Snapshots of Success

Years of GEAR UP Kentucky

WHO WE'VE SERVED Dr. Joshua Sparks GUK1 Elliott County HS Class of 2006 Lecturer, University of California LA "As a first-generation college student coming from an extremely poor family ... GEAR UP really helped chart a blueprint to make it (post-high school education) happen."

66,366 students

schools

districts

partn<u>ers</u>

64% from low-income

households

44% first generation students

62% in rura

communities

Brooke Stewart, MPH

Holmes HS Class of 2011 Asst. Program Manager, LBCHP.c



Amari Burrell, MA

Fleming Co. HS Class of 2012

FRYSC Asst. Coordinator, Fleming Co

"GEAR UP is the reason that I wanted to

follow in the footsteps of being in the

school and being an advocate for kids

WHAT WE'VE PROVIDED

55,886

college prep workshops

College visits for 19,483

students

135,116

advising sessions

66,113

financial aid sessions

1,895

career exploration field trips

43,500

mentoring sessions

18,843

hours of teacher PD

Advising sessions for

13,160 parents

OUR RESULTS



More students were academically ready for college.

GUK students outperformed all other Kentucky low-income students with:

- ✓ Higher ACT scores
- ✓ Higher high school GPAs
- ✓ Higher college GPAs

More students aspired to college & understood how to pay for it.

point increase in college aspirations

point increase in college knowledge



who might not have anybody.





Check out 170+ video testimonials from students, parents and educators about how #GEARUPworks for them!



Gaps in high school graduation were reversed.

All GUK graduating classes have met or exceeded the statewide graduation rate since 2011.

More students applied tor college and financial aid.

GUK FAFSA completion rate exceeded KY and national rate since 2019.

ppt increase in seniors applying to college



More students enrolled in college.

Every GUK graduating class since 2011 exceeded the college-going rate of all Kentucky low income students by at least 7 percentage points.



More students stayed in college.

Since 2020, GUK students attending a public Kentucky college have returned for their 2nd year at higher rates than all Kentucky lowincome students.