

MAY 1, 2023

# GEAR UP - Lost Hills

Monthly Newsletter



## FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

DE'VON TRUVELL

A group of our 7th grade students participated in a financial literacy workshop in their classrooms by business owner, De'Von Truvell. Truvell is the founder and creator of Black Wall Street the Board Game. Truvell discussed key financial terms, his experience starting his own business, and his book: Launch it!

Students learned about assets and liabilities, how to calculate 'margins', budgeting skills, and were introduced to the 50/30/20 rule; knowledge that will benefit them in their future.

All students took home Truvell's book and a few lucky winners even won one of Truvell's board games!

## GEAR UP Highlights:

Financial Literacy  
Workshop

---

Lunchtime Trivia  
Tabling!

---

Tutoring: Test Prep

## Upcoming Events:

5/4/23: Fresno  
Chaffee Zoo Field Trip

---

5/11/23: Family  
Workshop: Budget  
Friendly Family Fun

---

5/8/23-5/26/23: SBAC  
Tutoring Test Prep

## GEAR UP LUNCHTIME TRIVIA TABLING



GEAR UP Trivia tabling is still happening, and our students are loving it! Students are quizzed on college readiness, GEAR UP, and career research related questions, all topics that are covered in their GEAR UP Advisory. If students answer the question correctly, they win free college and GEAR UP merchandise, just like Frankie pictured to the left!

## TEST PREP TUTORING

We are approaching the end of the year, which means testing on testing! Our awesome GEAR UP Tutors offer test prep to our 7th and 8th graders to ensure their success in their testing. Just this past week, our students completed NWEA testing. Students who came in for tutoring reported back that they performed better and increased their scores! Next up is SBAC Testing in the month of May. Our tutors have prepared materials to adequately prepare our students for these tests and we highly encourage them to attend!

NEED EXTRA STUDY TIME?

**SBAC TEST PREP**  
**MAY 8TH-26TH**

In The GEAR UP Center

Join us during lunch and after school!

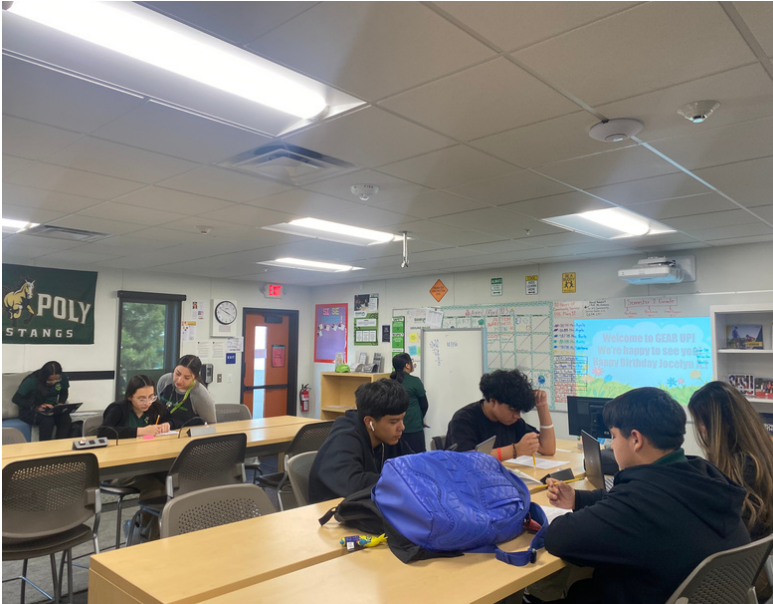
Lunch: 11:25am - 12:00  
After School:  
Mon. - Thurs. 3:25 - 4:00 pm  
Friday: 12:25 - 4:00 pm

Sign up on our google form! Just scan the QR code!

**"Tutoring has helped me with a lot of stuff. It has helped me understand the material better in class and it has improved my performance in class." - Tony, 7th**



## TEST PREP TUTORING



Our tutoring hours are before school, during lunch, and after school. Students are welcome on a walk-in basis but can also register using the QR code on the flyer above. Students are also welcome to come in and complete any missing assignments they have in their classes so we can get those grades up and finish the year strong!

## FAMILY WORKSHOP

We've had great success with our family workshops this school year here at our Lost Hills campus. We are grateful to our partners, Success Together, Inc. for working with our families. Our last workshop for the 22-23 school year will be May 11, from 5:30-6:45 pm. The topic will be "Budget Friendly Family Fun!". If you are interested in attending, you may register via the QR code on the flyer. As usual, we will provide a free dinner as well as child care, so come on out and join us for our last workshop together!



**"My mom likes coming to all of [the workshops]. She enjoys them a lot." - Juan, 7th**

# GEAR UP STUDENT OF THE MONTH

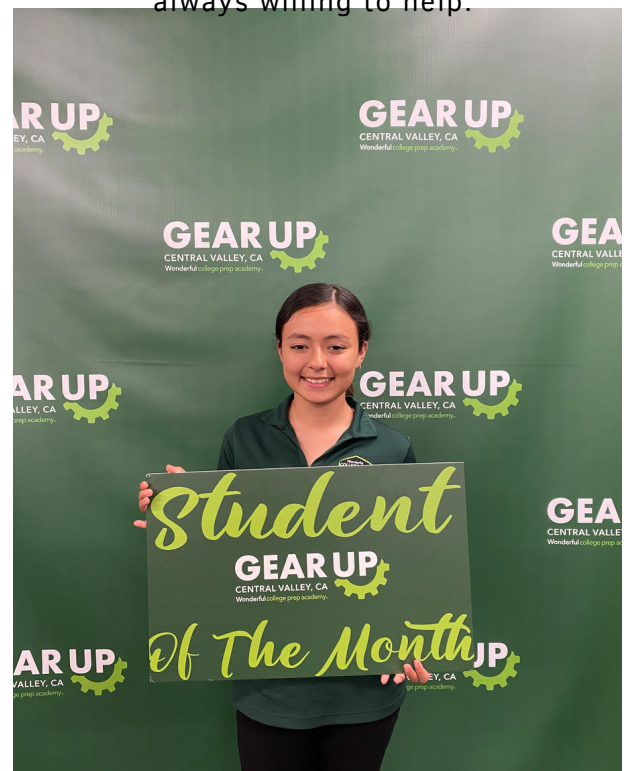
## 7th Grade: Juan Martinez

Juan Martinez is our 7th grade GEAR UP Student of the Month for the month of April because of his stellar performance in the classroom. Juan always demonstrates exemplary character in his classes, including GEAR UP Advisory. Juan is always respectful, engaged, and completes all his tasks.



## 8th Grade: Maylene Contreras

Maylene has demonstrated significant growth throughout the school year. Maylene is being recognized as the 8th grade GEAR UP Student of the Month because of her growth and success. Maylene is respectful, engaged, and completes her tasks in class. Maylene is also a GEAR UP Ambassador and is always willing to help.



"The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be ignited." - Plutarch