



“Academic Excellence and College Access for ALL Students”

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION
California GEAR UP Schools Leading the Way!

Holmes International Middle School, Los Angeles Unified School District

As a participant in GEAR UP since 2004, Holmes Middle School was recognized as a California Distinguished School (2005), Title I Academic Achievement Award (AAA) School (2006), and a California School To Watch (2007).

Helms Middle School, West Contra Costa Unified School District

In 2004 Dr. Harriet MacLean was honored as Middle School Principal of the Year by the Richmond Association of School Administrators, West Contra Costa Unified School District and in 2007 became an Assistant Superintendent for the Oakland Unified School district. She served eight years as Helms Middle School Principal.

Fairgrove Academy, Hacienda-La Puente Unified School District

Principal Penny Fraumeni, was selected as 2005 California Elementary “Principal of the Year” by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA).

Jackman Middle School, Elk Grove Unified School District

Bill Del Bonta was named Principal of the Year in 2006 by California GEAR UP and Certificated Administrator of the Year in 2007 by Elk Grove Unified School District. He has been principal at Jackman Middle School since August 2004.

Valley High School, Elk Grove Unified School District

In December 2007, Valley High was selected as one of 22 “Beating the Odds” (BTO) schools in California by graduating more students, reducing dropout rates, and achieving higher test scores than schools with similar student populations. The California GEAR UP Student Services Model Project is located at Valley and sponsored a celebration luncheon for faculty and staff in January 2008.

Visitacion Valley Middle School, San Francisco Unified School District

Principal James. S. Dierke has been recognized as 2008 MetLife/NASSP National Middle Level Principal of the Year. His selection was based on changing the school's climate, building teams, spearheading reform, and collaborating with community members.