
PALOMAR COLLEGE GEAR UP PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM 2016-2023 RURAL RESERVATION GRANT

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

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WHO:

Palomar College received the Rural and Reservation GEAR UP Partnership Program Grant 2016-2023 in collaboration with Fallbrook, Valley Center-Pauma, and Vista school districts with over 30 local partners.

- **GEAR UP** is a U. S. Department of Education grant program
- As an educator, civic or business leader you have the opportunity to participate over the next seven years which is key to student career success.
- **GEAR UP** allocates resources to provide early college awareness, improve academic performance, increase high school graduation rates, and improve the transition/preparation from middle school to high school.
- Particularly at-risk, low-income, and first-generation college bound students.
- Since 1999, our partnership has been an excellent opportunity to create a “college going culture” in local middle/high schools: San Marcos, and Escondido. Our grant school partners are Fallbrook Union Elementary & Fallbrook Union High School District, Valley Center-Pauma School District, and Vista Unified School District.

WHAT

- **GEAR UP** is designed to significantly increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter & succeed in postsecondary education.
- Our cohorts start with 6th and 7th graders and stay with until their first year of college. This is a new and unique aspect to our GEAR UP Grant.
- We provide: tutoring before, during & after school, how to learn college requirements, financial aid requirements, how to raise your GPA, learn career search through our job/intern shadowing, attend college/career fairs, tour colleges and much more.
- Expose the rigorous class life of college and how to prepare to succeed to receive a college degree and beyond.

EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS

Fallbrook High School
Fallbrook Street Elementary School
La Paloma Elementary School
Live Oak Elementary School
Mai Ellis Elementary School
Pauma School (K-8)
Potter Junior High

Rancho Buena Vista High School
Rancho Minerva Middle School
Valley Center High School
Valley Center Middle School
Vista Innovation & Design Academy (6-8)
Vista High School
William H. Frazier Elementary School

WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE THE FOLOWING BUSINESS PARTNERS:

All Aboard Tours & Travel
AVID Center
CSUSM
CFO Chavez Financial Offices
CoBro Consulting, LLC
CONNECT Foundation
Cosmic Solar
Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce
Hispanic Chamber of E-Commerce
Mano a Mano Foundation
National Latina Business Women Association SD Chapter
North County Professional Development Federation

Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE)
Point Loma Credit Union
Salk Institute for Biological Research
Study Smart Tutors, Inc.
Sustainable Surplus Exchange
Thermo Fisher Scientific
Transamerica Financial Advisors/WFG
UCSD
Valley Center Chamber of Commerce
Vista Chamber of Commerce
Vista Irrigation District
Wells Fargo Ban

- **Grant Years:** 2016–2023
- **Projected Years at middle school level:** 2016- 2018
- **Projected Years at high school level:** 2016- 2023
- **Cohort Model:** Classes of 2022 and 2023
- **Federal Award:** \$8.3M total, per year \$1.1M, which requires “in-kind matching” dollars (No annual increase projections in budget)
- **Moreover,** your in-kind services/contributions allow the **GEAR UP** program to receive funding, which are required “matches”.
- **Objective:** To substantially increase the number of college graduates!

FOCUS ON ACADEMIC SUCCESS THROUGH:

- Community, Organization, Agency, Business partnerships
- Creating seamless transitions
- Working always in advance
- College knowledge, choices, and planning
- Connections to careers: local/State industries (i.e. STEM)

PARTNERSHIP COLLABORATION THROUGH:

Serve as a Mentor/Role Model or Serve as Mentors/Role Models (time value)
Serve as an Adult Mentor(s) for Parents
Serve as a representative on one of the GEAR UP Advisory Boards
Distribute or share information about GEAR UP programs, services, events, and students
Advertise in GEAR UP newsletters, websites, and other publications
Provide discounted or FREE advertising in your publication/s, or on your website/s.
Follow GEAR UP on Facebook, Twitter, and other social media
Inclusion of GEAR UP students in your current programs and outreach efforts
Collaboration with GEAR UP staff on any new and innovative teaching ideas or services
Speaker(s) or presenter(s) for workshops or classes for students, parents, or teachers
Provide internships, job experiences, job “shadowing”
Provide volunteer/service opportunities or “hire a youth” employment of GEAR UP students, during the summer or school breaks
Serve as Judge(s) for scholarships, essay contests, science fairs, debates, spelling bees, and/or oral presentations
Use of facilities, equipment, software, or other resources
Donation/s of equipment or gently used technological equipment (specify if so)
Serve as an Advisor for student/parents/teachers interested in specific educational majors, careers, and specific college/university programs.
Have employees/personnel “Shadow a school Teacher/Principal/Counselor/Staff” Day
Have employees serve as tutors – for afterschool days or Saturday School
Have employees serve as instructors, workshop presenters, and/or on panels
Serve as a chaperone for field trips, college/university visits, and other educational excursions
Access to equipment or space, upon request for meetings, workshops, or seminars
Assistance with GEAR UP Program fundraising efforts
Refer GEAR UP to funding sources, grants, and donors/philanthropists
Designate GEAR UP as a recipient of a fundraiser or organization/employee fundraising program (for associations’ annual galas or events)
Tours of facilities or businesses for college or career explorations
Discounts on products, goods, admissions or services
Contribution(s) of products, consulting, or services to the GEAR UP staff or participants
\$ Donation(s) to the GEAR UP Program, students, or the GEAR UP Endowment Fund
Donations of books for students, siblings, and parents, or teacher classrooms
Donations of teacher, student, and schools supplies (even w/ business logos & names)
Business logo items for homes, families, students, or schools
Sponsor GEAR UP annual conferences, major events, and ceremonies (\$ value)
Sponsor a GEAR UP student/s for Summer Residential/Summer Bridge Programs
Sponsor a GEAR UP student/staff member for annual, national conference attendance
Television/radio time and/or buy commercials for GEAR UP television/radio time
Include GEAR UP in organizational publications, reports, website/s, or annual meeting/s
Participate in and/or assist with GEAR UP program and participant Evaluations

Please remember:

We need your support to sustain our efforts and to expand our services to more local youth and schools. Moreover, your contributions & support allow the GEAR UP program to receive funding, as any cash or in-kind commitments are required “matches”.

If your business would like a 15-minute presentation, please contact us

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