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.

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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.

- 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

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
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.

**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 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.

**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.

**SUPPORTING PARTNERS**
- Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)
  - www.avid.org
- Roadtrip Nation
  - www.roadtripnation.org
- Vital Link
  - www.vitallinkoc.org
- Discovery Cube Center
  - www.discoverycube.org
- California State University, Fullerton
  - Center for Educational Partnerships
  - www.fullerton.edu/partnerships/

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**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

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