

GEAR UP for College Week in North Carolina

2014 Calendar of Events

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As part of a national initiative from our [National Council for Community and Education Partnerships \(NCCPEP\)](#) colleagues, GEAR UP for College Week is an opportunity to raise awareness nationally and across our GEAR UP North Carolina communities – from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Pamlico Sound – about the positive impact that GEAR UP makes locally by increasing students’ and families’ early awareness and academic readiness for postsecondary education.

Check out this 2014 Calendar of Events for GEAR UP activities and services across North Carolina during GEAR UP for College Week. And, don’t forget to live tweet [@GEARUPNC](#) and [@edpartnerships](#) that [#GEARUPworks](#) during [#GEARUPweek](#) and beyond!

Date	School District	Event Details and Description
Monday, September 22 rd	Lenoir	Community Kick Off @ Fairfield Park — <i>The community will be invited to come out and learn about GEAR UP NC and the necessary steps to prepare for college.</i>
	Scotland	College Day @ Scotland High School — <i>The students will write anything college related on the sidewalks using chalk! There will also be college representatives during lunch to talk to students.</i>
Tuesday, September 23 rd	Person	Application Afternoon @ Person High School — <i>GEAR UP staff, guidance counselors, and some teachers will be available in the media center to assist students with applications, essays, scholarship searches, and anything else related to the college process.</i>
	Rockingham	College Prep Information Night @ Dalton McMichael High, Reidsville Middle, & James E. Holmes Middle — <i>GEAR UP parents will learn about CFNC.org features. Emphasis will be placed on student support services for academic performance in reading and mathematics. This event specifically targets the parents of potential first generation college students and native Spanish speakers. All literature will be available in English and Spanish. Teachers will be invited to interpret/translate as needed.</i>
	Scotland	Career Fair @ Scotland High School: <i>Professionals will be invited to the school to present information about their chosen careers during lunch.</i>
Wednesday, September 24 th	Edenton-Chowan	Campus Tour @College Of the Albemarle

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Wednesday, September 24th (continued)	Lenoir	Family Visit @ East Carolina University —Students and parents will take a campus tour of East Carolina University. Students and parents will also learn about financial aid, the first year of college, and different degrees that ECU offers.
	Scotland	Dream’s Day @ Scotland High School — Students will be asked to write down their dreams and post them on the wall in the cafeteria, creating a Dream Wall!
Thursday, September 25th	Lenoir	Hispanic Heritage Kickoff @ Ministerios Jumping Run —In conjunction with the Jumping Run Church, GEAR UP staff will have interpreters help provide information about GEAR UP and preparing for college to all GEAR UP students in the Hispanic community.
	Perquimans	GEAR UP Family Night @ Perquimans County High School —Families and students will learn about college preparation according to grade level.
	Person	Application Afternoon @ Person High School —GEAR UP staff, guidance counselors, and some teachers will be available in the media center to assist students with applications, essays, scholarship searches, and anything else related to the college process.
	Scotland	Scavenger Hunt @ Scotland High, Scotland Early College, & Shaw Academy —Facts about different colleges will be posted on note cards and hid around the school. Students will find the notecards and take them to the GEAR UP office to receive a prize!
Friday, September 26th	Edenton-Chowan	Campus Tour @ Elizabeth City State University
	Person	College Spirit Day @ all target middle and high schools —Faculty and staff will be asked to wear their college paraphernalia and/or colors.
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<p>Week-Long Events</p> <p>Week-Long Events (continued)</p>	<p>Alamance-Burlington</p>	<p>College Prep @ all target middle and high schools—GEAR UP staff will have a table set up at lunch to share information about college prep and answer student questions.</p> <p>Kickoff @ all target middle and high schools—GEAR UP staff will feature teachers who are alumni by decorating a bulletin board and having an announcement.</p>
	<p>Lenoir</p>	<p>Throughout the week, schools will participate in the following:</p> <p>College Trivia</p> <p>“Ask Me About It” Campaign @ all target middle and high schools – Teachers will have a sign on their door with the name of the college they attended, along with a picture of the college mascot and a bit of trivia. Teachers will take 10 minutes of class time to share their college experiences with their students.</p> <p>College T-Shirt Day @ all target middle and high schools – Students and teachers are encouraged to wear any college shirt/paraphernalia to celebrate GEAR UP for College Week. The GEAR UP team will wear college apparel as well.</p> <p>The “DREAM Wall” Activity @ all target middle and high schools – Students will be given a handout by the GEAR UP team to complete. It tells about where they want to go to college, what they hope to major in, and what dream job this would lead to. These will be taken up by GEAR UP and at the high school level, we will use this as a baseline to begin contacting students about college. All handouts will then be placed on a very visible wall in the school to create the GEAR UP “Dream Wall.”</p> <p>Guidance @ all target high schools- Students can discuss current class choices and tools to apply and go to college.</p> <p>Some middle schools may also participate in door decoration, banner signing, career fairs, and scavenger hunts.</p>
	<p>McDowell</p>	<p>Daily Announcements @ all target middle and high schools - about GEAR UP for College Week and college trivia.</p>

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<p>Week-Long Events (continued)</p>		<p>Preparing for College @ all target middle and high schools- <i>GEAR UP teachers will give a short lesson about preparing for college.</i></p> <p>The College Experience @ all target middle and high schools- <i>GEAR UP teachers are encouraged to wear a college tee shirt/college colors during the week. Teachers will share their college experience with their students and have a bulletin board decorated to highlight the week.</i></p> <p>Pamlico GEAR UP? @ all target middle schools- <i>Presentations about the GEAR UP program.</i></p> <p>Perquimans GEAR UP staff will provide a variety of activities for all students to participate throughout the week: Daily Announcements, College T-Shirt Day, and Teacher Door Signs.</p> <p>Person Daily Announcements@ all target middle and high schools—<i>College facts will be announced during daily announcements.</i></p> <p>Dream Wall @ all target middle schools—<i>GEAR UP staff will collect brightly colored slips of paper with students' educational and career "dreams" written on them. These papers will then be displayed on a wall or bulletin board at each school.</i></p> <p>Senior Ambassadors to speak @ Northern Middle School TBD—<i>Senior Ambassadors will speak to 7th and 8th grade elective classes about the importance of doing well in middle school as well as what they wish they had known sooner.</i></p> <p>Best Essays @ Northern Middle School—<i>ELA teachers will assign short answer essays with college/education as the topic during their beginning activities throughout the week. The best essays will be displayed.</i></p> <p>"Ask Me About ____?" @ all target middle and high schools—<i>Posters will be placed in or outside classrooms displaying the name of the teachers' college or university. Students are encouraged to ask teachers about their college experiences.</i></p> <p>Time Lapse—<i>Produce a time lapse video with each Advisory Board Member writing their college and major on a white board. Video will be displayed on</i></p>
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	Warren	<p>Letters to Senators @ all target schools- Students will write a “note card letter” to Senators expressing their appreciation of GEAR UP.</p>
	Yancey	<p>Throughout the week, target schools will participate in the following:</p> <p>Door Wars Decorating Contest</p> <p>GEAR UP T-shirt Day</p> <p>College Gear Day</p>

Additional Activities Related to GEAR UP for College Week:

Lenoir: Educational Booth @ Lenoir County Fair (September 15-21st)—The GEAR UP team will be setting up a booth to distribute college preparation information, as well as GEAR UP for College Week event information to parents and students.

Pamlico: Early College Prep @ all target middle schools (September, 2014)—Incoming 7th grade class will create CFNC.org accounts. New 8th grade students will create CFNC.org accounts.

Warren: Family Kick-Off & Workshop @ Vance Granville Community College (September 30, 2014)—Secrets revealed – the formula for getting into college & scholarships.

GEAR UP stands for “Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs” and is a national college access initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Education. As a state grantee, GEAR UP NC is administered by The University of North Carolina General Administration and implements services to students, families, and educators in 26 middle and high schools across 11 low-income school districts from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Pamlico Sound.