

AN INTRODUCTION TO GEAR UP • 2018-2019

STATEWIDE TRAINING

OVERVIEW

- ▶ Research
- ▶ National GEAR UP
- ▶ Utah's Statewide GEAR UP Program
- ▶ Region 1 GEAR UP: Weber State University
 - ▶ Organization, Training, Student Recruitment & Eligibility, Outreach, Tracking, Services, Vision

RESEARCH

- ▶ Compared to their low-income peers in other states, low-income students in Utah are significantly less likely to enroll in college (Mortenson, 2010).
- ▶ Enrollment in remedial courses is tied to decreased college graduation rates (Conley, 2007)
- ▶ Students are at a greater risk of dropping out of high school if they are inadequately prepared or feel disconnected from their high school organization (Neild, 2009)
- ▶ The more information and guidance students have, the more likely they will enroll in college (Berkner and Chavez, 1997; Bell, Rowan-Kenyon, and Perna, 2009)

RESEARCH

- ▶ In Utah, there has historically been a shortage of counselors available to assist students with the college application process, but is gradually improving (DSD – 1:356; WSD – 1:355). (Utah State Board of Education, 2017)
- ▶ The college participation rate of students on free and reduced student lunch is approximately 20 percent lower than for those not on FRL (Utah System of Higher Education, 2017).
- ▶ Low-income students are more reliant on school staff than their own families to learn about postsecondary options, preparation, and financing (Bell, Rowan-Kenyon, and Perna, 2009)
- ▶ Availability of financial aid information is linked to increased college enrollment (Bell, Rowan-Kenyon, and Perna, 2009)
- ▶ Many low-income students and their parents drastically underestimate the costs of college and are not adequately prepared (Utah's Statewide GEAR UP Education Program, 2011)



**KEEP
CALM**

AND

**THINK, PAIR,
SHARE**

THINK-PAIR-SHARE

What picture does this research paint?

What ideas come to your mind on how we can come together as a community to make a difference?

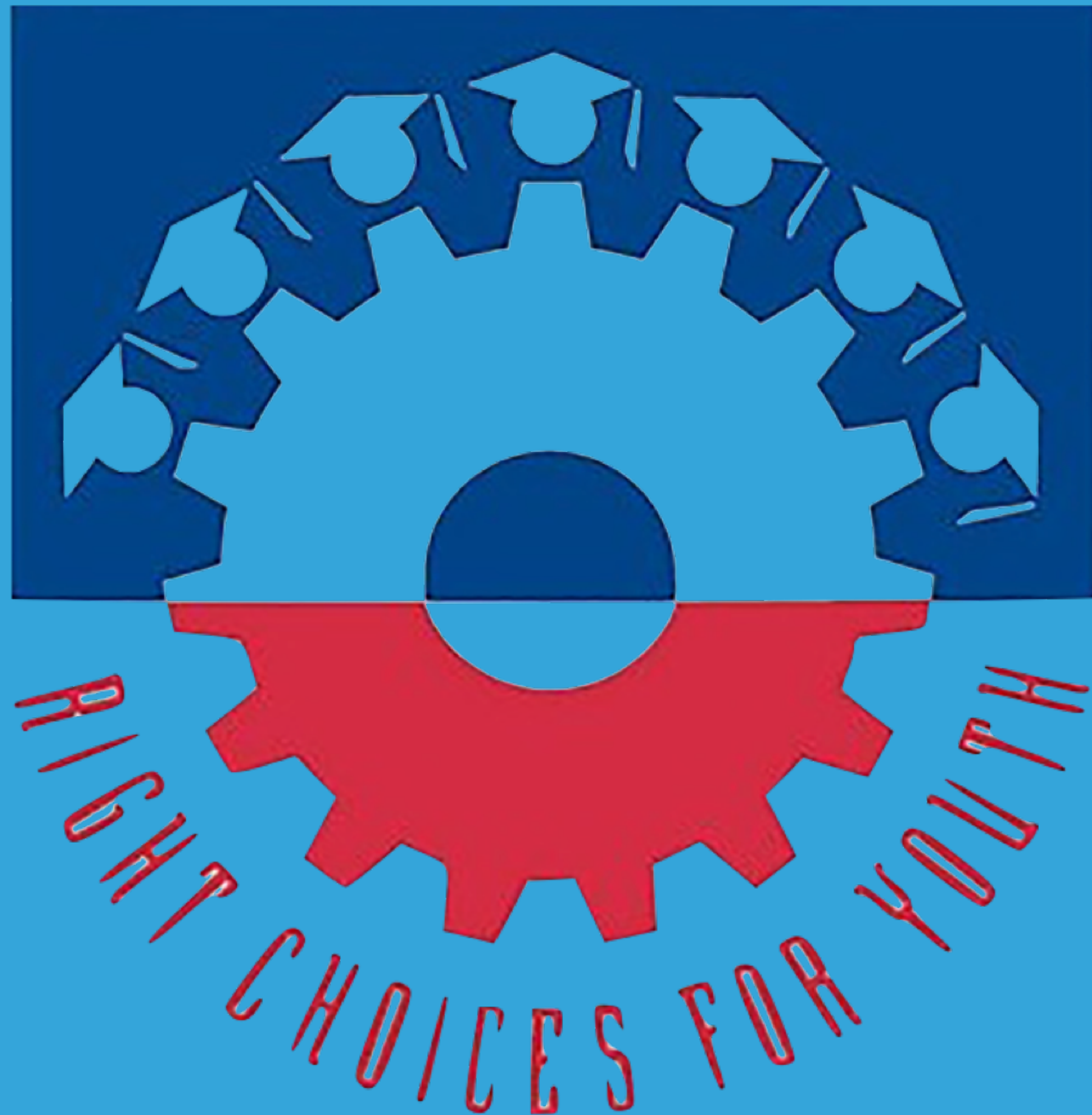
How can you personally become an agent for change?

NATIONAL GEAR UP INITIATIVE

“In today’s global economy, what you earn depends on what you learn. This bill will make it easier for millions of Americans to get the higher education they need to succeed in the global economy...It responds to the challenge I issued in the State of the Union to create a ‘High Hopes’ initiative, where colleges reach down to middle school students in high-poverty areas to give them the support they need to be ready for higher education.”

President Bill Clinton, 1998

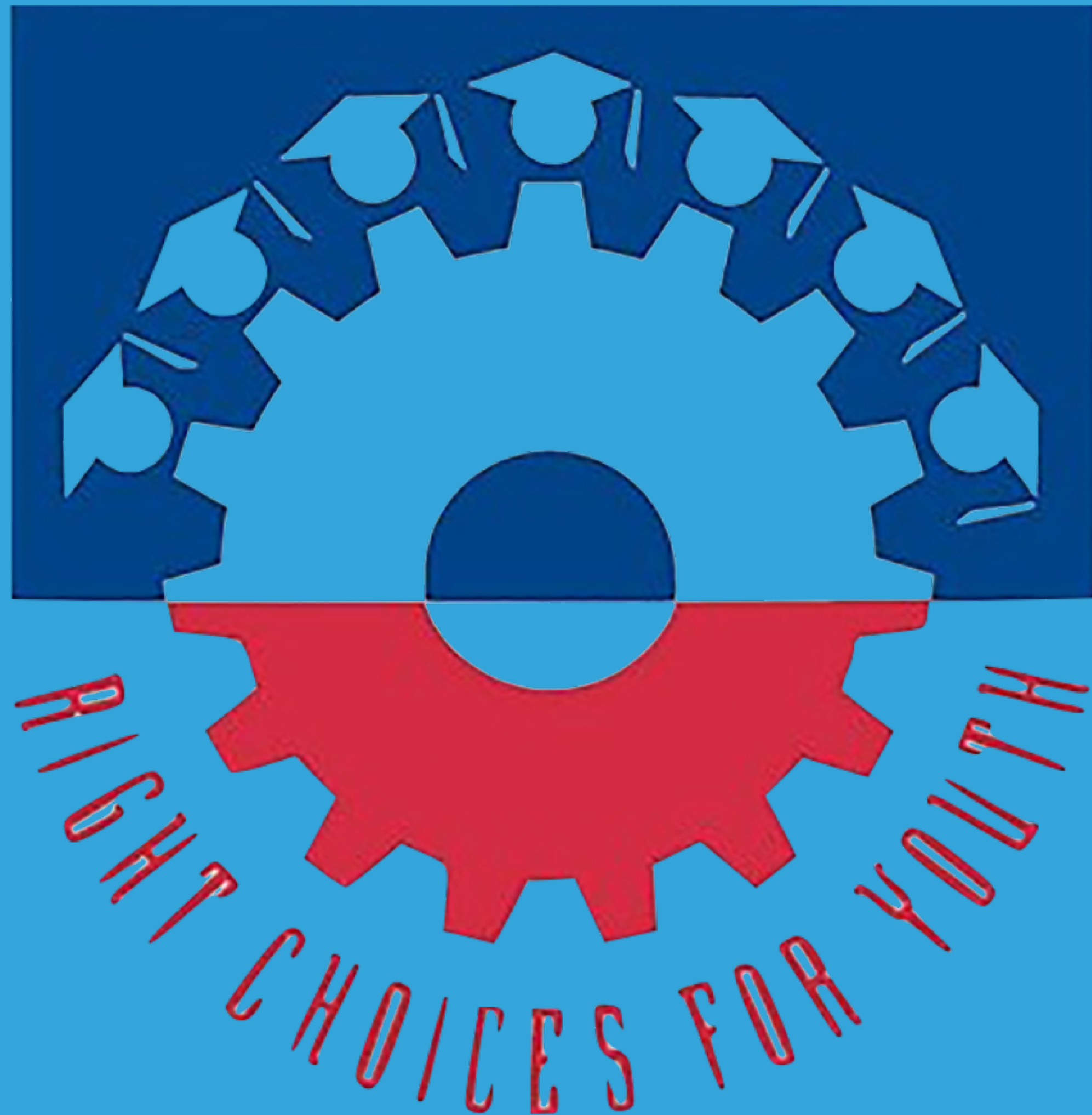
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"GEAR UP was created to provide communities with a comprehensive, holistic and research-driven initiative to prepare low-income and minority students for higher education."

National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCCEP)

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GEAR UP began in 1998 and last year alone, served over 640,000 students nationwide in 48 states

Students who enroll in GEAR UP are more than 30% more likely than non-GEAR UP students to enroll in higher education immediately after high school

UTAH'S STATEWIDE GEAR UP PROGRAM

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- ▶ Central office: [Utah Valley University](#)
- ▶ Awarded a 7-year \$26 million grant for 2011-18
- ▶ Recently awarded another 7-year \$24.5 million GEAR UP grant for 2017-24
- ▶ 54 secondary schools, 16 school districts, 11 counties
- ▶ 4,850 students projected to be served statewide each year from 2017-24



GRANT OBJECTIVES

1. Increase **academic performance** and **preparation for postsecondary** education for GEAR UP students.
2. Increase the rate of **high school graduation** and **enrollment in postsecondary education** for GEAR UP students.
3. Increase GEAR UP students' **and their families'** knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparations, and financing.
4. Increase GEAR UP students' success in their **first year of attendance at an institution of higher education**.



**GEAR UP, REGION 1:
WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY**

DUAL GRANTS

- ▶ 2011-2018 GEAR UP Grant
 - ▶ Davis School District: Clearfield HS, Layton HS, Mountain HS
 - ▶ Weber School District: Roy HS
 - ▶ WSU First Year Students
- ▶ 2018-2024 GEAR UP Grant
 - ▶ Davis School District: Northridge HS, Syracuse HS, North Layton JH, Syracuse JH, Sunset JH
 - ▶ Weber School District: Bonneville HS, TH Bell JH, South Ogden JH
 - ▶ WSU First Year Students



PART I

GEAR UP IMPLEMENTATION

OVERVIEW

- ▶ Vision
- ▶ Organization
- ▶ Training
- ▶ Student Recruitment & Eligibility
- ▶ Outreach
- ▶ Tracking
- ▶ Services

TAKING GEAR UP TO THE NEXT LEVEL

- ▶ Sense of ownership (schools, students, parents)
- ▶ Solid collaboration
- ▶ Disassociate negative stigmas
- ▶ Improve accessibility to GU services
- ▶ Greater intentionality in GU services



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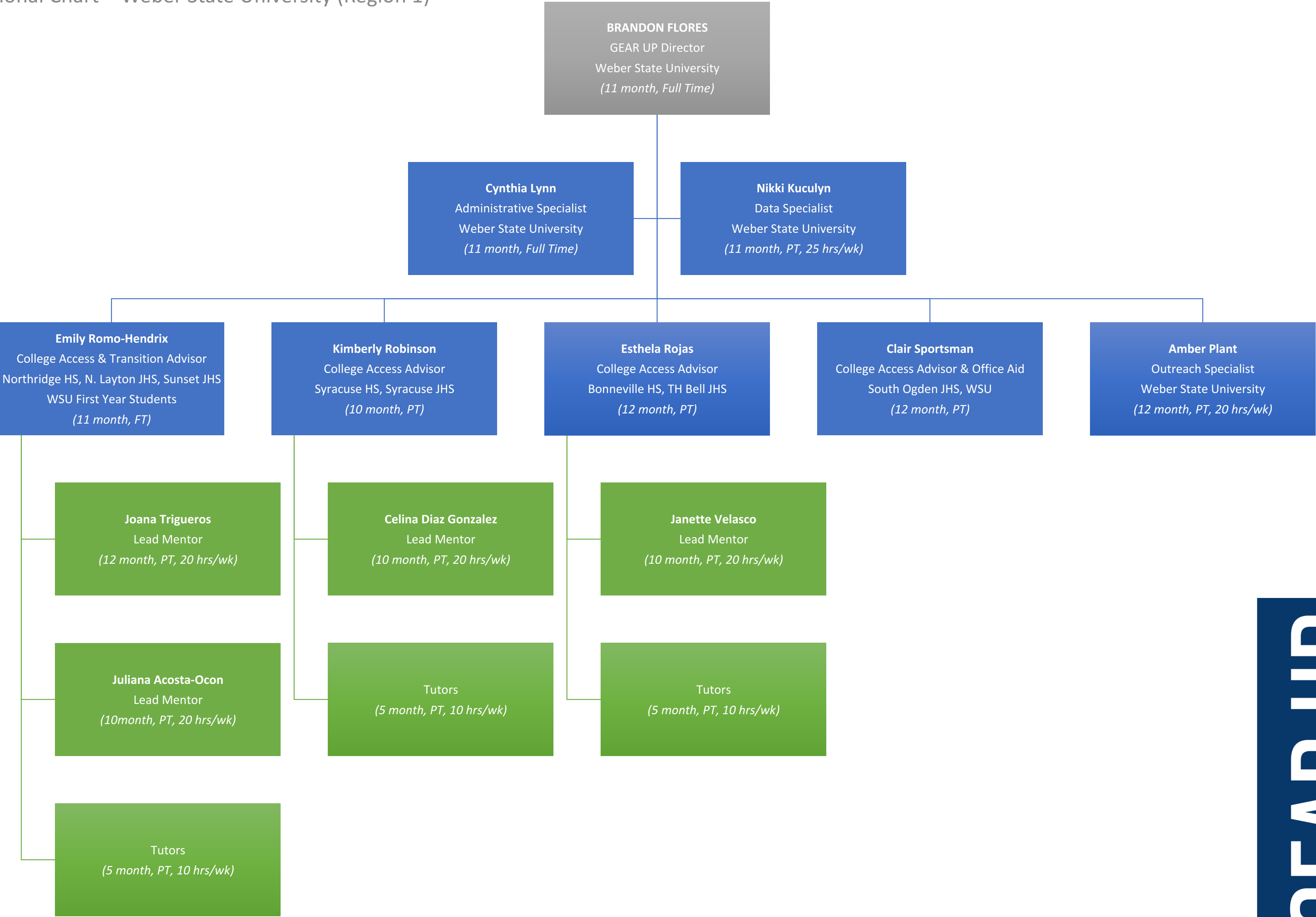
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ORGANIZATION

State GEAR UP Organizational Chart – Weber State University (Region 1)
NEW Grant – Year 2



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TRAINING

HOW DO WE TRAIN OUR STAFF?

- ▶ Internal on-boarding, bi-weekly meetings, on-site, & summer trainings
- ▶ UHEAA FAFSA Boot Camps
- ▶ WSU training and professional development
- ▶ State and national conferences:
 - ▶ USHE Conference
 - ▶ ACT Conference
 - ▶ GEAR UP national and regional conferences



TRAINING & COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR GEAR UP PARTNERS

- ▶ WSU Access & Diversity Department
 - ▶ FAFSA Boot Camps
 - ▶ School Partner Breakfast
 - ▶ Multicultural Youth Conference
 - ▶ Senior Recognition Night
- ▶ National GEAR UP Conferences
 - ▶ Capacity Building Workshop ([Feb 4-7, Las Vegas](#))
 - ▶ Annual Conference ([July 15-18, Washington D.C.](#))
 - ▶ GEAR UP West ([Oct 14-16, Boise](#))



TRAINING & COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR GEAR UP PARTNERS

- ▶ Region 1 GEAR UP Partner Meetings
 - ▶ How often should we, as Weber & Davis School District GEAR UP, meet? (e.g quarterly, bi-annually)
 - ▶ What should the content of those meetings be?
 - ▶ Data review
 - ▶ Strategizing & Implementation
 - ▶ Sharing best practices
 - ▶ Collaborating
 - ▶ What worked? What didn't?



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**STUDENT RECRUITMENT
& ELIGIBILITY**



GEAR UP Utah 2017-2024 Application



School Location: _____
(Print School Name)

Are you in TRIO's Upward Bound, and/or Educational Talent Search (ETS)? Yes ____ No ____

Student Information

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____ Birthdate: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Anticipated high school graduation year: _____

Student Cell Number: _____ Parent/Guardian(s) Relationship to student: _____

Student email: _____ Parent/Guardian Home Phone: _____

Student social media username: _____ Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: _____

Used only to send articles, forms, or updates on activities or scholarships.

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____ Parent/Guardian Email: _____

_____ Please check mark the method of contact you would prefer

☐ Home # ☐ Cell # ☐ Email

What language is spoken in the home? _____

Have you been in foster care at any time during the prior academic year? Yes No

Have you been homeless at any time during the prior academic year? Yes No

Please see back of application for definition.

Do you have any other siblings in high school? Yes No If yes, what school? _____

Race (check one, required for federal reporting)

_____ American Indian or Alaskan Native _____ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

_____ Asian _____ White

_____ Black or African American _____ Two or More Races

Ethnicity (check one, required for federal reporting)

_____ Hispanic/Latino _____ Non Hispanic/Non Latino

By completing and returning this application form, you are submitting yourself for consideration to participate in Utah's Statewide GEAR UP Education Program. This program is designed to help students graduate from high school and prepare themselves for successful enrollment in and completion of college.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____
I verify all information given is correct

Defining Homeless

The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children as "individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence." The act provides examples of children who would fall under this definition:

- Children and youth sharing housing due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason
- Children and youth living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camp grounds due to lack of alternative accommodations
- Children and youth living in emergency or transitional shelters
- Children and youth abandoned in hospitals
- Children and youth awaiting foster care placement
- Children and youth whose primary nighttime residence is not ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation (e.g. park benches, etc)
- Children and youth living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations

For Office Use Only:

GEAR UP Counselor/ Advisor: Initial: _____ Enrollment Date: _____

IEP: Yes No LEP: Yes No Student State ID: _____

Homeless: Yes No Foster Care: Yes No

Data entry/verification of enrollment packet:

Release _____ FRLV _____ Entered into Compass by: _____ Date: _____
(Initials)



GEAR UP Utah
Authorization for Release of Information



I, _____, do hereby grant the representative of Utah’s Statewide
(Print Parent/Guardian Name)
GEAR UP Education Program, including their external evaluators, authorization to contact
parents/guardians and students, and to release and/or obtain information from social media,
school, district and state data sources regarding the following individual:

Student’s Name (Please Print)
This release is effective as of the date signed.

Reason for release of information:
To track student’s success in school and help facilitate their preparation for and success in continuing
their education beyond middle school and high school.
Specific types of information to be released (this information may be provided by the school, district or
State Office of Education):

- ☒ Class Schedules
- ☒ Transcripts, Grade Reports, & Test Scores
- ☒ Cumulative Student Record
- ☒ Attendance
- ☒ IEP/LEP Information
- ☒ Free/Reduced Lunch Status/Eligibility
- ☒ Student State ID
- ☒ College and Career Readiness Information

I also authorize GEAR UP personnel to take photos/videos of my student during GEAR UP activities and
use them for historical, informational, and promotional purposes by the GEAR UP program. By signing
this document I release the above agencies/individuals from any and all liability for revealing and/or
releasing such information.

I understand that I may revoke this release at any time by informing this agency in writing.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Utah’s Statewide GEAR UP Counselor/ Advisor

Date

*Any additional individuals who may have access to protected student information disclosed by students during our session(s) (i.e.
sibling, grandparent, or other parent representative)*

Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____



GEAR UP Utah
Parent/Guardian Declaration of Eligibility for
Free and Reduced Price School Meals



Dear Parent/Guardian,
In order for your student to qualify to be enrolled in Utah’s Statewide GEAR UP Education Program,
they need to be eligible under the *Free and Reduced Price School Meals Guidelines*. Please review the
chart below and refer to it as you complete the rest of the form. Military Personnel do not need to
include housing allowance when reporting income.

Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	22,459	1,872	936	864	432
2	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586
3	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740
4	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893
5	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047
6	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201
7	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
Each Additional Person	7,992	666	333	308	154
This table is valid from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.					

Source: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/05/08/2018-09679/child-nutrition-programs-income-eligibility-guidelines>

The number of persons in my household is _____.

The total **gross** income for my household is \$_____per (circle one) year / month / twice
per month / every two weeks / weekly.

According to the chart above, my family’s income is (circle one) above / below the matching income
level for my household size.

Based on this information, my son/daughter _____ is:
(Print student’s name)
☐ Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch ☐ Not Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Please note that this form is not an Application for Free & Reduced Price School Meals, but rather an eligibility verification form for the
GEAR UP Program. If you would like to apply for the Free & Reduced Price School Meals Program, please contact your student’s school.*

Please return this form to your GEAR UP Counselor/ Advisor

For Office Use Only: Accepted _____ Denied _____ Counselor Initials _____ Date _____

PROJECTED YEARLY ENROLLMENT (2017–2024)



RECRUITMENT METHODS

- ▶ Personal referrals from counselors, teachers, students
- ▶ Registration packets
- ▶ Events involving parents & guardians (e.g. PTC)
- ▶ Mailings, email, social media
- ▶ Tabling during lunch or at other events
- ▶ Announcements
- ▶ Presentations (e.g. assemblies, classes)
- ▶ And more...

GET
ON
BOARD

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OUTREACH

HOW DOES GEAR UP COMMUNICATE WITH STUDENTS & PARENTS?

- ▶ Face-to-Face
- ▶ Email (Constant Contact, newsletters)
- ▶ Texting (Remind/Signal Vine)
- ▶ Social Media ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#))
- ▶ Mailings
- ▶ Phone Calls
- ▶ [Website](#)



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TRACKING

TRACKING STUDENT PROGRESS & PARTICIPATION

- ▶ Transcripts and standardized test scores
- ▶ School Database for Students (to view attendance, missing assignments, etc.)
- ▶ Checklists for each grade
- ▶ GEAR UP forms:
 - ▶ Contact Logs
 - ▶ Sign-in Sheets
 - ▶ Tutor Records
- ▶ Annual Surveys
- ▶ Senior Exit Forms (tracks FAFSA, scholarship, and college app completion)





2016–2017 SCHOOL YEAR

4 Schools Served

Mountain High School
Roy High School

Layton High School
Clearfield High School

185 *students in*
SENIOR COHORT



51%
participants
identify as ethnic or racial
MINORITY

94

SENIOR COHORT STUDENTS
enrolled in college FALL 2017

106

SENIOR COHORT STUDENTS
who completed FAFSA

390 *total number of*
PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

\$1,148,411
total scholarship
EARNED BY OUR SENIOR COHORT

State GEAR Up

OUTREACH PROGRAM VS. STATE OF UTAH

FAFSA completion

RATE

57% *vs* **34%**

high school grad

ENROLLED

first year of college

51% *vs* **52%**



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801-626-7006

weber.edu/accessanddiversity

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SERVICES

GEAR UP SERVICES

- ▶ Mentoring and advising
- ▶ College and career exploration
- ▶ Financial literacy, financial aid, and scholarship information
- ▶ Summer programs
- ▶ College visits and career exploration
- ▶ Family events
- ▶ College application support
- ▶ Test preparation and study skills
- ▶ Tutoring and homework assistance

PART II

GEAR UP IMPLEMENTATION

OVERVIEW

- ▶ Facility use
- ▶ Mentoring & Advising
- ▶ Tutoring
- ▶ Workshops
- ▶ Campus Visits
- ▶ Activities
- ▶ First Year College Services

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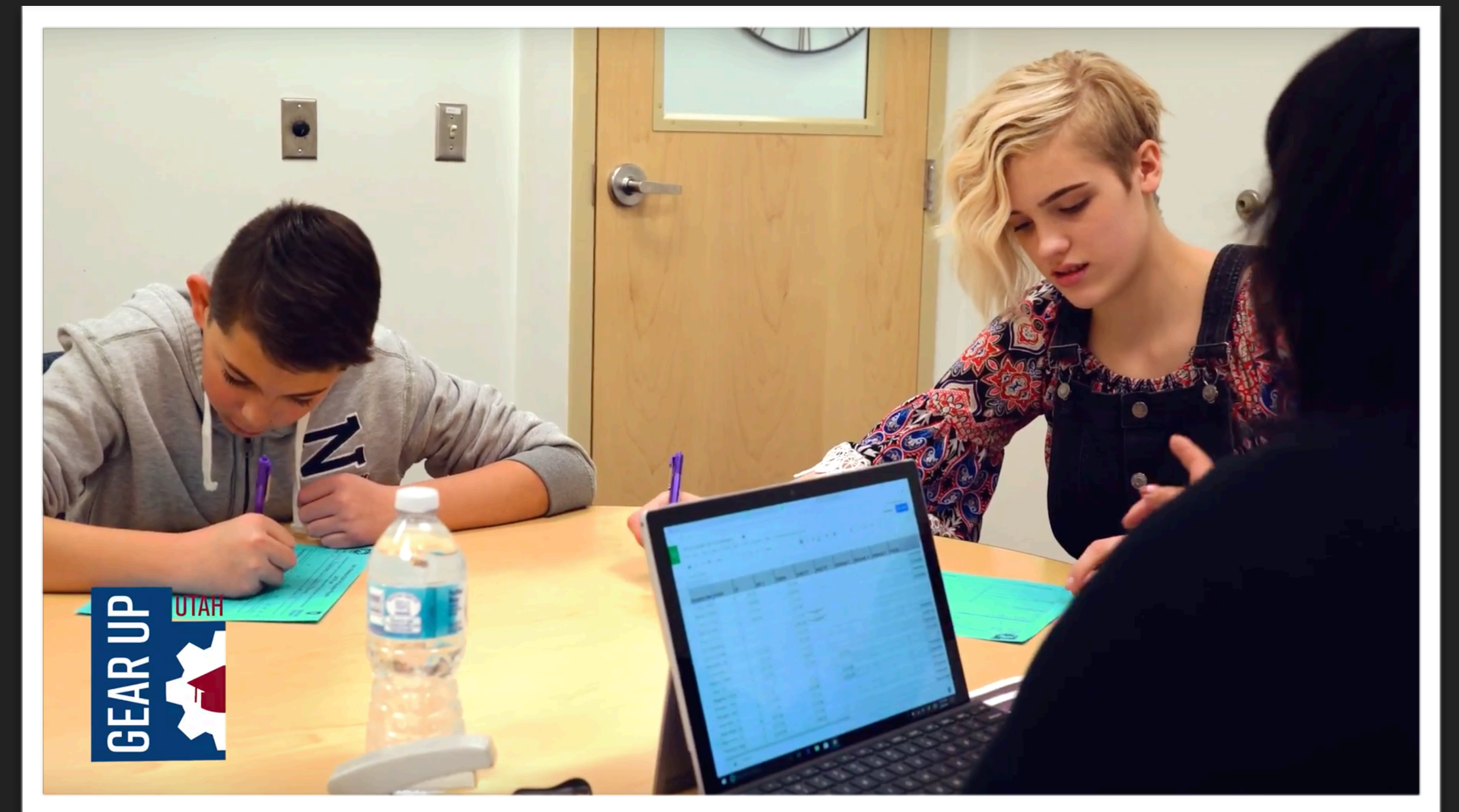
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FACILITY USE



GEAR UP SPACE

- ▶ Office space for advising
 - ▶ Auditory privacy
 - ▶ Desktop with printer/internet access
 - ▶ Desk and basic supplies
 - ▶ Phone (e.g. for calling admissions offices)
 - ▶ Storage (e.g. filing cabinet, closet)
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**MENTORING &
ADVISING**



GEAR UP ADVISING

- ▶ Student checklists
- ▶ 1:1 and small group sessions
- ▶ When do we provide advising?
 - ▶ Between classes (late slip)
 - ▶ During classes (excusal slip)
 - ▶ During lunch, after-school, advisory



9TH GRADE ✓

To see the complete and detailed grade-by-grade checklists, visit StepUpUtah.com

Get involved in your school and community.

- ☐ Volunteer in your community. Find volunteer opportunities with U Serve Utah (heritage.utah.gov/userveutah) and United Way 2-1-1 (uw.org/211/volunteer).
- ☐ Sign up for at least one school club or after school program. Talk to your school counselor or a teacher about what opportunities are available.

Explore college options.

- ☐ Read through the Utah College Directory on StepUpUtah.com to discover what colleges in Utah may be right for you.
- ☐ Talk with your parents, friends and community members about their college experience, and start thinking about what you want out of yours.

Do high school right.

- ☐ If you haven't already, sign up to be a StepUp Utah Scholar.
- ☐ Meet with your school counselor and develop a four-year high school plan.
- ☐ Sign up for the monthly StepUp newsletter at StepUpUtah.com/newsletter to get college preparation tips.
- ☐ Review the Regents' Scholarship requirements on RegentsScholarship.org.


Learn about the different ways to pay for college.

- ☐ Read about the various ways to pay for college, including scholarships, grants, work-study, and student loans on StepUpUtah.com.
- ☐ Make a plan to pay for college with your parents.
- ☐ Start to build a scholarship and college admissions resume to track your achievements. Use the template found in the scholarship toolkit at StepUpUtah.com to get you started.
- ☐ With the help of an adult, open a college savings account for you. Learn more at uesp.org. If you already have a saving account, contribute what you can to it.



GEAR UP ADVISING

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11TH GRADE

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Focus on your classes.

- ☐ Sign up for classes that stretch your mind and can earn you college credit, such as Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Concurrent Enrollment (CE). Talk to your school counselor for more information.
- ☐ Verify with your counselor that you are taking classes that will help you succeed in college.

Think about what math class you'll take your senior year.

- ☐ Meet with your counselor to make sure you pick the right math class for your future. It's best to complete your college math requirements through Concurrent Enrollment while still in high school.
- ☐ Read on StepUpUtah.com/CE about what CE math class best fits with your future plans.

Take the ACT.

- ☐ Take the ACT in the spring. Get free ACT test preparation materials at UtahFutures.org, or download the free ACT App to get daily ACT test prep questions.

Consider your college options.

- ☐ Make a list of your top college choices and get ready to apply during your senior year. If you're thinking about going to a school in Utah, check out the Utah College Directory on StepUpUtah.com to learn more.

Visit college campuses.

- ☐ Go on a campus tour. Schedule one by visiting the college's website or calling.
- ☐ Attend a summer camp offered by a college near you.
- ☐ Attend a college fair to explore different colleges and universities. Ask your school counselor for information or search online.



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Get organized for your final year.

- ☐ Some colleges (and scholarships) require one or more letters of recommendation. Decide which teachers might be willing to write letters of recommendation next year, and ask them now.
- ☐ Get a job over the summer to set aside money for college and gain valuable experience you can add to your resume.

Research possible careers.

- ☐ Job shadow at a business/organization that interests you. Check to see if you could do an internship, which provides you with great experience.
- ☐ Talk to professionals in the area of study you're interested in. Ask your school counselor or parents/guardians to help you find them.

Learn about the many ways to pay for college.

- ☐ Forecast how much financial aid you could qualify for by using the FAFSA4Caster at fafsa.ed.gov.

Keep applying for scholarships.

- ☐ Contact a Regent's Scholarship representative to make sure you're on track for the Regents' Scholarship. If possible, schedule a meeting to go over your classes for the next school year. Details at RegentsScholarship.org.
- ☐ Look for scholarships and apply to at least three during your junior year. See if your high school has a scholarship coordinator to help you find scholarships to apply for, but don't forget to also look in your community and search online.

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TUTORING



TUTORING

- ▶ Embedded tutoring
- ▶ Near-peer model
 - ▶ WSU students
 - ▶ GEAR UP Alumni
- ▶ Academic coaching
- ▶ All topics including ACT Prep



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WORKSHOPS



WORKSHOPS

- ▶ Redefining “workshop”
- ▶ “It takes a village...” (e.g. school faculty and staff, WSU students and staff, community, GU alumni)
- ▶ Who, when, where, WHY, how



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FAMILY NIGHTS



FAMILY NIGHT

- ▶ Once per semester
- ▶ During National GEAR UP Week
- ▶ Conference style
- ▶ Spanish/English
- ▶ Relevant & engaging
- ▶ Dinner

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FAMILY NIGHT

COLLEGE MYTHS DEBUNKED

DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED

APRIL 18TH
6 - 7:30pm

Weber State
Davis Campus:
2750 University
Park Blvd.
Layton, UT 84041
Room: D2 151

For GEAR UP
Students & Family
Members!

RSVP by
April 11th!
weber.edu/stategearup/events.html

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CAMPUS VISITS



COLLEGE & CAREER FIELD TRIPS

- ▶ Goal: Both informative and ENGAGING

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**SPRING
COLLEGE
TOURS 2018**

GEAR UP

**FEB 15 UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
APRIL 26 WEBER STATE**

MUST BE A GEAR UP STUDENT TO ATTEND

CONTACT YOUR GEAR UP ADVISOR FOR A PERMISSION SLIP

SUBMIT PERMISSION SLIPS TO YOUR SCHOOL MAIN OFFICE OR GEAR UP STAFF BY THE DEADLINE

Connect with us: @stategearup (801) 395-3547 weber.edu/stategearup



COLLEGE & CAREER FIELD TRIPS

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 - ▶ Collaborate with departments = hands on experience





COLLEGE & CAREER FIELD TRIPS

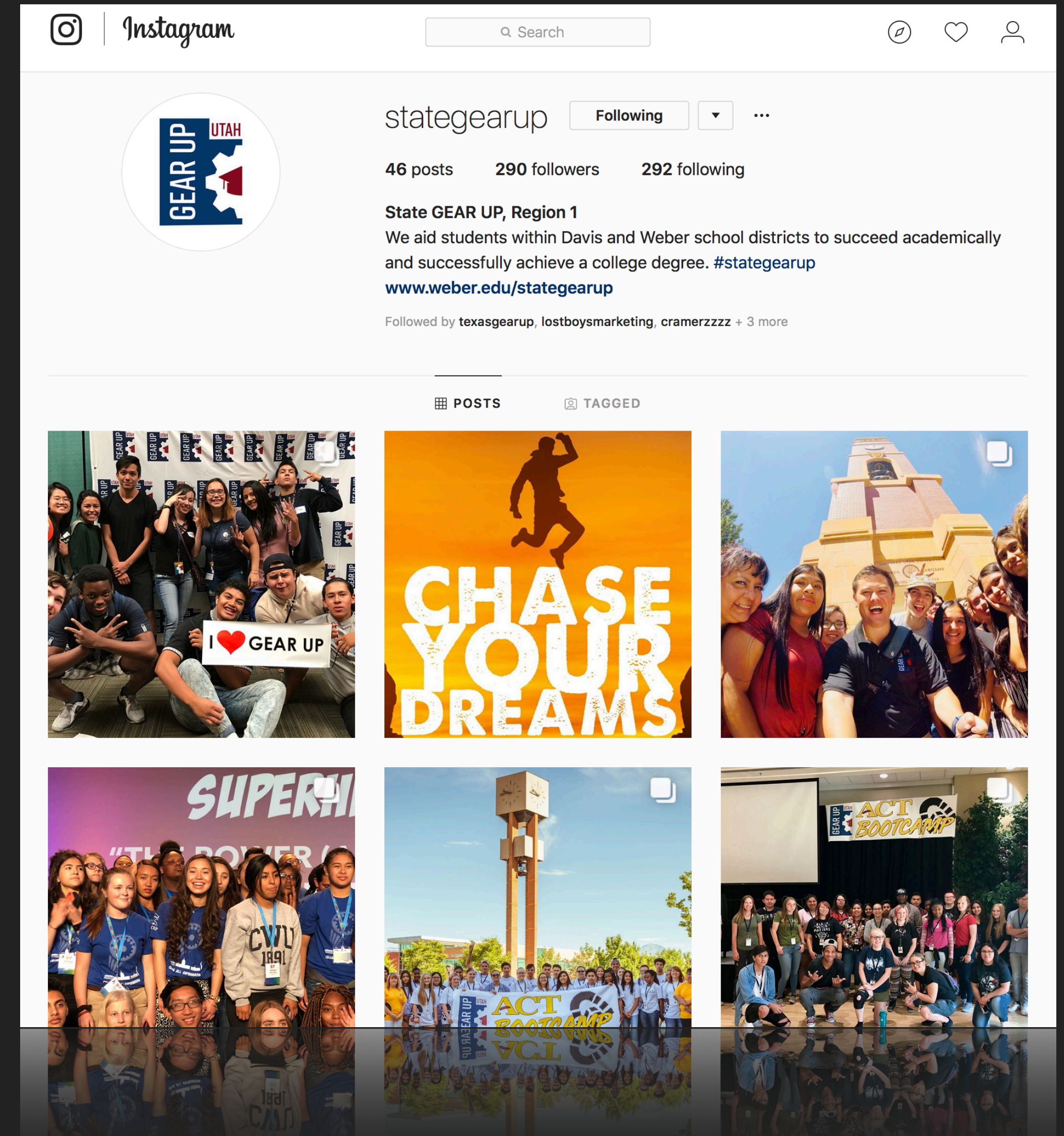
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 - ▶ Intentionality





COLLEGE & CAREER FIELD TRIPS

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 - ▶ Intentionality
 - ▶ Social media





COLLEGE & CAREER FIELD TRIPS

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 - ▶ Intentionality
 - ▶ Social media
- ▶ Name tags, folders, permission slips



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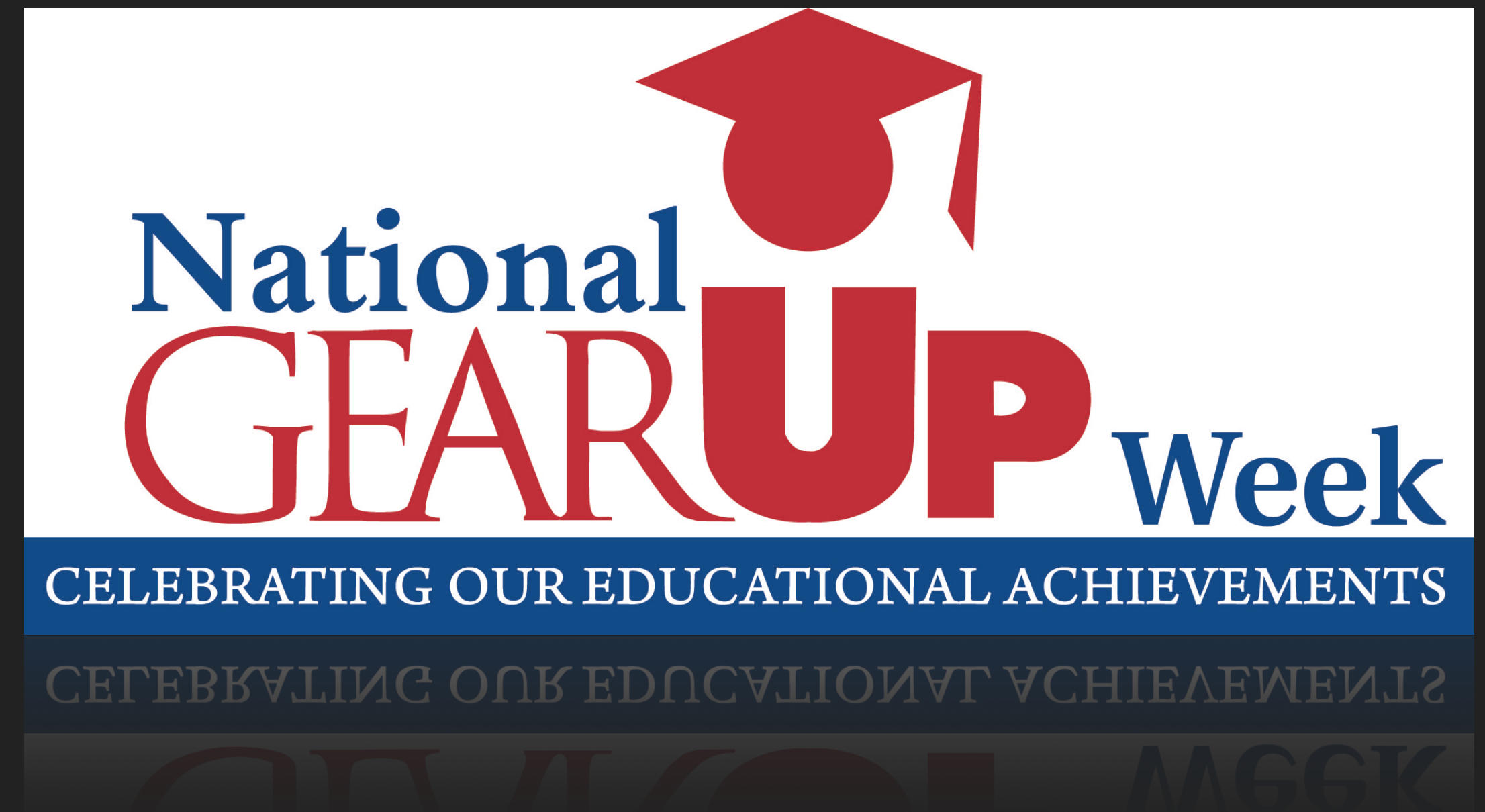
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OTHER ACTIVITIES



OTHER GEAR UP ACTIVITIES

- ▶ National GEAR UP Week (September)





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- ▶ Signing Day / Senior Recognition Night (May 3)





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- ▶ Summer ACT Boot Camp
- ▶ GEAR UP Connections (Summer Bridge)

GEAR UP CONNECTIONS SUMMER PROGRAM

All GEAR UP seniors who will attend Weber State in Fall 2018 are invited to register and attend

Weber State University
Davis Campus
2750 University Park Blvd.
Layton, UT 84041
Room D2-223

FREE Breakfast

Week 1: June 12 & June 14
Week 2: June 19 & June 21
Week 3: June 26 & June 28

8:30am - 12:30pm

By participating in Connections you will:

Become familiar with resources & services on campus that are critical to your transition and success as a college student

Meet and connect with other GEAR UP first-year students

Gain confidence in your ability to succeed and navigate life at WSU

Receive a FREE College Survival Kit* and other giveaways! (a \$50+ value)

*Must attend a minimum of 4 sessions to be eligible for College Survival Kit

Register by May 29th:
www.weber.edu/stategearup/events

 facebook.com/stategearup

 instagram.com/stategearup

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FIRST YEAR COLLEGE
SERVICES

FIRST YEAR SERVICES

- ▶ GEAR UP assists first year GEAR UP students with:
 - ▶ Class registration
 - ▶ First-year advising
 - ▶ Success workshops
 - ▶ Summer Bridge
 - ▶ Referrals to campus resources & services
 - ▶ FAFSA & Scholarships
 - ▶ WSU Access & Diversity tuition waiver
 - ▶ Support at colleges & universities beyond WSU



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