

“You Gotta Believe”

Remember.

The Mountain View High School, with its Eagle mascot, opened in 1924 and closed in 1981. Located on the 600 block of Castro Street with a football field at the site of what is now Eagle Park, the school had a place for every student — regardless of color, race, religion, gender, or orientation. In 1975, its senior class was 55% minority. MVHS was a cultural melting pot, and its diversity was its strength. The staff was dedicated to instilling the highest academic, social, and competitive values within its student body. Students learned more than academics—they learned about life.



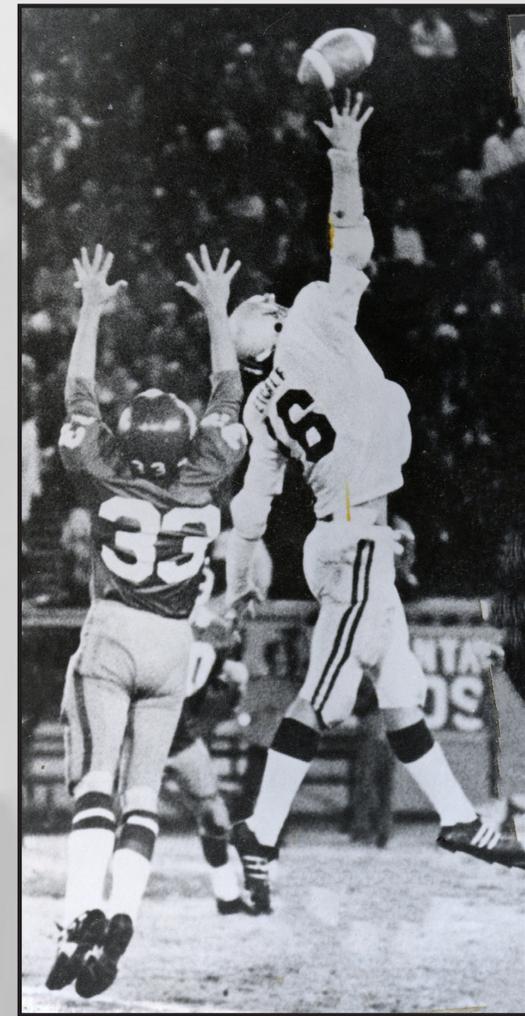
Celebrate.

The unbelievable achievement of the 1975 Varsity Football Team. With a record of six wins and four losses, no one expected the underdog Eagles to compete in the Central Coast Section playoffs. Game-by-game, the team’s dedication and commitment paid off. The Eagles’ motto was simply, “You Gotta Believe.” After beating teams with a combined record of 23-1, support from the community swelled. On December 12, 1975, the Eagles faced the undefeated Monta Vista Matadors in the championship game at Spartan Stadium. When the final whistle blew, the scoreboard read Eagles 29 - Matadors 16. Anyone who witnessed this seemingly insurmountable feat will never forget it.



Inspire. Believe.

This monument honors every player, student, teacher, parent, and community member that was a part of the historic achievement. The victory was the pinnacle of the Mountain View High School experience and captured the school’s true legacy and competitive spirit. This monument was forged to share the history of the Castro Street school, and to inspire and instill confidence in the youth of Mountain View for generations to come.



Top (L to R) J. Zigulis; D. Hopp; T. Metcalf; L. DeNux; S. Vego; K. Wheat; P. Passantino; T. Wellington; R. Shaw
 Middle: P. Liu; C. Morales; D. Gunion; S. Herrero; D. Mateo; B. Logan; B. Cloughley; F. Zobel; Albert Garcia
 Bottom: J. Melenudo; E. Martinez; P. Abey; Alfred Garcia; B. Nakamura; A. Olmos; D. Azcueta; B. Miller; S. Davis
 Not pictured: S. Stolte; S. Hamilton; T. Shuman; A. Tachibana; D. Moreno; M. Lipnick; H. Luna; J. Anderson
 Quarterback: Denny Mateo Coaches: Rich Ryerson (head coach); Rich Wells; Phil Rognier; Bob Harris



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