

THE GU UPDATE: TEAM SVAH EDITION

Spring 2022



The GEAR UP team was able to reach 94% of the ninth- and 10th-graders at SVAH. 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: Fall Mentor Summit

PEER MENTOR PROGRAM & TRAINING

Last November, RFK students gathered for a day of workshops on college admissions, growth mindset, and community building as part of Fall Peer Mentor Summit.

"Last Fall's Mentor Summit was an enjoyable and informative experience. It gave me positive memories and lessons about mentoring, working together, meeting new people, and keeping an open mind. It taught me to be a better leader, a better collaborative thinker, and it's an experience that I appreciate because it was very fun and something that will stay with me. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to participate in this program." - Mentor



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

Staff

David Gantt, Site Coordinator | Alece Plasencia, Counselor | Alejandra Bedoy, Counselor Aide | Katherine Kay, Counselor Aide
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THE GU4LA IMPACT

AUG. 19, 2021-DEC. 17, 2021

SVAH STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

CLASSES OF 2024 & 2025

253

**UNIQUE SVAH
STUDENTS SERVED**

542

**HOURS
PROVIDED**

At SVAH, 253 unique students, or 94% of the freshman and sophomore classes, received GU4LA services, including workshops and counseling/advising.



SVAH SERVICE HIGHLIGHT

Over 250 students, or 94% of SVAH 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

94%

252

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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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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