The GEAR UP Corner
December 2012

Upcoming Events:

Parent-to-Parent Talks
January 17, February 14, March 21, April 18
11:00-1:00 Rudder Cafe
Come-and-Go – “Lite” Lunch Provided; RSVP 209-2582
Please note that the Parent-to-Parent talks will be hosted at Rudder High School this semester.

College Trips This Spring!
GEAR UP will again offer college trips this spring! Some will be on Saturdays, but we will also host college visits during the school day where GU students may use their one junior year College Day.

- Austin CC and private school TBA -March 22, TSTC – April 5,
- Sam Houston – April 11, more TBA

Scholarships and Fee Waivers for the ACT and SAT
Students who are on Free/Reduced lunch should pick up a fee waiver in the Go Center. Students who do not qualify for a fee waiver may apply for a GEAR UP scholarship to help pay for the ACT and/or SAT. Applications will be distributed during 4th period in January and will also be available in the GEAR UP office and in the Go Center.

T-shirt Decorating Contest
Students interested in designing the GEAR UP senior year t-shirt should complete the t-shirt design form by March 1st. The winner will receive a Kindle Fire! Forms will be distributed during 4th period in January and will also be available in the GEAR UP office and in the Go Center.

Scholarships for Aggie Stem Camp
Scholarship applications for Aggie Stem Camp will be available in January.

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GAINING EARLY AWARENESS AND READINESS FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS
GEAR UP is a partnership with TAMU and BISD to serve the BISD graduating class of 2014. Our goal is to increase the number of students who graduate from high school and are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

Sign up for the ACT/SAT online or at the Go Center. Pick up fee waivers or scholarship applications at the Go Center!
http://sat.collegeboard.org/homes
http://www.actstudent.org/
GEAR UP Scholarship Workshop I
Spring 2013: Learn about the college admission process, Financial Aid, and the scholarship application process. This is a repeat of our fall workshop.

GEAR UP Scholarship Workshop 2
Spring 2013: This workshop is a follow-up to Scholarship Workshop 1. GU staff will continue to focus on the scholarship process with an emphasis on writing scholarship and application essays.

The Brazos Valley Transition Fair for students and adults with disabilities is January 31st at St. Joseph Parrish Activity from 9:00-1:00.

Student Leadership Team
BHS: January 10 (7:45-8:10 and 3:50-4:30)
Rudder: January 10 (3:50-4:15)
Please note change in dates and times as we try to accommodate our students!

GEAR UP M&Ms
(Mentors and Mentees)
During their junior and senior year, GEAR UP students will be mentoring underclassmen. GU students will meet once per month with his/her mentee in a large group setting. This is a wonderful service and leadership opportunity for our students. This will also be an excellent addition to their resumes for scholarship and college applications. The next meeting is January 16th at 3:40 at Rudder in the Café and at BHS in 1204.

Keep up with the College Tip of the Week in The Eagle, KBTX, FOX 28, and Radio Alegria!

Graduation Plans
GU has been meeting with each of the 977 GU students to discuss his/her graduation plan. We have almost completed this task. Please follow up with your child to see what steps he/she needs to take next to prepare for post-secondary life.

KBTX – Moms Everyday
Check out the GEAR UP Public Service Announcements at http://www.momseveryday.com/bcs.
Look under the Money tab and click College Prep.

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