



DISTRICT

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

CLASS OF 2023-24

THE NCCEP DISTRICT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

is an innovative program for the
GEAR UP community that
seeks to maximize the talent
and leadership skills of
district leaders serving
GEAR UP students.

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NEW DEADLINE: APRIL 27, 2023



**JOIN FELLOW DISTRICT LEADERS
IN DLI'S CLASS OF 2023-2024**

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What are the benefits of DLI for district leaders?

BY PARTICIPATING IN THE DLI YOUR DISTRICT'S SENIOR LEADERS WILL:

DEEPEN the relationship with your district's GEAR UP program team, resulting in data-driven results with a wider impact.

INCREASE the effectiveness of the district team in collaborating to implement a broad range of best practice strategies, approaches, and programs for at-risk students.

RESERVE time to reflect on and analyze programs that work for creating a high-performing, college-going culture in your district.

EXPAND his/her national network of close colleagues, sharing ideas, questions, challenges, and successes through a guided series of cohort conversations.

ALL SESSIONS WILL INCORPORATE NCCEP'S NATIONAL STRATEGY OF:

EXCEL – developing a mindset of continual improvement and equipping GEAR UP professionals with the skills necessary to maximize their programmatic impact.

PROVE – ensuring that GEAR UP programs and professionals have the necessary skills, capabilities, and infrastructure to make informed decisions based on data, sound research, and evaluations.

MOBILIZE – strengthening our collective voice to secure the long-term sustainability and growth of GEAR UP locally and nationally.



DISTRICT LEADERS RECEIVE FIVE FULL DAYS OF PROFESSIONAL TRAINING DURING THE DLI YEAR.

Each class will explore case studies, current research, and practical applications of strategic leadership, and how they can be leveraged as a leader, mentor, coach, and change agent to create and sustain systemic change.

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LAYING THE FOUNDATION

JUL 17-18, 2023

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Arrive: Sunday, July 16th
by 5:00 pm

Depart: Tuesday, July 18th
after 6:00 pm

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SHARPENING SKILLS

FEB 5-6, 2024

BALTIMORE, MD

Arrive: Sunday, Feb. 4th
by 5:00 pm

Depart: Tuesday, Feb. 6th
after 6:00 pm

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TYING IT ALL TOGETHER

APRIL 26, 2024

Location Forthcoming

Arrive: Thursday, April 25th
by 12 noon

Depart: Saturday, April 27th

“The District Leadership Institute opened my eyes to the awesome opportunities available for students through GEAR UP and provided world-class professional learning experiences in leadership.”

Melonie Hau, Superintendent,
Newcastle Public Schools, Oklahoma

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by April 27, 2023](#)

OVER THE COURSE OF TEN MONTHS, the District Leadership Institute (DLI) initiates and engages a learning community of senior-level leaders in a profound learning experience focused on creating, sustaining, and strengthening the college going culture in GEAR UP districts. The DLI examines the unique role of district leaders to leverage the impact that GEAR UP's federal resources provide in creating systemic change, with a resulting positive and sustainable impact on students' college and career readiness.

DLI combines three in-person trainings (five days total of professional learning), opportunities for cohort problem-solving discussions throughout the year, collaboration activities between GEAR UP program directors and district leaders along with the benefits of a tightly-knit professional learning community to create high-leverage professional learning that builds capacity for leading a coherent college readiness strategy in districts of all sizes.

PROGRAM FACULTY

Two highly experienced and veteran GEAR UP partners will lead DLI:

DR. ALAN INGRAM, is the former Deputy Commissioner for the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and Superintendent of the Springfield Public School District, MA. Throughout his career in public education, he has served in a variety of roles focused on improving equity and access opportunities for all students. Dr. Ingram also led the GEAR UP partnership grant for the Oklahoma City School District serving a dual cohort of over 5,000 students and their parents, across a variety of sites, including high schools and alternative education programs, in partnership with seven higher education institutions, a career technology center, and community agencies.

DR. JOHN BARKER, is the Former Deputy Superintendent over the operational areas for the Shelby County Schools district in Memphis, TN. Prior to this role, Dr. Barker was

the Chief Accountability Officer for Chicago Public Schools, and served in various roles with Memphis City Schools. He also serves as a Senior Advisor at the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP). Dr. Barker co-leads the organization's efforts in leadership development programming including NCCEP's District Leadership Institute. He holds the Ph.D. in Education and Human Development from Vanderbilt University and is committed to sharing lessons learned from practice and supporting leaders in the complex task of decision making.

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The tuition for the program is \$5,000 per participant. Given the issues to be addressed in the Institute, districts are encouraged to bring leadership teams of up to a maximum of three representatives. While the makeup of districts may vary significantly by region, the program is intended for district "central" leadership, rather than school-based leaders.

Tuition fees do not include travel to the convenings, hotel accommodations, and other travel related cost. GEAR UP programs can leverage the five days of professional learning their senior leaders dedicate to the program as match.

Participants are expected to commit to attending each of the five sessions when applying and should reserve the in-person meeting dates listed on page 2. Class sizes are limited to facilitate group learning. Participants will be accepted to the program on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that: (1) full payment must be processed prior to the first convening (July 16), (2) tuition is not refundable, (3) substitutions are allowed only in coordination with NCCEP before the first convening.



NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR
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About Us

The National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP) is a national non-profit, non-partisan organization working to increase access to higher education for low income students through advocacy, training, and research. As the U.S. Department of Education's designated training provider for GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs), NCCEP organizes the NCCEP/GEAR UP annual conference and capacity-building workshop and supports and facilitates a variety of partnerships, leadership training programs, and research and advocacy efforts serving the GEAR UP community nationwide.

Apply Today

We look forward to welcoming you to the District Leadership Institute. [Click here to apply](#). New deadline is **April 27, 2023**.

For additional information, please contact [Betty Paugh Ortiz](#), Vice President of Programs at NCCEP.

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