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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!













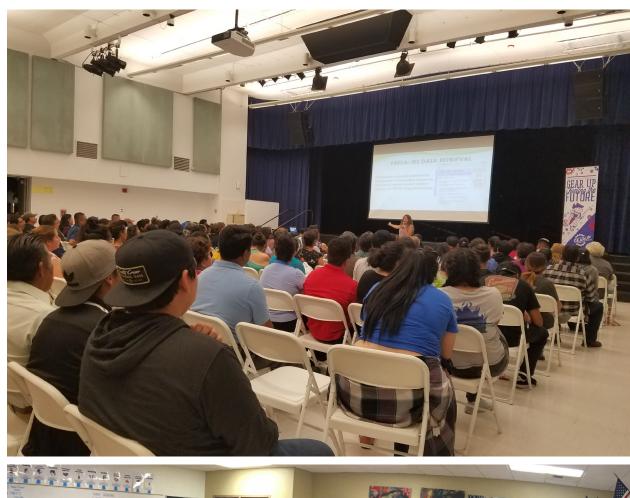








# FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS







**WORKSHOPS** One of GEAR UP's goals and objectives is to increase student enrollment and college readiness by providing resources and services that enhance knowledge of post-secondary education. To accomplish this goal, GEAR UP hosted a variety of college preparation workshops that discussed topics like financial aid, college applications, and the Palomar College admissions process.

**FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS** and seminars are a vital source of information for the families of students who are planning to attend college. GEAR UP hosted both informational and hands-on workshops to support families in learning more about the financial aid process, which included learning about grants, scholarships, federal work-study, student loans and completing the online application.





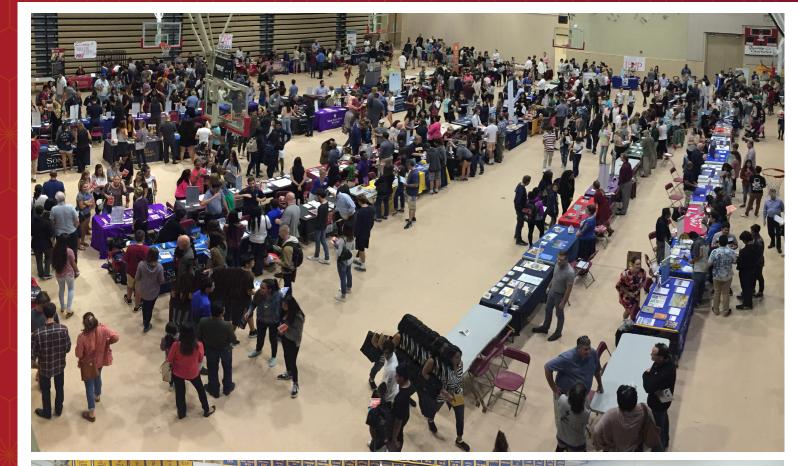








THE SMUSD AND EUHSD COLLEGE FAIRS were hosted in local high schools and more than 8,000 students and families attended. Each fair had representation from over 100 colleges and universities. College preparatory workshops were also offered.









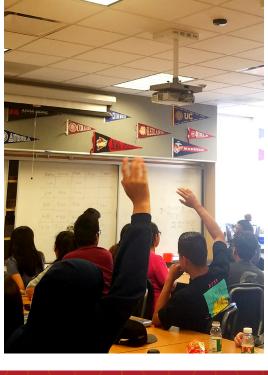
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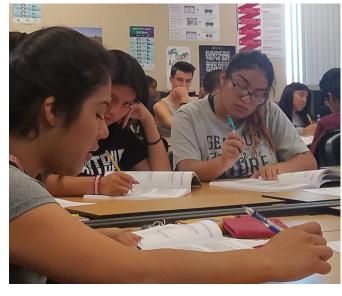
**SAT/ACT WORKSHOPS** The SAT and ACT are standardized tests required for all freshman applicants interested in attending a four-year university. GEAR UP offered several SAT and ACT workshops to seniors who are preparing to take the exam. The workshops consisted of learning the content, taking a practice exam and receiving feedback on their progress.

All of these workshops were led by experienced educators from Study Smart Tutors or Tried and True Tutoring. This opportunity helped seniors improve their scores, increase their chances of enrolling in college, and increase their possibility of obtaining a merit-based scholarship.



















**SENIOR ACTIVITIES** We are proud to support the last graduating class of the current GEAR UP grant at EUHSD and SMUSD. The program hosted a variety of senior activities to sustain the college-going culture. We are extremely proud of these students. Their hard work and dedication will soon pay off! Way to go Class of 2018!







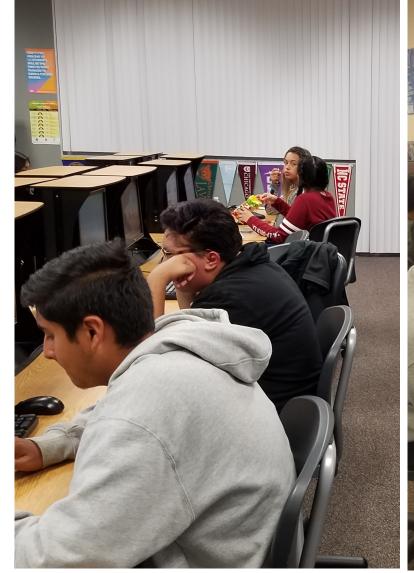




COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOPS From October 1st through November 30th, the GEAR UP Program has worked tirelessly to support seniors with their CSU and UC college applications. These applications can be challenging and tedious for seniors to complete during the short window of time that they are open.

College application workshops provided students with hands-on support regarding any aspect of the applications that they needed. Students were able to develop valuable skills and understanding of the college application process. Workshops also included support with the community college and private university applications.









### CHRISTMAS PARADES





**SAN MARCOS CHRISTMAS PARADE** A collaborated effort was done by Mission Hills and San Marcos High School GEAR UP staff and students. The float had a snowman suffering with palm trees and beach balls in the back ground. This year's theme was "A California Christmas". Close to 50 students and staff came out to win a second year running of the Governors Trophy. Congratulations to the GEAR UP San Marcos team!









(C)ne of the real joys this holiday season is the opportunity to say thank you and wish you the very best for the new year. Marmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a very happy new year. "Afishing you the gifts of the season - Peace, Joy, Hope.







Arom our family to yours!









