

# ENMU-Roswell GEAR UP

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs



**MOTIVATING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS IN LIFE**

## Career Day!

On April 28, juniors and seniors at Roswell High School participated in Career Day. GEAR UP, in partnership with New Mexico Workforce Solutions and HELP NM, Inc., coordinated the event with area businesses, government agencies, and educational institutions to expose students to a variety of career and employment opportunities. *(continued on page 5)*

*Students at Roswell High School enjoyed learning about a variety of careers and opportunities at Career Day.*



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### GEAR UP TENTATIVE EVENTS

#### MAY

- 3 - Summer Academy Parent Night
- Roswell High School: Academic Awards Assembly
- 7 - Goddard High School: Academic Awards Assembly
- 19 - Dexter Schools: Last Day of School
- 20 - Roswell and Hagerman Schools: Last Day of School
- 25 - Lake Arthur Schools: Last Day of School
- 31 - Memorial Day

#### JUNE

1-5 - Summer Academy 2010



#### JULY

- 4 - Independence Day
- 18-21 - NCCEP/GEAR UP Annual Conference (Washington, DC)





## FROM THE DIRECTOR



### “Why go to college?”

Does the preceding question look at all familiar? It’s the same question that began this page of the newsletter in our last edition. It is still being asked, as it always will be. For some, getting a college education is about making

a lot more money — about a million dollars more over the average career. But there is more to a college education than just money. It’s also about having a challenging and stimulating career. It’s about expanding horizons and exposing yourself to new experiences. It’s about making the most of the opportunities you have. The bottom line—a college education allows you to explore all the choices waiting for you! So let’s look at a couple of very similar questions we all hear a lot.



### What if I can't afford college?

It’s natural to look at the price tag—about \$12,000 a year at a public college and \$20-\$30,000 a year at private schools—and think you can’t afford college. However, there’s lots of help available from the state of New Mexico and the federal government for all students. Those with the highest need get the most help. Every college that uses federal funds (and that’s almost every college you might apply to) must provide you with a financial aid package to cover your unmet need. Some of that money may be a gift, and you’ll likely have to take out some loans. But you can bet that it will be worth it in the long run!



### What kinds of resources are available?

There are many resources to help you get ready for college. The first is your high school counselor. Try your best to make a great relationship with him or her so you get good advice about how to get ready for college early. There are programs at your school like *Upward Bound*, *Educational Talent Search*, and of course *GEAR UP* to help you get ready. Colleges also do a lot to help students prepare for enrollment. Check out your favorite colleges’ websites and talk with their admissions officers for

more ideas. What grade will you be in next year?

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade



- Enroll in your schools’ ACT Prep class.
- Meet with your school guidance counselor or mentor to discuss colleges and their requirements. You can find a list of colleges online at <http://www.a2zcolleges.com> and <http://www.50states.com/college>.
- Consider taking a practice Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test or the PLAN exam, the pre-ACT test.
- Use your summer wisely. Work, volunteer, or take a summer course (either online or at a local college).
- Attend career information events to get a more detailed look at career options.
- Log on to your MyFSA account at: [https://studentaid2.ed.gov/xap\\_pack/Default.asp](https://studentaid2.ed.gov/xap_pack/Default.asp)

- Try the Career Finder, or look at your career search results in the Career Finder.
- Learn the difference between grants, loans, work-study, and scholarships at [www.college.gov](http://www.college.gov).

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade



- Enroll in your schools’ ACT Prep class.
- Explore careers and their earning potential in the *Occupational Outlook Handbook* at [www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco).
- Go to college fairs and college-preparation presentations by college representatives.
- Log on to your MyFSA account at [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov.myfsa](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov.myfsa) and look at the information for any colleges you saved if you completed the College Matching Wizard in the past. Try college search again if you’ve changed your mind about what you want from a school.
- This year register and take exams for college admission. The test many colleges require is the ACT. Check with the colleges you are interested in to determine what tests they require. Some colleges offer scholarships based on ACT and other exam scores.

- Get in-depth information on federal student aid programs, scholarships, and more at [www.federalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.federalStudentAid.ed.gov). Be sure to check deadlines.

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade



- Enroll in your schools’ ACT Prep class.
- During the summer before the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, narrow down the list of colleges you are interested in attending and contact them to request information about financial aid and deadlines, as well as applications for admission. Visit the schools that interest you, if you can.
- Decide whether you’re going to apply under a particular college’s early decision or early action program. Check the program deadlines and requirements.
- Work hard all year; second-semester grades can affect scholarship eligibility.
- Stay involved in after-school activities, and seek leadership roles as much as possible.
- By fall, meet with your counselor to make sure you’re on schedule to graduate.
- Take all standardized tests that are required for college admission.
- Apply to colleges you have chosen.
- Before application deadlines, ask your counselor or teachers for letters of recommendation and other required documents.
- As soon after January 1 as possible, complete and submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- In the spring, visit colleges that invited you to enroll.
- Review your college acceptances and compare the colleges’ financial aid packages.
- Once you’ve decided on the college or university you want to attend, notify that school of your commitment and submit any required financial deposit. Many schools require this notification and deposit by May 1.
- Graduate. Congratulations!! You are now on the road to success.



Article by Steve Markl



## GODDARD HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC AWARDS



On Thursday evening, May 11, Goddard High School students were recognized with an awards banquet honoring their academic standing of 3.5 and higher GPA's. GEAR UP is proud of our Sophomore and Junior students who earned this recognition:

Gabriel Alvarez, Albert Artiaga, Kristen Baker, Erika Banda, John Banda, Lane Barraza, Selena Bejarano, Jessica Biggers, Ranin Blach, Bailey Blackwell, Christopher Blewtt, Alexander Bohlin, Alysha Bolduc, Julienne Braggs, Jessica Burson, Jason Butts, Jackson Cassels, Asha Chechani, Anastacia Cilley, Chelsea Clark, Tristan Collar, Allison Collins, Brandon Cooper, Allison Davis, Kielee Davis, Rafael Dominguez, Andrew Duncan, Sabrina Einhorn, Ariana Franco, Courtney Fry, Jeremy Fry, Whitley Gammill, Geovany Garcia, Jennifer Garcia, Jenae Gaytan, Skylar George, Warren Goode, Mara Guerrero, Vanessa Gutierrez, Truman Haeny,

William Hahn, Victoria Haney, Heather Hendrickson, Geoffrey Henry, Claudea Hernandez, Lawrence Hess, Katherine Hillman, Katy Hollifield, Garrett Huddleston, Evelyn Ibarra, Rachel Irmen, Kurt Isslieb, Deanna Jerge, Erik Johnson, Kelsey Jones, Rebecca Kuhn, Cheyenne Kyser, Eric Lamm, Carter Latimer, Jeremy Leaton, Jacob Letcher, Miles Lewis, Keenan Lucero, Shawn Luck, Cynthia Lupien, Krista Lynham, Paolo Macias, Andrew Martin, Chase Martinson, Amanda Mason, Michael McKee, Jake Maxey, Dallas Means, Morgan Metcalf, Hannah Moore, Robert Neeld, Cheyenne Niece, Chris Nunez, Elina Nunez, Nizar Osmani, Mary Palombi, Alison Penn, Sterling Pierce, Justin Powers, Taylor Puntch, Gabriela Ramirez, Shae Reinecke, Hannah Respondek, Marissa Rivera, Earl Robinson, Brandon Rocha, Taylor Rodgers, Jakka-pong Saeaug, Chase Salazar, Brittney Scates, Linsey Self, Jordan Simitz,



Brittany Snipes, Alexandra Steele, Brandon Tekano, John Thompson, Mara Thorp, Sarah Tidmore, Joshua Trujillo, Danielle Turner, Kennen Vang, Joanna Villalobos, Josiah Wiggins, Angelica Wilson, Andrew Wisser, Anne Yingling, Tiffany Young, Peter Zelkowski.



Article by Roseann Alvarez  
Photo by Bertha Aguilar



## ROSWELL HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC AWARDS



On May 3, Roswell High School faculty, staff, and parents participated in honoring their students for maintaining a 3.0 or higher GPA throughout the year.

GEAR UP is proud of our students and their academic achievements. Congratulations to our 10th and 11th grade students!

GEAR UP 10th grade award recipients: Beatrice Alvidrez, Della Andazola, Francisca Aragon, Bruce Bailey, Skyla Burd, Matthew Carroll, Kendra Chavez, Anne Clark, Miguel Contreras, Adrianna Delossantos, Cody Dempsey, Raelin Dross, Aaron Espinoza, Marcus Foster, Cassandra Gonzales, Violet Gonzales, Kyras Graham, Arlete Guzman, Justin Hernandez, Lucero Hernandez, Sara Humaran, Mayela Jimenez, Antionette Jobe, Kenneth Jolliff, Chancellor Kane, Kevin Kelly, Kelsey Kelly, Micah Lawson, William Liakos, Courtney Lopez, Amanda Lucero, Lucia Martinez, Maritza Medina, Melissa Milan, Aerly Miramontes, Berenise Miramontes, Emmitt Nelson, Megan Nelson, Rachel Nelson, Kaylynn Ortiz, Kasey Palma, Lindsey Pearce,

Trevor Pope, Sheila Quintana, Rubi Quintana, Deja Riddle, Karla Rivera, Freddie Romero, Mary Ann Romero, Alexandria Sanchez, Mathew Scott, Randall Seiler, Melissa Silva, Jasmyn Smith, Yesenia Soto, Shanice Steenholdt, Hans Steinmeier, Taylor Thomas, Mayra Trujillo, Marisol Valverde, Ever Vazquez, Tia Vialpando, Sawyer Wilson, and Jessica Zamora.

GEAR UP 11th grade award recipients: Andrew Aguilar, George Aho, Ariana Armenta, Bethanie Beougher, Lauren Bullock, Diana Carrillo, Saul Carrillo, Alexis Chaidez, Kristina Clark, Desiree



Cooper, Lacy Corman, Allison Dawe, Raul Duran, Kathleen Francis, Perla Franco Herrera, Lisa Garcia, Harmony Gedde, Holden Giacco, Drake Giacco, Arianna Gomez, Barnabas Gonzales, Mikaylah Graham, Eric Hernandez, David Herrera, Raquel Herrera, Breanna Hickey, Esteban Holguin, Emilie Juarez, Katherine Lockerby, Larissa Lozano, Chelsea Marquez, Steven Martinez, Cara McCasland, Sara McNatt, Shai Anne Moore, Evelyn Moreno, Analicia Nieto, Anna Olesinski, Naeemah Reese, Victor Rendon, Gabriella Rivera, Katelyn Ross, Kathryn Ross, Margarito Rubio, Miguel Ruiz, Yaritza Ruiz, Miranda Salazar, Graciela Sarellano, Gustavo Sierra, Emely Stubbs, Marika Trujillo, Rudy Velasquez, Rafael Vigil, Ward Willis, and Manuel Zavala.



Article and photo by Liz Novak

## PARENT NIGHT - SUMMER ACADEMY



On May 3, selected GEAR UP Summer Academy students and their parents were invited to the ENMU-Roswell campus for "Parent Night." Parents and students received information on activities planned for our upcoming Summer Academy field trip to Colorado.

Students, parents, and GEAR UP staff enjoyed a free hot dog dinner.

*Article by Liz Novak; Photos by Roseann Albarez*



## DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL

GEAR UP students who maintained a 3.0 GPA or above with no grade below a C throughout the year were recognized at a student assembly on May 6. These students will be awarded a letter in Scholarship. Congratulations to: Alyssa Aguilar, Baxter Benedict, Alexis Bertin, Joseph Ferrante, Joshua Hernandez, Stephanie Miller, Thomas Miranda, Miranda Ordonez, Victoria Patton, Megan Prescott, Priscilla Sanchez, Yesica Torres, Perla Trevizo, Kelsey Whitaker, Danielle Castro, Kaylee Caudill, Yasmin Estrada, Lucia Meraz, Jorge Ortiz, Tylynn Payne, and Yessica Solis.



## HAGERMAN HIGH SCHOOL



### Students and Staff Honored at Character Awards Banquet

On Tuesday, April 6, nine of our GEAR UP students were honored at the Avon Wilson American Character Awards banquet. These students were recognized for their outstanding examples of the six pillars of character--trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Their leadership abilities, the way they treat others and the way they respect others were some of the reasons why they were chosen.



Congratulations to Gabriella Barela, Michael Garcia, Kathy Hollmann, Nicole Jennings, Nicole Landers, Elaysha McCaul, Edward Montoya, Marisela Rangel and Dylan Sant.

*Source: <http://www.bobcat.net/home/news-archive> Posted Apr 9, 2010 3:32 PM by Dan Jennings [ updated May 11, 2010 1:42 PM ]*



## LAKE ARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL



### GEAR UP Students Recognized for Academic Achievements

GEAR UP congratulates and recognizes the following students for their academic achievements:

**Honor Roll (3rd Nine Weeks):** Karla Hall, Leshya Rey, Kenzie Rollins, Hector Salcido, Jacob LeBlanc, Domingo Pisana, and Angelo Rivera

**Super List (3rd Nine Weeks):** Gerardo Rubio and Ever Tarango

**Highest Honors (3rd Nine Weeks):** Shani Pitzer, Jazmin Davila, and Samantha Gonzales

**National Honor Society:** GEAR UP members include: Jazmin Davila, Angelo Rivera, and Domingo Pisana. New GEAR UP inductees include: Samantha Gonzales, Jacob LeBlanc, Shani Pitzer, Kenzie Rollins, Ever Tarango, Gerardo Rubio, and Hector Salcido





## CAREER DAY (CONT.)

Some of the *Career Day* businesses and organizations included: City of Roswell City Planner, Eastern New Mexico Medical Center, ENMU-Roswell, New Mexico Army National Guard, RISD Mentorship Program, Roswell Fire Department, Roswell Police Department, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FLETC, Border Patrol, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Navy, and U.S. Marines.

*Career Day* provided students with information about different college programs, jobs, and career pathways. A wealth of information from a broad number of fields was provided for students that are interested in attending

college after high school graduation, obtain a short technical career, or apply and get information about jobs.



ENMU-Roswell Aviation Maintenance



Bureau of Land Management



New Mexico Game & Fish Dept.



Dexter National Fish Hatchery



Aladdin Beauty College



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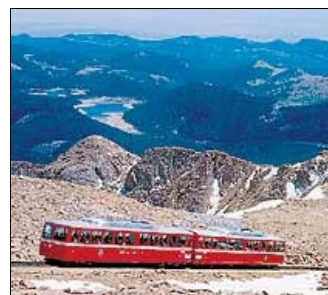


## GEAR UP SUMMER ACADEMY 2010

Plans are underway for our GEAR UP Summer Academy 2010 from June 1 to June 5. Tentative events planned for this year include campus tours at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, NM; the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs; and Colorado College at Colorado Springs.

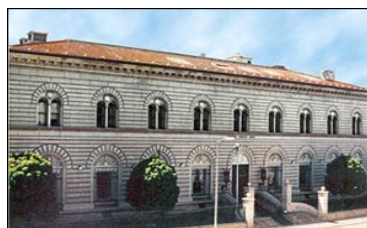


Additional planned events include: Pike's Peak Cog Railway ride; a visit to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo; attending a baseball game between the Colorado Sky Sox and Reno Aces; visiting Buckskin Joe's Frontier Town and riding the



Pike's Peak Cog Railway

railway; a tour of the U.S. Denver Mint; a fun afternoon at Elitch Gardens Theme Park™; and a



Denver Mint

tour of the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.



In order to qualify for consideration to attend GEAR UP Summer Academy, GEAR UP students must have at least a "C" average in all classes.



U.S. Olympic Training Center



Article by Liz Novak



# We're on the web!

## [http://www.roswell.enmu.edu/gear\\_up](http://www.roswell.enmu.edu/gear_up)



ACT World-of-Work Map  
[http://www.actstudent.org/wwm/explore\\_world.html](http://www.actstudent.org/wwm/explore_world.html)

Carve Your Path - NM Electronic Student Management System  
[www.carveyourpath.org](http://www.carveyourpath.org)

Career One stop Pathways to Career Success  
<http://www.careeronestop.org/>

Careers...if it's about your career, it's here!  
<http://occupations.careers.org/>

Exploring Career Information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics—2010-11  
<http://www.bls.gov/k12/>

Job Profiles Your Guide to Careers and Education  
<http://www.jobprofiles.org/>



### Attention Students!

Remember to keep your skills refreshed this summer by using Smarthinking.com®.

Smarthinking.com® offers many tutorials and exercises to help you keep your skills fresh throughout the summer months.

If you have not had the opportunity to log in for free online tutoring services, please contact your local high school principal or a GEAR UP Site Supervisor.

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What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back?

*A stick.*

Why was the math textbook so sad?

*He had a lot of problems!*

Two atoms walking down the street, one says to the other, 'I think I lost an electron!'

'Are you sure?'

'Yes, I'm positive!'

Teacher: Name two days of the week that start with "t".

Student: *Today and Tomorrow.*

Teacher: "What important thing did people in the 1700s not have, that we have today?"

Student: *"Me!"*

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