

March 2011 Guadalupe Alternative Programs

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Information Regarding

Enrollment

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11/12 Grade Team

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Mentoring and College Readiness

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GAP Committed to Providing Postsecondary Pathways

Guadalupe Alternative Programs is dedicated to significantly increasing the number of students graduating with a meaningful diploma that prepares them for post secondary level work. We are also committed to increasing the number of students continuing on in postsecondary institutions. GAP is creating a culture among the staff and students where postsecondary involvement is the expected norm.

To accomplish this task GAP intends to increase the rigor of academic programming. In past years students have been able to enroll in two elective classes each quarter. This year students enroll in only one elective class each quarter. A quarterly science class is now required of all 9th, 10th, and 11th graders. All 12th graders are enrolled in a College and Career Readiness course. There was some concern that students might resist being offered fewer elective course offerings, but the students have shown their willingness to rise to the challenge and meet the higher expectation being placed on them.

GAP is committed to providing students with certification opportunities in construction, health services, C-Tech cable and wiring installation, and computer refurbishing and recycling. We continue to improve the integration of technology in instruction and use technology in the delivery of online assessments



Thanks to our partnership with Minnesota Computers for Schools, GAP now has 25 refurbished Gateway computers and a new PC server operational in the computer lab. An additional 15 Gateways have been placed in offices and classrooms replacing outdated iMacs and eMacs. The functionality of the computer lab has improved dramatically and teachers are now using the lab with much greater frequency and effectiveness.

GAP is also the recipient of three new grants this year:

- OJJDP Mentoring Program grant
- AmeriCorps Plus grant
- PSE Initiative grant

These grants strengthen GAP's ongoing effort to provide every graduate with a realistic opportunity to attend a postsecondary institution and persist through graduation.



Dre'von learns how to recycle computer parts

Odds and Ends

Testing season is just around the corner. April 12th and 13th are the dates when most of the students in the state of Minnesota will be taking the MCA II tests. 9th graders will take the Writing test, 10th graders the Reading test and 11th graders the Math test. Re-tests will also be offered to 11th and 12th graders who still need to pass either the Math or Reading test. Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast before coming to school on testing days. This will greatly improve their chances of passing the test.

Our average daily enrollment for the 1st quarter was 112 students. Our average daily attendance was 87 students (78% attendance). For the 2nd quarter our average daily enrollment was 121 students. Our average daily attendance was 85 students (71% attendance). School attendance is a key to your child's success. We are doing everything we can to improve our average daily attendance to over 80%. Please help us by encouraging your child to come to school every day. Let us know if you are facing barriers to your child's school attendance. We can help.



The following students are the top credit and point earners for the 2nd quarter.

- Evan Alexander-Shaw
- Dre'von Crenshaw
- Andrew James IV
- Crystal Juarez
- Maria Omana Ramirez
- Glenda Padilla Leal
- Kadesha Richardson
- Arturo Torres Jr.

A heartfelt well-done and congratulations to all of you for the hard work you accomplished 2nd quarter.



Abdi and Jay work on making CAT-5 cables in C-Tech class.



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