

# RISING SCHOLARS PROGRAM





# Mission & Philosophy

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Our mission is to ensure students achieve their educational goals and feel supported along the way.

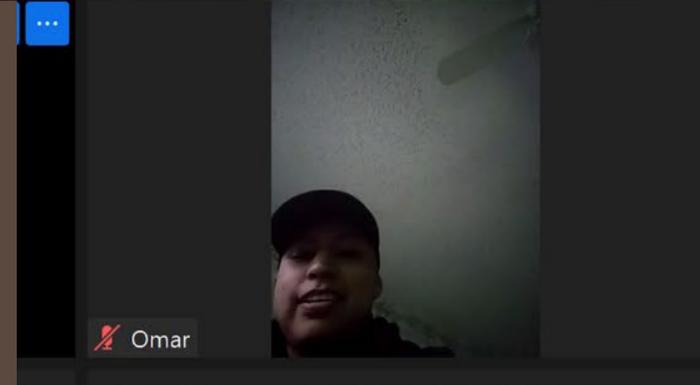
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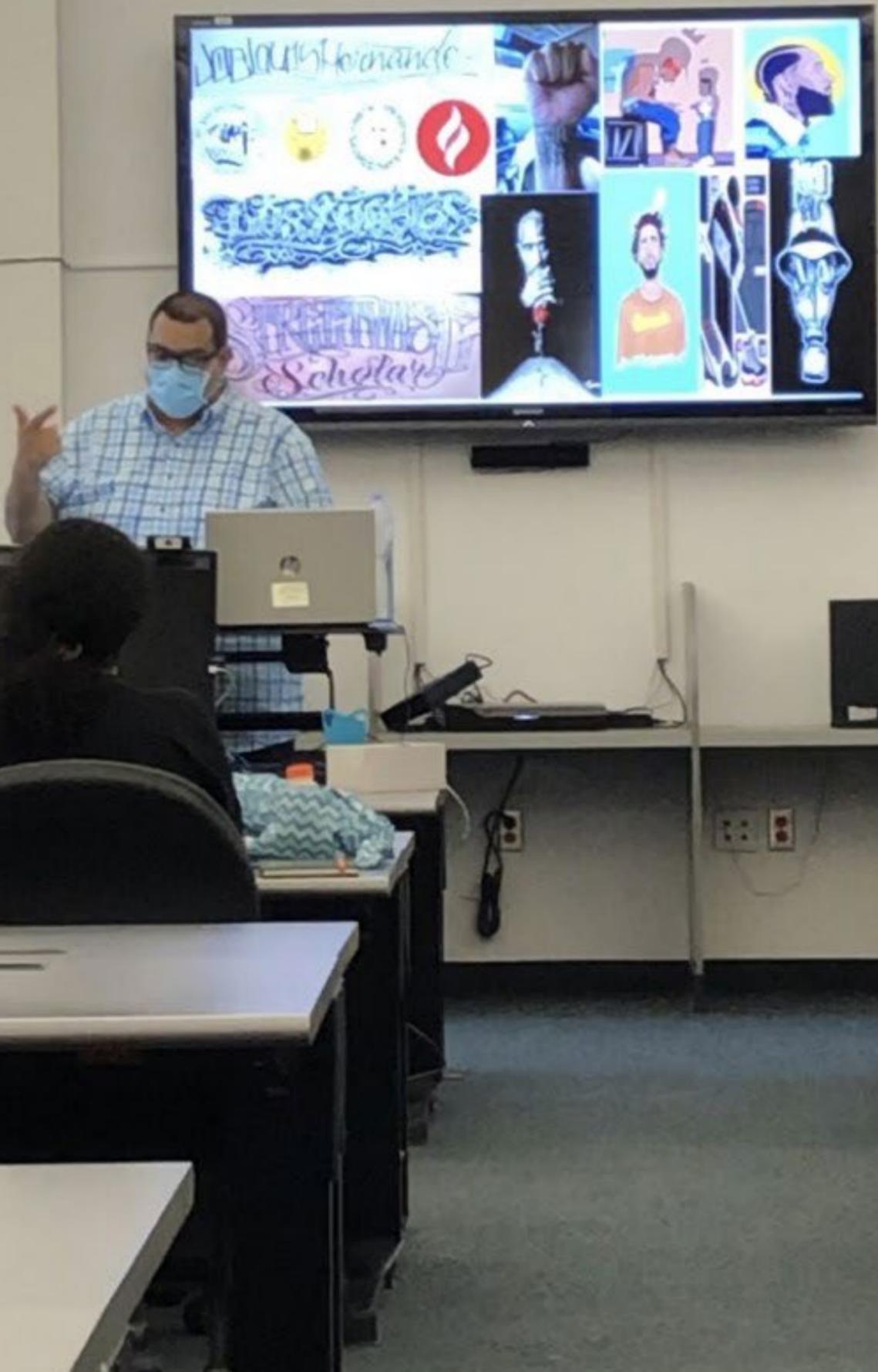
Focus on the holistic development of students. This holistic approach utilizes an asset-based methodology in a cohort-based model focusing on student strengths to help them succeed and grow.



# Who We Serve:

- Both credit and non-credit students
  - Credit: Enrolling in classes with Mt. SAC to work towards a Associates Degree, Certificate, or Transfer to a four year university.
  - Non-Credit: Taking courses with the Mt. SAC Adult Basic Education Department to achieve a HS Diploma or prepare for the GED exams.
- Students that are currently on Parole or Probation
- Students who have experienced incarceration at any point in there life either as an adult or juvenile



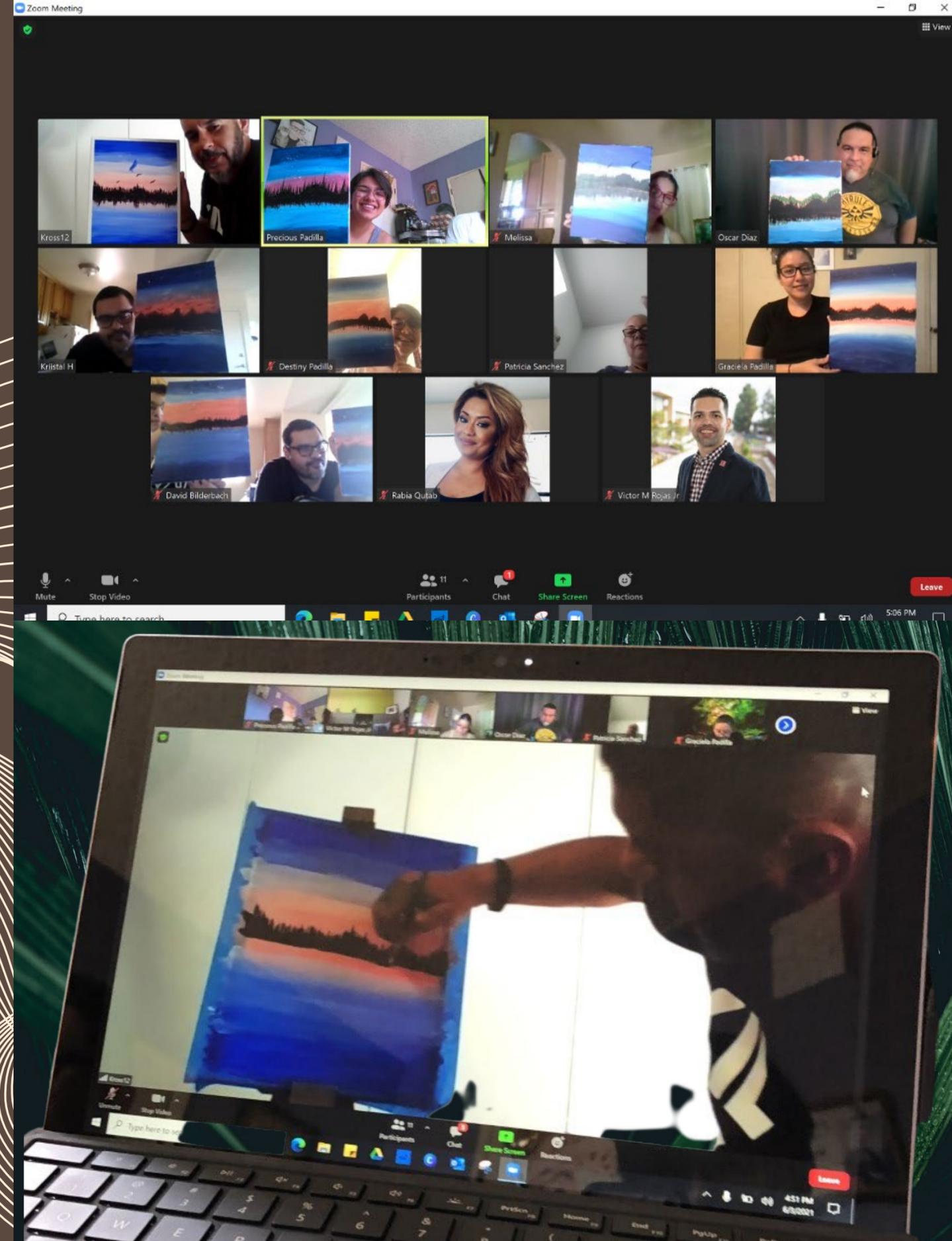


# Services We Provide:

- One-on-one assistance with all college and financial aid applications
- One-on-one educational counseling
- Access to peer navigators/mentors
- Assistance with applying to other specialized programs
- Community referrals
- Workshops focusing on curricular and cocurricular development
- Tutoring referrals
- Expungement Clinics
- Connections to other system impacted student programs
- Cultural enrichment activities (ie, Hamilton, sporting event, LA Symphony)
- Access to program Social Worker
- Book vouchers each semester
- Giftcards available upon student need

# Benefits of Participating in Rising Scholars:

- Access to state and nation wide network of System Impacted students
- Being helped by staff who share similar lived life experiences
- Develop community with other system impacted students
- Access to formerly incarcerated and system impacted lawyers association
- Opportunities to participate in programs that are not advertised to non-system impacted students
- Partnership with Public Defender's Office



# Educational Pathways:

- Non-Credit/Adult Basic Education
  - High School, G.E.D, or non credit certificates
- Certificate
  - Welding, HVAC, Drug Counseling, Respiratory Tech
- Degree
  - B.S. Degree at Mt. SAC
  - A.A. Degrees
- Four-year transfer
  - California State University
  - University of California
  - Out of State Universities
  - Private



# Process for Referring Students:

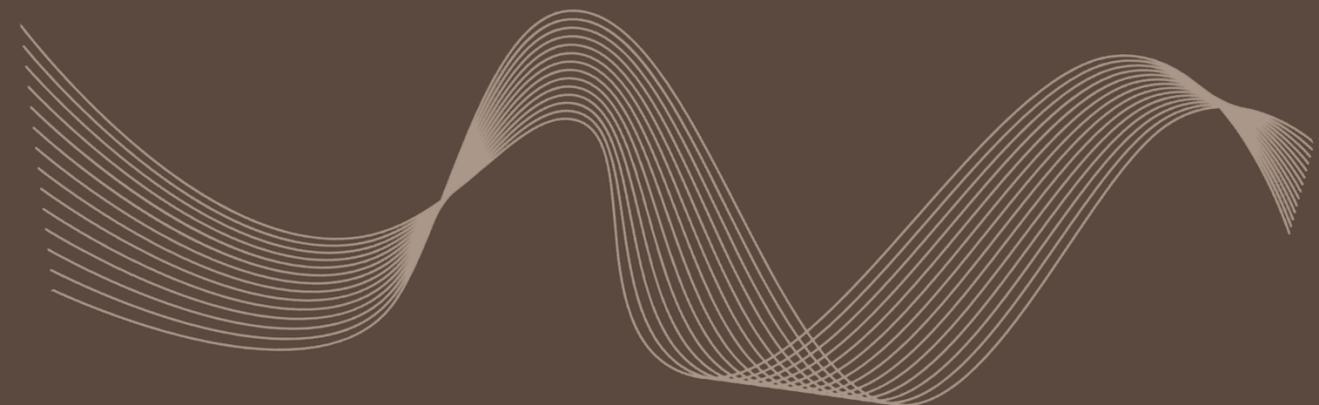
- There are two methods to submit a referral to the program
  - Access Rising Scholars website <https://www.mtsac.edu/rising-scholars/> to submit an Interest Form
  - Directly through our Interest Form link <https://forms.gle/oqFRvqoXXqbcqVLh6>

\*Once the referral has been made a Rising Scholars staff member will contact the future student within a day to talk about the benefits of joining Rising Scholars, their goals, and given a timeline of what they need to complete to enroll at Mt. SAC

# New this year

Added intentional services for youth on probation:

- Dual Enrolment Classes at East Camps
- Working with youth public defenders office
- Will begin working with HSO to help student in alternative schools.



# Our Growth:

We started October 2020 with less than 60 students.

As of this morning we have 350 student enrolled in credit courses for Fall 2024 with about 20 students in Non Credit maybe more.

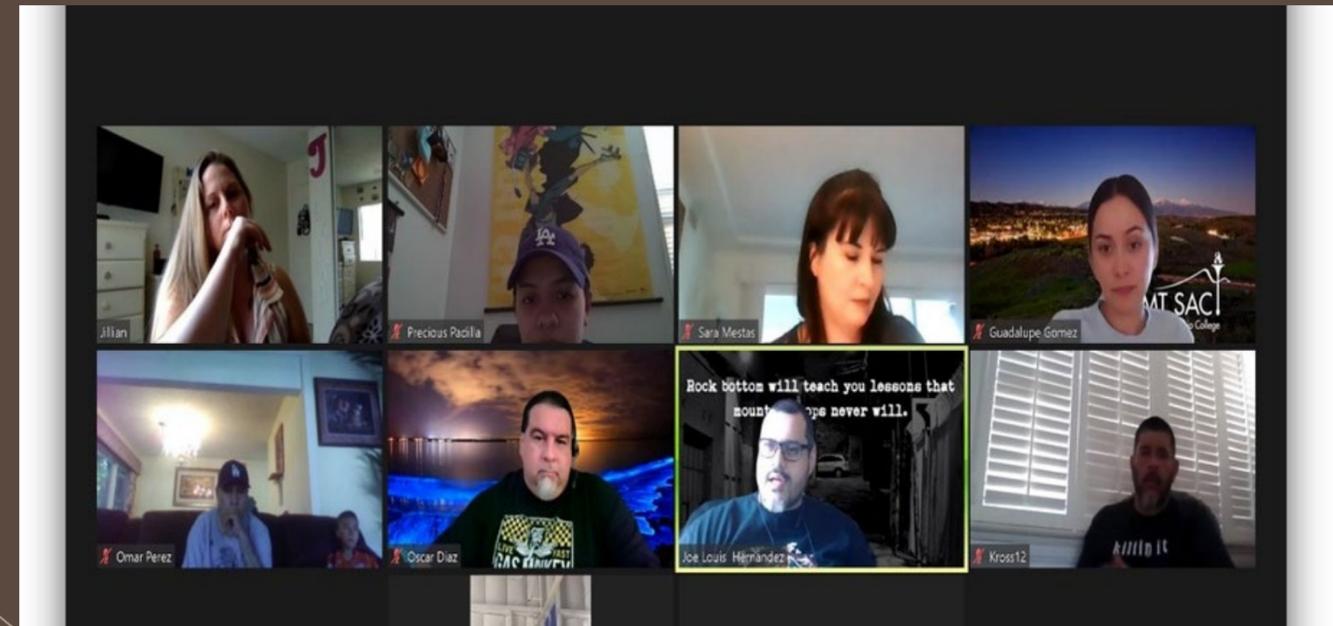
We have graduated about 51 students since Spring 2021 with 3 up to 32 Spring 2024.

Projecting 50 this year with 77 eligible for a degree

# Our Reach

Since November of 2020 we contacted with 2011 referrals.

We have had 1122 student complete our external application and assisted 993 register for our campus.

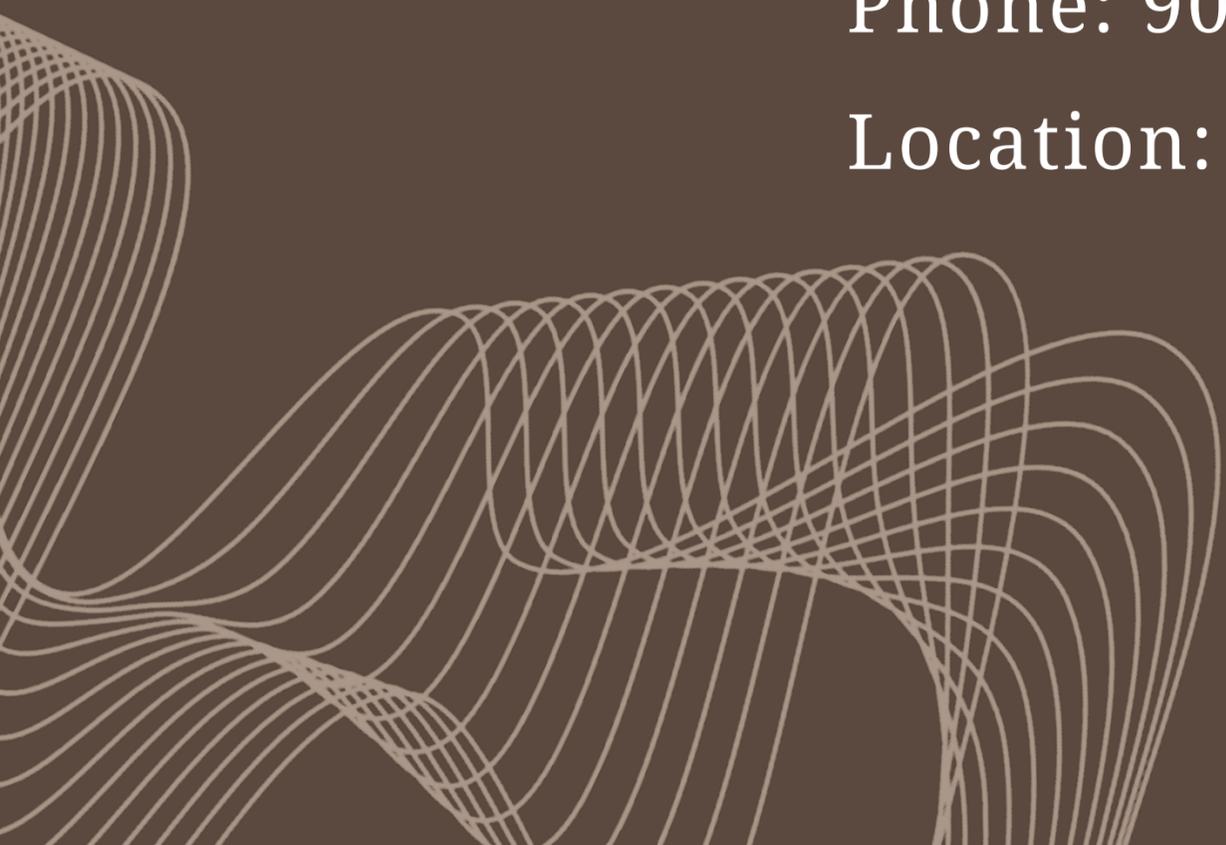


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Questions?

