

MACHS SPRING NEWSLETTER

Spring 2022



The GEAR UP team has moved to room 3-102 and welcomed counselor Mr. Elson Wong and academic advisor Ms. Jennifer Martinez. GEAR UP has become an integral part of the academic advising and counseling team at Maya Angelou Community High School. GEAR UP has enrolled many students in dual enrollment and was able to celebrate students' stories via PLUS ME in-class workshops as well as the Black Student Achievement Plan (BSAP). The peer mentor program is creating a robust college awareness team of student leaders..

ACCOMPLISHMENTS August 2021 to December 2021

- Counseling and advising
- College knowledge student workshops
- BSAP team support
- Motivational speaker - BSAP
- Social-emotional support through PLUS ME Storytelling
- CTE college visits
- Concurrent enrollment class support
- Peer mentor program
- Scripps nominations
- Fun Fridays: college knowledge and awareness
- Peer Mentor teach backs
- Tutor.com in-class presentations



Spotlight: Plus Me Storytellers

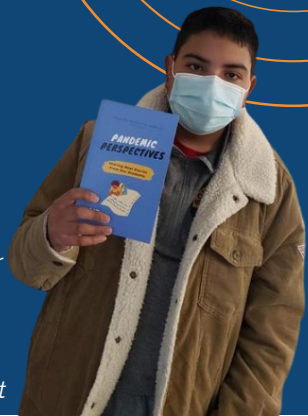
WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM THE PLUS ME STORYTELLERS PROGRAM?

"Lots of our stories have been bottled up inside us, waiting to be shared to others. This PLUS ME experience was the opportunity to do just that. Writing down parts of my life where I struggled felt very relieving and satisfying. Being able to connect and relate to others felt great because I know I'm not alone."

- 10th grade student

"I felt as though I really got in touch with my inner self and I really felt vulnerable. It was so interesting to hear my other peers' stories. Now I feel more open and closer with some of them even though it was anonymous. This program really shows you that anyone can go through anything and anyone can overcome anything."

- 10th grade student



UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit our [website](#) for more events and information!

MARCH

- Counseling/advising
- Peer Mentor Summit
- School-wide attendance team support

APRIL

- Counseling/advising
- Sophomore Seminar
- BSAP support

MAY

- Counseling/advising
- CTE college visits

JUNE

- Counseling/advising
- End-of-the-year survey and celebration!
- Enrichment opportunities

THE GU4LA IMPACT

AUG. 19, 2021 - DEC. 17, 2021

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

CLASSES OF 2024 & 2025

536

**UNIQUE GU4LA
STUDENTS SERVED**

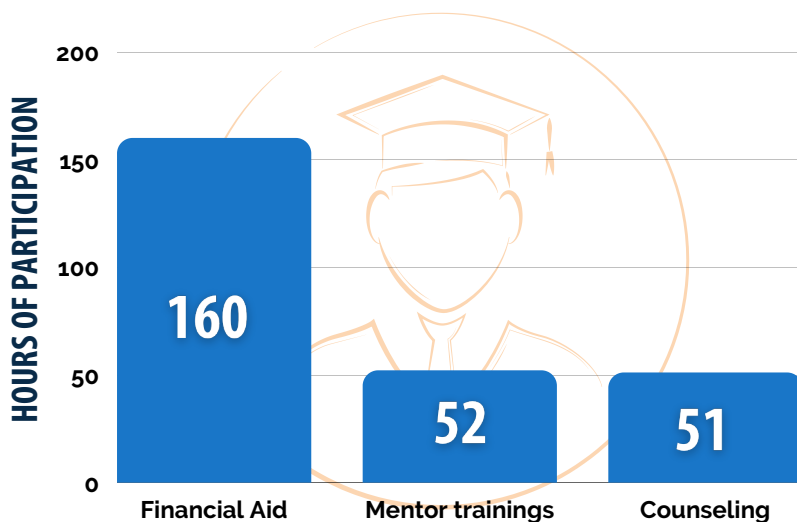
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**HOURS
PROVIDED**

Over 530 GU4LA students each received an average of over two hours of direct service from the GEAR UP advisors, counselors, and support providers. We are committed to seeing all students in the classes of 2024 and 2025 for counseling, advising, and comprehensive mentoring. Our students have access to the GEAR UP team during offices hours, email, or through Schoology.

SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

GEAR UP has provided many services to Maya Angelou students. Services range from one-on-one to small group, to whole class, and even school-wide. Students received 160 hours of financial literacy and budgeting workshops and 51 hours of counseling. Peer mentors also participated in 52 hours of trainings.



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT



40

**UNIQUE GU4LA
FAMILIES SERVED**

79

HOURS PROVIDED

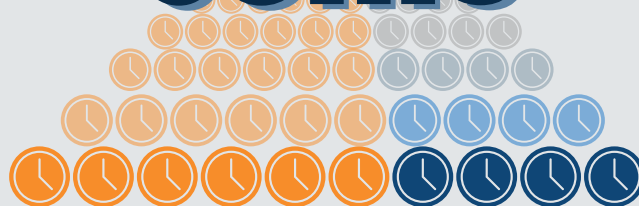
GEAR UP continues to extend opportunities for parents to learn about GEAR UP and to gain college and university awareness through virtual and in-person workshops and visits to colleges such as UCLA and LATTC.

FAMILY PARTICIPATION

Maya Angelou parents have been able to take advantage of GEAR UP workshops, receiving a total of 68 hours of services.

WORKSHOPS

68hrs



11 FAMILY PARTICIPANTS

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