# National GEAR UP Academy

**February 12 - 15, 2024 | Online**

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*All times are Eastern Time. The schedule will be updated as needed.*

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*The 2024 National GEAR UP Academy is coordinated by the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP), the association of the GEAR UP program.*
## Class Calendar

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### College Knowledge and Readiness
- **TUESDAY**: The Power of Work-Based Learning
- **WEDNESDAY**: The Evolution of the College Application Essay
- **THURSDAY**: GEAR UP 101: Why College Matters
- **Discussion Lab**: Empowering Education - The Transformative Role of AI
- **Showcase**: Maximizing Dual-Enrollment Opportunities
- **Better FAFSA**: The Latest Updates and Questions Answered

### Communications
- **TUESDAY**: GEAR UP 101: Building Your Brand Kit
- **WEDNESDAY**: Spreading the #GEARUPworks Message: How to Build Relationships with Media
- **THURSDAY**: All About Algorithms: How Social Media Works and What You Can Do
- **Level Up**: Strengthening Your Congressional Relationships
- **Discussion Lab**: Communication Strategies By Audience - What Works for You?

### Data, Research, and Evaluation
- **TUESDAY**: Showcase: GEAR UP Research Symposium
- **WEDNESDAY**: GEAR UP 101: Data and Evaluation
- **THURSDAY**: Create an Infographic in 5 Easy Steps
- **APR and FPR Overview**: GEAR UP 101: APR Technical Manual and Data Infrastructure
- **Harnessing Evidence**: Strategies for Strengthening Your GEAR UP Program

### Family Engagement
- **TUESDAY**: Discussion Lab: Engaging Whole Families
- **WEDNESDAY**: Creating Lasting Memories: Unleashing the Fun in Family Engagement Programs
- **THURSDAY**: Building Trust with Families
- **GEAR UP 101**: Family Engagement
- **Showcase**: Having Real Conversations with Families

### Grant Administration
- **TUESDAY**: GEAR UP 101: Understanding GEAR UP Administrative Controls
- **WEDNESDAY**: The Keys to Audit Readiness
- **THURSDAY**: Pulling Back the Curtain: An Introduction to Managing GEAR UP Money
- **Discussion Lab**: Navigating the GEAR UP Match
- **Showcase**: More than Numbers - Aligning the Budget Process to GEAR UP Strategy

### Professional Skills
- **TUESDAY**: Make Today a Masterpiece: 10 Leadership Strategies Anyone Can Use
- **WEDNESDAY**: The Art of Self-Care: Strategies for Caring for Yourself and Others
- **THURSDAY**: GEAR UP 101: Professional Skills

### Program Planning
- **TUESDAY**: Showcase: Summer Programming at its Finest
- **WEDNESDAY**: GEAR UP 101: Planning Successful and Intentional College Campus Visits
- **THURSDAY**: Discussion Lab: Exploring Logistics for Successful GEAR UP Student Events
- **Showcase**: Setting up for Success in the GEAR UP 7th Year
- **Save the Dates**: Use NCAN’s Calendar to Make Programing Run Like Clockwork
- **Evidence-Based Strategies for Preventing Summer Melt**

### Student Support
- **TUESDAY**: Supporting Students’ Social, Emotional & Behavioral Wellness in School and Beyond
- **WEDNESDAY**: Discussion Lab: The Role of a GEAR UP Counselor and Advisor
- **THURSDAY**: Developing the Whole Student: Skills for Success in School, Work, and Life
- **Developing Proactive Learners**: Unlocking Futures: Ensuring Students with Learning Disabilities Thrive in Postsecondary Environments
- **GEAR UP 101**: Student Engagement - Developing a Clearer Picture