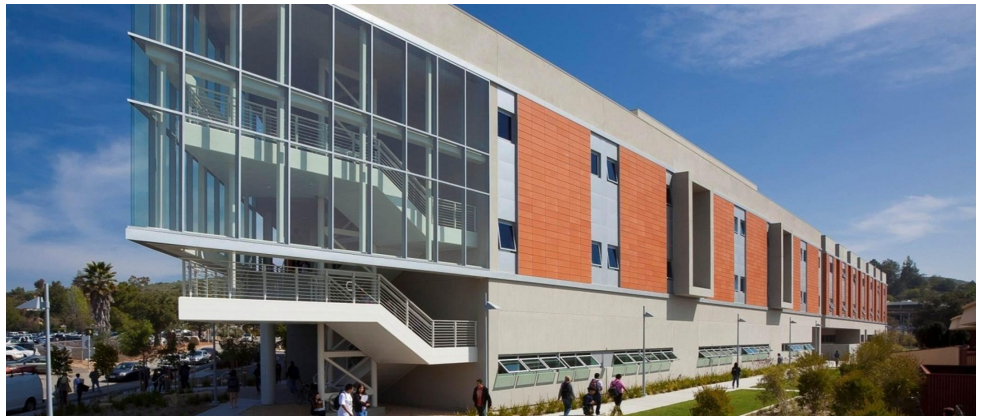




# THE NEWS LETTER

MAKING AN IMPACT THROUGH EDUCATION



**GEAR UP** is a grant-funded student program offered through Palomar College and partnering at 9 local schools within the Fallbrook Elementary Union, Fallbrook High, 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 at no cost to students.

## OUR GOAL

- 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.

## PROGRAM SERVICES

Postsecondary Education Resources  
Student and Parent Workshops  
College and Career Planning  
Academic Support

College Field Trips  
Tutoring  
Mentoring

## GEAR UP MANAGER MESSAGE

It is with great honor and excitement that I introduce myself, Joe LeDesma, as the new Palomar College GEAR UP Manager. My passion for education and supporting the success of all students have been shaped over the past 12 years as an educator and mentor working with underserved populations. In each of my roles, I have sought to ensure the success of each student and the program by providing the best services and resources possible. It is my number one priority to ensure that every GEAR UP student receives the most well-rounded educational experience as they reach their academic and career goals.



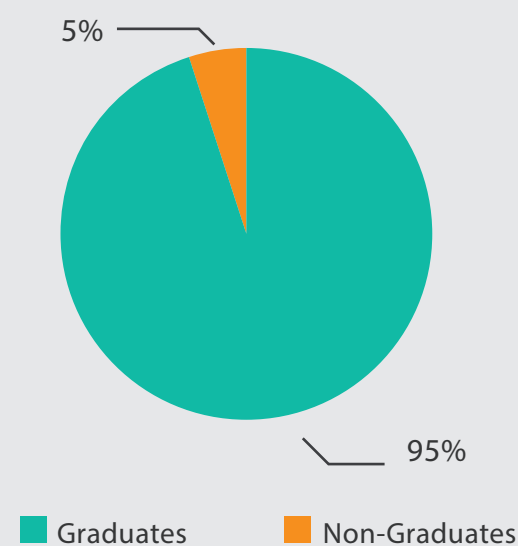
Joe LeDesma | GEAR UP Manager

## GRANTS SUMMARY

The GEAR UP Partnership Grant finalized serving students in the Escondido Union School District, Escondido Union High School District, and San Marcos Unified School District at the end of the spring semester. A request for a one year no cost extension was approved by Department of Education to serve students through September 2019 with the goal of supporting students in their first year of higher education .

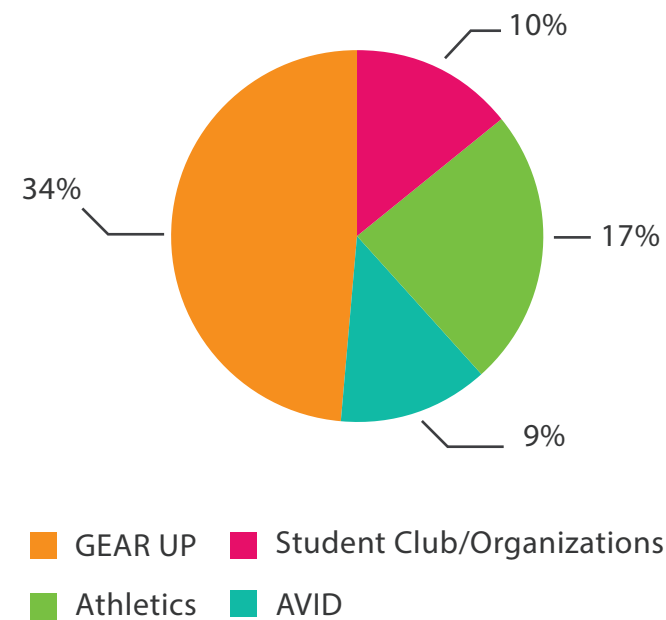
The GEAR UP Rural Reservation Collaborative Grant is serving Pauma, Vista, and Fallbrook is currently serving students in Fallbrook High School, Potter Junior High School, Vista High School, Rancho Buena Vista High School, Valley Center High School, Rancho Minerva Middle School, Vista Innovation & Design Academy (VIDA), Pauma Middle School, and Valley Center Middle school. GEAR UP will provide program services to students and parents of the graduating classes 2022 and 2023.

## GRADUATION RATE 2017-2018



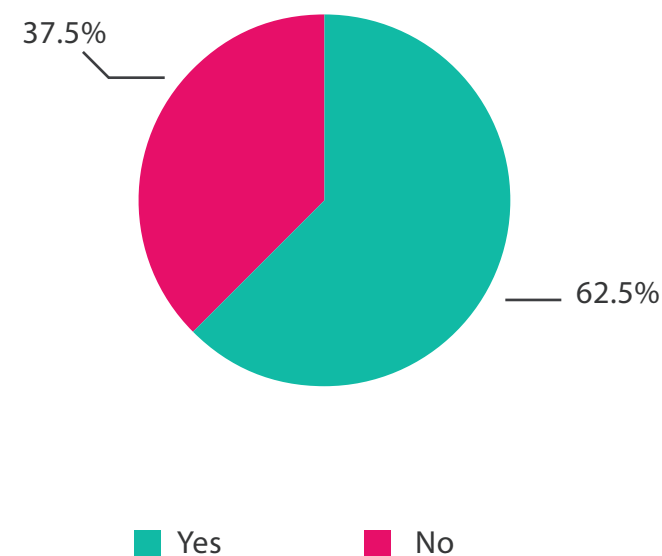
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## FUTURE PLANNING



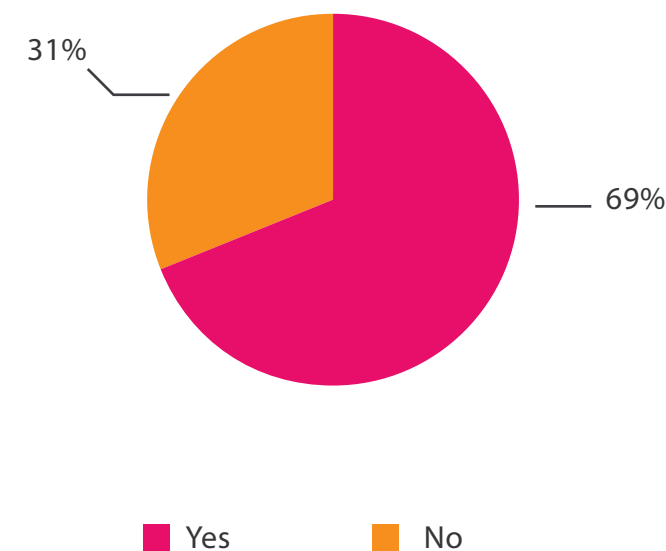
A third of GEAR UP's students stated our program assisted with their college and career planning.

## COLLEGE ENROLLMENT 2017-2018



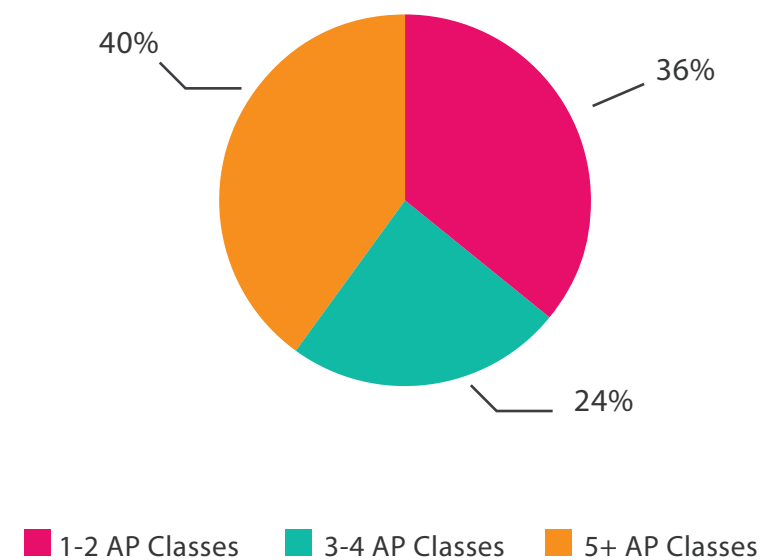
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## SAT/ACT



During the 2017-2018 school year, GEAR UP helped over 1,500 students prepare to take the SAT, ACT, or both.

## AP CLASSES 2017-2018



Many GEAR UP students challenged themselves to take more than 1 AP course during their four years in high school.

## SUMMER SPOTLIGHT

### NCCEP/GEAR UP CONFERENCE

This summer, Palomar College GEAR UP staff attended the annual NCCEP/GEAR UP Conference. The conference program included over 100 concurrent sessions focusing on increasing the impact of middle and high school students, their families, and school faculty and administrator's knowledge of post-secondary education.

### GETTING COMPETITIVE

The Palomar College GEAR UP program applied for a new grant with the U.S. Department of Education. The grant proposed providing services to students in the Escondido and San Marcos School Districts. If the grant proposal is awarded, GEAR UP will continue supporting students and their families achieving a post-secondary education and career goals.



## SUMMER ENRICHMENT

GEAR UP students from Vista Unified, Fallbrook Unified, and Valley Center- Pauma Unified participated in the 2018 Palomar College Summer Enrichment Program. Students were able to get a head start on college through the different programs offered. Students explored exciting careers through classes that earned them high school and college credits.