

Media Alert

Who: Jaime Escalante

What: Memorial Services

Where: Weingart Stadium, East Los Angeles College

When: Saturday, April 17, 2009

9:00 am

A procession carrying Mr. Escalante's coffin will leave Garfield High School. (5101 East 6th St., Los Angeles 9022)

11:00 am

Services begin, presided over by Pastor Pancho Juarez

Civic leaders, former students and friends will offer eulogies. Confirmed speakers as of 4/15/09 include Senator Gloria Romero, Supervisor Gloria Molina, former Garfield Principal Henry Gradillas, Edward James Olmos and Kareem Abdul Jabbar.

Musical tributes will be offered by Los Lobos, the Bolivian musical group Alturas and others.

Why: Jaime Escalante's genius as an educator and his love for his students have left an indelible legacy that has inspired educators and learners throughout the world. Students, colleagues, community members and civic leaders will join in celebration of an exceptional life.

Additional information: The ceremony stage will be located on the stadium field. Press registration is required for access to the field.

Parking is available in the stadium structure off Cesar Chavez Avenue. Exit from the rear of the structure onto the concourse to the East Gate. Media passes will be available at this location.

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