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# A JEM of a Program: 

Supporting Math Advancement

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## Today's Goals

1. Learn how GEAR UP 4 LA's support of and involvement with, JEM has progressed over time.
2. Explore how GEAR UP 4 LA's model might enhance your math support programs.
3. Examine results of a quasi-experimental evaluation of JEM participation.

## Agenda

1. Introductions and context
2. JEM: Why, What and How
3. Engaging and supporting students
4. Our results
5. Q \& A

## Please stand up if....

1. You serve primarily rural communities.
2. You serve primarily urban communities.
3. You offer academic enrichment programs in your grant.
4. You provide a math enrichment program.

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## Our GU4LA Context/Why Math



Title I
42\%
English Ready (2022)

Latinx
28\%
Math Ready (2022)

## Jaime Escalante Mathematics (JEM): Why \& What

Why:

- Local need
- Break the fear of Math
- Enhance Math Skills


## What:

- A math program that takes a year's worth of math and condenses it into an intensive 4-6 weeks course either to make up credits or for enrichment.
- High School Teachers: hired as Adjunct Instructor

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## Annual Implementation Timeline



## Preliminary Eligibility Roster



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## Engaging Students

- Following a set criteria
- Past and in-progress grades
- Transcript
- Involved Parents
- Academic Counselors and teachers


## Your Turn: Mock Advising

- Form groups of 2-3
- Decide who will be the school adult adviser and who will be the student.
- Review the scenarios
- Focus: How would you advise the student in each scenario?


## Scenario 1: English Learner

- Academic GPA: 3.0
- Options:
- LAUSD provides enrichment for English Learners to strengthen their English skills and help them reclassify the following year during the summer.
- College Class
- JEM


## Scenario 2: Low GPA

- Academic GPA: 2.3
- State College minimum eligibility academic GPA is 2.5 .
- Options:
- Sports Practice
- JEM

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## Scenario 3: Special Education

- Academic GPA: 4.3
- No extracurricular activities
- High Functioning Autism
- Unable to sit in one place for a long period of time, tends to have uncontrollable outburst.
- Behavior Intervention Implementation Support (BII) during the school year.
- School has no funding for BII during the summer


## Scenario 4:

- Academic GPA: 4.1
- School Rank \#1 (wants to be valedictorian)
- Multiple Extracurricular Activities
- Options:
- College research opportunity
- JEM
- College Course

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## Ensuring Student Success: During

- Provide on-site and in-class support
- Advisor makes check-in calls home, especially when student is absent
- Advising Cycle

Identify
Tutor.com Access (1st Week)

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Monitor Progress

- In-person tutoring and tutor.com
- Tutoring Cycle


## Ensuring Student Success: After

- Advise students who earned C's
- Ensure students who earned A's and B's are placed in the correct math classes
- Ensure grades are correctly recorded

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## Implementation Lessons Learned

What are some challenges that you have encountered when implementing any enrichment program?

How have you overcome them?

## GU4LA Lessons Learned

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## Testimonials



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## Evaluation: Method

Comparison groups matched 1 to 1 on four criteria:


## Evaluation: Results

Did JEM students enroll in higher math courses in the fall?

| Advanced math in fall |  |  |
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| GEAR UP JEM | 8888888888888888888 | $65 \%$ |
| GEAR UP No JEM | 88888888888888888888 | $33 \%$ |
| Not GEAR UP | 88888888888888888888 | $33 \%$ |



## Evaluation: Results

Fall outcomes combined:

- Math level taken
- Grade


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"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do." —Pele

