



THE FAMILY TIMES

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Welcome Back!

We hope you had a great and relaxing summer and are ready for the new school year.

If you are new to GEAR UP here are some of the things to expect this year: field trips and guest speakers, college visits, monthly parent workshops, tutoring and mentoring, access to technology at your school, free tickets to events on college campuses, a chance to apply for a brand new computer, free summer camps, free community education classes...

WHAT IS GEAR UP?

GEAR UP, which stands for **G**aining **E**arly **A**wareness and **R**eadiness for **U**ndergraduate **P**rograms, is a federally funded grant designed to:

Demonstrate the importance of **EDUCATION** in today's world.

Encourage all middle & high school students to set high educational and career **GOALS**.

Help students learn how to **PREPARE, ENTER,** and **SUCCEED** in college.

Provide parents with the **INFORMATION** and **RESOURCES** they need to stay involved in their student's education and help them lay out plans for the **FUTURE**.

Provide teachers with the tools and training needed to raise both **ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS** and **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**.

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DATES TO KNOW

Dec. 2008 - Jan.* 2009
Computer Scholarship Application Forms Available

February* 2009
Annual FAMILY DAY!

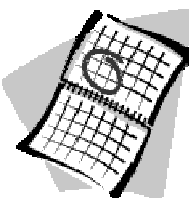
March-April* 2009
Summer Camp Brochures Distributed

May* 2009
Computer Scholarship Banquet

May* 2009
Parent of the Year Awards Banquet

June 2009
SUMMER BASH!

***Projected Dates**
NOTE: All dates subject to change and may vary by school.



WIN, WIN, WIN!

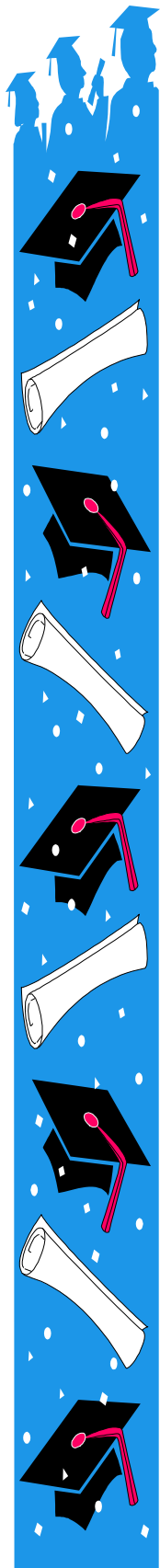
POP QUIZ FOR PRIZES

Beginning next month, each issue of **THE FAMILY TIMES** will ask a pop quiz question.

The answer will be found in a **PREVIOUS** month's article.

Submit an answer and your name will go into a drawing for a prize from a local college!

Visit our website for links to great resources and activities:
www.fairmontstate.edu/gearup



What's Happening on College Campuses?

Fairmont State University

September 6th - Falcon football vs Lake Erie College, 1:00 pm

September 13th - Falcon Football vs WV State, 1:00 PM

September 22nd - Daniel Crandall Photography Exhibition opens. Located in the Tower room, Wallman Hall, the exhibition is open from 11 am to 4 pm, and will be open weekdays until October 3rd.

September 26th - West Virginia Symphony Orchestra. ColeBank Hall, 7:30 pm

Glennville State College

August 28th - Pioneer football vs Lock Haven. Hubert Jack Stadium, 7:00 pm

September 20th - Pioneer Football vs Seton Hill. Hubert Jack Stadium, 1:00 pm

West Virginia Wesleyan

September 13th - Bobcats football vs Charleston, Ross Field 1:00 pm

September 20th - Bobcats football vs Concord, Ross Field, 1:00 pm

West Liberty

September 20th - Hilltoppers football vs Mars Hill, 1:00 pm.

September 27th - Hilltoppers football vs WV Wesleyan, 1:00 pm



High School Students Can Be in 'Rent'

Area high school students have the opportunity to perform in "Rent (School Edition)" on the Wallman Hall stage as part of a new initiative through the Fairmont State University School of Fine Arts.

As part of the new Center for Arts Engagement, the School of Fine Arts is establishing a Conservatory for community instruction in the arts, including a Town and Gown Youth Company that focuses on workshops and theatre productions for the youth of Marion and surrounding counties.

The first production for the Town and Gown Youth Company was the summer production of "Once on This Island, Jr." at Prickett's Fort. The second will be "Rent (School Edition)." The Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize winning show is a modern adaptation of Puccini's opera "La Boheme," which will end a 12-year run on Broadway this September. High school students who would like to participate will be required to audition and will be offered workshops in acting, singing and dancing. Students must be enrolled in high schools in Harrison, Marion, Monongalia, Preston or Taylor counties and must be between the ages of 14 and 19. Students do not have to have any previous theatre experience.

Auditions are set for Saturday, Sept. 13, at noon and Sunday, Sept. 14, at 1 p.m. in Wallman Hall on the main campus. Call-back dates will be announced later. Those who audition must be available for both audition dates and must bring proof of their enrollment in high school. Show dates will be Jan. 22-25, 2009.



Students can sign up for auditions through Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=22822782700>. For more information, call (304) 367-4219.