

Innovation from the Ground Up!

I am writing to update all of you on the new Montessori Assisted Living and Memory Care community, [Amaran Senior Living](#), owned by Hira, Inc. You may remember from previous newsletters, this community in Albuquerque is built on the campus of Montessori ONE Academy and designed by Dekker/Perich/Sabatini Architects and will be managed by Insight Senior Living. The community will be opening soon, and I have been working with Tina Patel, Director, Montessori ONE, to create a unique staff training curriculum that will empower everyone to live and work through the lens of Dr. Montessori's principles.

I'd like to share with you a few things that makes this community so unique and truly groundbreaking!

Derived from the word *Amaranthine*, Amaran means endless, ceaseless, continual, everlasting, never-ending, and unfading. These words describe the possibilities and opportunities they strive to create for residents of Amaran Senior Living. The care team recognizes that elders have a lifetime of experiences, skills, knowledge, and wisdom, and they are focused on creating opportunities for them to share with the next generations. The vision for Amaran is a holistic care approach that weaves together the concepts of Montessori learning, respectful care for the aging and the core values of Insight Senior Living. The Montessori methodology provides scope and sequence while allowing the individual to move through their progression at their own pace, building and gaining confidence.

Particular care has been paid to creating a prepared environment. All colors, artwork, signs, furniture, and other environmental features have been carefully chosen with regard to dementia care best practices and evidence-based design guidelines. A full complement of Montessori materials is available at all times for meaningful engagement. Custom made workstations designed by Tina Patel provide plenty of space for engagement with and storage of activity materials that meet individuals' interest and cognitive abilities.

I look forward to keeping you up-to-date with our progress as elders move into Amaran Senior Living and this truly unique and innovative community is formed.