

## PROGRAM:

*YOU can go to college!*

## OBJECTIVES:

Provide 7<sup>th</sup> grade students with an opportunity to truly experience a college campus, which will help students realize that “Yes, YOU can go to college.”

## LOCATION:

College Campus, with middle school orientation as part of the event preparation.

## DESCRIPTION:

The Evergreen State College dedicates one week each spring to providing 450 GEAR UP seventh grade students a day for campus exploration. During that week, 80 to 100 seventh grade students spend 5 hours on Evergreen Campus.

### General Details:

1. For safety during the college visit, middle school students wear “identifiers”, which are t-shirts with their middle school’s logo and GEAR UP logo.
2. GEAR UP College Preparation Assistants (CPAs) help with event logistics and event presentations.
3. A pre and post survey is completed by students.
4. To assist with event preparation, college staff visits the middle schools and provide a 30-minute orientation.
5. The event highlights the year that the 7<sup>th</sup> graders will graduate from college.
6. Students are also provided a Conference Folder that includes an agenda and other college materials, emphasizing “today you are a college student”.
7. During the campus field trip, students are provided: an opportunity to *Experience Science*, a College Preparation Session, and a college tour (dorm tours wait until junior year, however). This includes providing 7<sup>th</sup> grade students a classroom experience and lecture hall experience.

## IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE:

**Summer** – The college and GEAR UP schools determine the budget for this event.

**End of Summer** – The college schedules the 7<sup>th</sup> grade cohort week, reserving college auditoriums and rooms as part of this process, and informs GEAR UP schools.

**Fall** – Middle schools schedule their day(s) for the college field trip.

**After Winter Break** – The college begins recruiting college student, staff and faculty help for the week. Lunch services are also arranged.

**Month prior to *YOU Can Go to College!* Week** – Middle school staff begin to distribute sign-up information and forms.

**PREPARATION ACTIVITIES:**

GEAR UP staff help prepare college staff and professors for middle school outreach, helping them meet the special needs of 7<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Event preparation is provided at the middle schools. It's a game show led by college representatives. This makes the event all the more meaningful to 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, because they recognize the "game show hosts" when they visit campus. The game show also acquaints middle school students and staff with event expectations and what the day will look like.

**FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES:**

Event staff uses the students' pre and post tests, along with input from middle school staff, during their event debrief. This assists their planning for the next year.

**COSTS OR COST CONSIDERATIONS:**

1. GEAR UP staff for planning and implementation
2. College and middle school staff providing event support
3. Event Sign-Up Packets
4. Event "Conference Packets"
5. Event Lunch and Supplies
6. Travel, provided by the schools

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Sample Event Flyer (next page)

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# What's Up with **GEAR**UP

The Evergreen State College Welcomes  
*Lochburn Middle Schools*

"YOU CAN GO TO COLLEGE"  
Friday, May 29, 2009

9:15	Arrive on College Campus.	<b>PARKING LOT C</b>
9:30-10:00	<b>Welcome to College</b> Les Purce, President of The Evergreen State College	<b>SEM II, D4107</b>
10:10-10:40	<b>Learning and the Brain</b> Sherry Walton, Director Master in Teaching and Member of the Faculty	<b>SEM II, D4107</b>
10:50-11:20	<b>Introduction to Ways College Students Learn: Small Group Sessions</b>	
	<b>"STUDIES AND STUDIOS: RECORD PRODUCTION AT THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE"</b> Terry Setter, Member of the Faculty	<b>Group A COMM BLDG 118 (RECORDING STUDIO)</b>
	<b>"STUDY WITH THE MUMMIES IN EGYPT"</b> Steve Niva, Member of the Faculty	<b>Group B SEM II C1107</b>
	<b>"FINDING OUT WHAT YOU LIKE TO DO"</b> Wendy Freeman, Director of Career Development	<b>Group C SEM II D2105</b>
	<b>"KNIGHTS IN SHINING ARMOR: HARNESSING THE VIRUSES THAT KILL BACTERIAL SUPERBUGS"</b> Betty Kutter, Member of the Faculty	<b>Group D SEM II D4107</b>
	<b>"WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY: COLLEGE ADVICE FROM PLANET X"</b> Norma Alicia Pino, Director of First Peoples' Advising Services Raquel Salinas, Program Coordinator, First Peoples' Advising Services Mary Parker, Graduate Intern	<b>Group E SEM 2 C2105</b>
11:20-12:05	<b>Introduction to Evergreen Campus: Campus Tour</b>	
12:10-12:50	<b>Lunch and Closing</b>	<b>CAB</b>
12:50-1:00	<b>Return to Bus; Buses Depart</b>	<b>PARKING LOT C</b>

GEAR UP is a federally funded grant through the U.S. Department of Education that partners with school and community organizations to encourage disadvantaged students to aim high, stay in school, study hard, and develop the skills needed to prepare for college. The Evergreen State College was awarded in 2008 a GEAR UP Grant project of \$5.8 million for over six years with the Clover Park and Oakville School Districts.

