Aggies Reaching Out Reunion

On December 3-4, 2010, ninth graders who participated in the 2009-2010 Aggies Reaching Out program from Bryan, Corpus Christi, and McAllen met in College Station for a leadership retreat. There were more than 50 students who attended the retreat. The students enjoyed a weekend of fun activities, information sessions about college, and motivational speeches, as well as an introduction to Aggie traditions. The Aggies Reaching Out program is student-led and student-driven by Texas A&M University students who are part of the MSC LEAD organization.

TSTC Roadshow

On November 5, 2010 GEAR UP sponsored the Texas State Technical College (TSTC) Road Show at the Brazos Center. TSTC brought in professors and students to provide information about the programs at their college. Engineering and Manufacturing, Science, Information Technology, and Telecommunication are some of the majors offered at TSTC. Career and Technology Education students from Bryan High, Rudder High, M.C. Harris School of Choice, A&M Consolidated High School, and the Timber Academy attended the event. Students were able to watch presentations, pick up informational materials, and take advantage of the interactive displays. TSTC and Workforce Solutions provided counselors to help qualified students enroll in TSTC. Over 850 local students attended the TSTC Road Show.
GEAR UP offered prizes to the freshman who completed the GEAR UP student survey.

**Winners of the Spoons Gift Cards**

- Alex Salias (BHS)
- Ruby Richardson (BHS)
- Ana Garcia (BHS)
- Gina King & Juan Valadez (BHS)
- Akira Conchola (RHS)
- Nestor Hernandez (BCHS)
- Raymundo Silva (BHS)
- Krystal Runyon (BHS)
- Lori Ferrazas (BHS)
- Alex Cazares (BHS)
- Briana Walker (RHS)
What Do You Do To Keep Your Grades Up?

**Bryan High School**

I studied, and went to tutorials. Succeeding is important to me. *Jasmine Bell*

I want to get good grades, turn in all my homework and behave. *Jose Rios*

I come to school and do what I am supposed to do. *Kayla Oliver*

Study, don’t hang out with the wrong people and attend school. *Oscar Rubio*

Study hard, focus and don’t give up. *Breanna Hardan*

Study, ask my teacher questions and ask my dad questions because he is very helpful, and also ask anyone else questions. *Maria Roe*

**Rudder High School**

To keep your grades up you would need to make sure your daily and major assignments are always turned in on time. If you can’t do that, then you need tutorials. If you do not complete your assignments, then you need to make up your assignments. If you do that, then you will have an easy year and your grades would look perfect on your school record. *Moesha Alexander*

I think that people should study, go to tutorials, do extra credit work, and ask your counselors for advice. *Anthony Nowlin*

What I do to keep my grades up is STUDYYY (with friends of course)!!! *Jasminne Love*
Parent Outreach at Santa Teresa Parish

The fall semester brought new opportunities and growth in the partnership between GEAR UP and the Bryan community. For example, GEAR UP staff coordinated community outreach activities during Sunday masses at Santa Teresa Parish. During our visits, we met with bilingual and Spanish-speaking GEAR UP parents to discuss upcoming activities and their students’ academic needs. These parents also provided us with great insight on how we can better serve the Hispanic/Latino GEAR UP families. We have taken their ideas into consideration and are now working on hosting educational sessions on topics related to college requirements and scholarships. In 2011 GEAR UP seeks to continue its working relationship with the community in order to support our students.

We would also like to take this time to thank Father Raymundo Chávez Vázquez and Angelita García Alonzo, from Santa Teresa Parish for their continued support in helping us visit with our 9th grade GEAR UP parents. We look forward to continuing the work at Santa Teresa Parish.

Upcoming GEAR UP Activities

Spring Activities:

- Freshman will complete 4-Year Plans by February
- If you are interested in Summer Camps and Job Shadowing please contact the GEAR UP staff (see below)
- “If You Only Knew Me” – GEAR UP Version
- “Get A Life” – Reality Simulation
- Look for the College Tip of the Week Public Service Announcement both at school and on KBTX: GEAR UP “commercials” about getting ready for college
- Parent meetings:
  - NCAA Clearinghouse Registration
  - Road to Success: College and scholarship information

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