



Get to Know NCC GEAR UP!

We had a great summer and we hope you and your family did as well! This summer NCC GEAR UP hosted the Summer Bridge Enrichment program at Hempstead High School.

Approximately 80 incoming 9th grade students from Alverta B. Gray Schultz Middle School attended. Students took enrichment courses in math, literature, and science. FOCUS leadership workshops such as "Networking Like a Pro," "Market Madness" and the "Grid Walk" were offered, encouraging effective communication and teamwork - all while preparing students to think about college and career options. We also implemented the Hempstead High School Leadership Development Summer Enrichment Camp with emphasis on social emotional learning. Additionally, with the help of RJ Math Consulting we were able to maximize our students' ability to bridge the learning gaps by creating learning spaces for students to fill in academic misconceptions. Activities focused on solving algebraic equations, word problems and simplifying algebraic expressions.

Finally, we concluded the summer by taking our students on two college tours! We visited the campus of Fordham University in the Bronx. The students were awed by the beautiful lush grounds and rolling green hills. They were able to tour the campus with a college tour guide and learned about campus life and the many opportunities available to the students.

On our second tour we visited the Fashion Institute of Technology and NYU in NYC. Students received informative presentations and were able to tour the campuses and visit the dorms. It was a great experience for our incoming 9th graders to get a feel for college life in the city and start thinking about their futures today!

FUN COLLEGE FACT

There are 60 all-female colleges in the country, but only 4 all-male.

- Source: Wikipedia



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NCC GEAR UP Parent Newsletter

9TH & 10TH GRADES



Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year!

9TH Grade Timeline

- Encourage your child to get off to a good start academically. Remember that their 9th grade courses will become a part their permanent record.
- Have your child talk to their school counselor or teachers about Advanced Placement courses. Find out what is available, whether they are eligible, and how to enroll in them.
- Talk to your child and the high school counselor about future plans to attend college. Its never too early to start planning!
- Encourage your child to participate in extracurricular activities, clubs, sports, and volunteer work.

Dear Parents/ Guardians,
We are so excited to kick off the 2019-2020 academic school year! Please read through this Nassau Community College GEAR UP Parent Newsletter for the latest information and upcoming events.

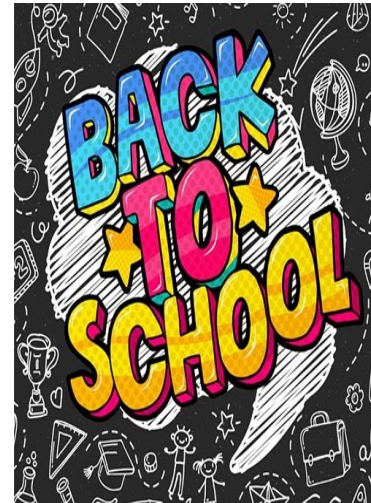
As parents, having your child start high school can be exciting and overwhelming. Therefore, any additional aids or tips can really help ease the transition from middle school into high school.

Be sure to check out the 9th and 10th grade timelines, to ensure the steps you and your child should be following to optimize their success in both high school and college.

Always feel free to reach out to the NCC GEAR UP staff for help and support.

Together, lets GEAR UP for a great year!

Best Wishes,
Maria Padilla
Family Coordinator



10TH Grade Timeline

- Stay involved and keep a close eye on your child's study habits and grades.
- Support your child in taking Advanced Placement courses. If completed successfully, this may lead to future college credits.
- Encourage your child to start building a resume by looking for work, activities, and volunteering opportunities.
- Start visiting colleges with your child to get an idea of what different college campuses feel like. Sign up for NCC GEAR UP college tours as well!

How to Start the Year Off Right! An Intro to High School

- Be sure you and your child take advantage of GEAR UP services—they're all free!
- Get to know your child's teachers, principal, guidance counselor and tutors.
- Learn about H.S. graduation requirements and plan accordingly.
- Keep an eye on your child's study habits and grades.
- Encourage your child to participate in sports and clubs.
- Encourage your child to maintain a high G.P.A.
- Continue to talk to your child about college.
- Continue to save for your child's education or seek out paid scholarships and financial aid options.

What is NCC GEAR UP!



During 9th and 10th grade your child will be working closely with the NCC GEAR UP team. The GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) initiative is one of the largest and most effective programs focused on increasing the college and career readiness of students in communities nationwide. NCC GEAR UP supports Hempstead High School in its mission to increase the college expectations and readiness of students; improve high school graduation and college enrollment rates; and raise the knowledge of college options, preparation, and financing among students and families. We strive to provide the necessary tools, resources, and leadership qualities that students from Hempstead High School may benefit from to be able to graduate with college awareness, academic excellence, and confidence for the next chapter in their lives.



Gear Up and Check Out What We Offer!

- In-classroom Tutors
- Regents Prep
- College Tours
- College Workshops
- Mentoring
- Parent/Student Workshops
- College and Career Planning
- Summer Enrichment Programs

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Check Out the NCC GEAR UP Team!

The NCC GEAR UP Team looks forward to working closely with students and parents. We are eager to put our best foot forward to ensure a successful 2019-2020 academic school year. Reach out to us. We love to hear from our GEAR UP families!

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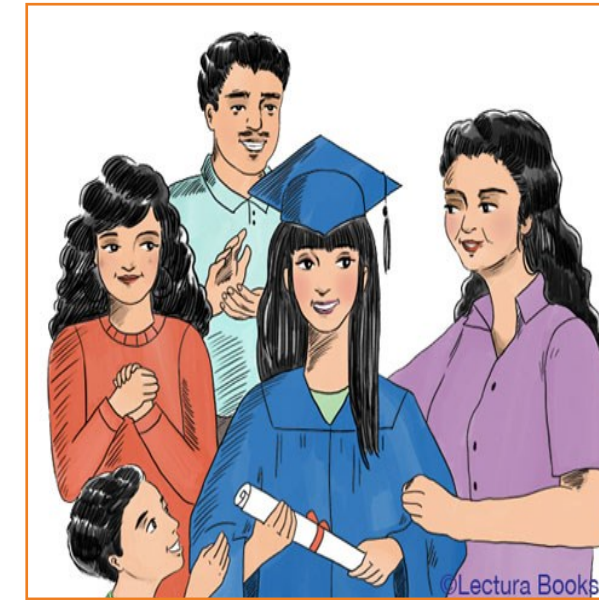
Any questions or suggestions, please call us at 516-572-3573.

Did You Know?

The GEAR UP Team is bilingual in English and Spanish and available to answer all your questions and concerns.

How Parent Involvement Leads to Success!

As our children get older we are often under the impression that they do not need us as much as they did when they were younger. While that may be true in certain instances, when it comes to their education, parental involvement is essential to ensure that our children have the support they need to be able to reach their full potential. Your involvement is key to helping your child succeed. Parental presence, concern, and support are of the utmost importance when nurturing your children's success at school. When a parent cares, so does the child. They strive to perform better academically and begin to think about what their academic future will look like.



Did You Know?

- 2/3 of teachers surveyed believed that their students would perform better in school if their parents were more involved in their education."

Source - Johnson & Duffet, 2003
Center for Public Education

Parent Engagement and How You Can Get Involved!

- Attend NCC GEAR UP events
- Join the PTSA
- Attend school events
- Volunteer at the school
- Foster a love of learning
- Help with homework
- Check your child's work
- Create a study area in your home
- Support good attendance and behavior
- Keep in touch with teachers and counselors
- Use positive reinforcement and be consistent
- Join the NCC GEAR UP Parent Advisory Board

