**GBLA YEAR 2 – Team bios - JAMS COLLEGE DREAMERS**

**Vivian Castelan** - Hey I'm Vivian, I'm a 7th grader and I am really interested in being in Girls Build LA because I really want to have a scholarship for my future. I also want to be in a group of girls where we can work together and express all our different ideas in our campaign.

**Kimberly Flores** – Hello, my name is Kimberly Flores and I am a 7th grade student from John Adams Middle School. I was born on March 9th, 2004, making me 12 years old. I live in a small family of 5 with my mom and 3 sisters, and I am the oldest sibling. My favorite things to do are listening to music, drawing, reading, and playing sports. The main reason I wanted to join Girls Build LA is because I might have a better chance of going to college. Another reason is because I think girls can make a difference in the world. Lastly, I want to make my family and school proud.

**Karina Leon** – My name is Karina Leon and I go to John Adams Middle School. I am the youngest child in my family. I have two older brothers, Felipe and Alfredo, and I also have an older sister named Ada. My group is focusing on STEM and College Access. With my group I would like to help other students with college on how they can save money and look for good colleges. I’m in GBLA because I want to help students and parents with college access, and I want to have fun!

**Alondra Lopez** – Hi! My name is Alondra Lopez. I am a student at John Adams Middle School. I live with five family members, my sisters, my mom, and my dad. I am the oldest sibling. My hobbies are acting and playing sports. I joined GBLA because it can really improve my chance of going to college.

**Angela Rodriguez** - My name is Angela Rodriguez. I am a 7th grader at John Adams Middle School. I have four brothers and one sister. My brother’s names are Andy, Arthur, Richard, and Joe, and my sister’s name is Jackie. My parent’s names are Martha and Jose. I want to be part of Girls Build L.A. because I want to experience the program, meet new people, and make projects.

**Briana Sevilla** - Hello, my name is Briana Sevilla, & I am a 7th grader in John Adams Middle School (JAMS). I wanted to be a part of GBLA (Girls Build Los Angeles) because I have a chance to improve our chances into getting into college. I can even improve my chances into getting into the school I want, which is USC. I want to get into USC because it is a very great school, and it is close to where I live. Being in GBLA will be a big step for me, and I'm not planning for it to go to waste. I will do what I can in my power to increase all women's chances into getting into college. Every woman deserves to have an education and get into college. USC is a private school, which means that it will cost lots of money in order for me to pay for my classes and school supplies. If my team and I win 1st, 2nd, or even 3rd place, we will all get money for college! This really means a lot for me! It will help me big time to afford the essentials I need to get into USC and even graduate from USC, and I know I'm not the only one, I have 2 other sisters. I have an older sister that's in high school and a twin sister that is also in middle school. In fact, she is in my class. I really want, and even hope, that they will go into college and even have a good and successful life.

**Julissa Tagle** - My name is Julissa Tagle. I go to John Adams Middle School, also known as JAMS. My siblings are my brothers Johnny and Jake, and the baby on her way. My mom’s name is Sandra and my step-dad’s name is Hector. I entered GIRLS BUILD LA (GBLA) because I want to experience something new like new programs and new people, and I also wanted to help promote college access.

**Evelyn Velasquez** - Hi my name is Evelyn I am 12, years old and in 7th grade. I have a sister and a brother. The reason I wanted to be in Girls Build LA was because I think it could help me be better, and if we win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place I would be happy because my parents might not be able to afford college for me. They are paying for my sisters college, and then they are going to pay half of my brothers, so they might not be able to pay for mine. STEM and college access are a perfect project for Girls Build LA. I think it is a good idea because it helps people think about college and what would be a good college for their child. Some parents might not be able to afford their child’s college so this could help them, and help us figure out what would be a good college for them. It should be a fun thing to do, and hard work, but it is better for everyone, so this why I wanted to be in Girls Build L.A.

**Jennifer Zaragoza** - Hi my name is Jennifer Zaragoza, and I am a seventh grader at John Adams Middle School. My birthday is November 18th, 2003. I would like to be in Girls build LA because it will help me to get to college and get my grades up.

**Maria Zuniga** - My name is Maria Zuniga and I am 12 years old. I study here in John Adams Middle school. I am proud to be in GBLA because I thought I wasn't going to be selected. Being in GBLA was very important to me because I think college is very important for girls and boys. That is why our group chose STEM and college access. I wanted to join because of the fun I will have, but also to help parents find a way for their kids to get scholarships or find easier ways to help financially and emotionally. This isn't only going to help others, but if we win it will really help my parents pay for my college. I think this is benefiting many people. I am looking towards a better future.