

# TOP 3 REASONS YOUR STUDENTS NEED AN AGENT

GEAR UP programs across the country partner with Student Success Agency to connect their students with their very own Agent — a near peer mentor that provides academic, college prep, and social-emotional support outside of traditional school hours via secure text messaging.

## STUDENTS WITH AN AGENT HAVE:

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A **30%**  
increase in college  
enrollment<sup>1</sup>



2

Higher GPAs –  
**3.39** compared  
to **3.166**<sup>2</sup>



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Greater college  
persistence rates  
– a **15.7%** increase<sup>1</sup>



“...as soon as I got to know [my Agent], my grades were going up. It felt like they were skyrocketing, it really helped me out. I feel protected kind of, like I can talk.”

– Carter, Pahrump Valley High School Student, NV

The Student Success Agency college access platform supports students through the 5 required GEAR UP objectives and documents the impact for their APR.

### Student Success Agency also supports GEAR UP program admin

- Scale mentoring and expand the capacity of your program with Agents
- Curate weekly check-in and conversations around SEL Core Competencies
- Align Agent conversations with in-school SEL initiatives
- Track growth in SEL core competencies through word monitoring

“Student Success Agency reaches kids where the staff members can’t ... they’re able to interact and engage with people who are a little bit ahead of where they want to be in life.”

– Donovan Stewart,  
GEAR UP Project Facilitator, Durango HS, NV

Ready to connect your GEAR UP  
students with an Agent?

LET'S CHAT

<sup>1</sup> Bergman, S.M., Nolt, T., & Wilson-Kearse, J. (2018, May). Student Success Agency Evaluation of Impact: South Texas Pilot Study of Post-Secondary Enrollment. Vela Institute.

<sup>2</sup> Nolt, T., Hawkins, M., Wilson-Kearse, J., & Bergman, S.M. (2021). Student Success Agency and Service Delivery During a Pandemic: An Examination of Service Events in 2020. Vela Institute.