

# WHAT'S AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

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STUDENT  
ACHIEVEMENT

College! It might seem daunting, but many wonderful programs at West High were here to support you in your education journey. Geared towards helping students prepare for higher education, these programs provided a space to study and do homework, but were also a warm community where students could relax and connect with peers. Beyond academic support, these programs also opened doors to scholarships, advisors, and other resources for success. With ample preparation and support, applying to college doesn't feel as scary!



"PACE WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HELP WITH MY FUTURE AND MY GOALS."

Rosa Granados (10),  
PACE Scholar

Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) was offered as a class. That's right, you could participate in AVID during school! It focused on preparing for higher education and exploring future life plans, perfect for students who were unsure about what their plans after high school. AVID students got to meet new people, create good communication skills, create organizational skills, and create a community for themselves. Included in the package were scholarships, support for the college application process, and essay-writing advice. Students learned to set goals for themselves and found out their next steps. AVID was a very rewarding experience for all of the students!

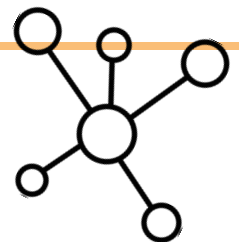


Kaylyn Kingston (12) and Maya Bestvina (12) hard at work.



Ashley Cornejo (12) and Flor Hernandez (12) study on their beautifully decorated laptops.

# PACE



The Partnership for Accessing College Education (PACE) provided student participants with mentors and an opportunity for a two-year scholarship to attend Salt Lake Community College upon graduation. The program also introduced students to other colleges to explore more options. It was super beneficial for students who weren't sure if they wanted to attend college, or couldn't afford to.

The program was also an awesome social space! Students attended field trips and college visits, and always had a friend to hang out with. The advisors were very connected to the students and always pushed them to achieve their goals.

You could join the program by filling out an application online or on paper, or you could also talk to Javier, West High's PACE counselor, after school in room 229.



Diew Gatwech (12), Dylan Banks (12), Abdulkadir Abdi (12), do their homework on laptops.

"AVID HELPED ME ORGANIZE MY LIFE, AND TAKE THE NEXT STEP."

Jeremy Diaz (12),  
AVID student

LET'S TALK GRADUATION



- Yearbook**  
Solid silver cord
- Taken an IB Course**  
Royal blue cord
- Hope Squad**  
Red and white twist
- Obtained Seal of Biliiteracy**  
Solid teal cord
- Service Learning**  
Solid purple cord
- HOSA**  
Maroon and white twist
- Women's Alliance**  
Solid lilac cord
- CTE Skills Tests**  
Passed 2 or more; red and black cords
- Full-Time Military Service After Graduation**  
Red, white, and blue twist

- National Honors Society**  
White stole with teal and gold applique
- First Generation High School Graduate**  
Blue and white twist
- Krakens Ultimate Frisbee**  
Red and black twist
- Student Government**  
Red, black, and yellow twist
- Sterling Scholar**  
Solid maroon cord
- Graduating with Honors**  
(3.5 - 4.0 GPA) Solid gold cord
- Arabic Honor Society**  
Teal and white twist
- School Newspaper**  
Solid white cord
- American Sign Language Honors Society**  
Red, white, and blue twist
- AVID**  
Medallion
- Completed a CTE Pathway**  
CTE medallion
- Salt Lake Community College PACE Scholar**  
PACE medallion

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This isn't even close to all of West's graduation bling. Let's not forget Latinos in Action (LIA)'s dazzling serapes, IB Diploma graduates' glinting medallions, and the World Scholars' red-lined white stoles! These lovely robe decorations aren't just limited to academic achievements; sports, clubs, and other student organizations often have their own unique swag too!



GEARUP

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEARUP) was an cohort-based college preparation program, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Students looking for some extra college support applied to join GEARUP in freshman year, and formed a "cohort" that would stick together throughout high school. GEARUP really *geared* students *up* for a successful college career with interactive learning, engaging lessons and helpful mentorship! "It was really good for me. I've made great friends and learned a lot," said German Parra-Leon (12). GEARUP welcomed all students, and everyone in the progam was able to grow and become more prepared for college, both academically and financially.

WHAT YOU WILL DO NEXT?