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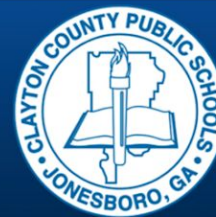
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Clayton County Public Schools to Participate in National GEAR UP Week

National GEAR UP Week will be held September 23- September 29

JONESBORO -- Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS), as well as members of the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program (GEAR UP) Clayton Cohort will participate in 2018 National GEAR UP Week as recognized on September 23 - September 29.

Established in 1999, GEAR UP is a college access program that provides students and families with support and resources needed for college success. Since its inception, GEAR UP has improved educational outcomes for millions of low-income, minority and disadvantaged students across the United States. In addition, GEAR UP Clayton also serves over 4,200 CCPS 9th grade students.

With a goal of continuing to raise awareness within respective communities, 2018 National GEAR UP Week affords students with the opportunity to participate in various college and career awareness activities such as college tours, college week, scholarship applications, and more!

"As a school district we understand the importance of getting our students involved in college and career activities early on in the academic process," said Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Morcease J. Beasley. "We value GEAR UP as a vital resource to ensure our students are afforded every opportunity once they graduate from our school district. I commend Dr. Alicia Dunn and members of our Guidance and Counseling Department for their work in ensuring that our school district is providing opportunities to expose our students to traditional and non-traditional post-secondary options," he concluded.

For more information regarding GEAR UP Clayton, please contact Dr. Alicia Dunn, CCPS Coordinator of School Guidance and Counseling, via email (alicia.dunn@clayton.k12.ga.us) or visit the following link https://www.clayton.k12.ga.us/resources/gear_up.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by AdvancED – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 55,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth largest school system in Georgia.

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