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GEAR UP AMBASSADOR TRIP

This was an eventful summer for our GEAR UP team! We kicked off our summer with our annual GEAR UP Ambassador trip. Our GEAR UP Ambassadors are our student leaders. They all worked diligently this past school year to make their wonderful ideas come to life by hosting and participating in multiple GEAR UP events, such as

lunchtime tabling, family workshops, and community service events. To celebrate their hard work, they participated in Universal Studios' STEAM App Series Program, which is an educational opportunity where students learn about science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. Students received behind the scenes access to learn how rides and attractions at the park function.





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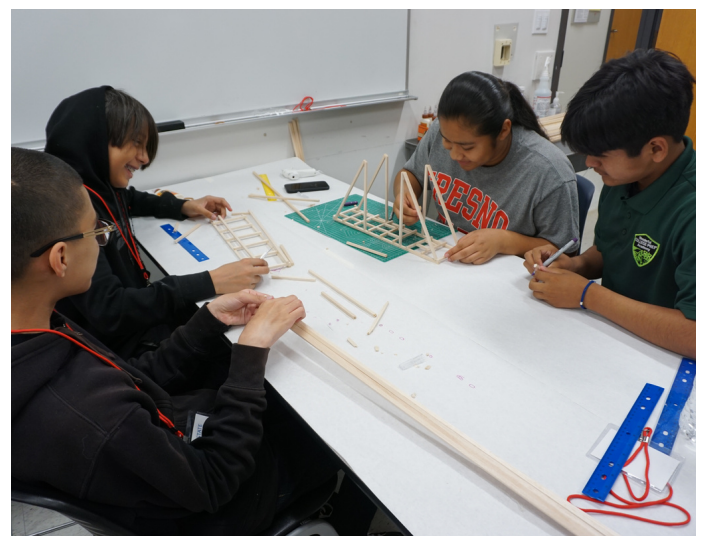
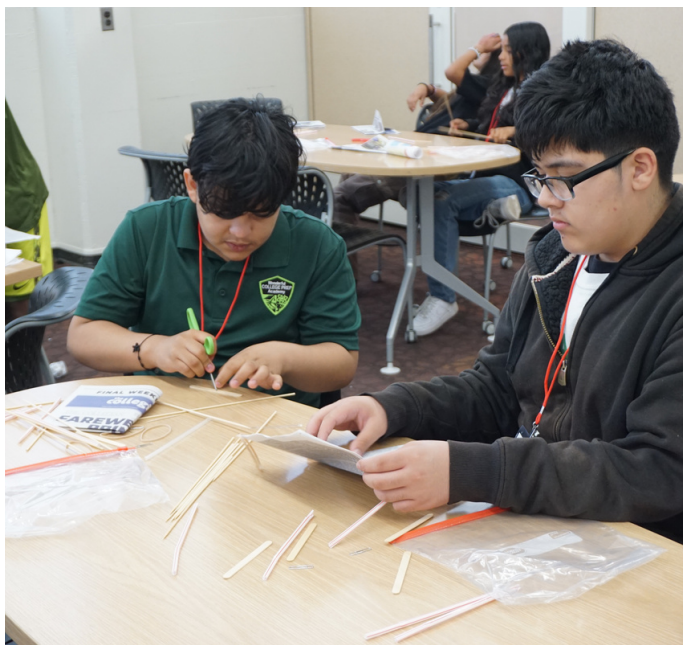
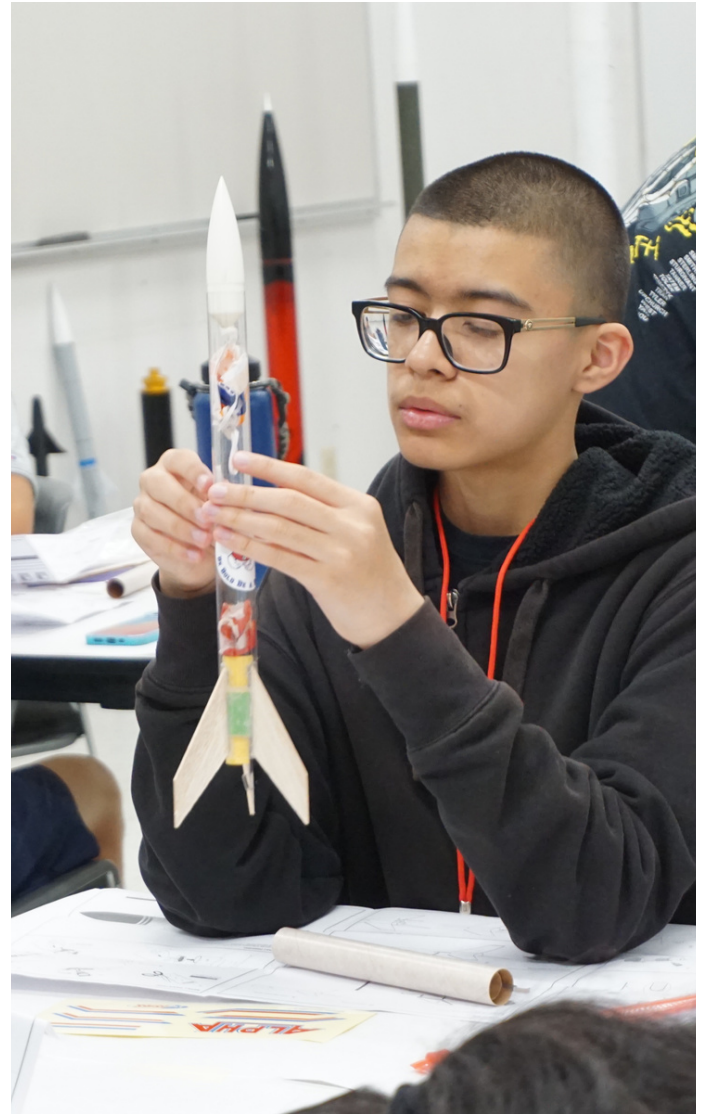
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FSU ENGINEERING CAMP

Lost Hills' very own top middle school mathematic students were selected to participate in Fresno State's summer engineering camp. This was a week-long camp where students travelled from Lost Hills to Fresno State every day. Students had the opportunity to learn and participate in hands-on engineering and architectural studies activities. Students participated in hands-on projects, educational courses, and group activities.

Big shout-out to our participants, Damian Poncedeleon, Estefhanny Martinez, Alexander Rodriguez, Miguel Gomez, Santiago Valencia, and Andres Ponce. These students are not only our top performing students in math, but they showed up every day excited to learn and participate in all the activities.





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ZOO'S!

Not only did our students learn a lot about math this summer, but students also visited the animal kingdom! Our rising 8th and 9th graders visited the CALM Zoo in Bakersfield and got to see many animals for the first time. A couple of weeks later, we also visited the Fresno Chaffee Zoo where students were able to check out the new Kingdoms of Asia exhibit.





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CAL POLY



E.P.I.C. CAL POLY

Estefhanny Martinez and Isabella Jimenez both participated in Cal Poly's E.P.I.C. summer engineering camp this summer! These two students were selected to apply for this camp based on their top scoring math scores and were both accepted into this very competitive camp! They stayed in the dorms for five days. While they were there, they had the opportunity to take courses taught by college professors in the university's classrooms, meet students from all over the state, and participate in cool projects!



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FSU BOWLING!

Ending summer with some fun! Our rising 8th and 9th grade students enjoyed some pool and bowling at Fresno State's bowling alley! For many students it was their first time bowling and they had a blast. It was the perfect way to end summer school and reward these students for their hard academic work this summer.





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NATIONAL GEAR UP CONFERENCE

Some of our GEAR UP Team also had the opportunity to attend the annual National GEAR UP Conference this summer where GEAR UP Programs from all over the United States come together to learn and further develop our skills. We heard from incredible keynote speakers such as Ellen Ochoa who was the first Latina astronaut to travel to space! In addition, we attended many workshops where we learned new skills that we can utilize for this upcoming school year.

