



West Wichita
GEAR UP
Preparing Students for College

WEST HIGH PIONEERS: GEAR UP NEWSLETTER

Fall 2020 Newsletter

October 2, 2020

West Wichita
GEAR UP
WEST HIGH SCHOOL

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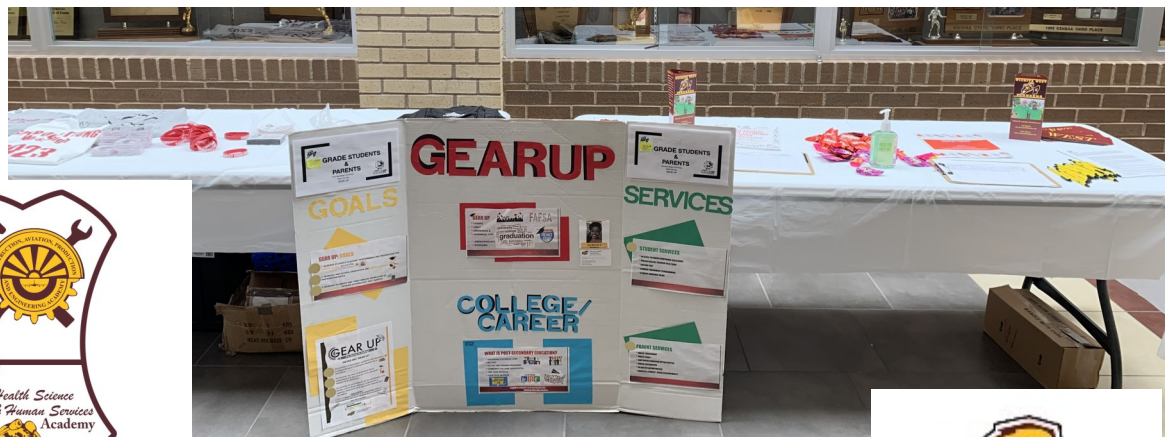
BAASE WSU LEARNING LOUNGE

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CLASS OF 2023— SOPHOMORE CLASS

Enrollment looked different this year but West Wichita GEAR UP Site Coordinators were still there to greet students and parents. Although the school year will be remote, GEAR UP staff is committed to make sure the Sophomore Class of 2023 succeeds!

GEAR UP 2023 provided math tutoring information with Mathnasium, concurrent college opportunities, and swag for GEAR UP families.



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REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



SUMMER RECAP-VIRTUALLY

WEST WICHITA GEAR UP

SUMMER MONTHLY PARENT SESSIONS

Open to all Rising Sophomores
Class of 2023 Parents



TUESDAY, JUNE 16 AT 4PM
TUESDAY, JULY 14 AT 4PM
VIA ZOOM





WEST WICHITA GEAR UP

SUMMER WEEKLY STUDENT SESSIONS

WEST WICHITA GEAR UP WILL HOST WEEKLY STUDENT SESSIONS VIA ZOOM

JUNE 3-JULY 29
EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 3PM
VIA ZOOM






WEST WICHITA GEAR UP

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

- Books must be from **Barnes & Noble**- search on the website
<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/>
- The price limit of free book (one per student) is **\$20.00**.
- Please **send us**: student's name, address and phone number w/ **book title**

ALL BOOK REQUESTS ARE DUE
MONDAY, JUNE 1

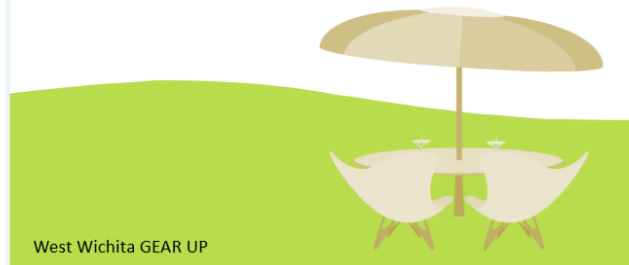
Summer Book & Movie Event

Choose a book from the attached list and you will receive the book AND the movie! Then join us via ZOOM for Dinner and a Review of the book and movie you chose. Dinner will be delivered to your home the day of the event.

Deadline to submit your book order is Friday July 17th!

Summit your students name, book choice, home address and parent phone number via email to: janice.wright@wichita.edu

West HS will have our Dinner and Review night on August 12th at 5:00pm. Please look for texts to your cell phone for dinner orders and the link to join us for Dinner and Review.



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SUMMER RECAP-VIRTUALLY

YOU'RE CORDIALLY INVITED!

WEST WICHITA GEAR UP LIVE ZOOM STUDENT SESSION



Kickoff Summer Weekly Student
Sessions with
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
ADMISSIONS PRESENTATION &
STUDENT PANEL



WEDNESDAY JUNE 3 @ 3:00PM
VIA ZOOM INVITE LINK

PRIZES AWARDED TO STUDENTS JUST FOR
ATTENDING!
SEE YOU WEDNESDAY 6/3 @ 3pm W/ KSTATE!



PLEASE JOIN US!

SUMMER GARDEN STUDENT SESSION

EACH STUDENT WILL RECEIVE THEIR OWN
GARDENING ITEMS
PROVIDED BY KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10
@ 3:00 PM | VIA ZOOM

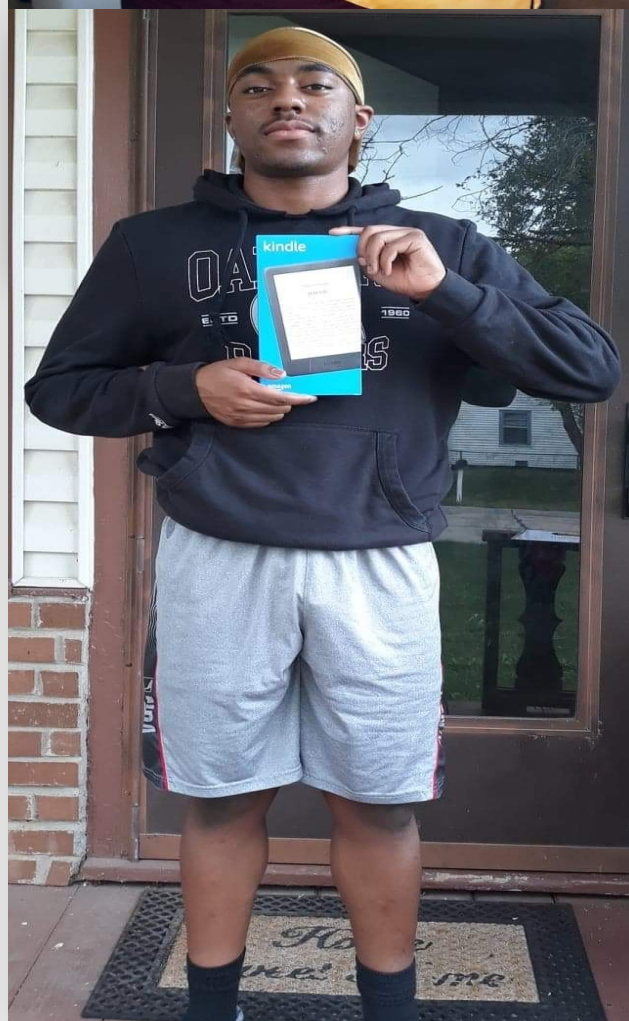
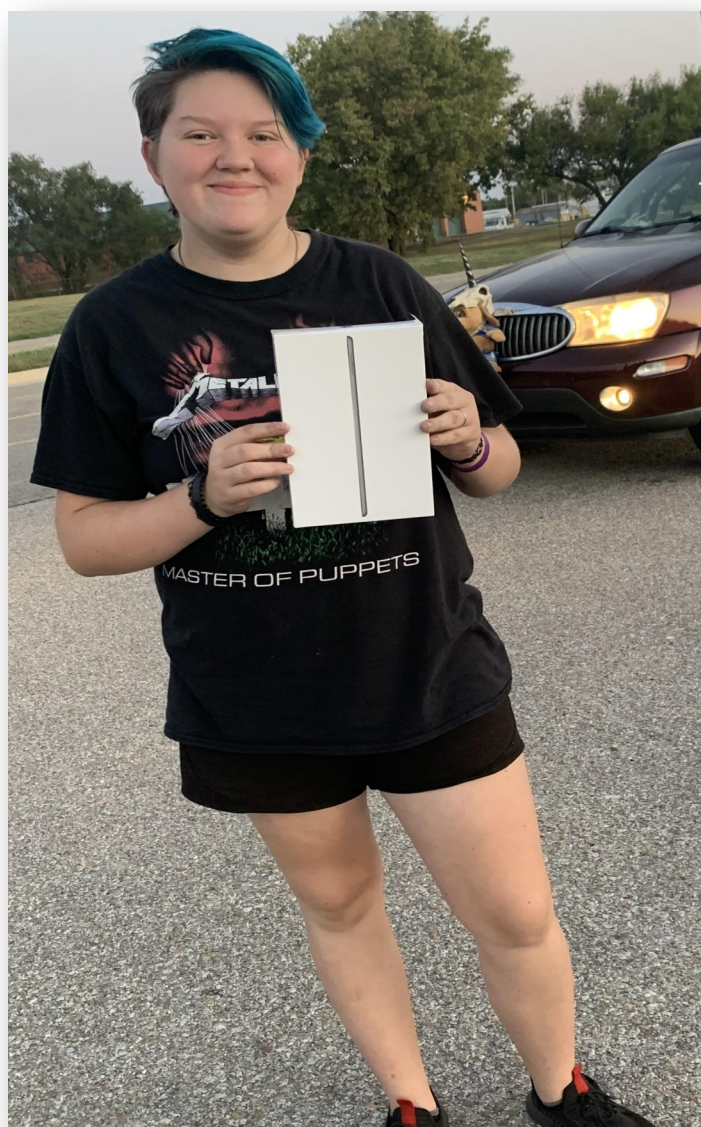
GARDEN PACKAGE WILL BE DELIVRED BY GEAR UP STAFF
PLEASE CONTACT US TO SIGN UP BEFORE JUNE 10!



GEAR UP STUDENT SUPPORT

Attendance Challenge Monday, September 21

- ♦ Official attendance day is very important. Both West High School and GEAR UP provided incentives for students to show up on time and ready to learn on Sep. 21. GEAR UP Grand Prizes included: Apple AirPods, iPad, and Kindle Fire. Seven other lucky 10th grade students won wireless headphones.
- ♦ **Airpod Winner: Keashia Davis**
- ♦ **iPad Winner: Hailey Bradley**
- ♦ **Kindle Fire Winner: Rashad West**



GEAR UP STUDENT SUPPORT

WEST WICHITA GEAR UP

HIGH SCHOOL MATH TUTORING WITH

MATHNASIUM®
The Math Learning Center

**INTERESTED?
TO SIGN UP EMAIL:
JANICE.WRIGHT@WICHITA.EDU**

A positive place to learn math!

Handwritten math notes include: $\frac{1}{2}g x^2 - 2Q$, $e=2.79$, $y=2$, $11 \approx 5,7475$, $\ln = \sqrt{a \times b}$, $S_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 10 & 1 \\ 00 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\sin a = b$, and a triangle diagram with angles α and β .

Math Tutoring Opportunities

Sophomore students in need of math tutoring can schedule virtual and in person tutoring with GEAR UP. GEAR UP has partnered with Mathnasium to provide face to face—one on one tutoring twice a week for the fall semester. Students can also sign up for virtual tutoring for math or any other subject with GEAR UP Tutors. GEAR UP Tutors will also help the entire GEAR UP family of younger siblings if they need tutoring assistance too. If any GEAR UP Family needs any type of tutoring assistance please contact GEAR UP Site Coordinator to sign up.

Message from students who are in Mathnasium share the benefits of attending and how they feel about math tutoring.

"We really love going for Mathnasium classes, we always look forward because it helps us forget any challenge we have been thinking about: either the loads of assignment waiting at home or the stress you have to go through babysitting your siblings when you are back from the lesson. The teachers are funny, lively and they breakdown their explanations to a way you can understand. They show you shortcuts to a long process of math solving, they tell you little tricks you can use to solve a particular math problem. It might be only math they are teaching, but their humor is healing to our mental health. It is so much fun and you should try it too"

-Tryphena & Tryphosa Kayode

OTHER SUPPORT FOR GEAR UP STUDENTS



Have questions about homework? **The Homework Hotline** is here to help! The Wichita Public Schools is offering support for students at all grade levels. Students who have questions about their assignments, as well as parents who need support while helping their child at home, can call or email the Homework Hotline. There are certified teachers who can answer questions on any assignment from kindergarten through high school.

- **Call for help: 973-4411 or email your questions to homework@usd259.net.**

Behavior Hotline

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AVAILABLE TO WPS **STAFF AND PARENTS**



The district will be offering a hotline for students and district staff to provide guidance and resources for supporting students' social-emotional learning and behavior issues.

**Available the first three Thursdays of the month
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
316-973-9705**



GEAR UP SEPTEMBER PARENT SESSION

WEST WICHITA GEAR UP

PARENT SESSION



SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

6:00 PM VIA ZOOM

- Reps from North and West High
- Information from Support Services
- Valuable Resources

WEST VIPs: Very Important Parents

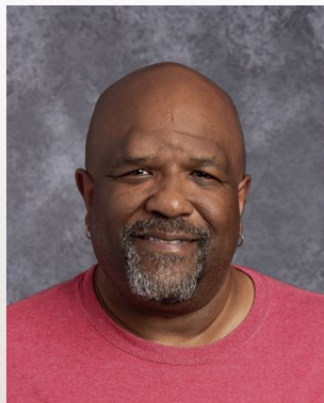
GEAR UP hosted a Parent "U"niversity about student support services for GEAR UP Families with students with disabilities. The guest speakers were school representatives to discuss IEPs (meetings, support staff), 504 Plans, graduation requirements for students with IEPs. GU Staff visited with Parents and Families about upcoming GU events and utilizing Parent Vue for grade monitoring and student advocacy tips for high school

GEAR UP Parents are GEAR UP Role Models!

Save the Date: Wednesday, Oct. 28 @ 6pm

Parent U: ESOL Support Services

**JOIN FROM PC, MAC, LINUX, IOS OR ANDROID:
HTTPS://WICHITASTATE.ZOOM.US/J/4618112920?
PWD=DHVIC0Y0UGFIMUHNS053OFFIYNH2QT09**



West High School
Guest Speaker :
Mr. Dwight
Goodman,
Special Education
Department
Chairman

NATIONAL GEAR UP WEEK 2020

LET'S GET GEARUP'D UP!

NATIONAL GEAR UP WEEK 2020



Monday: Official student count day - prizes: AirPods, iPads, Kindles, headphones

Tuesday: Student video celebration with Paradigm Shift

Wednesday: Student, Parent, Staff celebration day with CoolSpeak sessions (ALL DAY!)

Thursday: Student video celebration with Paradigm Shift

Friday: College Stories: Tell Them We Are Rising (full film) and The Graduates (short stories)



SEPTEMBER 21-25, 2020

GEAR UP PRESENTS: A Series of Student Stories from the experience of Hispanic students



The Graduates

All Week September 21st-25th

Watch the following stories and complete the short survey for each story (survey link in email). You will receive one entry per survey for prizes!

<https://kpts.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/the-graduates-los-graduados/>

Watch the following stories: Juan's, Gustavo's, Eduardo's, Stephanie's, Chastity's & Darlene's (links to stories are in email)



WEST WICHITA GEAR UP

GEAR UP WEEK - HBCU WEEK



NATIONAL GEAR UP WEEK

September 21-25, 2020

National GEAR UP Week is an opportunity for to raise awareness in community about the positive impact GEAR UP is having locally. Celebrate the progress our students are making towards achieving their life-long dream of going to college! Friday's Theme: Friday Night, Movie Night - **Watch Movie** and **complete survey** by 10/4 and your name will be entered into **drawing to win free headphones**.

HBCU WEEK SEPT. 20-26

Stream TELL THEM WE ARE RISING on



<https://www.pbs.org/independentlens/videos/tell-them-we-are-rising/>



FULL FILM

12:24:46

The rich history of America's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). With Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities, the powerful story of the rise, influence, and evolution of HBCUs comes to life.

COMPLETE SHORT SURVEY AFTER MOVIE

https://kusurvey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_em1Eckz3ii2acPr

CHANCE TO WIN FREE SET OF HEADPHONES



BAASE-WSU LEARNING LOUNGE



Needing a place to engage in your remote classes, study and get help with homework?

Wichita State University is offering a safe and productive learning environment where you can engage in your remote classes, interact with your fellow BAASE members, get free academic support and experience a college setting!

Masks and physical distancing are required at all times.

7 A.M.-3 P.M. MONDAYS-THURSDAYS RHATIGAN STUDENT CENTER

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY (1845 FAIRMOUNT ST. WICHITA, KS 67260)

STARTING MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

GO TO WICHITA.EDU/BAASELEARNING FOR EXACT ROOM LOCATIONS AND SPECIFIC DATES.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

Carla Clement

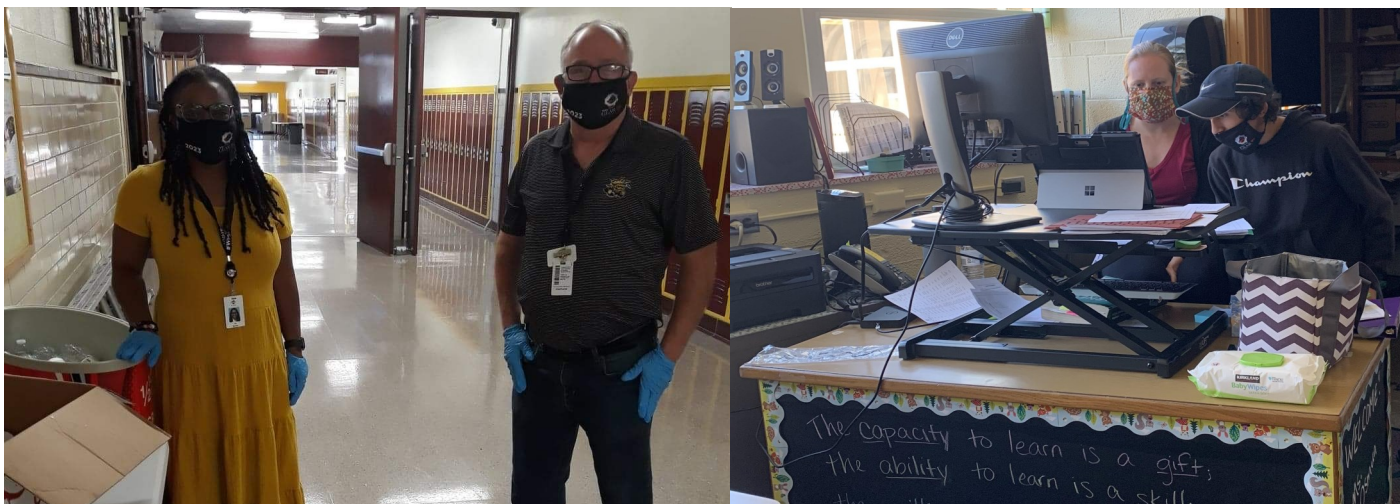
Office of Equity, Diversity and Accountability

(316) 973-4775

cclement@usd259.org

If your son is a 10th grade member of the Wichita Public School's BAASE program, this is a great opportunity that Wichita State is making available. Students can engage in their remote learning on campus, Monday-Thursday, starting October 5th. Lunch will be provided by the university and students can choose to stay on campus after school to enjoy the Heskett Center, the WSU Library, and the Rhatigan Center entertainment (shocker lanes, pool tables, arcade). The goal is to give our BAASE students a college experience along with some of their fellow BAASE students. Social distancing and facemasks will be required. There are a limited number of spots.

GEAR UP GIVING A HELPING HAND DURING VIRTUAL PARENT –TEACHER CONFERENCES



GEAR UP provided meals for West High School staff during parent teacher conferences. Teachers and staff had a 40 minute dinner break before meeting with parents virtually online or over the phone. GEAR UP students and tutors also served as Spanish translators for teachers in need for ELL families.

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"Preparing Students For College"

STAY CONNECTED



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West Wichita GEAR UP Grant



GEAR UP GOALS

1. Increase students' academic performance and preparation for postsecondary education.

2. Increase high school graduation and postsecondary participation rates.

3. Increase students' and their families' knowledge of postsecondary options, preparation, and finances.