

Heart of Texas

GEAR UP



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WHAT IS GEAR UP?

The Heart of Texas GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) is a grant project funded through the U.S. Department of Education. Partnered with Bryan and Hearne ISD, our project is designed to increase the numbers of current 7th grade students who are prepared to enter and excel in postsecondary education or a career of their choice after completion of high school.



HOW CAN GEAR UP BENEFIT YOU?

GEAR UP seeks to ensure the success of students by providing guidance, helpful advice, and valuable resources. For starters, GEAR UP supplies students with free tutoring through the Aggie Homework Helpline. In addition, GEAR UP offers personalized mentoring to ensure each student is properly supported. GEAR UP prepares students for college by providing students with exciting college tours, tips on the application process, and useful information regarding financial aid. Furthermore, GEAR UP exposes students to a variety of career paths through a multitude of career exploration activities and opportunities!

GEAR UP STAFF

The GEAR UP staff is dedicated to the success of our students. Dr. Linda Castillo is our esteemed director and is supported by our co-director Dr. Marcia Montague. The GEAR UP staff includes outreach specialists, located on both the SFA and Davila campuses; these staff members are available to interact with students on a daily basis. In addition, our staff contains coordinators and site managers who assist in numerous GEAR UP duties. Lastly, the GEAR UP staff includes Texas A&M student workers who provide tutoring and assist in mentoring GEAR UP students.



GEAR UP
DIRECTOR,
DR. LINDA
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SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Beginning July 12th, Bryan ISD will be hosting Power Camp at Sam Rayburn Intermediate School. Power Camp will be held on two separate occasions: July 12-15 and July 19-22.

Both camps will run from 8:00am-1:00pm. This enrichment program focuses on improving academics and building social skills, supplying students with numerous strategies for success. Power Camp is a great opportunity for students to gain valuable knowledge through interactive and fun activities! In addition, Hearne ISD will be hosting a similar half-day weekly enrichment program entitled Jump Start throughout July.

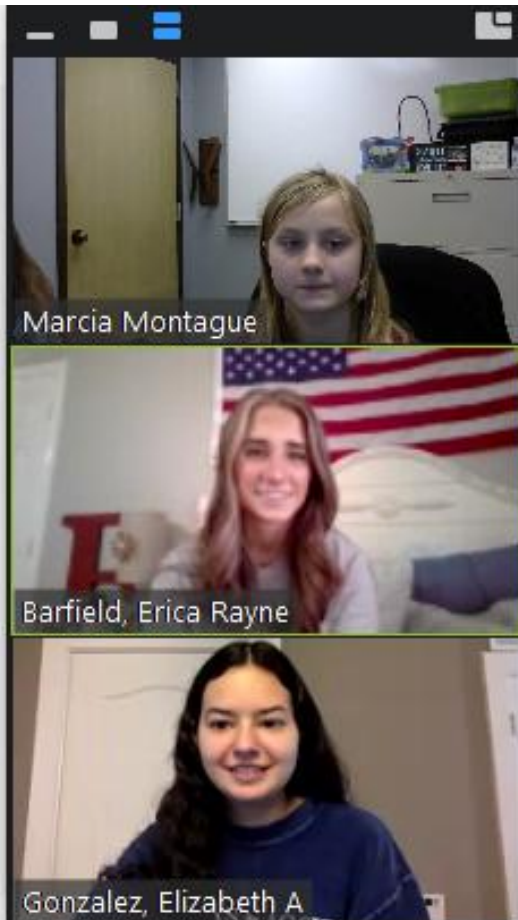


Located at Hearne Junior High School, this is another wonderful event to ensure your students are prepared for 8th grade. Reach out to your Bryan ISD or Hearne ISD campus to sign-up today!

Furthermore, GEAR UP and BVCIL will host a week-long summer program for GEAR UP students with disabilities in the Bryan ISD. This week-long summer program will provide an opportunity to educate diverse learners. Course offerings and activities are designed to help students have a fun-filled and academically enriching summer week program. The summer program will take place at BVCIL on August 2 – 6, 2021 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm daily. Lunch and snacks will be provided as well as transportation if needed. Permission forms will be available for parents to sign-up their student. For more information, please contact your child's teacher and/or the GEAR UP staff member on your campus.

AGGIE HOMEWORK HELPLINE

The Aggie Homework Helpline is a FREE online tutoring service provided through Texas A&M. GEAR UP student workers will specifically assist GEAR UP students via zoom for a 45-minute tutoring session. To learn more and sign up, visit: education.tamu.edu/aggie-homework-helpline/



PARENTS' CORNER

Parents, remember that you are a role model for your children! To aid in your child's transition from 7th to 8th grade, provide your child with an organized and supportive environment to greatly improve their academic abilities. In addition, try to implement designated study/homework times to ensure the academic success of your children!

To learn more tips, visit: kidshealth.org/en/parents/school-help-middle.html

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