



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL ITEM

TOPIC: TAMIU Gear Up UHS & USHS Cohorts

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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

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INFORMATIONAL REPORT:

Attached please find a presentation on the 2005-2011 Gear Up Partnership.

TAMIU - GEAR UP II

U.S. Dept. of Education

Partnership Grant

2005-2011

Webb County Stats



Population 18 – 24	Less Than High School Grad.	25%
Population 25 +	High School Grad.	21.7%
Bachelor’s Degree or Higher		17.1 %
Families with Children under age 18		
Living Below Poverty Level		32.6%

Students Served



Proposed Number of Students	Number of Students
Proposed to serve during the grant period (total year 1-6)	5885
Actual Number of Students in Your Cohort(s)	Number of Students
First year of your GEAR UP Project	1120
Second year of your GEAR UP Project	1070
Third year of your GEAR UP Project	1037
Fourth year of your GEAR UP Project	1005
Fifth year of your GEAR UP Project	921
Sixth year of your GEAR UP Project	1015
Total number of students during the grant period (total year 1 - 6)	6168

TAMIU – GEAR UP II

**Service Team
United, United South**



TAMIU-GEAR UP II Campus Based Team

- Site Coordinator
 - Hands On Campus direction and program implementation
 - GEAR UP & TAMIU Representation
 - Point of Contact
- Staff Assistant
 - Program Support
 - Typically Initial POC
 - First Line
 - Responsible for day to day contacts, reports, office duties, smooth flow of operation



TAMU-GEAR UP II Campus Based

Team

- **Program Coordinators**
- **Outreach**
 - College Fair
 - Parent Meetings
 - External Students
 - Partnership Meeting
- **Special Projects**
 - Mobile Library
 - 16 Summers
 - CLAY
 - MOTIVOS
 - Student Contests
 - Assessment
 - Scheduling
- **AmeriCorps**
 - Hands On program implementation
 - GEAR UP & TAMU Representation
 - Student Support
 - Parent Support
 - CAMPUS defines role
 - 3 per campus



Our Partners: What do we give in return....

College Readiness Expertise
Student / Parent Support
Actual Dollar Value 2009-2010 Year 5
Staff, Student & Parent Support Services, Training,
Sustainability

United High \$190,258

United South \$196,062

Total TAMIU – GEAR UP

Direct Budget for Year 5 \$669,169.00



Our Partners: Snapshot Activity Log

Parent and Student Activities
United South / United High

Abriendo Puertas Parent Meeting

Meet the Teacher Night –

PSAT Rally –

UTPA visit - College Preparation

PSAT Test -

College Fair –

Career Day –

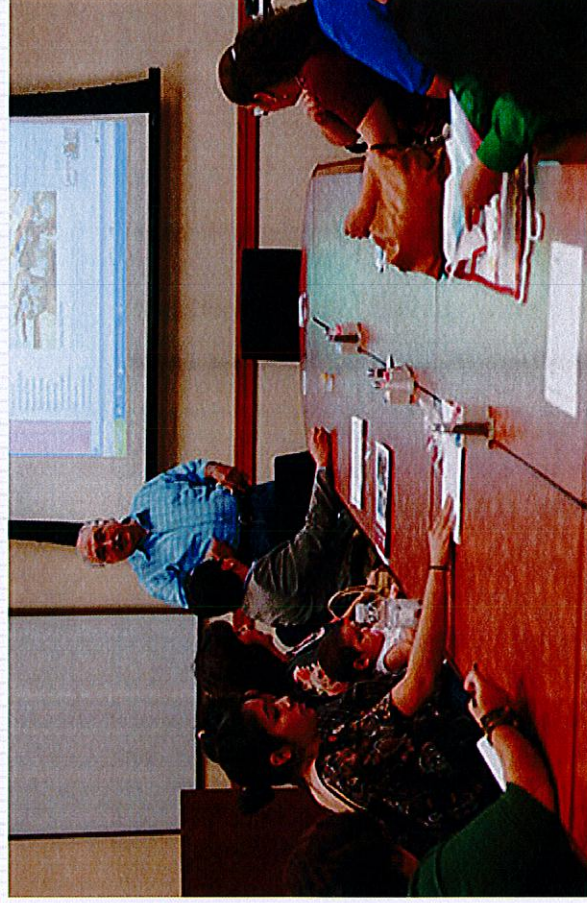
Student Ambassador Meeting –

Science Olympiad –

Student Ambassador –

Summer Leadership Camp – June/July

Laredo Cybermobile –



Our Partners: Snapshot Activity Log

Parent and Student Activities cont.
United South / United High

- UT Night –
- Drug Awareness –
- TAMIU/LCC Meeting –
- TSU –
- Gang Awareness –
- UTHSC –
- UTSA –
- Internet Safety
- TAMUK –
- Suicide Awareness –
- TAKS Parents Night –
- Teen Dating and Violence –
- FAFSA Night –
- TSU/CLAY Parent Meeting –



How to Deal w/Difficult Teenagers

Our Partners: Snapshot Activity Log

UISD Staff Development -Sustainability

APSI-training in core areas –

TI Navigator Training -

T-Stem Region 1 Training, TAMIU –

Texas Science Olympiad Coaches Clinic –

TI Teacher TLC Cadre –

TI Teacher Cadre –

College Board PSAT/SAT training

TI Tech Conference –



Our Partners: Snapshot Activity Log

UISD Staff Development -Sustainability cont.

Mimio Training

SMART Board Training

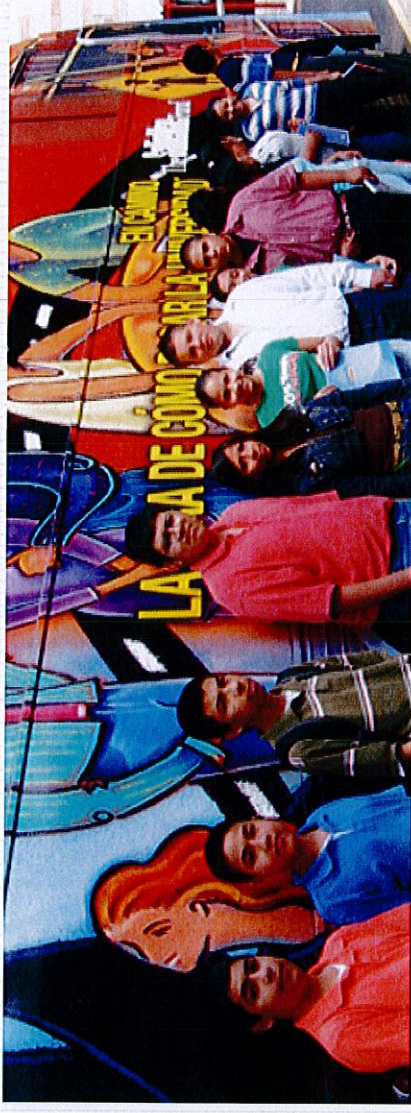
Vernier Science Labs

THEA Administration

THECB Info Sessions

Border Counseling Association Workshops

Summer APSI Workshops



Partnership Highlights

**A Commitment to Our
Parents / Students / Teachers**

Parent Highlights

We initiated a computer and an ESL class for parents at the middle school level. Parents benefited from these classes as some of them were preparing to take the GED test at the college. 33 parents graduated from our College Access program. Parents completed a three sessions of 3.5 hours each in college readiness. Some of these parents were going to be used as train the trainers for other parents. Diabetes Education Prevention Program for parents. Throughout the year, parents went through healthy eating habits Parent festival- Parents were invited to participate on education sessions. Some of them included: Bullying, Substance abuse and prevention, testing strategies....

Teacher Highlights

High School Math teachers went through Texas Instruments training. New and innovative technology strategies were taught by Texas Instruments personnel. These teachers were in certified to train other Math teachers as they returned to campus. Over 250 teachers were trained by Quantum Learning in innovative teaching strategies 9 teachers were trained on the usage of Smart Boards. Some of these teachers will be used as train the trainers for other teachers.

- Trainings-GEAR UP set up annual TI teacher trainings. This included train the trainers. The school embraced this systemic change and continued to provide trainings for their teachers in the areas of Math, English and Science.
- GEAR UP assisted in setting up a community contact data base. These contacts were then used by the school to bring more presenters during career day and helped increase the number of volunteers.
- GEAR UP set up the ACT-COMPASS testing lab so that many more students would be able to college test without leaving school campus.
- Math teachers were trained and certified to use the Navigator System. As a result, the school district invested additional funding in purchasing more Navigators so that the whole Math Dept. could use it.
- Throughout the 6 years College-Access-Presentations were part of college readiness program available to all of our students.
- Initiated college recruiters to go into the classrooms and present on college-access to the students.
- Initiated and coordinated annual College Fairs and was a preferred requested method by the counseling dept and strongly supported by administration.

Year 6 2010 - 2011

- Year 6 cohort is 1015 students
- 1007 Hispanic & White (self-identified)
- 966 Seniors 882 Eligible to graduate
 - These have met district specific criteria for graduation requirements
- UISD GEAR UP II cohort 640 graduates of 703 original cohort
- +/- 25 UISD cohort students Not Traceable
 - Untraceable students may have moved out of state or may have moved to a foreign country.



College Readiness

- 71 % of GEAR UP II cohort graduating students enrolled in higher education by Fall 2011
- College Scholarships
 - USHS GEAR UP II cohort awarded \$593,275.00
 - UHS GEAR UP II cohort awarded \$1,216,512.00
- GEAR UP cohort survey
 - 98% of GEAR UP II students plan to attend college
 - 96% of GEAR UP II parents plan for their son/ daughter to attend



College Readiness

Student Survey Results – Summative Year 6



Most of the students plan to attend college after high school (98%), only 10 students reported stopping at the high school level.

Students were more confident about the affordability of college, with 86% responding favorably.

This year, most of the students (95%) have spoken to someone about college entrance requirements. This is up from 88% in the 2010 survey results.

A greater increase (from 75% in 2010 to 94% in 2011) occurred in students speaking to someone about financial aid.

College Readiness



Parent Surveys – Summative Year 6

Two hundred fifty-four (254) parents responded to the survey.

Eighty-four percent have spoken to someone about financial aid, which is up from 56% last year in Year 5.

More parents spoke to their child's counselor about college entrance exams, 88% up from 40% in the previous year.

Parents were more optimistic about affording college for their children, 96% whereas last year fewer parents (88%) felt that they would not be able to afford college for their children.

College Enrollment

		DUAL	SS	Fall 2011
USHS	TAMIU	20	6	26
	LCC	10	13	106
UHS	TAMIU	74	15	50
	LCC	1	24	138



GEAR UP IV

2011-2017

Vision & Implementation

GEAR UP IV

TAMIU –GEAR UP IV is a partnership between Texas A&M International University, 19 Independent School Districts, a regional community college, several financial institutions and multiple community partners. The “Creating A Vision” project is focused on the provision of academic resources and opportunities and the linkage of these services to cohort students and families that may not otherwise have access to these.

The **GEAR UP IV Service Model** is divided into 4 unique strands which outline service initiative per grade level. Each strand establishes high academic standards and rigorous challenges for all cohort participants. All services are equally made available to all sites, both rural and urban, and all services are reflected in the creation of each cohort student’s individual educational plan (IEP).

GEAR UP IV Strands

Academic

Assessment

Parental

College Readiness

**GEAR UP IV
Schools - UISD**

**Any 7th grader enrolled during the 2011-2012
school year at any participating site is eligible
to benefit from GEAR UP IV
services**

GEAR UP IV
UISD - Implementation

Fall 2011

Interviews and Selection

Spring 2012

Placement – Training - Outreach