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### **GEAR UP - Delano**

Monthly Newsletter



# 50TH ANNUAL CHICANX YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AT FRESNO STATE

Who would GEAR UP be if they didn't offer students the opportunity to empower and educate themselves? This month the team invited thirty-seven 7th and 8th graders to participate in 50th annual Chicanx Youth Conference hosted by Fresno State.

Students enjoyed exploring the different pathways into post secondary education, while at the same time being proud of their Chicanx culture. Students were welcomed with pan dulce and a ceremony of Aztec dancers. They then attended workshops on social justice and higher education. They ended the day with an opportunity to explore other campus resources like financial aid, M.E.C.H.A., E.O.P. and the campus bookstore.

The picture above displays GEAR UP students across all partner school sites. This includes WCPA Delano & Lost Hills, Reef-Sunset Middle School, and Washington Academic Middle School.

# GEAR UP Upcoming Events:

I/I3/-I/I5 NCCEP/GEAR UP Capacity Building Workshop - GEAR UP Center CLOSED.

2/8/23 Family Workshop: The Four Parenting Styles

# Special Shout-Out: Alina Flores



Help us welcome WCPA alum,
Alina Flores as she joins the
GEAR UP team as our third fulltime Tutor. Alina is excited for
the semester and she looks
forward to helping students in
and outside the classroom. We
are happy to have you, Alina!

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### **AMBASSADORS IN ACTION**



Pictured above is GEAR UP Ambassador Dylan Garibay showing off his free Chicanx Youth Conference shirt.

Pictured below are GEAR UP Ambassadors Justin Sanchez and Fernando Hernandez taking their picture with Fresno State mascot Victor E. Bulldog III.

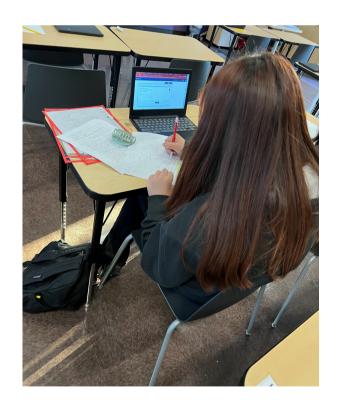


### 7TH AND 8TH GRADE GEAR UP TUTORING

With the new semester taking off, the GEAR UP team is further elaborating their efforts to support students. This is a friendly reminder that GEAR UP has moved after school tutoring to RM 326 (Mrs. Kaur's class) from 3:00-4:00PM Monday-Thursday, 3:00-6:30PM on Wednesdays, and 12:30-4:00PM on Fridays. For students who decide to stay late on Wednesdays, GEAR UP has partnered with Harvest Hall to provide a meal. Tutoring is also available on Fridays from 12:10-4:00PM. Please keep in mind that transportation is not provided at this time.

If you would like to refer a student for tutoring, use this <u>form</u> so we can get in contact!

Pictured is 7th grade Yadhira Meza completing her math assignment for Ms. Kaur's class. She has consistently attended tutoring since the begining of the new year!

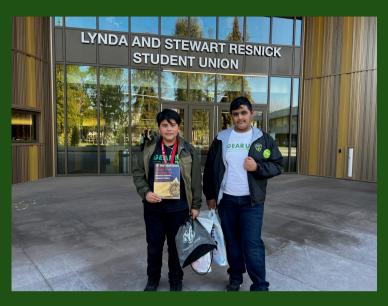


"Success is not final; failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts." — Winston S. Churchill

# **GEAR UP SNAPSHOTS**



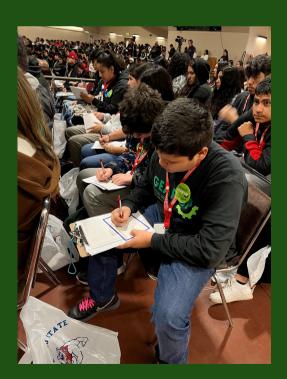
GEAR UP's family event on Wednesday, January 18. After enjoying the dinner provided, families learned the different techniques to help kids cope with big feelings such as frustration, anger, and sadness.



Justin Sanchez and Carlos Valdez in front of the new Student Union Center sponsored by Lynda and Stewart Resnick!



Fernando Hernandez showing off his gifted shirt from San Francisco State University. He is wearing two more shirts under this! Go Gators!



WCPA scholars filling out the Fresno State interest form. We could be looking at some future bulldogs!



Ms. Mendoza helping Aubrey Vasquez prepare to talk to Fresno State's admissions team.



GEAR UP tutor, Alina Flores, leading El Caballo Dorado, as the speakers play in the background. She is accompanied by Nancy Carillo and Trinity Camacho.



Nancy Carillo and Dylan Garibay sitting in the charter bus together. Nancy is showing off her Fresno State bear that she purchased at the Fresno State campus bookstore.



Jose Balderas showing off his green stuffed rhino that he bought at the Fresno State campus bookstore. Sitting next to him is Giovanny Rodriguez.