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## **Baldwin Park Unified Students Explore Higher Education at Annual College Fair**

**BALDWIN PARK** – Baldwin Park High School sophomore Gabriela Gallard dreams of studying criminology at California State University, Long Beach and, after attending workshops at Baldwin Park Unified’s 12th annual College Fair, she says she feels prepared to take the next steps toward higher education.

“The College Fair is very helpful because it gives students background information on different colleges and it helps students look at the different options,” Gallard said. “I mainly wanted to learn about the CSU requirements so that I can stay on track to graduate and know what scholarship options there are.”

Gallard attended the College Fair on Sept. 29 at Baldwin Park High School with her friends from band, along with more than 500 Baldwin Park Unified students and parents.

The event featured workshops detailing college issues, including choosing a college, financial aid, scholarships and admissions. Workshops were offered in English and Spanish.

In one workshop, students learned how to write college entrance essays with information that included the selection of essay topics, details to include and how to write professionally.

Students and parents also met with representatives from multiple institutions, including UCLA, UCR, UCSB, Cal Poly Pomona, Grand Canyon University, the Marines and Army.

“I came with my daughter to learn about financial aid and different colleges,” said Jay Ramirez, father of a Sierra Vista High School freshman. “I’m not familiar with the college process and I want to help support my daughter as she weighs out her options.”

Assemblywoman Blanca E. Rubio gave the event’s keynote speech, inspiring students to pursue higher education by describing how Baldwin Park Unified and a college degree helped her reach the state Assembly.

Baldwin Park Unified’s Adult and Community Education program highlighted technical career options available to students, including automotive, cosmetology, culinary arts and barbering.

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In a culture of high expectations and academic rigor and an environment of support, understanding, and emotional safety, all Baldwin Park Unified School District students will graduate with a valued and highly respected diploma, prepared with the relevant skills, knowledge, and personal attributes necessary for success in a university or other institution of higher education and/or any post-secondary options of their choice.



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“At Baldwin Park Unified, we want to ensure high achievement for all learners – whether that means at a technical school, community college or at a four-year university,” Superintendent Dr. Froilan N. Mendoza said. “Our goal is to provide every opportunity for our students to learn about the numerous options available to them so that they can pursue their passions and succeed.”

### PHOTOS

**BPUSD\_COLLEGE\_FAIR\_1:** Baldwin Park Unified students and families explore higher education options during the District’s 12th annual College Fair, which featured multiple institutions, including UCLA, UCR, UCSB, Cal Poly Pomona, Grand Canyon University, the Marines and Army.

**BPUSD\_COLLEGE\_FAIR\_2:** Hundreds of Baldwin Park Unified students and parents attend the District’s 12th annual College Fair on Sept. 29. Students had the opportunity to explore dozens of colleges and attend college workshops.

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