



# **NORTE VISTA HIGH SCHOOL**

Reaches Higher!

# SCHOOL COUNSELING TEAM

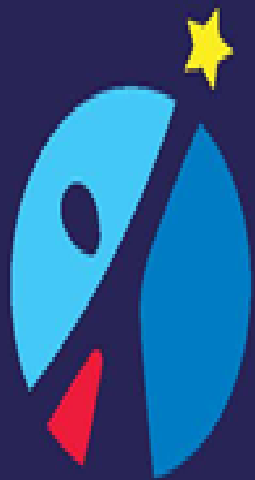


# NVHS School Counseling

- Our school counseling team promotes college/career, academic, and social/emotional success for **ALL** students in 9th-12th grades.
- This presentation will highlight what we have done to promote college/career success for ALL students to encourage them to Reach Higher!

# ASCA Mindset and Behavior Standards

- **Category 1: Mindset Standard M4**: Understanding that postsecondary education and lifelong learning are necessary for long term career success.
- **Category 2: Behavior Standard, B-LS 5**: Apply media and technology skills.
- **Category 2: Behavior Standard B-LS 9**: Gather evidence and consider multiple perspectives to make informed decisions.



# REACH HIGHER

*Complete your education. Own your future.*

# Why Reach Higher?

- Access to information about college depends on school resources
- School resources depend on the surrounding community.
- **45.5%** of Low-income High School Graduates enroll in postsecondary education
- An educated workforce is a stronger economy

# Reach Higher & Parents

- Presenting at Parent Meetings (Padres Unidos, ELAC, ATP, etc)
- A-G and graduation requirements
- Post secondary options
- Financial aid/ scholarships



# What do students get?

- Individual student-counselor consultation meetings for post high school plans and graduation plan
- All students receive a financial aid/scholarship presentation
- Cash for College offered to all Seniors
- Weekly College/Career Thursdays (students dress for success)
- Monthly Reach Higher Fairs
- Monthly 10 Year Plan Days
- Senior Exit Survey

# Motivating Students To Reach Higher!

- Local College Fair- Riverside once a year
- Keeping the motivation going every month at NOVI
- Local colleges, CTE programs, and military branches bring activities, informational handouts, incentives/gifts
- Staff post Reach Higher flyers in classrooms/offices
- Students get house points for participating in weekly College/Career Thursdays
- Students and staff get a chance to win gift cards to local food places for participating in monthly Reach Higher Thursdays

# 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Reach Higher College Kick Off - September



# Senior Reach Higher College Connection Kick Off - October



## During October/November- Financial Aid/College Connection Wednesdays



# Implemented “Up Next Text College Across Campus”



# Cash For College

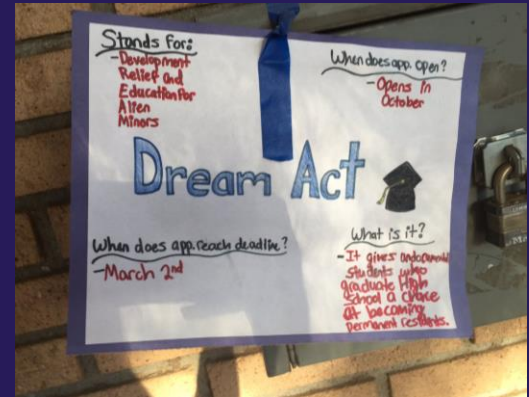
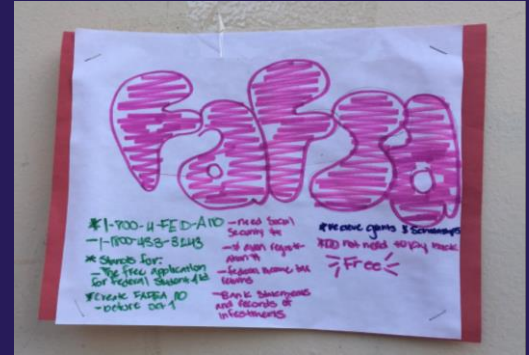
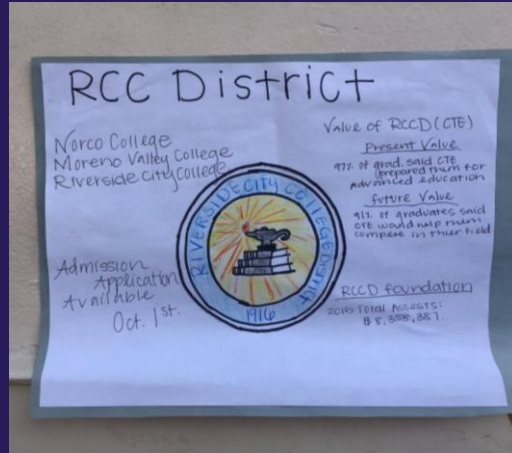
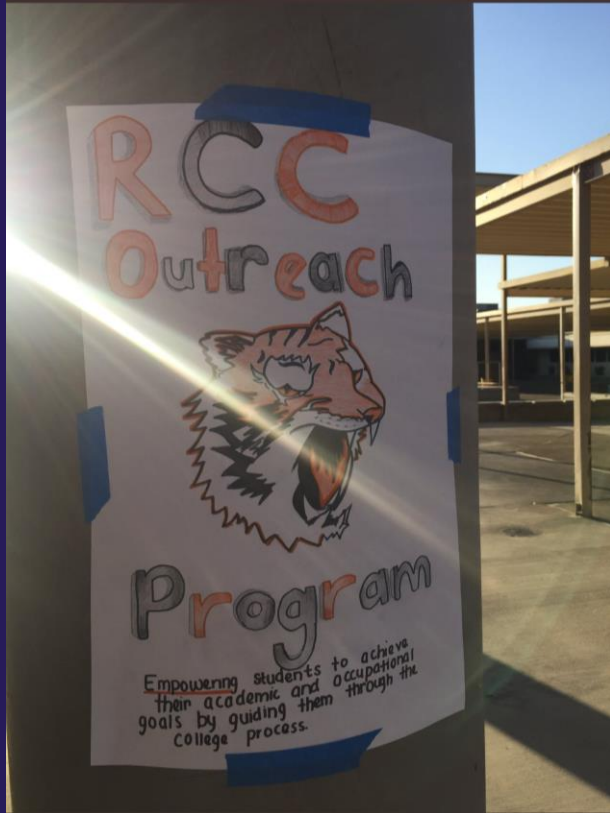


# Reach Higher Ambassadors

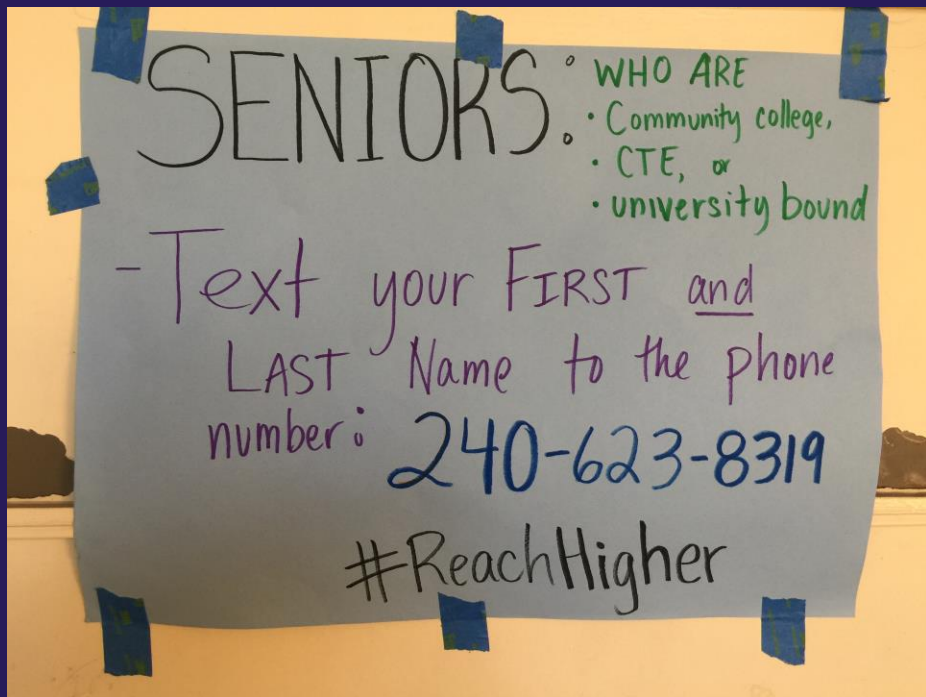
- Our Advisory Board (like Better Make Room)
- Consists of AVID student leaders that help with our college fairs
- Advertise workshops, events, Reach Higher Thursdays, and important college/financial aid deadlines (social media, posters, word of mouth)
- Work towards a vision that sees every student at NVHS enrolling in and completing their education past high school whether that's a professional training program, a community college, or a four year college or university



# Reach Higher Decor



# “Up Next” Decor



**College/Career Exploration Program was implemented bringing professionals to present on careers and college throughout the year!**

**Congressman  
Takano**



# Reach Higher/Better Make Room Student Led Video



<https://www.alvordschools.org/Page/8783>

# Reach Higher Club

- The club supports the Reach Higher Initiative and Better Make Room Campaign
- Meets once a month
- Assists with Reach Higher activities
- Takes college trips

# Reach Higher Certification

- Students learn what the Reach Higher Initiative and Better Make Room campaign is to promote campus wide
- Students are taught A-G's, financial aid, scholarship, college, CTE, and military information
- Students are taught strategies that are used to help their peers reach higher

# Reach Higher Thursdays!!!



Implemented Monthly Reach Higher Thursdays (mini college/military fairs and activities)

# Reach Higher Fair Activities Flyer



Join us for.....

## Reach Higher Thursday Activities!

Date: November 2, 2017

When: During Lunch

Where: outside in the quad

For: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders

### Special Guests

- \*California Baptist University Admissions*
- \*California Baptist University Aviation Program*
- \*California Baptist University Engineering Program*
- \*California State University, Maritime Academy*
- \*John Paul the Great Catholic University*
- \*La Sierra University Criminal*
- \*Riverside City College Extended Opportunity Programs & Services*
- \*San Bernardino Valley College*
- \*University of California, Irvine COSMOS Program (for 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>)*
- \*University of California, Riverside Admissions*
- \*University of California, Riverside Honors Program*
- \*University of California, Riverside Upward Bound*

**Wear college or military apparel for a chance to win gift**



# College Fair Questions

## Questions to Ask Military Recruiters

1. Why should I join the military?
2. Please explain the recruiting process start to finish.
3. What option is best for me: Active duty, Reserve or ROTC?
4. What really goes on in combat training?
5. What are the physical standards candidates have to meet?
6. Can an entrant choose the job he/she wants? How is the job assignment made?
7. Can a trainee choose to serve overseas?
8. How much does a new recruit get paid and what are the benefits?
9. What kind of training comes after basic?
10. What are the ways a service member can earn college credits during enlistment?
11. What are your tuition support programs and how does an entrant qualify for them?
12. How long am I required to serve?
13. What are the educational benefits?
14. Thank you for you for serving our country!

## 20 Questions to Ask College Representatives

Whether you meet them at a college fair or on a campus visit, college representatives genuinely enjoy talking to high school students and answering questions about their college. The following questions will help start a good dialogue.

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1. What makes your college unique?
  2. For what academic programs is your college known?
  3. How would you describe the students at your college? Where are most of them from?
  4. Where do students hang out on campus?
  5. What happens on weekends — are there things to do on campus or in town, or do most students go home?
  6. Are fraternities and sororities a big part of campus life?
  7. What are the housing options for freshmen?
  8. Do many students live off campus?
  9. Is there a sports complex or fitness center?
  10. What are the most popular clubs and activities?
  11. What's the security like on campus?
  12. What's the surrounding area like? Is it easy to get around?
  13. What are the most popular majors?
  14. How would you describe the academic pressure and workload?
  15. What support services (academic advisers, tutors, etc.) are available?
  16. Do I need to bring my own computer?
  17. What's the faculty like? Are they accessible outside of class?
  18. Are there opportunities for internships?
  19. Is there job placement help for graduates?
  20. Are there any big changes in the works that I should know about?

# Raise Me Scholarships

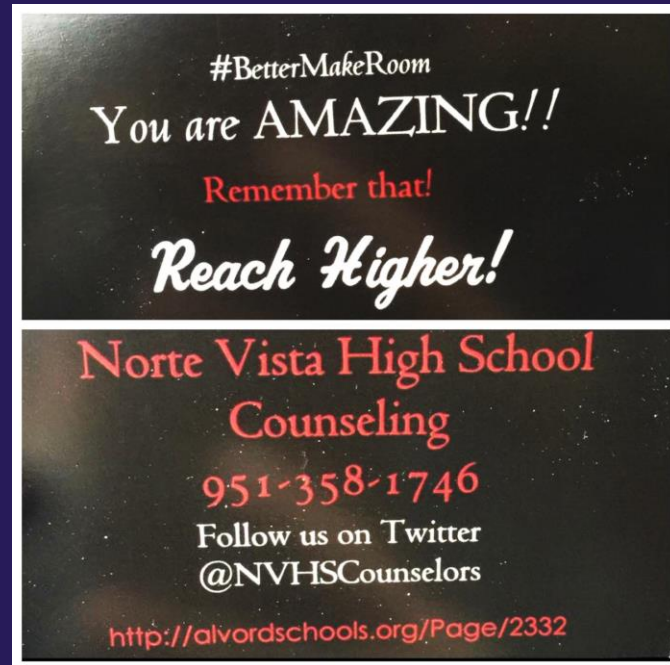
<https://www.raise.me/>

# Community & School Partnerships

- AVID Program, Freshmen Focus, Leadership classes on campus, admin/school wide support
- Senior English teachers - require senior exit project
- Local Community Colleges/CTE (SBVC, RCC, Norco, Moreno Valley)
- Public and Private Universities
- Local Scholarship partners (AEF, Dollars for Scholars, Padres Unidos)
- Wells Fargo Education Financial Services
- The US Military (Air Force, Marines, Navy, National Guard, Army)

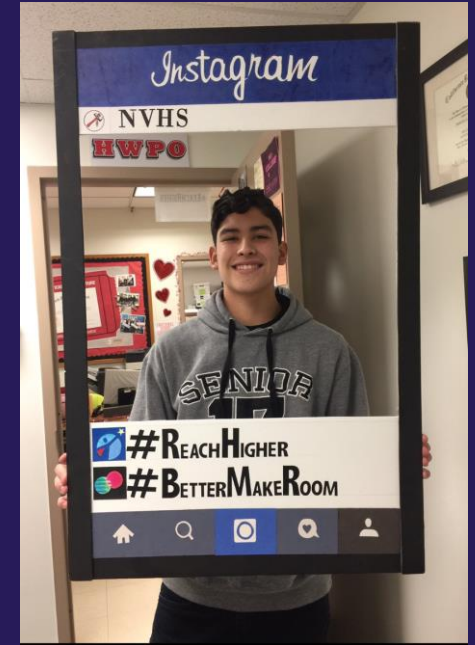
# “You are AMAZING” cards!

Getting the word out using Twitter , Remind, and a business card to encourage and celebrate student achievement!



# Instagram #ReachHigher #BetterMakeRoom Prop

Incorporated student interest in social media with Instagram #ReachHigher photos when a student commits to more education or training, receives a scholarship or attended the Cash for College Night



# Reach Higher Letter of Intent



**ADMINISTRATOR** NORTE VISTA HIGH SCHOOL  
6585 Crest Ave Riverside, CA 92503 (951) 358-1740  
Fax: (951) 358-1741

**SUSAN BOYD**  
Principal **Reach Higher Letter of Intent**

**Dr. DEN EDWARDS** As a member of the Class of 2017 at  
Assistant Principal Norte Vista High School, I  
A - Gomez \_\_\_\_\_ (print name)  
commit to attending

**LUIS MEDINA** \_\_\_\_\_ (name of  
Assistant Principal institution) following my high school  
graduation on June 1, 2017.  
Gonzalez  
Palomares

This commitment to postsecondary  
education (higher education, training, or  
career development) after high school is  
my first step toward a successful and  
prosperous future. On this day, April 19,  
2017, I commit to furthering my  
postsecondary education. I will continue  
to Reach Higher and pursue the

completion of my goals after high school.

**Priscilla Grijalva** Student  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
A - D. Cruz

# Reach Higher 10 Year Plan Signing Day

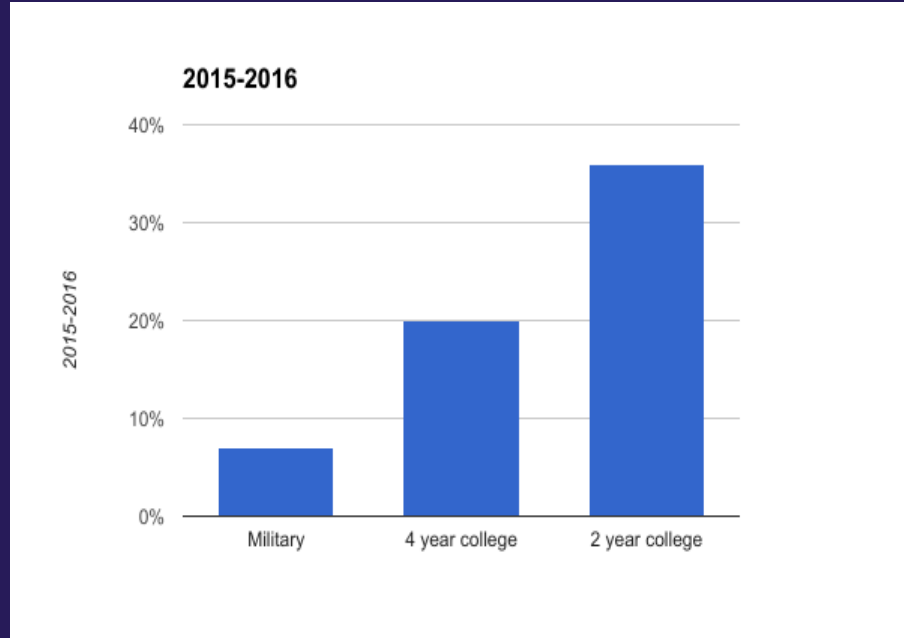


# Why did we teach and implement this lesson and activities?

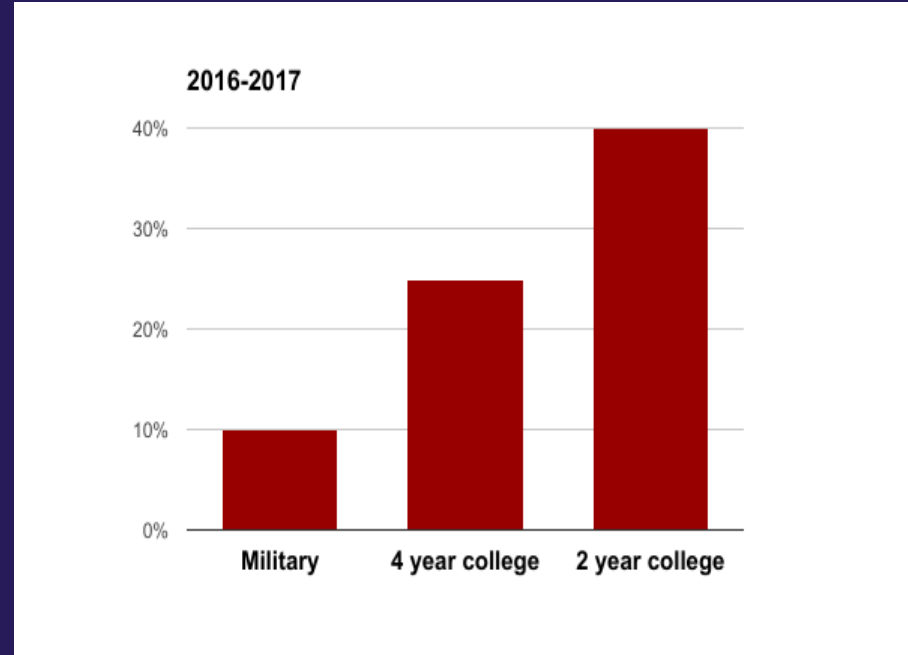
- To decrease dropout rates
- Financial Support for students
- Increases the likelihood that students will pursue post-secondary plans
- Removes financial barriers that prevent students from attending a postsecondary institution
- Helps students in making post-secondary decisions
- Reduce the cycle of poverty



# Reach Higher Data



Class of 2016: 61% Reached Higher



Class of 2017: 75% Reaching Higher!

# Up Next Text College

NVHS ranked 6th in the nation for most students enrolled in Up Next Text College!

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## In Summary....

- Students received valuable information about post high school plans such as: community college, universities, military, careers, vocational college, and technical schools from a variety of resources in the community and Norte Vista High School staff
- Students gained knowledge, attitudes, and skills needed for academic success
- The school's programs support AUSD's mission statement: "All students will realize their unlimited potential."

# THANK YOU!

The school counseling program is contributing in a meaningful way to the academic achievement of all students while assisting them to be college/career ready.



***Thank you for your support of the school counseling program!***

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