



WE'RE GEARING UP



GEAR UP

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What's UP with GEAR UP?



BCHS students and chaperones at Youth Summit



MHS students and chaperones at Youth Summit

School in Hardeman County is underway for the fourth year of our six year GEAR UP TN grant. Last year was another successful one for the program and the 2008—2009 year will continue to reach new heights as we help GEAR UP nationally celebrate 10 years of achievement.

This year, GEAR UP TN in Hardeman County will be assisting our sophomores (our cohort class), juniors and seniors (our priority classes) in preparation for the skills they need to graduate from high school and go on to either a 4-year, 2-year or career technology center post-secondary school.

In 2007—2008, our GEAR UP TN students participated in Senior Transition classes, a trip to Victory Ranch for team-building and leadership skills enhancing, many visits to colleges, universities and career technical schools, Makin' Music at Freed Hardeman University, summer tutoring programs, several plays, a Youth Summit at Vanderbilt, a trip to Washington, D.C. and lots of other fun, exciting and most of all, educational activities.

In addition, several of our administrators attended a GEAR UP TN Leadership Conference at Vanderbilt in Nashville.

Over 100 GEAR UP TN seniors in Hardeman County qualified to receive the GEAR UP TN Bridge Incentive Award. This award of \$750 is given to each graduating senior that attends a qualifying two or four year university or tech center in Tenn. The \$750 is a one-time award for the students first year of post-secondary education.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

***August 28, 2008—GEAR UP TN Kickoff at MHS**

***September 12, 2008—GEAR UP TN Kickoff at BCHS**

***September 11, 2008—College Fair at MHS for sophomores, juniors, and seniors**

GEAR UP TN Hardeman Co. Annual Kickoffs

The annual kickoff events for GEAR UP TN have been scheduled for August 28, 2008 at MHS and September 12, 2008 at BCHS.

The Kickoff at MHS will take place during the football game with Walnut High School. A GEAR UP TN booth will be at the main entrance to the football field. We will have free water and special treats, plus giveaways for those who stop by.

The annual Kickoff at BCHS will be held during the tailgate session prior to the football game with Byhalia at homecoming. We will have some special items to give away at this kickoff also.

First and foremost, we will have information at both these events that will help students and their parents learn what it takes for students to get a college education.