

THE GU UPDATE: TEAM NOW EDITION

Spring 2022



The GEAR UP team was able to reach 71% of the ninth- and 10th-graders at NOW Academy. As part of our goal to help students pass Algebra 1, we are supporting students through individual academic advising and our free Tutor.com service. GU also works with local community colleges to help high school students enrich their learning with dual enrollment courses. This spring, we are continuing to work with teachers, students, and their families to help build powerful futures in our RFK community.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS August 2021 to December 2021

- A-G counseling and advising
- Dual enrollment courses and support
- Peer Mentor program and training
- GOT College workshop series with Families in Schools (FIS)
- Transition to High School workshop for 9th-graders and families
- Financial aid workshop series with Chicano-a Latino-a Education Foundation (CLEF)
- Parent Ambassador program
- Virtual college visits



Spotlight: Student Roundtable

SHARING THE #GEARUPWORKS STORY WITH REP. JIMMY GOMEZ

NOW sophomore Brenda Rivas was among several GU4LA alumni and current students to share their unique stories and experiences of the program with Rep. Jimmy Gomez, who represents several GU4LA schools in Congressional District 34.

"I was hesitant to join GEAR UP at first. They helped me find myself and for that I am grateful."



UPCOMING SERVICES

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

MARCH

- Counseling/advising
- College visits
- Sophomore Seminar

APRIL

- Counseling/advising
- College visits
- Sophomore Seminar

MAY

- Counseling/advising
- 15-week grade check-ins
- College visits

JUNE

- Counseling/advising
- Summer enrichment programs

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David Gantt, Site Coordinator | Alece Plasencia, Counselor | Alejandra Bedoy, Counselor Aide | Katherine Kay, Counselor Aide
Jacqueline De La Rosa, Counselor Aide | Rayvin McCoy, Counselor Aide | Katty Secaida, Community Rep | Heydi De Martinez, Community Rep

THE GU4LA IMPACT

AUG. 19, 2021-DEC. 17, 2021

NOW STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

CLASSES OF 2024 & 2025

144

**UNIQUE NOW
STUDENTS SERVED**

176

**HOURS
PROVIDED**

At NOW Academy, 144 unique students, or 71% of the freshman and sophomore classes, received GU4LA services, including workshops, counseling/advising, and peer mentorship meetings.



NOW SERVICE HIGHLIGHT

Over 100 students, or 52% of NOW ninth- and 10th-graders, participated in GEAR UP workshops, where they learned about A-G requirements, the four systems of higher education, and college match and fit.

WORKSHOPS

52%

106

STUDENT PARTICIPANTS



OVERALL RFK COMM SCHOOLS ENGAGEMENT

STUDENTS

895

**UNIQUE GU4LA
STUDENTS SERVED**

1478

**HOURS
PROVIDED**

FAMILIES

118

**UNIQUE GU4LA
FAMILIES SERVED**

560

**HOURS
PROVIDED**

Nearly 900 unique students, or 77% of the freshman and sophomore classes, and 118 families at RFK Community Schools had the opportunity to learn with GEAR UP. Students and families learned about high school requirements, college access information, and what it takes to be a competitive college applicant.

WHY GEAR UP?

GEAR UP 4 LA Beginning of Year Survey Results

"Do you know what courses you need to complete to graduate from high school?"

77%
SAID "YES"

62%
SAID "NO"

"Do you have enough information about college entrance requirements to help you apply for college when the time comes?"

523

STUDENTS RECEIVED INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING/ADVISING ON A-G PLANNING AND HOW TO BE A COMPETITIVE COLLEGE APPLICANT

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MEET OUR RFK GU TEAM

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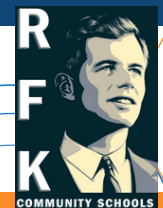


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We look forward to continuing working together to support our students and families. Thank you in advance for your collaboration! Please feel free to contact us in person and/or online.



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