



## GEAR UP Utah



Dear Parents / Students,

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My name is Brian Richards and I am the GEAR UP counselor at Lehi High School. GEAR UP stands for **G**aining **E**arly Awareness and **R**eadiness for **U**ndergraduate **P**rograms. It is a federal grant project designed to help students accomplish their goals of successfully graduating from high school, being well prepared for college, finding money for school and achieving success as a college student. This program has been at Lehi High School for the past twelve years. GEAR UP is **currently accepting 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders.**

**GEAR UP is NOT a remedial education program but we accept ALL students that are planning to attend college or have a *desire* to attend college. We're here to help our students accomplish their educational goals. Also, your student does not have to plan on attending UVU in order to be in the program. UVU is the school that was chosen to administer the program throughout the state. Our goal is to get your student to attend ANY college or university in the country. We can even help you fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Free money to attend college!**

Please take a look at the attached flier that explains some of the services the program offers and how your student(s) can benefit from being a GEAR UP student. Probably some of the best offerings we have are summer college/university trips to about twelve campuses throughout the state. Also, when in the GEAR UP program, your student can take the ACT test TWICE for free during their high school years! That saves you about \$100 right there. To be admitted into the GEAR UP program a student needs to be eligible to receive free or reduced price lunch. EVERYTHING in the program is FREE to all.

It is a privilege to be in the GEAR UP program. They can participate in the program as much or as little as they want. BUT, it's always to their advantage to participate as much as possible.

Your student can return the completed application to the secretary in the counseling office or you can mail it or email it back to me.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank You,

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