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UPCOMING EVENTS

*BCHS Honor Roll students attend play at UTM November 7th

*Financial Aid Night will be held for 10th, 11th, and 12th GEAR UP TN students and parents from 6 PM to 7:30 PM on November 10th at MHS

*College Application week at MHS and BCHS November 17-21

Great things are happening in Hardeman County's High Schools and GEAR UP TN is playing its part in making things happen.

Thus far this year, GEAR UP TN has held two annual kickoffs, participated in two college fairs held at the schools, purchased books for dual credit classes, purchased a printer for use in college application, purchased material for building lapdesks for BCHS, sponsored a group of students at Victory Ranch and taken part in many other activities.

This summer, 56 students were able to attend a

3-week-long summer program sponsored by GEAR UP at MHS and recover credit to help keep them motivated to stay in school. Mr. Barnes and Ms. Hamer are to be commended for this program.

In addition, the career technical classes at MHS have made 6 visits to the career technology centers at Whiteville and Crump since school started.

Upcoming plans include sponsoring a trip by the BCHS Honor Roll students to attend a play at UTM, a financial aid night at MHS, in conjunction with the Hardeman County Chamber a career fair at MHS and as described in the article below, GEAR

UP TN will sponsor a college application week.

Plans are also in the works to sponsor ACT prep classes prior to the tests that will be given in the county and continue with the mentor tutoring program that has been a big success last year and again this year at BCHS.

GEAR UP TN's main mission is college access and to that end we continue to strive. We want all students and parents to be aware of the opportunities and advantages of a post-secondary education. It is vitally important that we convey this message so our students can believe they can achieve and succeed.

GEAR UP TN College Application Week Nov. 17- 21

In conjunction with the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and colleges, universities and technology centers in Tennessee, GEAR UP TN will give our seniors in our high schools the chance to apply to at least one college during College Application Week, November 17-21, 2008.

Plans are still in the works, but the major emphasis will be to have each student go through the process of applying to a college of

their choice during this week. This will enable the student to see how the process takes place and hopefully encourage them to seriously consider following through and attending post-secondary education.

Although this is entirely voluntary, parents are asked to encourage their student to take advantage of this unique opportunity.