

GEAR UP GAZETTE

Spring 2022



Every day, GEAR UP proudly serves students and families in 9th and 10th grades at West Adams High School. We continue to work toward our goal of building positive relationships with students and working collaboratively with school staff to build a college and career-going culture. We do this by providing academic advising and workshops to all students, offering dual enrollment classes, engaging students in peer mentoring, and providing teachers with opportunities to enhance the curriculum through our partnerships. Our goal is to ensure that every GEAR UP student who crosses the stage at graduation has a solid plan for life after high school.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS August 2021 to December 2021

- Academic advising
- Black Student Advisory Leadership
- College/career workshops for students and parents
- Dual enrollment classes and support
- Weekly peer mentor meetings
- Weekly homework support
- Coffee with GEAR UP for parents
- 24/7 Tutor.com access for all students
- Peer Mentor Summit
- College visits for parents
- Student orientations
- Enrichment opportunity support
- Scholarship application support
- College Awareness Month



Spotlight: Yenifer Herrera

PLUS ME SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Freshman Yenifer Herrera received The PLUS ME Project's My Story Matters Scholarship, an honor that came with a \$1,000 award. She shared her story during the third annual LISTEN 2022, a live special PLUS ME event that took place Feb. 11.

In her story, Yenifer discussed the challenges of comparing herself to classmates – “Are they smarter than me?” – striving for perfection and making friends. She also had to contend with completing middle school virtually, although, she earned the title of valedictorian. After overcoming those challenges and enrolling at West Adams Prep, Yenifer found balance and happiness.

UPCOMING SERVICES

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

MARCH

- Sophomore Seminar
- Parent PLUS ME (SEL)
- College visits
- Academic advising

APRIL

- CSULA family workshop
- College visit
- Peer-led college prep lessons
- Academic advising

MAY

- Money Smarts family workshop
- Financial student workshops
- Academic advising

JUNE

- Coffee with GEAR UP
- Enrichment opportunities
- Academic advising

Staff

Kelley Williams, Site Coordinator | Oscar Perez, Counselor | Isabel Lemus, Counselor Aide | Antonio Guereca, Counselor Aide
Janae Lee, Counselor Aide | Tanya Henriquez-Koenig, PESA

THE GU4LA IMPACT

AUG. 19, 2021-DEC. 17, 2021

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

CLASSES OF 2024 & 2025

562

**UNIQUE GU4LA
STUDENTS SERVED**

1076

**HOURS
PROVIDED**

At West Adams, 562 unique students, or **86%** of the freshman and sophomore classes, received GU4LA services. These services included individual and small group academic advising and counseling, dual enrollment support, student workshops, BSAP advisory lessons, peer mentoring.

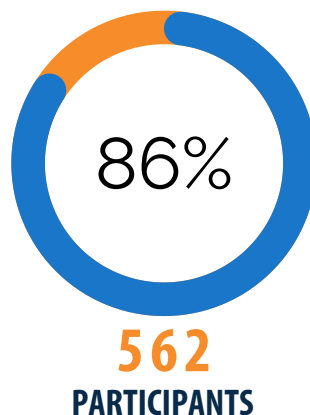
We provided an average of 30 minutes of individualized counseling to 260 students.

SERVICE HIGHLIGHT

The GEAR UP team provided student workshops in several classrooms. For the 9th-grade class, we presented the Three Buckets, which focused on high school graduation requirements. College Match and Fit was the focus of the 10th-grade workshops. In this series, students learned about their options for higher education.



STUDENT WORKSHOPS



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT



130

**UNIQUE GU4LA
FAMILIES SERVED**

208

HOURS PROVIDED

We provided 208 hours of service to 130 families via workshops such as college match and fit and financial aid, counseling and advising, and parent field trips.

FAMILY PARTICIPATION

Following the academic advising sessions we hold with students, our goal is to share what we discussed with their parents.

As a result, **we spoke with 111 families for an average of 15 minutes to share their student's progress.**

When speaking with parents, we share student grades, high school graduation, college admission requirements, and how GPA affects college admission.

We also love giving parents the opportunity to share what they want us to know about their student so we can provide the best possible support.



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Mr. Guereca
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Ms. Lee
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Ms. Lemus
Counselor Aide



Ms. Henriquez-Koenig
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Assistant (PESA)

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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