

College and Career Presentation

Opportunity Youth Academy

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Support Provided

- One-on-One conversations about academic and life goals
- One-on-One Career Exploration
- Post-secondary exploration by degrees or certificates
- Creating transition plans with actionable items for post-graduation with the support of the College & Career Liaison
- First year support in post-secondary education
 - Navigating the challenges of being a 1st generation college student
 - Providing support in class registration, connecting to resources to keep students engaged, and providing emotional support/motivation to keep going
- Presentations to share post-secondary options to students
- Support dual enrollment step-by-step (Dashboard indicator)
- Build relationships with community college's
- Assist in the creation/implementation of programs at OYA such as workshops, new student orientation, CTE pathways, career labs, and transition plans

Students in Community College

- Since the implementation of the College & Career Liaison position, we have helped 44% of our total graduates to transition to a community college or trade school. Majority of them being the first in their families to enroll in college.
- We currently have 7 students enrolled for dual enrollment at De Anza College for Spring quarter, the highest number of students in a cohort to date
- Prior to the implementation of the position, there was no data to support this number of graduates in community college/trade school in OYA history.

Majors/Pathways Students are Pursuing

- Medical
- Business
- Anthropology
- Architecture
- Psychology
- Law Enforcement
- HVAC
- Computer Science
- Cosmetology
- Journalism
- Real Estate
- Child Development
- Education
- Theater
- Astronomy
- Veterinary Sciences
- Hospitality

Success Stories

- Graduate completed an HVAC certificate from San Jose City College while working and caring for his son and has had job offers starting at \$27/hr. College Liaison was able to guide the student through necessary classes and assist whenever a challenge arose throughout their entire journey in college.
- Graduate started her journey at De Anza College and struggled with managing work, childcare, and school. College Liaison was able to assist in the transfer to Evergreen Valley for a semester to work on general ed requirements at a slower pace, while providing additional career exploration services. Student decided to become a clinical medical assistant and transferred to San Jose City College and continues to remain resilient and thrive.

LCAP Goal #3

All students will leave prepared for a successful transition to college and/or career as a result of premier programs, services and curriculum

- Currently, 57% (31 out of 54) seniors have a transition plan that they created with the College & Career Liaison.
- 83% of those transition plans include community college.
- College Liaison has created a rotating schedule to be present at all OYA sites in order to increase this number in the next two months, with plans to extend post-secondary planning to juniors as well to increase dual enrollment efforts in community college and MetroEd.

Benefits of offering 1st year support Post-Graduation

- Former graduates come back for help when they're ready to go to college/trade school. The time may have not been right for them at the time of graduation due to life challenges, however they know they can always access support at OYA.
- Not all OYA students qualify for support groups on campus that provide additional support to first generation college students, therefore it is important to have access to their college liaison.

Career Labs

- Since the partnership between OYA and YearUp in April 2019, 166 students participated in the Career Labs program.
- This opportunity prepared and connected students to opportunities in postsecondary education and jobs with organizations such as MOD Pizza, UPS, Tesla, Home Depot, Great America, Whole Foods, and LinkedIn.
- Skills gained within Career Labs also prepared students to succeed in community college courses at colleges such as San Jose City, Mission, De Anza, and Gavilan.

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