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GEAR UP

GAINING EARLY AWARENESS AND READINESS FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

allocates resources to improve academic performance, increase high school graduation rates, and provide early college awareness and preparedness for all students!



WHAT IS GEAR UP

GEAR UP is a grant-funded student program offered through Palomar College and currently partnering at 5 local schools within the Fallbrook Elementary Union, Vista Unified, and Valley Center-Pauma Unified school districts. **GEAR UP** offers college readiness and outreach services to the graduating classes of 2022 and 2023. **GEAR UP** works to support students in preparation to attend post-secondary schools, particularly for at-risk, low-income, and first generation college-bound students. **GEAR UP** is a matching and proven United States Department of Education grant that puts federal tax dollars, in collaboration with business partners, back into our educational system.

PROGRAM GOALS



INCREASE ACADEMIC
PERFORMANCE AND
PREPARATION FOR
POST-SECONDARY
EDUCATION.



INCREASE HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION AND
PARTICIPATION IN
POST-SECONDARY
EDUCATION.



INCREASE GEAR UP
STUDENTS' AND THEIR
FAMILIES' KNOWLEDGE OF
POST-SECONDARY
EDUCATION OPTIONS,
PREPARATION, AND
FINANCING.

SERVICES

COLLEGE VISITS

GEAR UP provides opportunities for students to interact with university leadership groups and academic programs within and outside of the San Diego region.

TUTORING

In-class tutoring provides homework help and cultivates study skills within students.

APES

APES are Activities, Programs, Events, and Services that GEAR UP provides for their students.

FAQs



WHO IS IN GEAR UP?

GEAR UP works with the graduating high school classes of 2022 and 2023 within local, partner schools.

IS THERE AN APPLICATION?

No. If you are a student attending one of the local, partner schools and are in the graduating class of either 2022 or 2023, congratulations, you are already a GEAR UP student!



HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

GEAR UP is 100% FREE for participating students! Funding for the program comes from grants given by the Department of Education and from GEAR UP business partners.

MEET THE VCPUSD GEAR UP STAFF



Valley Center Middle School
Pauma School

Adriana Alvarez graduated from UCLA in 2013 with a Bachelor's degree in Chicana and Chicano Studies. The youngest of nine children, she is the first in her family to attend and graduate from a 4-year university. She began working for Palomar College GEAR UP as a Program Ambassador at Mission Middle School in June 2014. As an Outreach Coordinator, Adriana has worked for GEAR UP at Orange Glen High, Escondido High, and Valley High Schools helping students explore and prepare for their post-secondary education goals. She is excited and looks forward to begin working for the Valley Center-Pauma Union School District with middle school students again. Adriana's favorite hobbies include drawing, running outdoors, hiking, and going to the movies and the beach.



Valley Center Middle School
Pauma School

Angelica Santiago graduated from CSU San Marcos in May 2016. She received a double Bachelor's in Sociology (concentration in Health, Education and Welfare) and Criminology and Justice Studies with a minor in Spanish. She is a GEAR UP alumni, participating since the 5th grade. She continued GEAR UP at Mission Hills High School then became an Academic Leader throughout her undergraduate experience. Upon graduating from CSU San Marcos, she became a Program Ambassador within the GEAR UP San Marcos/Escondido program. She is now a Program Ambassador for this current GEAR UP program for the Valley Center-Pauma area. Angelica's career goal is to obtain her Master's in school counseling because she feels that everyone deserves the proper opportunities to obtain an education.



Valley Center Middle School
Pauma School

Nathan Contreras is the youngest in a family of five from the city of Bakersfield. He graduated high school in 2012 and decided to go to college at CSU San Marcos. Nathan was the first in his family to attend a university. Four short years later he was the first in his family to graduate college in 2016. He graduated with his Bachelor's degree in Human Development, emphasis in Child Services. He currently lives in Escondido, working for GEAR UP and for the City of San Marcos. In the future, Nathan is looking forward to continuing working with GEAR UP and all the kids the program gets to help on a daily basis.



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MEET THE VUSD GEAR UP STAFF



Veronica Harrison, a first generation college graduate, attended Palomar College after moving to San Marcos from Northern California. She later transferred to CSU San Marcos where she earned her Bachelor's in Human Development. Veronica is currently attending CSU San Marcos to earn her Master of Social Work and is expecting to graduate in May of 2018. She hopes to work with military-connected students as a school social worker and eventually pursue a Doctorate in Social Work. Veronica looks forward to helping the students at RMMS explore colleges and careers as well as working alongside RMMS staff. In her spare time, she enjoys going to the gym, reading, and spending time with her two year old son.

Rancho Minerva Middle School



Walter Valle is a first generation college student from a low-income family. He attained his Bachelor's degree from CSU San Marcos in Social Sciences in 2016. His deep passion for life, curiosity for knowledge, and commitment to higher learning is shown in his 3 years of service as an Academic Leader for the Upward Bound Program. Walter moved up to a leadership position where he stretched himself to improve tutoring services for 1.5 years. Now, as a Program Ambassador, with evaluated experience at hand, he hopes to continue to grow by maximizing his and others' potential through working with GEAR UP at RMMS. During his free time, he enjoys the following: music concerts, chess, archery, guitar, singing, weightlifting, comedy, and walking his dog.

Rancho Minerva Middle School



Janet Correa graduated with her Bachelor's in Sociology and minor in Education and Applied Psychology from UC Santa Barbara in June 2014. She began working with foster children as a counselor, moved on to case management and is currently the Outreach Coordinator for GEAR UP at Vista Innovative & Design Academy. She is excited to continue working with students to promote a college-going environment and teach them that anything is possible! Janet is currently pursuing her PhD in Clinical Psychology and is excited to begin this chapter in Fall 2018. In the meantime, she continues to travel the world and will be visiting her dream destination, Japan.

Vista Innovation & Design Academy



Marissa Gonzalez-Rios struggled being a first generation college bound student. She was raised by her brother, who guided her interest in education. She graduated from RBVHS and attended Palomar College in 2007. She later graduated with an Associate's in Humanities and Liberal Arts in December 2010. Soon after, she attended CSU San Marcos and obtained a Bachelor's in Liberal Studies in May 2013. She is attending CSU San Marcos, in hopes of obtaining her teaching credential. She is eager to work with parents and students. Marissa hopes that by sharing her experiences she can help inspire others to pursue college degrees. She also collects rocks from all of the places that she has had the opportunity to travel to.

Vista Innovation & Design Academy

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MEET THE FUESD GEAR UP STAFF

SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Potter Junior High School

Evan Hall is a former Sergeant of the United States Army. He served as a Combat Engineer and deployed to Iraq from 2007 - 2009. After exiting the military, Evan attained an Associate's degree in Psychology from Pierce College in 2012. Thereafter, he graduated with a Bachelor's in Sociology in 2014 from CSU San Marcos. Evan is currently going to school at CSU San Marcos in pursuit of a Master's of Social work, which will be complete in May 2018. When he graduates, he plans on working as a reintegration counselor with veterans adjusting to civilian life. Evan is excited and looking forward to working with students and encouraging them to pursue higher education and emphasize the belief that college is a possibility for ALL students. Evan enjoys hiking, lifting weights, bike riding, going to the shooting range and coaching his nine year old sons tackle football team in his spare time.



Potter Junior High School

Annamae Lagdaan recently graduated in May 2017 from CSU San Marcos with a Bachelor's in Criminology and Justice Studies. Last year, she started working for GEAR UP as an Academic Leader at Mission Hills High School. Currently, she serves as the Program Ambassador for Potter Junior High School, so she is excited to be working with everyone. Annamae also enjoys running, hiking, and going on adventures

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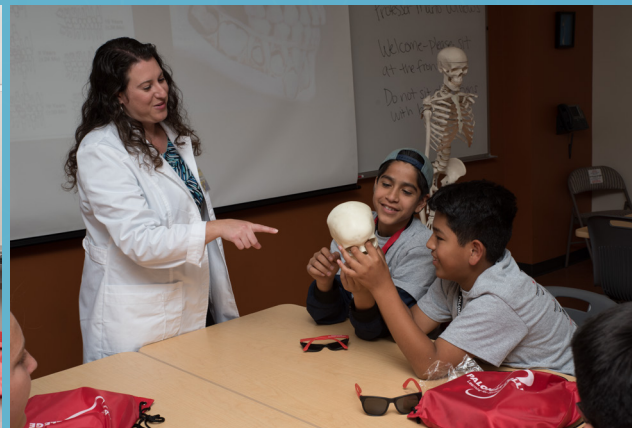
SUMMER ACTIVITIES/ PC GEARUP KICK-OFF ASSEMBLIES



PALOMAR COLLEGE VISIT

Over the summer, Palomar College's newest GEAR UP grant brought over 350 students to visit the Palomar College campus. Students had the opportunity to watch a show at the college's infamous Planetarium, tour various Career Technical Education (CTE) programs, and were provided lunch on campus. One program students toured was the media studies department which includes the radio and broadcasting programs. Here, they were able to see behind the scenes of how the college's own award-winning radio station works and how a news station operates. Students got to play the role of news anchors and experienced green screen effects. Students also toured the Trade and Industry department which included welding, auto technology, and drafting. The last of the programs students had the opportunity to experience was the graphic design department. Here, students learned how screen printing works and were able to watch the process of this. This was an exciting day for students and GEAR UP staff as it was the first official Palomar field trip for this new program. We look forward to hosting more trips for these students throughout the next few years!





Dear Parent/s, Guardian/s, Students, and School Personnel of Fallbrook Union Elementary, Valley Center-Pauma Unified, and Vista Unified School Districts,

Greetings from Palomar College! I am excited to announce that FUESD, VCPUSD, and VUSD in partnership with Palomar College, have received a wonderful, new grant program from the United States Department of Education (USED). The Palomar College GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) is a nationally-recognized honor!

PC GEAR UP will work to promote: college awareness, college knowledge, college preparation, college planning, and college options! PC GEAR UP will help to bolster a "college-going and college-ready culture" in your area, as a community and as a part of other communities served by PC GEAR UP in North County San Diego.

THREE UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE GEAR UP GRANT PROGRAM ARE:

- 1) It is a partnership grant program, so we will work in partnership with the District/s, School/s, Teachers, Parents, Businesses, Community Organizations, Palomar College and other higher education colleges and universities, and some National partners;
- 2) It is only for the 7th & 8th grade students (2017-2018), based on the design of GEAR UP, and limited funding; serving these students to pursue post-secondary education plans; PC GEAR UP will follow these cohorts, year by year, as they go from middle to high school in the community, and for one year after high school, for follow-up with success in freshmen year of college!
- 3) It is specifically for innovative practices and initiatives that can enhance college knowledge; GEAR UP will work collaboratively, with the school, so students and parents are "connected to college aspirations and goals", while creating seamless transitions for the students year by year!

For more information about the new PC GEAR UP partnership program, please visit our website and social media outlets listed on the back page of this newsletter.

In addition, we will be hosting and joining school and parent (and group) meetings, at all schools, during the school year, and we have lots of activities and events planned. We look forward to working with you, serving your community, and making "GEAR UP for college" a "household phrase", so all kids (and parents) know that "college is in each students' future", with options and plans!

With much gratitude to the Superintendents and School Boards, for their partnership and support!

Calvin One Deer

Calvin One Deer Gavin
Director, Grant Funded Student Programs/GEAR UP and TRiO Programs
Interim Director, EOPS/CARE/CalWorks/Foster Youth Palomar College



Picture taken at the Palomar College graduation ceremony.
Left: Joseph Burton, PC Former Foster Youth student now graduate and transferring to CSUDH.
Center: PC GEAR UP Director, Calvin One Deer.
Right: Ms. Nina Deerfield, Palomar College Governing Board member.

PC GEAR UP serves many foster youth students in high school. Any foster/former foster youth student who attends college can find special support services, like the PC FYRST Program at Palomar College.