PRE-CONFERENCE
SYMPOSIUM FOR NEW GEAR UP LEADERS
Sunday, July 14 • 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM • Pre-Registration Required
From implementing programs, nurturing partnerships, and building the right operational infrastructure, leading a GEAR UP program requires a diverse skill set that few leaders arrive with on day one. Through a series of facilitated dialogues with experienced leaders, the symposium is designed to help new leaders navigate the learning curve to success. Please refer to the full session description prior to registration to learn more about who the symposium is designed for and registration restrictions.

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS – The conference program includes over 100 concurrent sessions focused on having an impact on middle and high school students, their families, K–16 faculty and administrators, student services and college access professionals, program evaluators, family engagement coordinators, business and community partners, and education policy makers. Sessions will include panels of experts, researchers, practitioners, how-to presentations, program evaluation presentations, and descriptions of the most effective GEAR UP practices.

PLENARY SESSIONS – Plenary sessions serve as the core of the conference curriculum and are designed to provide the context for concurrent session dialogues. Plenary sessions will feature nationally recognized individuals in the field of education and workforce development, as well as education policy makers, political appointees, philanthropists, business leaders, and others who champion the cause of improving public education and making postsecondary education more accessible to underrepresented communities.

PARENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (PLI) – NCCEP is hosting a Parent Leadership Institute (PLI) at the NCCEP/GEAR UP Annual Conference. The PLI includes a variety of skill-building and networking opportunities for parents and family leaders involved with state or local GEAR UP partnerships. Click here for more details.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT (YLS) – The Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) gives high school students the opportunity to identify and maximize their leadership skills, create a supportive national network of GEAR UP students, and receive the tools and training to make positive change happen in their communities and around the world. For more information and updates on YLS click here. Please note that YLS is full. If you requested slots, you should have received a response from NCCEP. For additional information, please contact Tyrec Grooms.

POST-CONFERENCE
DATA, RESEARCH & EVALUATION INSTITUTES (DREI) 101, 201, AND 301
Wednesday, July 17 • 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm • Fee: $250
• DREI 101: An Introduction to Data and Evaluation
• DREI 201: An Examination of National Student Clearinghouse Data
• DREI 301: A Compilation of Quasi-Experimental Designs and Appropriate Analyses
For more details pertaining to the Data, Research & Evaluation Institute, click here.