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GEAR UP - Delano

Monthly Newsletter



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM GEAR UP

This month's focus was lunchtime tabling, catching up on missing assignments, and finishing off the semester strong. GEAR UP believes students have a much higher advantage of succeeding when fun activities are implemented therefore, we incorporated college trivia into our festivities. In return, students won a DIY snowman kit with marshmallows for the body, pretzels for the arms, and mini chocolates for the buttons and eye. The lunchtime tabling was also an opportunity for students to interact with their peers and build stronger relationships, which is a key aspect of GEAR UP's approach to education. With the end of the semester approaching, we hope that these fun and engaging activities will motivate students to finish strong and achieve their academic goals. Pictured above are 9th grade students answering college jeopardy for their chance to win edible snowman!

GEAR UP Upcoming Events:

Winter Break
12/18/23- 01/05/24

1st Day Back!
01/08/23

Did You Know?



"While college debt is the single greatest cause for concern among students and parents, a whopping 85% of students are awarded financial aid."

Monthly Reminder :

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."

- Maya Angelou



Tips for Surviving Finals Week



**Avoid the Urge to Procrastinate.
Take Breaks!
Get some Sleep.
Create a playlist to help you
focus.**



Stay Hydrated and eat well!



GEAR UP Student of the Month

Nathaniel Casillas was nominated for GEAR UP student of the month because of his willingness to succeed and his kind nature. Nathaniel is our Engagement Ambassador and we have seen him excel in his leadership skills during lunchtime tabling. He is willing to help students with college questions by giving them hints to succeed. Nathaniel's dedication to his education is evident in his academic performance as well. He consistently achieves high grades and actively participates in classroom discussions. His positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning is contagious and has a positive impact on his peers. Nathaniel is a role model for other students, demonstrating that with hard work and determination, anything is possible. We are proud to have Nathaniel as a member of our GEAR UP team and know that he will continue to make a difference in the world around him.





After finishing CFA's last week, middle school continued to challenge themselves in their college and career expertise. Under the theme of college jeopardy, students spent time exploring the different college admissions process, as well as learning about financial aid and academic programs available to students. We hope that by providing these activities, students ask questions and seek guidance from their counselors and teachers, who are always available to offer support and advice. With their determination to succeed and a strong support system, students are well on their way to achieving their dreams.

Is it Time to Say Goodbye?



Ms. Flores served as our Math Tutor since the beginning of this year, helping our 9th grade students transition from the middle school over to high school. Not only did she help students with missing assignments, she served as a mentor and advocate to the 9th grade cohort. Ms. Flores enjoyed spending her time with 9th grade, and she especially enjoyed the college field trips. Ms. Flores plans to pursue her education in mathematics, and hopes to come back to the community as a math teacher. We wish Alina the very best and know she will have a bright future ahead!