



COLLEGE ADVISING PROGRAM

MEET OUR TEAM!



Krista Lombard-Conley, LCSW

School Social Worker at Van Nuys High School & Albert Einstein High School

"I believe that advanced education and training has the power to change the trajectory of an individual life, a family and an entire community. Helping students achieve their educational goals improves health outcomes and facilitates economic stability and upward mobility. I am proud to be a child and family advocate serving students and schools throughout the LAUSD. I have 23 years of experience at LAUSD as a bi-lingual School Social Worker, child advocate and community partner to support student success. I am a first-generation college student and LA native. My two younger brothers and I all graduated from UCLA.



Lissette Gomez Solano, MSW

School Social Worker at Mendez High School, Solis LA and Boyle Heights Continuation High School

"This has been the most rewarding job I have had, guiding students who never imagined themselves in college who are now accessing higher education. I have over 22 years of experience at LAUSD as a social worker and previously worked in the area of Pupil Services as an Attendance Counselor. I am very proud that Mendez HS has been recognized with having the highest percentage of financial aid applications completed across the state for three consecutive years. Boyle Heights Continuation HS will be sending their first student to a UC this Fall 2022. She will be attending UC Merced. I am a mother of three kids, two of which are in college and one in high school. I graduated from CSULA and USC. Spending time with my family is one of my greatest joys."



Laura Rubalcava, LCSW

School Social Worker at Santee Education Complex High School & Frida Kahlo Continuation High School

"I believe that higher education needs to be accessible and affordable to all individuals in order to strengthen communities and build a better future for all children. As a School Social Worker, I aspire to motivate students to seek higher education in a field that they are passionate about. I have worked as a social worker for 25 years in the public sector providing services to children and their families in low income communities. As a psychiatric social worker, I provided mental health services to students in LAUSD in an effort to improve academic achievement."



Nancy Soto, LCSW

School Social Worker at Panorama High School & Cal Burke Continuation High School

"I believe that free public education is one of the pillars of a democracy and a basic human right. This is why I believe in this program for historically disenfranchised students. I have taught first generation college students at the community college and Master's level university students studying for the Social Work and School Counseling Credentials. I have 25 years of experience at LAUSD as a social worker and attendance counselor. I am a certified yoga teacher, am a first-generation college student. I received my BA in History and Master in Social Welfare from UCLA. My parents went up to 4th grade in Mexico- 5 of their 6 children graduated from UCLA. We are a true Bruin family!"



Luz Elena Cubias, LCSW

School Social Worker at Garfield High School and Monterey High School

"I believe in empowering students to discover all their possibilities, so they can change the world. Working as a School Social Worker allows me to help students see themselves as agents of change. I am a native of Los Angeles, graduated from UC Santa Barbara and have 15 years of experience working for LAUSD under PSA and Student Support Programs. Prior to that I worked as a Mental Health Clinician with adults and children. In my free time I love crafting and creating personalized gifts and cards."



Cecilia Alexander, LCSW

School Social Worker at Augustus F. Hawkins High School/ Youth Opportunities Unlimited High School

"Promoting mental health and education are two areas of concentration that I am passionate about, which is why I enjoy serving in the program. I earned my Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Southern California with a concentration in Mental Health and School Social Work. I have over 15 years of experience in serving students in elementary and secondary school setting. Over the years, I have worked with students in specialized populations, helping students to graduate and pursue post-secondary plans."



Oralia Singh, Ed.D, MSW, PPSC/CWA

Social Worker at Polytechnic Senior High School, Lewis High School

"I am the daughter of immigrants who broke the cycle of poverty by relentlessly pursuing my dreams which include higher education and social work. I grew up as an undocumented DREAMer. Higher education changed the trajectory of my life. I now have the privilege of dedicating my life to helping students graduate from high school and supporting them in achieving their post-secondary educational aspirations. "I am both a UCLA and a USC graduate (Brojan)!"



Jasmin Garcia, LCSW

Social Worker at Dr. Maya Angelou Community High School and Central Continuation High School

"I am passionate about empowering adolescents and marginalized communities as it relates to pursuing a higher education—every student deserves a fair shot. I was born and raised in East Los Angeles, and I am a product of LAUSD. I know first-hand the importance of having someone in your school community believe in you. Since someone believed in me, I went on to higher education and graduated from UCSB and CSUDH. I aspire to be that person to the students I service. I am fortunate to be able to give back to the community that helped me flourish."



Gelber Orellana, MSW

Social Worker at Manual Arts High School and Avalon High School

"I believe that every individual should be prepared and have an opportunity to attend college or any other high education right after school. I hope to gain our students' trust and believe in themselves that they can achieve anything they set their mind to. I will be right along with them to support them until they feel comfortable to be on their own. I'm a product of LAUSD where I learned English through the ESL program. After high school, I attended Long Beach Community College and later transferred to UC Riverside. I have the experience and ability to connect with students and I hope to inspire them to believe that with hard work and dedication, the sky is the limit."