

Bears University Seminar (BUS) Program Update – Class of 2026

Overview

The Bears University Seminar (BUS) program at Warren High School provides students with college and career planning support, guidance through the college admissions process, and opportunities to prepare for postsecondary success. The program focuses on expanding access to higher education, particularly for first-generation college students and students from low-income backgrounds.

Program Leadership

The BUS program is supported by a team of dedicated educators, including Jeff Arnold, David Cha, Maria Franco, Erica Gomez, Karla Lopez, Joann Medrano, and Elizabeth Sandoval.

Student Demographics and Financial Aid

Of the 237 student surveys collected:

- 157 students identified themselves as first-generation college students.
- 105 students received Pell Grants.
- 26 students received Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG).
- 73 students received Cal Grant B awards.

These data reflect the program's impact in supporting students as they navigate college access and financial aid opportunities.

University Acceptances

Students in the BUS program received a wide range of college admissions offers from institutions throughout California and across the country.

University of California (UC) Acceptances

Students received a total of **504 UC admissions offers**, including acceptances to:

- UC Riverside (124)
- UC Merced (81)
- UC Santa Cruz (73)
- UC San Diego (53)
- UC Irvine (50)
- UC Davis (41)
- UC Santa Barbara (35)
- UC Berkeley (26)

- UCLA (21)

California State University (CSU) Acceptances

Students received a total of **723 CSU admissions offers**, including:

- Cal State Long Beach (184)
- Cal State Fullerton (147)
- Cal State Los Angeles (73)
- Cal Poly Pomona (71)
- Cal State Northridge (42)
- Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (41)
- Cal State Dominguez Hills (41)
- Additional admissions across the CSU system

Private California Universities

Students received **75 admissions offers** from private California institutions, including:

- Loyola Marymount University (10)
- Chapman University (9)
- Pepperdine University (9)
- University of Southern California (8)
- Mount Saint Mary's University (6)
- Additional admissions to private colleges and universities throughout California
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Out-of-State Universities

Students also received **71 admissions offers** from colleges and universities outside California, including institutions in Arizona, Oregon, Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington, and other states.

Program Impact

The BUS program continues to expand college access and postsecondary opportunities for Warren High School students. Through dedicated academic advising, financial aid support, and college readiness programming, students are pursuing higher education opportunities at universities across California and the nation. The high number of admissions offers and the strong participation of first-generation college students demonstrate the program's role in preparing students for success beyond high school.