



UNLV GEAR UP CELEBRATES NATIONAL GEAR UP WEEK 2022

The UNLV GEAR UP program collaborates with community partners and the Clark County School District to create new or expanded programs focused on college access and provide educational opportunities to students. The ultimate goal is to bring a comprehensive and systemic approach that has a sustained impact on the target schools within Clark County. GEAR UP works with local schools, community-based organizations, private industry, and higher education institutions to support partnerships to help students and parents gain needed knowledge about the college going process and to bolster academic programs.

Each year, the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP) celebrates National GEAR UP Week across the county to showcase the great work of GEAR UP programs (state and partnerships) nationwide. This year National GEAR UP week was **September 26-30, 2022**. During GEAR UP week, thousands of students, parents, teachers, partners, and college access professionals celebrate GEAR UP by providing workshops, college awareness, educational and support activities to help build a college-going culture. All twelve of UNLV GEAR UP middle and high school sites joined in on the celebration (High Schools: Chaparral, Desert Pines, and Valley; Middle Schools: Brinley, Fremont, Garside, Gibson, Knudson, Mack, Orr, Von Tobel, and West Prep).

The school site coordinators at each of the twelve school sites had a variety of activities throughout the week. These activities centered around college readiness, financial aid, scholarships, career planning, study habits, mentoring, STEAM awareness, and much more. Our participants were engaged in various activities by sharing their college goals, dreaming and discussing their future careers, door decorating contests, enjoying college trivia, college guest speaker presentations, decorating a college pennant, and drawing their favorite College Mascot. In addition, some participants were recognized for various achievements with a Domino's Pizza, Chick-Fil-A, or Panda Express luncheon. Students were recognized for participating in these activities with nutritious and delicious snacks, lunch meals, and or educational enhancement items.



*UNLV NPHC Divine 9 members and
Desert Pines GEAR UP and TRIO ETS staff*



*Gibson Middle School GEAR UP Staff
College Kick-Off Door Decorating Contest*

The UNLV GEAR UP program received special recognition during National GEAR UP Week. It was an honor for the program to be recognized for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the participants we serve.



City of Las Vegas Proclamation



William W. Sullivan, Ph.D.

and County Commissioner William McCurdy

The UNLV GEAR UP was recognized by the City of Las Vegas and Clark County Government. The program was awarded two proclamations in support of postsecondary planning, dedication, and having a positive impact in the Las Vegas valley. The Las Vegas City Mayor Carlyon Goodman and Clark County Commissioner William McCurdy proudly declared GEAR UP Days on September 28th and October 4, 2022, respectively.



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