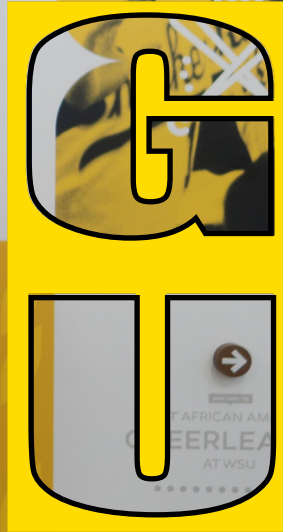


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A LASTING LEGACY. THESE ARE THE STORIES



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Wichita State, under the leadership of the Office of Special Programs, recently secured another grant from the U.S. Department of Education to provide support services to low income and underrepresented students in the Haysville school district. The newly funded Haysville GEAR UP aims to expand the college-going culture in Haysville. By using an empowerment model that recognizes the assets and needs of the local community, the project looks to shift the district's educational culture. The project aims to develop long-term, successful partnerships to support students in reaching college and providing them with the resources to succeed in college.

Haysville GEAR UP is a partnership grant that is hosted by Wichita State under the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement. The project follows a cohort, or whole-grade model, where services are provided to all students in the participating grade level, rather than a selected group of students.

This grant relies on a committed and professional staff to provide college access and success services to all cohort students starting in middle school. Support for these students will continue until they reach the end of their first year of postsecondary education.

The Haysville GEAR UP staff works with community-based partners in USD 261 in order to accomplish the project's goals. Through this collaborative partnership, the project provides students with direct services, including mentoring, tutoring, college visits, and financial aid counseling. The program will serve a minimum of 750 students annually. The graduating classes of 2024 and 2025 will be directly impacted by the program.

Program Objectives

- Increase the academic performance and preparation for postsecondary education for GEAR UP students
- Increase the rates of high school graduation and enrollment in postsecondary education for GEAR UP students
- Increase GEAR UP students' and their families' knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation, and financing