

About GEAR UP

GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) is a national initiative dedicated to helping students like you chart a path toward high school graduation and college success. GEAR UP is completely free and as a participant, you can take advantage of many opportunities to help you succeed in high school, college, and beyond. The GEAR UP program serves Boston Public School students at Mario Umana Academy K-8 and East Boston High School.

Services offered include:

- College Admissions Assistance
- Scholarship opportunities
- Financial Aid Application Assistance
- Career Exploration Activities
- Interactive Classroom workshop
- Personal Responsibility skills development
- Fee waivers
- Academic and attendance Intervention and support
- Post-secondary Preparation
- College tours and Information sessions

Past students who have participated achieved gains in standardized test scores, likelihood of taking the SAT, completing financial aid forms, and enrolling in college. Overall reducing the amount of remedial coursework required in college while earning college credit for AP and Dual Enrollment courses taken during high school.

Participants may be eligible to receive the GEAR UP Scholarship, a last-dollar award, upon enrolling in an accredited, post-secondary institution of higher education in Massachusetts.

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