



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,

Spring is rapidly approaching, inspiring hopes that plans will come to fruition, dreams will become reality, and the year upon us is better than the one that preceded it. As such, students and teachers at KIPP Adelante are hard at work making every second count!

Read on to learn more about what's happening at **KIPP Adelante** and join us in our efforts to close the achievement gap: visit us, volunteer, or donate today.

A Memorable Evening with Jay Mathews



Pictured: (Left) Author, Jay Mathews and student speaker Stephanie Valdez (Class of 2017).

Earlier this month, KIPP Adelante welcomed *Washington Post* education columnist **Jay Mathews** to a special book signing and discussion about his new book on **KIPP: *Work Hard. Be Nice. How Two Inspired Teachers Created the Most Promising Schools in America.***

That evening, **Mr. Mathews** shared anecdotes from ***Work Hard. Be Nice.*** He also shared his reasoning for writing a book about KIPP: to dispel the myth that students from underserved communities can't achieve at high levels. With confidence, several students spoke to a captivated audience about the impact attending KIPP Adelante has had on their lives. A current member of the **Class of 2017** (pictured

above with **Mr. Mathews**), touched attendees by sharing a poignant letter she penned to thank the teachers and staff at KIPP Adelante for making a difference in her life.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to **Mr. and Mrs. Bautista** (founding parents) for hosting a pre-signing dinner at their home. We would also like to thank **Mr. Mathews** for including KIPP Adelante in his national book signing tour.

Teachers Model Constant Learning

Teachers at KIPP Adelante consistently model one of our school's core values: **constant learning** by participating in structured, year round professional development seminars called **Technology Educators at KIPP Adelante (TEKA)**. **TEKA's** specific purpose is to equip teachers with the skill sets to effectively integrate technology into their everyday curriculum. "Through **TEKA** I have had the opportunity to learn new strategies to incorporate in my classroom that help me differentiate instruction and reach all of my students," said 5th Grade Math teacher, **Rebecca Nelson** "

As one of their first technology projects, participating teachers created a podcast using Garage band. For more information about **TEKA** and to view the podcasts, including one featuring members of the **Class of 2020** (fifth-graders) rolling their nines, please visit our **MC Tech** website:

<http://web.mac.com/kippadelante/page7/page7.html>

KIPP to College Highlight

An important step for our Kippsters along their climb up the mountain to college is for each of them to attend a college-preparatory high school that develops their intellectual curiosity, personal growth and sense of social responsibility. **Ms. Christa Coleman, Director of High School Placement**, provides our alumni with the support necessary to ensure they reach their goal of attending and graduating from college. One of our founding students attending **The Bishops School**, one of the most prestigious private high schools in San Diego, recently shared with **Ms. Coleman** the following message:

*"The past few months have just been really hectic with midterms in my **AP classes** and with sports but I'm finally calm now. I've been doing extremely well, except in **AP Biology** and **AP European History** where I'm having a lot of difficulty but I know that I'll make it. Le francais n'est pas une probleme parce que c'est tres similaire avec l'espagnol at c'est plus facile pour moi. Pour tout l'annee, j'ai gagne une note "A" sur tout les examens. Math is challenging at times, but overall easy. And my new favorite class is English. Now, we are reading **Tale of Two Cities**, which started out tedious but soon became very engaging. The more I come here*

and see all my friends every day, the more it feels like home and that it was the perfect choice for me. Thank you for everything you've done for me."

Sergio Class of 2015

KIPP Adelante's New Website

Earlier this month we unveiled our redesigned interactive website! If you haven't done so already, please be sure to visit us at:

<http://www.kippadelante.org/index.html>

Upcoming Events--Save the Date

First Annual Arts Showcase

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

KIPP Adelante

611 Beech Street

Fourth Annual Spring Recital

Thursday, May 7, 2009

3:00 -5:00 pm

Spreckles Organ Pavilion, Balboa Park

These are just a few highlights of the amazing efforts by our teachers, staff, and students. As always, we thank you for your support!

Adelante!

Contact Us!

KIPP Adelante was founded in 2003 and currently serves 350 students in grades five through eight. Under the direction of School Leader, Elena Luna, KIPP Adelante students are outperforming students in the San Diego Unified School District and the state of California on a consistent basis. 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 currently 66 KIPP schools in 19 states and the District of Columbia serving over 16,000 students.

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