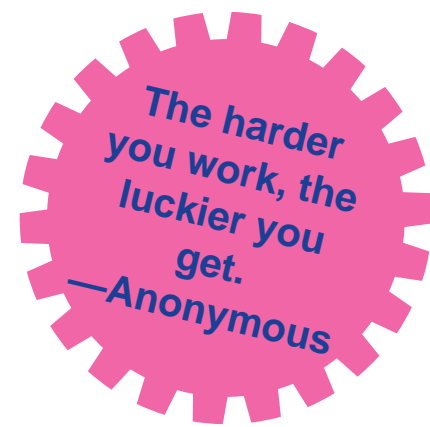


GEAR UP: Learn the language



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 KnowHow2Go
 Math
 PLAN
 Prepare
 Stay in school
 Study hard
 Succeed

Earn college money with KEES

Kentucky students may earn money for college through the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) program. The KEES program rewards students for making good grades in high school and doing well on the ACT or SAT.

Students may use their KEES awards at any public college or university in Kentucky, at nearly all private colleges and universities in the state, and at many of the state's trade schools.



Here's how KEES works: Students earn a KEES award for each year they attend a certified Kentucky high school and earn at least a 2.5 GPA. Students may also earn a bonus award for certain ACT or SAT scores.

Of course, students must maintain good grades in college to continue to receive their awards.

For more information about KEES, visit www.kheaa.com. To learn how to plan and prepare for education after high school, visit www.gohigherky.org/.

Source: KHEAA Financial Aid Tip of the Month, May 2008.

Kudos to Madison Central's GEAR UP counselors

How do GEAR UP counselors influence the students at Madison Central High School? Well, I believe that the only way to get a true answer to that question is to ask the students. 10th grader Josh Brown says, "GEAR UP is the sizzle, the trips are great and they help a lot." Another 10th grader, Kody Dickenson said, "I feel as though GEAR UP has been a positive influence in my collegiate aspirations simply because it has bestowed upon me a further in-depth knowledge of collegiate everyday life."



Taylor Pelfrey

As you can see, the students that I've spoken with have a great deal of respect for Mr. Wray and Mrs. Garrett. I believe that is because not only do they offer great trips and give good college advice, they go beyond generalizations and get to the students personally so that they can really help them to make plans for their individual future.

I actually attended a GEAR UP trip a week ago to Midway College and I really liked it. I had never even heard of Midway and now I'm communicating with them planning a more personal campus tour. Mr. Wray and Mrs. Garrett not only just take us to look at the colleges but they look at the students and what they might like to major in and try to find a college that would really fit each student's needs.

I don't know what I'd do without our MCHS GEAR UP counselors. They've helped me and countless other students to reach our goals.

Taylor Pelfrey, Sophomore
 Madison Central High School
 Berea College GEAR UP

Top skills employers want

There are jobs waiting for you in the future — do you have the skills? Job success today requires many abilities — and some of them aren't taught in school. Abilities such as flexibility, taking initiative, making decisions, and learning to keep up with workplace demands are important to employers.

If you had the opportunity to interview with a top employer today, could you do it? Here are some of the top skills you need to succeed, according to business owners and managers:

- Speaking and writing skills
- Ability to locate information
- Ability to read for information (recognizing the important facts)
- Ability to use math in the "real world"
- Teamwork

Start working on these skills today by taking advantage of every opportunity to practice and improve.

Source: ACT News You Can Use, April 2006

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