



The Palomar College GEAR UP Partnership Program 2016-2023

Dear Business Leader:

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (**GEAR UP**) is a prestigious and proven United States Department of Education Grant. Palomar College received the Rural and Reservation **GEAR UP** Partnership Program Grant and is in partnership with Fallbrook Elementary Union, Fallbrook Union High, Valley Center-Pauma Unified and Vista Unified School Districts. We are supported by over 30 educational, community, and commerce partners.

GEAR UP Highlights:

1. The Rural & Reservation (Rural Res) will be **servicing 2,500 students** from 6th/7th grade to high school, and through the first to second year of college (2016-2023).
2. Effective longitudinal tools to **enhance students/schools for a college going culture**, leading more students to post-secondary education.
3. **Increase student success to obtain a college degree**, in local Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) industries.
4. **Businesses have the opportunity to collaborate** by speaking at our STEAM workshops, participating in activities that promote higher education, and mentoring through job shadowing and career Q/A sessions.

Unique to **GEAR UP**, we require partnerships with local businesses to find ways to better connect commerce and future industries with middle and high school students, teachers, and parents, especially to promote the STEAM fields.

Funding is gained by “matching your business in-kind” through your product, time, and or services. When businesses donate in-kind, **GEAR UP** receives double the in-kind dollars. Partners receive their logo/link on our Partnership website page and highlighted on the Partner Spotlight page. The **GEAR UP** Grant requires 100% accountability. We are a Non-Profit 501 (c) 3 and cash donations are tax deductible.

To review a partnership opportunity with The Palomar College **GEAR UP** Partnership Program, please **contact Therese Cisneros-Remington**, 760-744-1150 x3680 or email her at tremington@palomar.edu

We look forward to “gearing up” a smarter & stronger future workforce,

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