

Determine need:

- Student Interest/Student Led
- Data
- Based on culture/ethnicity or cohort?
- Role of the adult
- Other?

How Ascensión got started...

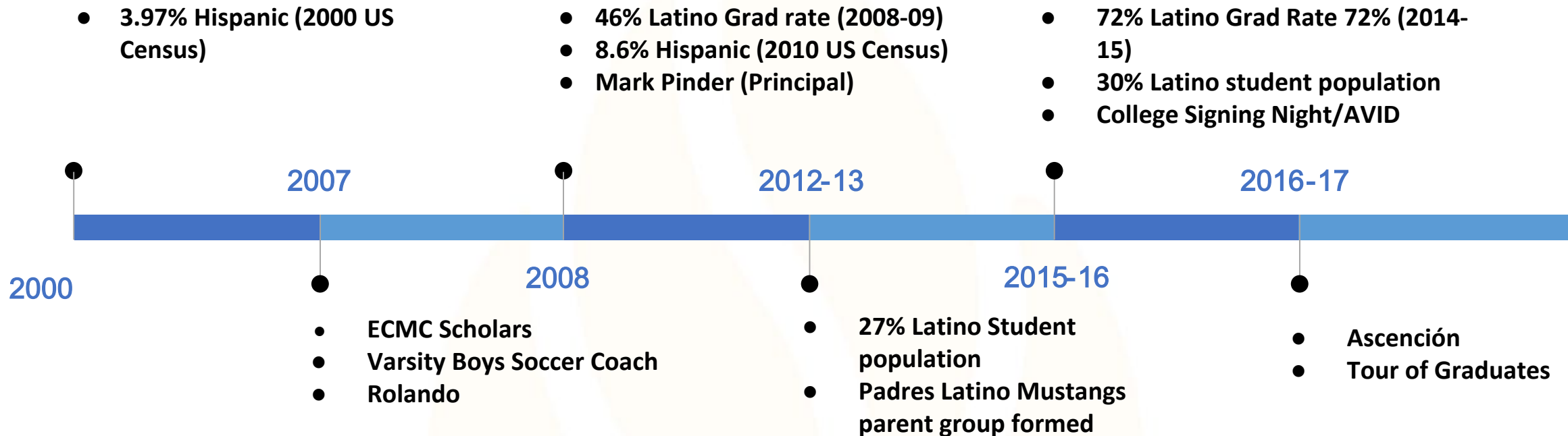


Odalis Aguilar-Aguilar

Aggie! When are we going to have a Latino club?

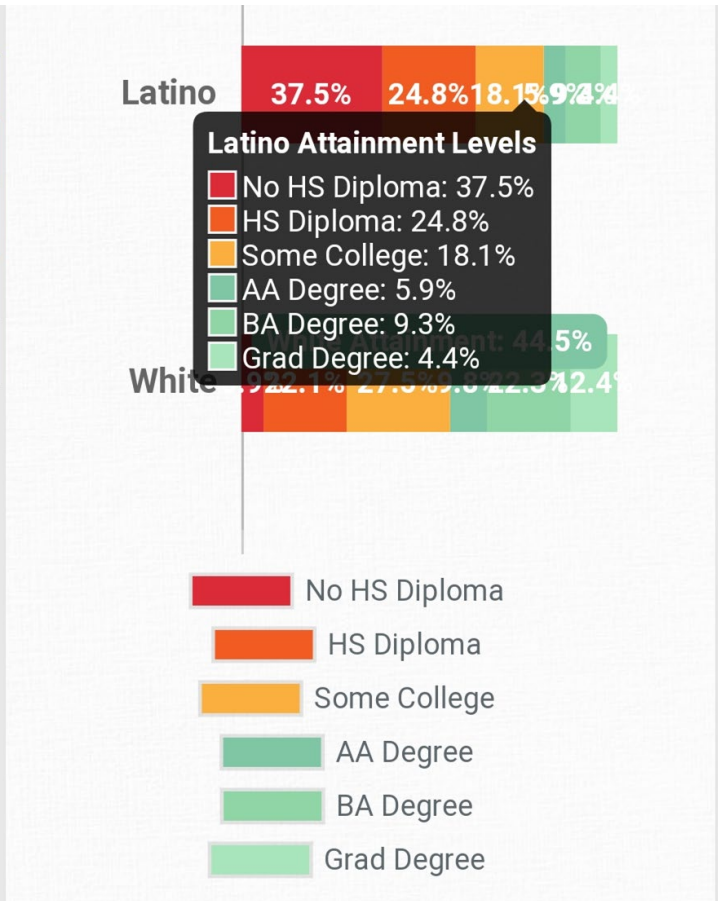


Timeline: Milwaukie Latinx student population growth and programming

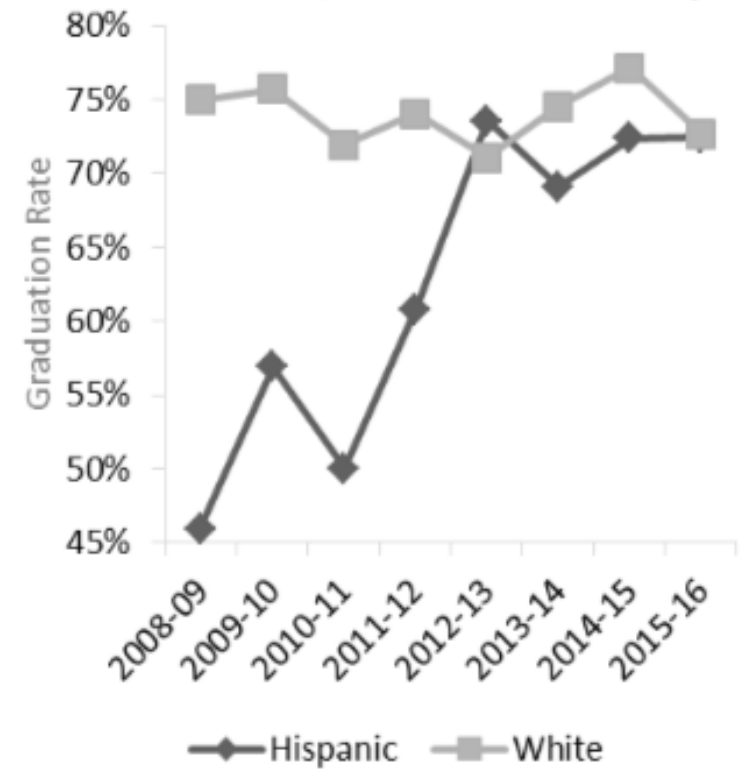




Data for Latino Students/Graduates



**Exhibit H: Milwaukie High School
Graduation Rates, Select Student Groups**





ASCENSIÓN

To Develop and Celebrate healthy Chicano/Latino:

Academia = the environment or community concerned with the pursuit of research, education, and scholarship

Cultura = the customs, arts, social institutions, and achievements of a particular nation, people, or other social group.

Lifestyle = the way in which a person or group lives.



¿Qué hace Ascensión?



August

- Recruit new students during Registration & “Making a Mustang Day”
 - Table, music, poster or tablet

September

- Hispanic Heritage Month
 - Develop campaign (poster and/or digital)
 - Decorate section of the building
 - Develop activity/performance for assembly
- Mask Activity
- Participate in Padres (childcare and/or presenting)
- Fundraiser at games
 - Donuts @ FB, Arroz con Leche @ soccer



¿Qué hace Ascensión?



October

- Homecoming Tamales
- Día de los Muertos
- Participate in Padres (childcare and/or presenting)

November

- Homecoming Tamales
- Career Activity
- Participate in Padres (childcare and/or presenting)



¿Qué hace Ascensión?



December

- Celebraciones
- Career/College Guest Speakers
- Participate in Padres (childcare and/or presenting)

January

- Celebraciones
- Prepare for Finals
 - Tutoring
- Plan for Baile
- Career/College Guest Speakers
- Participate in Padres (childcare and/or presenting)



¿Qué hace Ascensión?



February

- Baile
- Participate in Padres (childcare and/or presenting)

March & April

- Attend Latinx Events
 - CECLC @ WOU, Raza Unida @ UO, MEChA Statewide
- Recreational Activity (SkyHigh, Silver Falls, Timbers, etc).
- Participate in Padres (childcare and/or presenting)



¿Qué hace Ascensión?



May

- Milwaukie Noche Latina
- Participate in Padres (childcare and/or presenting)

June

- Graduación!



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Time - 1:45

Los Revolucionarios!

2017-2018

On Time

Grad Rate

80% Hispanic

78% MHS

76% White

77% Oregon

100% College

Matriculation



Los Valientes!

2019-2020

On Time

Grad Rate

85% Hispanic

85% MHS

83% White

80% Oregon





Response to trauma/racist incident

- Sunday night / Monday AM - Incident occurred at neighboring school
 - Refried beans smeared on school door, spelling the word “beaner”
- Monday - Fact finding
- Tuesday - student affinity group meeting for processing and action planning (with Principal)
- Thursday - student affinity group meeting to carry out action plan.
- Friday - transport student to neighboring school to assist in their first affinity group for processing (Latinx students and staff).



Response to trauma/racist incident (1:00)





Communication: Social Media & Google Classroom

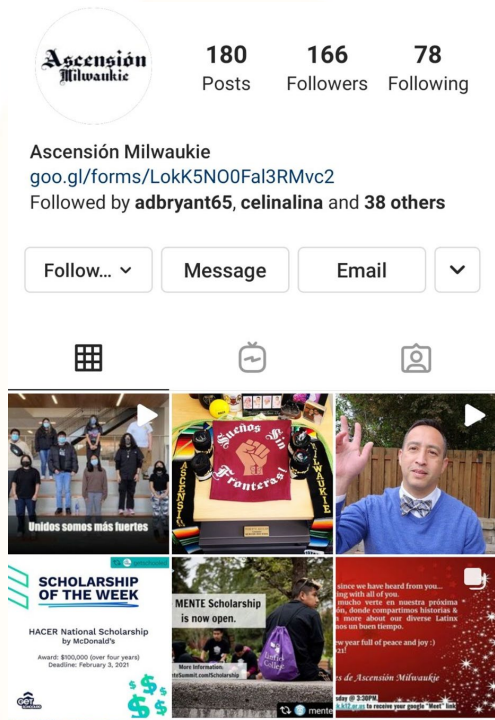
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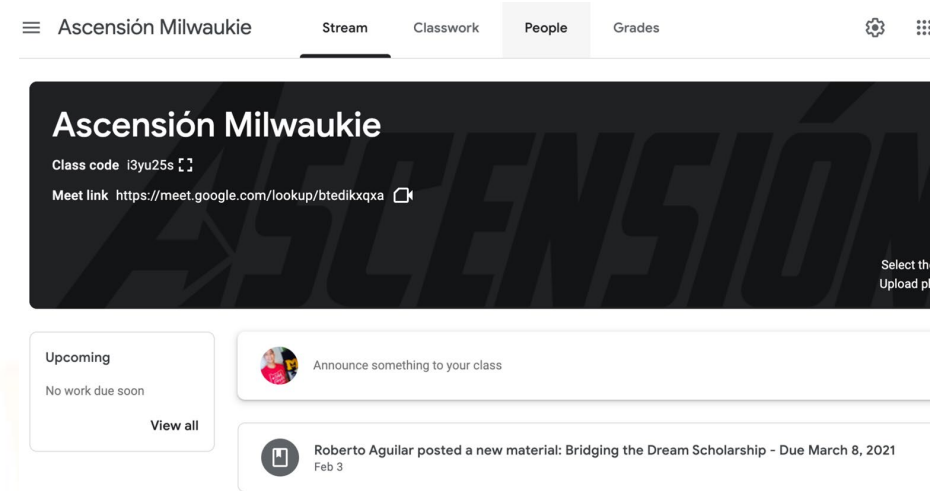


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180 Posts 166 Followers 78 Following

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Grid of posts including: "Unidos somos más fuertes", "Scholarship of the Week", "Mente Scholarship is now open", and a video of a man speaking.



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Ascension Milwaukee
Class code: i3yu25s
Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/lookup/btedikxqxa>

Upcoming: No work due soon

Roberto Aguilar posted a new material: Bridging the Dream Scholarship - Due March 8, 2021



Challenges and Adjustments

- Meeting time challenges after school, group changes with seasons
- Purpose
- Name - Unique name, MEChA, LSU, other
- Student recruitment affected by purpose and name
- Funding
- Graduation adornment



CHANGE WILL NOT COME IF WE
WAIT FOR SOME OTHER PERSON
OR SOME OTHER TIME.
WE ARE THE ONES
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.
WE ARE THE CHANGE
THAT WE SEEK.
- BARACK OBAMA

You are Revolucionario!



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Student Video - How it all began (2:51)

<https://www.facebook.com/ascensionmilwaukie/videos/1900685356842068/>



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¡Muchísimas Gracias!

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