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# KIPP: Adelante Journal



A Quarterly Newsletter

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*The mission of KIPP Adelante Preparatory Academy is to ensure that our students develop the academic skills, intellectual habits, and character traits needed to succeed in top-quality high schools, colleges, and the competitive world beyond.*

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to present the first edition of KIPP Adelante's quarterly Journal.

Over the course of the current school year, one question has consistently remained on the minds of staff and teachers at KIPP Adelante – how do we best prepare our students for competitive high schools and college? As we look to the end of the school year this June, our sense of urgency grows even stronger. Teachers are ensuring all students have met grade-level standards, KIPPsters are studying harder than ever while also preparing for their third annual Spring Musical Concert on May 8th, and our Board of Directors is focused on our school's larger vision of *creating a diverse community of responsible, college-educated individuals.*

Read on to learn more about what's happening at KIPP Adelante.

## **KIPP Adelante Receives State Accolades**

This past year was filled with academic achievements that demonstrated that hard work translates into success. Last March, KIPP Adelante was recognized with the **National Title I Distinguished School Award** for being the *one* school in California that most narrowed the achievement gap. Most recently, KIPP Adelante was recognized in **State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O Connell's Top 10 Year-end List of Education Accomplishments.**

For more information, <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr07/yr07rel171.asp>.

## **KIPPMunity Artists**

This school year, KIPP Adelante has been able to expand its visual arts program; students at KIPP Adelante participate in a visual arts class four times a week. Our art teachers **Ms. Lau** and **Ms. Rahnama** challenge our students with activities designed to stimulate their

creativity and imaginations. “My goal is for students to make Art a permanent part of their lives and realize that they too can be artists,” shares Ms. Rahnama.

Extending this philosophy beyond our school walls, 10 KIPPsters and their art teachers participated in the **10<sup>th</sup> Annual San Diego Multicultural Festival** sponsored by the **Centre City Development Corporation**. KIPP Adelante was the only school to participate in the newly organized Global Villages Project designed to create cultural awareness and foster an appreciation for diversity. In partnership with the House of Panama, KIPP students created a village depicting the Central American country of Panama. KIPPsters portrayed cultural aspects such as traditional dress, art, architecture, history and geography. They also provided attendees with the opportunity to produce their own works of art reflective of Panama’s indigenous culture including feather painting to pot decoration.

KIPPsters’ participation was featured in the **San Diego Union Tribune**. To read the article, ...<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/metro/20080120-9999-1m20king.html>>

### **KIPP Adelante Goes Hi-Tech with MC Tech**

Students at KIPP Adelante began the New Year with the launch of a school-wide initiative to enhance learning and communication through the use of technology. The cornerstone of this educational program is the **Multimedia Computer Technology Class (MC Tech)**. Twice a week each KIPPster visits the media center equipped with 32 state-of-the-art i-Macs and the latest software. “The goal of the class is to engage young minds with multimedia computer technologies as a medium of learning,” contends **Mr. Howard Chan, Director of Education Technology**. In MC Tech, Mr. Chan features grade-specific assignments directly aligned with California State Standards in the core subject areas of English Language Arts, science and math. For instance, the Class of 2016 recently read John Steinbeck’s The Pearl in their English Language Arts class. Their corresponding MC Tech assignment was to create a promotional brochure about The Pearl and the critical issues that it raised.

Students are already raving about MC Tech: "The class is entertaining and exciting because we use the computers to learn about science and our earth, " exclaims Zimri Gudino, Class of 2018.

To view the MC Tech webpage, please visit... <http://web.mac.com/kippadelante>

### **High School Placement Update - KIPP Adelante Opens the Adelante Alumni Café**

This past fall, members of the Class of 2015, our founding class, entered some of San Diego’s top public and private college-preparatory high schools including the **Bishop’s School, La Jolla Country Day, San Diego High’s International Studies Program, Mater Dei Catholic High School, and High Tech High**. However, our commitment to our students does not end once they have been promoted from the eighth grade and are

accepted into high school. With the help of community partners such as **SAP America Inc.**, **The Parker Foundation**, and the **Current Wisdom Foundation**, we are pleased to announce the opening of the **KIPP Adelante Alumni Café** this past October. The Adelante Alumni Café is a designated area where alumni can visit when they are in need of a quiet place to do homework, seek help on schoolwork, or do research on colleges. Not only does this provide them with the opportunity to remain connected to the goals they established as students at KIPP Adelante and to their team and family here, but it also provides our alumni with the opportunity to serve as mentors and role models to students still attending KIPP Adelante.

**Sabrina Gomez**, a student in the **International Studies program at San Diego High**, appreciates the value of the Alumni Café and utilizes it at least twice a week. “It is nice to come back home to KIPP Adelante and to go to our ‘café’ where we have the resources to do our homework, catch up with friends, and help each other with our school work. It’s a great opportunity.”

### **KIPPsters Wanted**

Enroll now! Applications are being accepted for fifth-grade students for the 2008-2009 school year.

For more information, please call Ana Rios at 619-233-3242, or visit [www.kippadelante.org](http://www.kippadelante.org)

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KIPP Adelante is now in its fifth year of operation and serves 340 students in grades five through eight. KIPP Adelante is an affiliate of the nationally recognized Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP) – a network of free open-enrollment college-preparatory public schools in under-resourced communities throughout the United States. There are 57 locally-run KIPP schools in 17 states and the District of Columbia serving over 14,000 students.

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