

# DESTINATION GRADUATION PROGRAM

Solving the high school dropout crisis by bridging the educational achievement gap and building a viable future workforce.

## THE PROBLEM

Though Orange County's dropout rate for the 2016–2017 school year is currently at 5.4% as compared to 9.5% in 2010–2011, the most underserved districts in the county continue to struggle in supporting their neediest students.



2,000+  
Local High School  
Students Drop  
Out Each Year



Dropouts are 4X  
More Likely to  
Be Unemployed  
Versus Graduates



Each Dropout Costs  
\$290,000 to the  
Community Over  
a Lifetime



61% of California  
Jobs will Require  
Post-Secondary  
Education by 2018

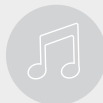


David, Destination Graduation Student, Westminster High School, Class of 2017

## OUR RESPONSE TO DROPOUT RATES

Orange County United Way's Destination Graduation Program helps students graduate on-time and ready for college through strategic educational partnerships.

**PARTNERING WITH SCHOOLS. WITH PARENTS. WITH MENTORS.**



**CREATING OPPORTUNITIES**



**INCREASING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**



CUT THE HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATE

**1/2**

**ACHIEVING POTENTIAL**

**EMPOWERING TEACHERS**

## DESTINATION GRADUATION

We're excited to partner with administrators, teachers, and parents to prepare students to succeed as skilled workers and responsible global citizens. We choose the partner schools based on the level of need and their commitment to the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Model.

**99%**  
ON-TIME HIGH SCHOOL  
GRADUATION RATE  
THROUGH DESTINATION  
GRADUATION

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United Way's Destination Graduation program provides students, teachers and parents additional resources and services to round out its comprehensive approach to a complex community challenge by:

## BUILDING SCHOOL LEADERSHIP & SUSTAINABILITY

United Way works with local district leadership to support innovations in teaching and student learning models proven to narrow the academic achievement gap.

## IMPROVING TEACHER EFFECTIVENESS

United Way provides teachers with access to training and resources. Intensive development programs provide committed teachers with innovative techniques and exciting academic context, creating a classroom culture of academic success.

## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND EXPLORATION

Through our partnership with Roadtrip Nation, students work through lessons designed to help them identify personal skill sets and create an intentional road map for their future success.

## STUDENT TUTORING

Providing Destination Graduation students increased tutoring opportunities during the school day helps ensure students keep up with rigorous course work.



## CORPORATE SHARE DAYS

United Way invites corporate partners to share their personal high school and career experience with students. Partners are excited to connect to the future workforce, and students and teachers are excited to have relevant examples of career and education pathways.



## STEM EXPERIMENTAL HANDS-ON LEARNING

In partnership with The Discovery Cube and Vital Link, students are inspired and encouraged to pursue a STEM-related career through hands-on research activities.

## STUDENT & PARENT HIGHER EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

Our Destination Graduation partnership with California State University, Fullerton fosters a college-going culture for students and their families by providing important information on how to access and pay for college via a variety of workshops.

## SCHOOL-BASED COLLEGE FIELD TRIPS

Through direct support to local schools, United Way partners with high schools to customize their high education activities for students by providing resources to visit community colleges and universities across the state.

## PARTNER SCHOOLS

### Santa Ana Unified

- Carr Intermediate School
- Century High School
- Godinez Fundamental High School
- McFadden Intermediate School
- Mendez Fundamental Intermediate School
- Middle College High School
- Romero-Cruz Academy
- Segerstrom High School

### Anaheim Union

- Anaheim High School
- Ball Junior High School
- Brookhurst Junior High School
- Katella High School
- Loara High School
- Savanna High School
- South Junior High School

### Westminster School District

- Johnson Middle School

### Garden Grove Unified

- Doig Intermediate School
- Fitz Intermediate School
- Los Amigos High School
- Santiago High School

### Huntington Beach Unified

- Ocean View High School
- Westminster High School

## SUPPORTING PARTNERS

### Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)

[www.avid.org](http://www.avid.org)

### Roadtrip Nation

[www.roadtripnation.org](http://www.roadtripnation.org)

### Vital Link

[www.vitalinkoc.org](http://www.vitalinkoc.org)

### Discovery Cube Center

[www.discoverycube.org](http://www.discoverycube.org)

### California State University, Fullerton

### Center for Educational Partnerships

[www.fullerton.edu/partnerships/](http://www.fullerton.edu/partnerships/)

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