

THE GU UPDATE: JAMES MONROE HIGH

Fall 2021



GEAR UP 4 LA is honored to serve ninth- and 10th-grade students and families at James Monroe High School every day. We support students' college and career goals by providing academic advising, college visits, workshops, parent field trips, dual enrollment courses, mentoring opportunities, and more! We are proud of the work we have accomplished with Monroe's ninth-grade class during the 2020-21 academic school year. We look forward to our continued partnership to support the classes of 2024 and 2025.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS August 2020-August 2021

- College/career workshops for students
- LACC dual enrollment classes
- Virtual college field trips
- 24/7 Tutor.com support
- Weekly peer mentor meeting
- Small group advising
- LACC tutoring

- College knowledge
- Money Smarts family workshops
- Coffee with GEAR UP for parents
- One-on-one advising/SEL check-in with students and parents
- PLUS ME motivational guest speaker series
- Summer enrichment (Jaime Escalante Math)



STUDENTS

"I learned about time management mental growth and how to prepare for college." - Student during Summer Bridge

"I took this class because I want to show college that I can challenge myself." - Student taking JEM



"I learned to always turn in assignments I have that day so it won't pile up."

- Student during Peer Mentor meeting

"It prepares me for the kind of difficulties and challenges that may pop up in college." - Student using Tutor.com

"The most valuable thing I learned in this class is to work harder than I ever had before and if I work hard it pays off." - Student taking JEM

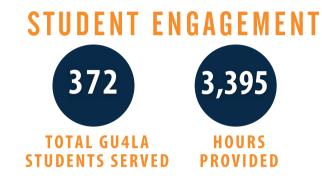




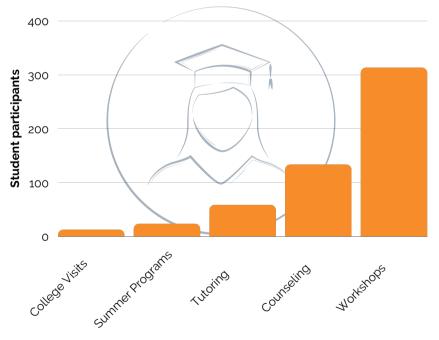
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THE GU4LA IMPACT

AUG. 19, 2020-AUG. 13, 2021



MOST POPULAR SERVICES



66%

About 372 Monroe ninth-grade students, or 66%, received GU4LA services, increasing their college and financial aid knowledge and boosting their leadership skills. The most popular services were counseling/advising and workshops, including financial aid college prep. GEARUP4LA BUILDING POWERFUL FUTURES

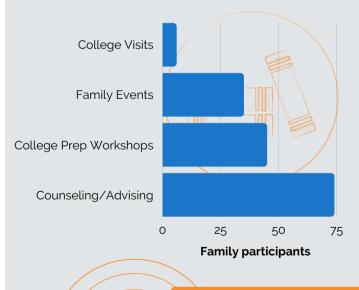
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT



FAMILY PARTICIPATION

Our Parent Education Support Assistants (PESAs) dedicate their time to engaging our families and informing them about the resources available not only for their children but for themselves. We take families on college tours, hold interactive career workshops, and inform them about the affordability of college through family workshops.

Some of the services that had the highest parent participation are listed below.





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