

GEAR UP NEWS: VALOR ACADEMY HIGH

Fall 2021



GEAR UP 4 LA is honored to serve ninth- and 10th-grade students and families at Valor Academy 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 accomplished with Valor's ninth-grade class during the 2020-21 academic school year. We look forward to our continued partnership to support the Valor High School 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
- Weekly small group advising
- Money Smarts parent workshops
- Coffee with GEAR UP for parents
- One-on-one advising/SEL check-in with students and parents
- PLUS ME motivational guest speaker series



PARENT

"This experience could help me lead a new path into a job in the future."

"Me gustaron todas las actividades, la dinámica y participación del maestro de GEAR UP. Muchas gracias."
- Parent during Growth Mindset event

Highlights

TEACHER

"Thank you so much for the workshops you provided to our students. It was really beneficial to them!"

STUDENT

"I want to say I really love to be with all of you and I love the activities we do."
- Student during Peer Mentor meeting

"I enjoyed learning new facts about each engineering job and the different types of personalities there are."
- Student during Summer Bridge

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

SEPTEMBER

Parent Orientation
Transition to HS Presentation
Dual Enrollment
National GEAR UP Week

OCTOBER

Peer Mentor Summit
Coffee with GEAR UP

NOVEMBER

Money Smarts
Family Workshop

DECEMBER/JANUARY

Dual Enrollment
Spring recruitment
Academic Advising

Staff

Adetutu Ajileye, Site Coordinator | Sara Lozano, Counselor | Natalie Arredondo, Academic Advisor
Luz Vega, Academic Advisor | Socorro Janisse, PESA

THE GU4LA IMPACT

AUG. 19, 2020-AUG. 13, 2021

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

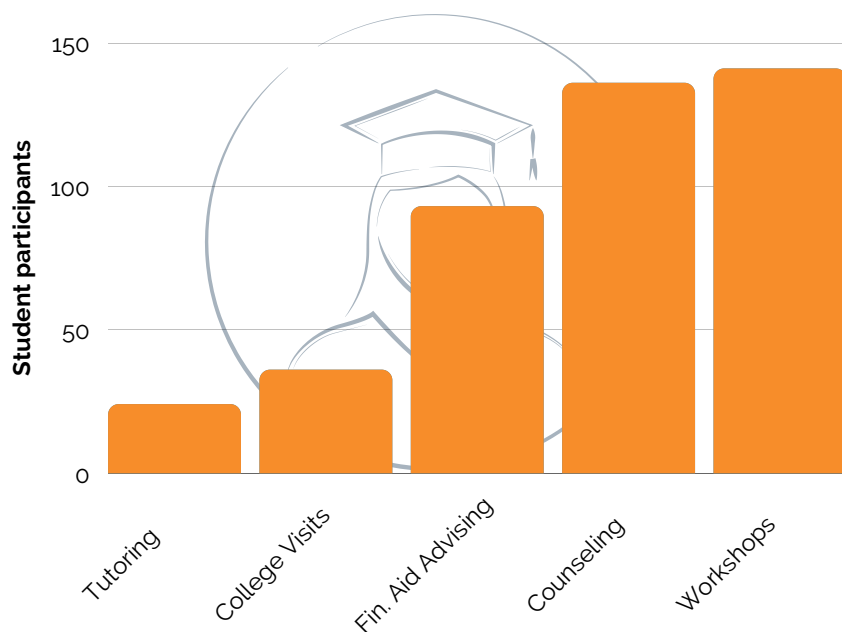
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**TOTAL GU4LA
STUDENTS SERVED**

1,891

**HOURS
PROVIDED**

MOST POPULAR SERVICES



100%

One-hundred percent, or 141, of Valor ninth-grade students, 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 and college prep.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

68

**TOTAL GU4LA
PARENTS SERVED**

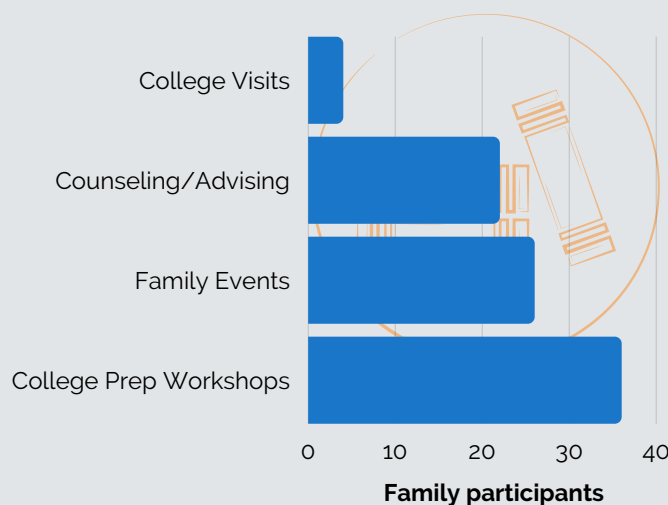
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**HOURS
PROVIDED**

FAMILY PARTICIPATION

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

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



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Meet your team



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Natalie Arredondo
Academic Advisor



Luz Vega
Academic Advisor



Socorro Janisse
Parent Education Support
Assistant (PESA)

We're looking 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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