



GEAR UP Virginia Annual Performance Summary

2010-2011

The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) and its GEAR UP partners currently offer college access services to 3,873 students in twenty-five (25) school divisions across the Commonwealth. Services include academic tutoring, mentoring, career counseling, as well as parent and student financial aid resources. During the past year, GEAR UP staff provided a total of 25,627 hours of tutoring, 27,227 hours in mentoring activities, and 5,399 hours with students and parents providing career counseling and financial aid workshops.

One of the strongest elements of the current program was college visits. During the past academic year, every GEAR UP Virginia school provided members of the cohort an opportunity to visit a college campus and in some cases students visited as many as six or seven campuses. In all, college visits gave 1,734 GEAR UP students and ninety four (94) GEAR UP parents the opportunity to experience campus life.

Through hard work and dedication, GEAR UP students are moving ever closer to the reality of graduation. The promise of change is around the corner and GEAR UP Virginia will continue to strive for even better outcomes and further achievements in the year to come.

There were many successful aspects of the GEAR UP Virginia grant. Below are highlights from the current reporting period:

- GEAR UP students spent 9,450 hours engaged in GEAR UP sponsored family events. GEAR UP parents spent 6,806 hours participating in GEAR UP family events.
- One hundred and five (105) GEAR UP Virginia team members attended a statewide GEAR UP training in Roanoke, VA. Fifty (50) team members attended the Virginia College Access Network (VCAN) conference in Hampton, VA.
- The revamped GEAR UP Virginia website was launched this past fall. It can be viewed at www.gearupva.com
- Forty-five percent (45%) of the GEAR UP Virginia student cohort visited a college campus this past year.
- Approximately 1,300 teachers of GEAR UP Virginia students participated in GEAR UP sponsored professional development programs.
- GEAR UP career coaches delivered post-secondary transition services to GEAR UP students via 5,892 hours of group sessions and 1,553 hours providing one-on-one services.

