

THE FAMILY TIMES

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We hope you had a relaxing and educational summer and are ready for the new year!

As our GEAR UP students are getting closer to the end of their high school career, their focus on school becomes increasingly more important. Seniors should be narrowing down the list of colleges they are interested in attending, visiting colleges to see what the school has to offer, and applying for college.

Parents, your support and guidance are crucial in these coming years. Take time to talk to your student about what they want to do and help them make a plan to reach their goals. Attend college visits, college fairs, and workshops on financial aid. The GEAR UP staff at your school and in our office are always available to help answer any questions that you have. Take time to check out the GEAR UP website for valuable information and resources: www.fairmontstate.edu/gearup.

DATES TO KNOW

November 1st
PROMISE Scholarship Application Opens at
www.cfwv.com

November 14-18
College Application Week

February 12
College Goal Sunday

Computer Scholarship
TBA

Websites:

www.cfwv.com:

Your FREE Source for College & Career Planning

www.fairmontstate.edu/gearup:
GEAR UP website



ASK Your Liaison about:

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Fairmont State GEAR UP



Do you know what your teen wants to do after high school?

High school won't last forever--even though sometimes it might seem like it will! Do you know what your teen wants to do after high school? Does he want to go to college? Does he want to get a job?

Discuss your teen's plans. Focus on how your education has helped you--or why you wish you had learned more.

With your teen:

- Research how to prepare for a career that interests him. How much schooling is required? Does he need to go to college or even graduate from school? Could he take any specific classes now to help prepare him?
- Write a résumé. Include jobs he's held, community service and academic achievements. Your teen can also add any special skills or computer programs he knows well.
- See if he could visit a person in a job that interests him. That way he will see first-hand the type of work that's involved.
- Begin planning for after-school jobs. It may take a little longer to find one that could prepare your teen for his chosen career path.

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West Virginia College Day 2011 Comes to United Technical Center!

Monday, October 10, 2011 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

****See GEAR UP website for directions.****



ALL GEAR UP Students and Parents are welcome to attend!

GEAR UP students who attend the fair will be entered to win
A Fairmont State GEAR UP \$300 Bridge Award!

The following are all of the dates and locations for WV College Day 2011 in our Region

| <i>West Virginia College Day</i> | <i>Schools/Counties Attending</i> | <i>Location</i> |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 9/14 9:00 am-10:30 am | Doddridge Co. High School | Doddridge Co. HS |
| 9/15 1:00 pm | Calhoun Co. HS | Calhoun Co. HS |
| 9/30 9:00 am | Randolph, Tucker, & Pendleton | Davis & Elkins College |
| 10/10 6:30 pm-8:30 pm | Open to Harrison Co. and ALL GEAR UP High School students | United Technical Center |
| 10/11 9:00 am | Monongalia, Preston, & Taylor | WVU |
| 10/12 8:30 am | East Fairmont, Fairmont Senior, & North Marion | FSU/PCTC Main Campus |
| 10/27 9:00 am | Braxton | Braxton Co. HS |
| 10/27 1:00 pm | Gilmer | Gilmer Co. HS |
| 10/28 9:00 am | Buckhannon-Upshur, Philip Barbour, & Lewis Co. HS | WV Wesleyan College |

ACT Dates 2011-2012

| Test Date | Registration Deadline | (Late Fee Required) |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| September 10, 2011 | August 12, 2011 | August 13-26, 2011 |
| October 22, 2011 | September 16, 2011 | September 17-30, 2011 |
| December 10, 2011 | November 4, 2011 | November 5-18, 2011 |
| February 11, 2012 | January 13, 2012 | January 14-20, 2012 |
| April 14, 2012 | March 9, 2012 | March 10-23, 2012 |
| June 9, 2012 | May 4, 2012 | May 5-18, 2012 |

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