

# THE gear UP GAZETTE

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## The Path to Your Future

What do you want to be when you grow up? No doubt, it's a question you've been asked many times. How has your answer changed over the years (or has it)? How do you think it will change as you get closer to actually starting a career?

The career you choose will go a long way in determining the life you'll lead: how much education you'll have, how much money you'll make, where you'll live – even whether you'll live in one place or move frequently. It may also determine the number of hours a day you'll work and the number of days a week you'll work.



Adairville School students exploring the career of culinary arts.

7th-Graders GEAR UP!

Your journey to college starts... NOW! Now is the time to make your grades and study habits top priorities.

Fortunately, you don't have to make your career decision right this minute. Use this time, instead, to concentrate on exploring careers. Here's how GEAR UP KY can help. In upcoming issues of the GEAR UP Gazette, articles, questionnaires, pictures, activities, and tips will be published to help you explore the amazing number of career opportunities out there! So, be prepared to learn more about yourself and in turn, learn more about career options that are based on your interests, strengths, and abilities.

Source: CAREERS® 1996 KRP

## GEAR UP and Go!

Want to go to college? GEAR UP Ky is here to help you get there! Get to know your GEAR UP Site Coordinator today.

The earlier you start thinking about college, the better. Middle school students can take classes (like Algebra I) that will help them prepare for high school AND college. These classes are called prerequisites. Thinking ahead and starting in the 9th grade, you will need to carefully consider every class in order to make sure you take all the prerequisites needed for the college of your choice.

As a middle school student, it's also good to get involved in activities at school and in the community. Exploring music, sports, art, community service, and leadership activities will help you figure out what kinds of things you like to do. These experiences will also make you a more interesting and attractive applicant to college admissions committees when the time comes.

Of course it's important to study hard. Pay attention to grades and test scores, but don't forget to learn just for the sake of learning. Those who enjoy learning will love going to college! And don't forget... GEAR UP KY is here to help you. Participate in GEAR UP activities whenever you can.

Source: GEAR UP Arizona, <http://dreamscometrueaz.org/students1.html>

## The Effects of Hurricane Katrina

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina slammed into the U.S. coast on the Gulf of Mexico, hitting Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. At least 1,836 people died as a result of the hurricane and subsequent flooding. Many, many more lost their homes, workplaces, schools and cars.

**Newspaper Activity:** As the nation approaches the second anniversary of the disaster, read in today's newspaper how the area affected and its people are doing -- wherever they may be.

Write a few paragraphs describing ways the area and the people have recovered. Write another paragraph describing ways in which the people and the area still need to recover.

Source: <http://nieonline.com/mercurynews/lessons.cfm>



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