

VALOR ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Spring 2022



Welcome to GEAR UP 4 LA at Valor Academy Charter High School. As a program on your campus, we believe that all students can succeed with adequate support. We are here to support students' academic, social, and emotional learning. We are excited to be part of your high school and support the postsecondary journeys for the classes of 2024 and 2025. Go Lions!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS August 2021 to December 2021

- Counseling/advising
- 4 Systems of Higher Ed workshop
- A-G requirements workshop
- Student SEL support
- 24/7 Tutor.com
- Enrolled students in college classes
- Virtual college visits
- Peer Mentor Summit/Meetings
- Coffee with GEAR UP
- Parent financial workshops
- Parent Cash for College workshop
- Parent SEL storytelling
- Parent credit recovery workshop
- College knowledge four-week workshop
- GEAR UP Week celebration



Student Survey

Based on our Beginning of the Year survey, **97%** of Valor Academy High School GU4LA students expressed that most adults expect them to graduate high school and **84%** of the students expressed that most adults expect students to go to college. About **75%** of students believe school is important for achieving their future goals.



GEAR UP Week

GEAR UP Week – a national celebration of students and families – was full of fun activities and interactions with students! Students were exposed to colleges and careers while the GU4LA team encouraged them to think about their futures. There were plenty of snacks, drinks, and prizes! At the end of the week, we had a grand giveaway with GEAR UP and Valor swag.

UPCOMING SERVICES

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

MARCH

- Counseling/advising
- Peer mentor meeting
- Parent advocacy
- Parent visit to Occidental College

APRIL

- Counseling/advising
- Sophomore Seminar
- Mentor Summit
- CSULA field trip
- SST workshop

MAY

- Counseling/advising
- Peer mentor meeting
- SEL parent support
- Family Summit
- Dual enrollment

JUNE

- Counseling/advising
- Peer mentor meeting
- Dual enrollment

Staff

Adetutu Ajileye, Site Coordinator | Jo Duke, Counselor | Natalie Arredondo, Academic Advisor | Brenda Altamira, Counselor Aide
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THE GU4LA IMPACT

AUG. 19, 2021-DEC. 31, 2021

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

CLASSES OF 2024 & 2025

268

**UNIQUE GU4LA
STUDENTS SERVED**

731

**HOURS
PROVIDED**

100% of Valor Academy Charter High School students received college knowledge workshops, counseling and advising, and information on college dual enrollment during the fall semester. On average, each student received nearly three hours of GEAR UP services.

SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

All Valor Academy students have participated in at least one of our workshops. The "College Readiness" workshop reviewed college acceptance prerequisites, including minimum GPAs, A-G courses, and extracurriculars. The "4 Systems" presentation introduced different types of colleges students can apply to during their senior year.

WORKSHOPS

100%

268

PARTICIPANTS



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

56

**UNIQUE GU4LA
FAMILIES SERVED**

243

HOURS PROVIDED



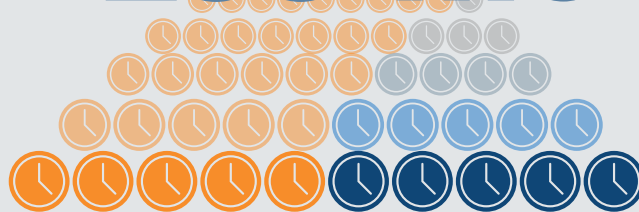
The GEAR UP team at Valor Academy continues to dedicate time to engaging and supporting families by providing interactive workshops that will enhance their knowledge in financial aid, A-G requirements, and social-emotional learning.

FAMILY PARTICIPATION

About 39 families have participated in 235 hours of workshops/family events, which provided information on our program, colleges, and financial access. Outside of these workshops, our wonderful Parent Education Support Assistant (PESA) has provided further information, resources, and support to our families when needed.

WORKSHOPS

235 hrs



FAMILY PARTICIPANTS: 39

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Meet your 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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