

Freshmen applying for college already?

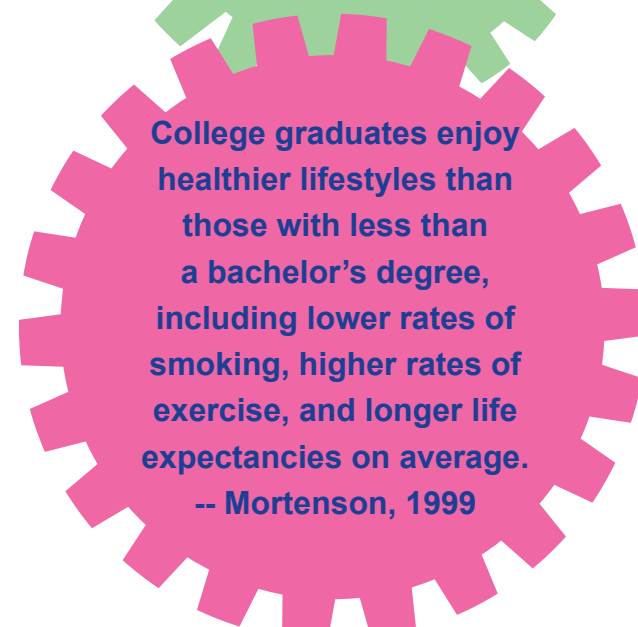
For Southern High School's "Hometown Rivalry-Mock College Application Day," freshmen English teachers provided the opportunity for students to apply to the University of Louisville or the University of Kentucky. Students picked which university they wanted to apply to and then filled out a photocopy of that university's college application.

Students also filled out their high school's "Request for Teacher Recommendation" form and "Request for High School Transcript" form to accompany their applications. All applications were reviewed by the school's GEAR UP site

team, and students were given feedback on how to strengthen their applications in the future (i.e. more involvement, higher GPA, etc.).

Students were exposed to what a real college application is like and they will be better prepared for what to expect when they actually do apply. All participating students received feedback which could help increase their chances of being accepted to a postsecondary institution.

This program was facilitated by Jacob Mercier, GEAR UP Site Coordinator, Host Institution: University of Louisville.



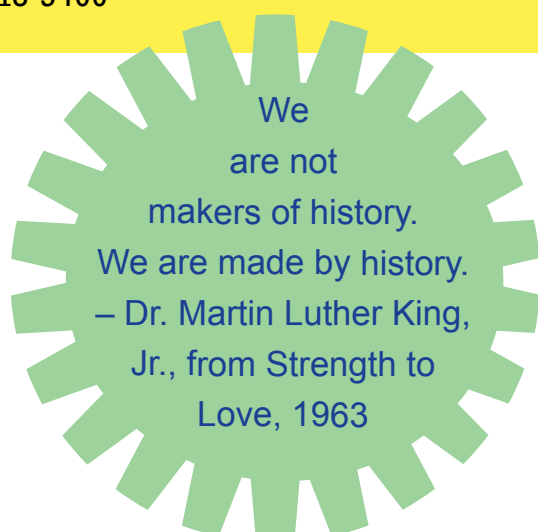
PEPP up your summer

The Professional Education Preparation Program (PEPP) was established to help high school and pre-college students interested in becoming physicians or dentists. The students must be from designated counties or medically underserved areas.

PEPP is designed for students to walk away with academic preparation skills and clinical/hospital experiences. Additionally, students will experience college dormitory life and participate in a variety of activities at medical and dental schools. Health-related seminars, as well as support regarding the admissions process for medical and dental school, are important components of PEPP.

Participation in PEPP is free for most students. If you are a GEAR UP student who will enter the ninth or tenth in fall 2008, you may be eligible to apply for the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine PEPP to be held June 7-20, 2008. (For those already working on their applications, the deadline is March 3.)

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High School 101 in Green County

Green County High School (GCHS) is working hard on its mission to:

- 1) Maintain an environment that ensures students reach a high level of achievement as determined by state and national standards; and
- 2) Commit to continually create a system that guides, challenges, helps, and supports students and faculty in becoming life-long learners.



Great Turnout - Green County High School 101

By the turnout at its High School 101 program last fall, it looks like GCHS is well

on its way to success. Kudos to Principal Todd Tucker and his faculty and staff for a great start to the year!

Goal-setting important to high school students

U.S. News and World Report recently conducted a study of America's 18,000 high schools. The top performing 1,500, among them Lee County High School, were identified on the basis of student performance on state testing, ACT scores, and college preparedness; and whether the entering college freshmen required remedial courses.

In almost every case, one of the key ingredients to the student's ability to perform well on tests and avoid remediation upon entering college, was the appropriate identification of course offerings during high school as dictated by the student's ultimate career choice.

The setting of a career goal not only identifies high school academic and technical preparation, but aligns secondary education to postsecondary education and provides relevance and direction to the student's program of study throughout his/her scholastic training. (Continued on page 4)

