



WINTER/SPRING 2022

Oklahoma GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs), a federally funded program administered by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, partners with 10 school districts and five regional colleges across the state to provide college preparation services and information to 7th-12th grade students, college freshmen, and their families.

The program is designed to prepare middle and high school students for college success through direct student support services, effective educator professional development and leadership opportunities, and parent and family outreach activities and events. Coaches provide college freshmen who graduated from GEAR UP high schools with assistance in acclimating to college life.

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Increase the academic performance and preparation for post-secondary education for GEAR UP students.

02

Increase the rate of high school graduation and enrollment in postsecondary education for GEAR UP students.

03

Increase GEAR UP students' and their families' knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation, and financing.

GEAR UP Objectives

2021-22 SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS



STUDENT CONNECT

65 students participated in GEAR UP's Student Connect mentoring program



FINANCIAL AID

5,011 students received financial aid counseling



ACADEMIC COUNSELING

4,314 students received academic counseling



CAMPUS VISITS

7,416 students visited a college campus



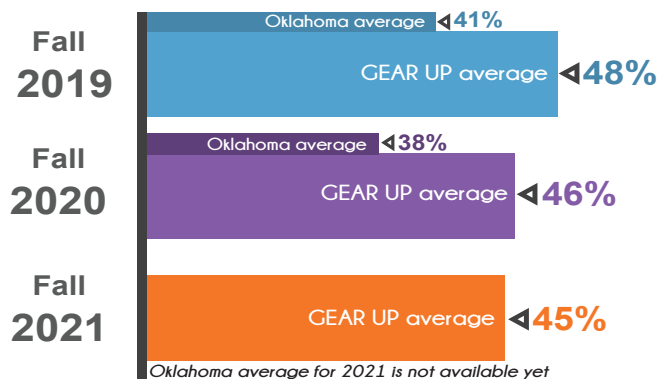
STUDENT WORKSHOPS

8,641 students participated in college and career readiness workshops

FAFSA COMPLETIONS



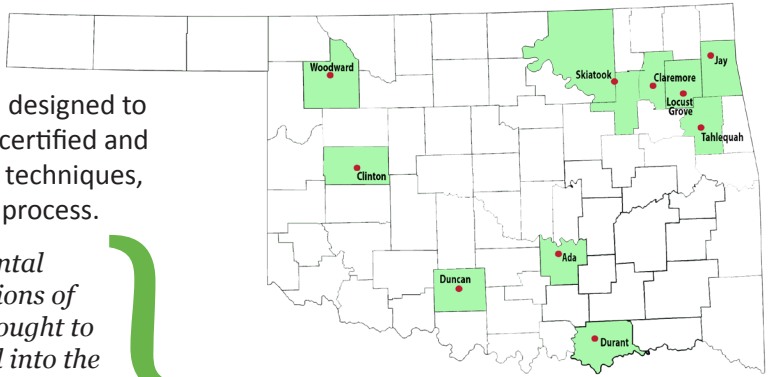
IMMEDIATE COLLEGE-GOING RATES



CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT	# of Students	Fees & Books Paid by GEAR UP
2021-2022 School Year	761	\$391,030

Classroom Support

OnPoint, a yearlong program offered by Oklahoma GEAR UP, is designed to offer individual coaching to emergency-certified, alternatively certified and first-year teachers on: classroom management and instruction techniques, Oklahoma's academic standards and the professional learning process.



“My OnPoint instructional coach was of instrumental ENCOURAGEMENT to me. She validated what portions of classroom management were running properly and sought to find help in areas of need. She was the one who walked into the difficulties of my first year and allowed affirmation as to what was just as challenging as it seemed. I am so thankful for the ways she gave practical advice, asking challenging questions and listening to my pointed needs.

~ OnPoint teacher

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(Jan. 1 - June 1, 2022)



- 7,690 visitors
- 12,308 page views
- Average of two pages per session

SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

(Jan. 1 - June 1, 2022)



960,834 impressions



304,568 impressions



62,914 impressions

WHY COLLEGE?

Higher education leads to...

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

- Increased tax revenues
- Greater productivity
- Increased consumption
- Decreased unemployment and poverty
- Increased workforce flexibility
- Decreased reliance on government financial support



INDIVIDUAL BENEFITS

- Higher salaries and benefits
- Greater employment opportunities
- Higher savings levels
- Improved working conditions
- Improved health/life expectancy
- Improved quality of life for children



SOCIAL BENEFITS

- Reduced crime and incarceration rates
- Increased charitable giving/community service
- Increased civic engagement
- More social cohesion and appreciation of diversity



For more information about the impacts Oklahoma GEAR UP continues to make, please visit okgearup.org/impact.shtml.

The U.S. Department of Education awarded Oklahoma with a state GEAR UP grant totaling \$20.5 million in 1999. The grant was supplemented with a one-year extension of \$4.4 million in 2004. Oklahoma received additional GEAR UP grants totaling \$20.6 million in 2005 and \$34.9 million in 2011. In September 2017, the State Regents were awarded a fourth, consecutive GEAR UP grant in the amount of \$24 million over the next seven years.

