

ADOPT A STUDENT

- ATHLETE PROGRAM



The Foundation for Learning, Athletics and Growth (FLAG) Charity has partnered with THE HACK to once again help sponsor the student athletes of the Nicks Kids Program.

As we have all experienced, the pandemic has taken its toll on everyone, but has hit the disadvantaged and At –Risk youth at the most at time where the need is the greatest.

Previous donations from THE HACK Charity Golf Tournament to the Nicks Kids Program, went to their scholastic grant program, and was met with extraordinary individual results and successes.

FLAG has put together the following presentation for the outreach program in assisting the student athletes of Nicks Kids achieve, once again, their academic goals for the upcoming 2022 / 2023 school year.

OUR THREE PILLARS

Education

Mentorship

Soccer







GABRIEL BANUELOS

After being accepted into 19 diverse universities throughout the nation, Gabriel decided to attend UCLA.

He will begin his sophomore year this upcoming fall and will continue to pursue a major in Biology.

Gabriel completed his four years at Verbum Dei, with a 4.3 GPA and has been the epitome of Nicks Kids.

Gabriel's leadership and dedication to Nicks Kids has led him to be honored at the 2021 ESPN awards, where he was the recipient of the Billie Jean King Youth Leadership Award, this award was presented to him at the 2021 ESPY's in New York City.



NICKS KIDS

Nickerson Gardens projects located in South Los Angeles, is a dangerous neighborhood often filled with gangs, violence, and drug related activities.

Many of the children living inside Nickerson Gardens are afraid and cannot play outside due to the danger of violence.

Nicks Kids was started in late 2016 by LAPD Senior Lead Officer Joyce and community member Lupita Valdovino, a teacher for LAUSD. The goal was to ensure every child should experience childhood through the lens of positivity; surround oneself with positive role models and a positive environment to ensure a positive future.

Our program is implemented in two parts. The soccer program teaches the kids that an active lifestyle rooted in self-respect and respect for others are the foundation for a positive life. Together they learn the importance of teamwork and to face challenges head-on, with positivity and unity.

The second part of our program is teaching the importance of education. Private tutoring is offered at no charge twice a week and each child's grades are monitored closely by staff. If a child's gpa drops under 2.8 they can no longer play in games until their gpa improves. The past five years we have seen our programs academic success grow each year.



Kickin' their way to
accomplish life's goals'

MISSION STATEMENT

Nicks Kids Soccer is a youth program focused on the well being of each and every individual. Our mission is to ensure every child within our program is able to enjoy the benefits of being a child. Our goal is to make sure that children are able to articulate and surround themselves with positive people and a positive environment to ensure a positive future.



NICKS KIDS FACTS

- First year of recording grades the program had a 2.95 cumulative gpa, improving each year. This past year finishing with a 3.4 cumulative gpa.
- 86% of our student athletes maintain a minimum 3.0 gpa.
- The program has had 8 high school graduates, all attending college.
- 2021 high school graduates had a total of 32 college acceptances, including Notre Dame, UCLA, USC, and several others.
- 2022 high school graduates had a total of 16 college acceptances, including Gonzaga and Baylor amongst others.
- Team captain Gabriel Banuelos awarded the 2021 Billie Jean King Youth Leadership Award presented in New York at the ESPN awards in July of 2021.
- 12 kids on scholarship to private schools because of donors.

NICKS KIDS REQUIREMENTS

In order to be part of Nicks Kids participants must:

- Maintain a base 2.5 GPA

In order to participate in all trips and events (soccer tournaments)

participants must:

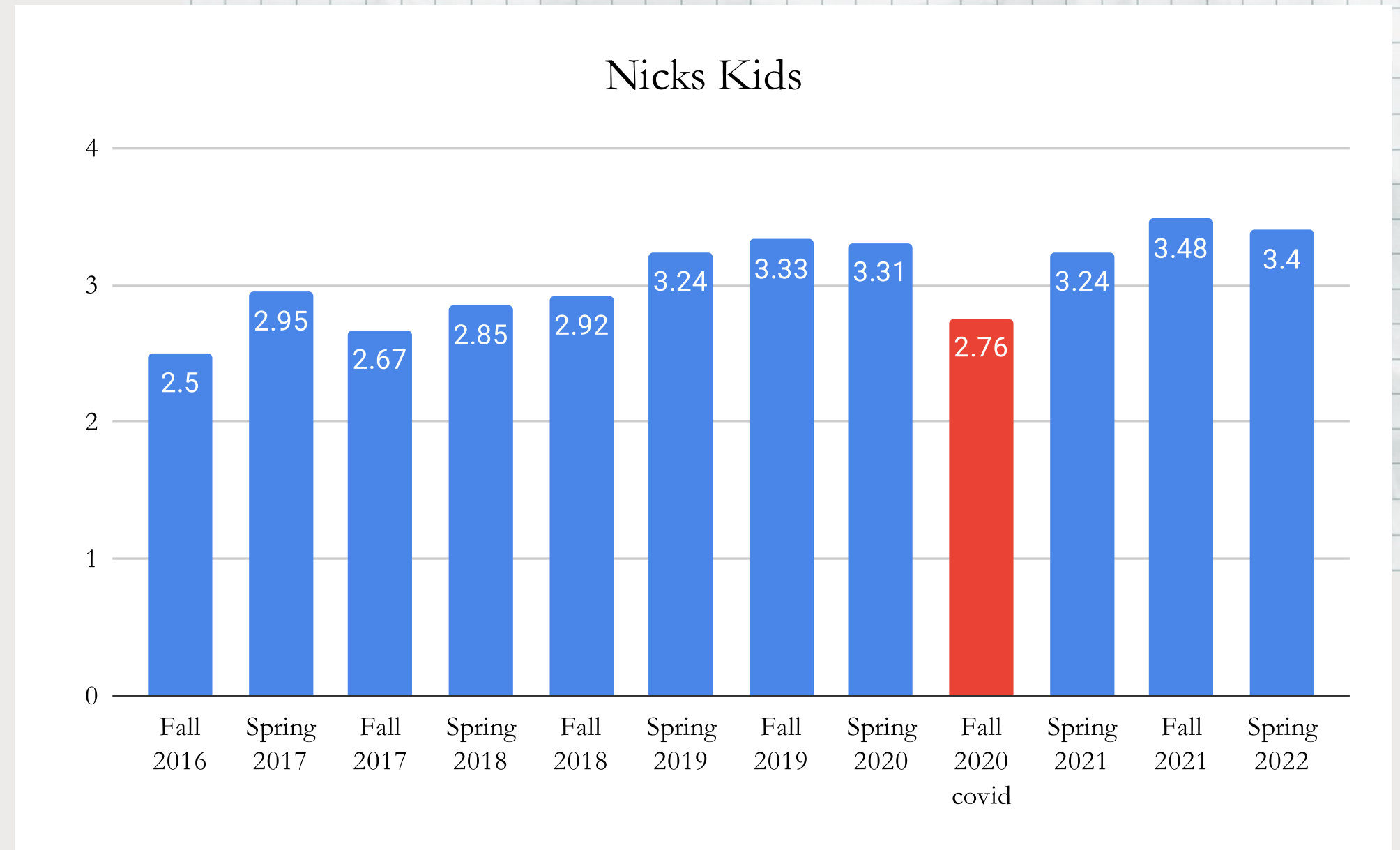
- Maintain a GPA above a 2.8
- Captains must maintain a 3.0



OVER THE YEARS

Our overall team GPA has increased every year, however the 2020 pandemic took a huge toll on our student athletes academic achievement. Once students were able to return to their normal routine, we were able to see a tremendous emotional and social change.

Our final GPA for the 21 -22 school year was a 3.4.



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Nicks Kids Scholastic Needs 2022

Tuition for students at St. Lawrence:

Name	Grade	GPA	Tuition
Emma Castro	7 th	3.2	\$ 1500.00
Damian Gamas	8 th	3.21	\$ 1500.00
Elmer Menjivar	7 th	3.0	\$ 1500.00
Alexander Rodriguez	7 th	3.88	\$ 1500.00
Kevin Renteria	7 th	3.78	\$ 500.00
Mason Renteria	2 nd	3.4	\$ 500.00

Tuition for students at Verbum Dei:

Name	Grade	GPA	Tuition
Fernando Cortez	9 th	3.25	\$ 1500.00
Roderick Dunaway	12 th	3.21	\$ 1200.00
Jonathan Fincannon	10 th	3.33	\$ 1200.00
Eduardo Garcia	11 th	2.9	\$ 650.00
David Martinez	12 th	3.0	\$ 1200.00
Joseph Rodriguez	9 th	3.83	\$ 1200.00

Tuition for students in college

Name	School	GPA	Need
Jonathan Ayala	LMU sophomore		\$ 500.00
Gabriel Banuelos	UCLA sophomore	4.3	\$ 1000.00
Dylan Calderon	Chapman sophomore	3.86	\$ 500.00
Edwin Martinez	College junior	3.83	\$ 500.00
Joshua Sanchez	USC sophomore	4.3	\$ 500.00
Samantha Sanchez	UC Irvine Freshman	4.15	\$ 500.00

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