Upcoming Events:

Parent-to-Parent Talks

Thursday, December 6th
(This date has changed since our last GU newsletter.)
11:00-1:00 BHS Silver Room 1213
Come-and-Go “Lite” Lunch Provided
The Parent-to-Parent talks will be hosted at Rudder High School next 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 week where GU students may use their one junior year College Day. Stay tuned for more information!

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.

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

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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 on line or at the Go Center. Pick up fee waivers at the Go Center!

http://sat.collegeboard.org/home
http://www.actstudent.org/
Student Leadership Team
BHS: 1st Thursday each month (3:50-4:30)
Rudder: 1st Thursday each month (7:45-8:10)
Please note change in dates and times as we try to accommodate our students!

GEAR UP M&Ms
(Mentors and Mentees)
During their junior year, GEAR UP students will be mentoring incoming freshmen. 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. Join M&Ms for Oreos and milk at our next meeting, December 5th after school.

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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Junior Leadership Brazos
Applications
The B/CS Chamber of Commerce is extending the deadline for Junior Leadership Brazos applications. The program is designed to give students an inside look at how local government, banks, law enforcement, and other local entities operate. Junior Leadership Brazos provides an awareness of local history and resources that will interest students to become future community leaders here in the Brazos Valley or anywhere in the world. The application deadline is December 7, 2012. Please visit their website for more information and directions for completing the application.
http://www.bcschamber.org/Th eChamber/LeadershipPrograms /JuniorLeadershipBrazos

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