

STUDENT VOICES: WHAT DID YOU DO THIS SUMMER?



By **MONICA ALFARO**, 10th grade, Asheboro High School

One of the first things people ask when you come back to school is: "What did you do this summer?" I, for once, have a very exciting story to tell. Back in January, I applied to the Global Public Service Academies program, thanks to my GEAR UP coordinator's support, and I got accepted. We worked really hard to raise the money we needed for tuition and transportation fees, and in the end, we had more than enough.

My family drove me to Ft. Myers, FL, and my adventure began on July 6, at Florida Gulf Coast University's beautiful campus. There, I met the other seven students and five faculty members that would become my family for a month. The faculty consisted of four FGCU professors and one from Duke University. We received an overview of our program's goals and some technical and cultural classes. Two days later, we started packing for Guatemala.

I stayed for three weeks in Guatemala and it was amazing; Guatemala is a beautiful country filled with mountains and nature, and the people I met there were very friendly. We lived in a little village up in the mountains called Calhuitz, near the province of Huehuetenango. We were volunteers at La Casa Materna, a child and maternal clinic. Our job was to help prepare and educate

Calhuitz and the surrounding communities in healthier habits and better nutrition. We gave nutrition and hygiene lessons to the women, helped screen pregnant women and children, took blood pressure and measured height and weight, and we also gave oral vaccines and deworming pills to the children. We shadowed the nurses and helped them deliver a baby; seeing that baby's birth was like a miracle, I had never been so amazed in my life. Our afternoons were spent taking classes, and building a rickshaw cart for a disabled girl. The look on her face when we gave her the cart was one of the most wonderful moments of my life.

But our trip was not all hard work and no fun. We had many hours of free time in which we could walk around the village or simply play with our little neighbors. We also had many cultural sessions, baked bread, made candles, went to church or the market, and hiked through the mountains, among other activities. We spent our last weekend in Guatemala as tourists; I got to see the Mayan ruins of Zaculeo and the great lake Titlán, along with its surrounding villages. We bought many souvenirs in Panajachel for our friends and family back home. It was sad for me to leave Guatemala, but at the same time I was happy to be back home.

The month I spent in Guatemala and Florida opened my eyes to a whole different way of living, it taught me to be thankful for all the things I have and kind to those around me, it made me realize how much the world is in need of medical professionals, and how one little thing can change someone's entire life. I am determined to finish my education and I would love to go back to Calhuitz and help my new friends again. I would recommend this program to all of those high school juniors and seniors that want to make a difference in the world or to those who simply want to see if a health career is right for them. Honestly, this summer, I had one of the best months of my life! Now, what did you do this summer?

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

STUDENT VOICES: LEAD PHARMACY DAY AT UNC CHAPEL HILL	2
LOCAL SUMMER PROGRAMMING: HYDE COUNTY'S BLOCK PARTY!	2
COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK	3
A NEW LOOK FOR CFNC.ORG	3
THANKS, ALICE! SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMING AT NCCU	4
5 QUESTIONS: UNC-W CSI	5
STUDENT VOICES: "I'M GOING TO COLLEGE BECAUSE..."	6-8
GEAR UP CALENDAR	8

LOCAL SUMMER PROGRAMMING: HYDE COUNTY'S BLOCK PARTY!

By KATHY ANDERSON, GEAR UP Coordinator, Hyde County Schools

Students at Mattamuskeet High School in Hyde County participated in a Block Party as part of their summer programming schedule. The premise for the Block Party was to demonstrate how making a slight modification in a pattern, by changing color or by rotation of geometric shapes, can greatly alter the appearance in a patchwork quilt. The idea spread to include more than quilting by using the same premise in woodworking and marquetry. We began our search by discussing tessellations with Mr. John Cox, our geometry teacher. He quickly joined us by designing a summer program to teach the students basic geometry vocabulary and shapes. He also used websites that allowed students to manipulate shapes using color and rotation. His focus was to ensure that the material be fun as well as instructional. Next, we needed our woodworking teacher, Mr. Butch Harris, to assist students with essential skills for designing, cutting, sanding and finishing wood tiles with geometric designs. The students used different laminates to create patterns. The end product was a 4' x 4' parquet-type mural that fit together with wood biscuits. Our own Donnelle Graham, GEAR UP Eastern Regional Director, who is an avid and excellent quilter, led the instruction on hand-stitching quilt squares. The students designed their own pattern using the technology learned during the instructional segment of the program. Material was selected and the sewing began! The students were able to finish one quilt square. They are talking about making more squares and finishing a complete quilt. We also engaged a "filmmaker," Ms. Melody Williams, to record our tessellation journey. An editor will complete the video by putting it all together and adding music. The finished products were presented at the 2010 GEAR UP NCEP Conference in Washington, DC.



(Above) Caressa Bryant, a 10th grader at Mattamuskeet High School in Hyde County, hand-stitching for the first time during her high school's math and quilting summer program.

STUDENT VOICES: "What I like about quilting is that it gives me a chance to try different things with patterns and shapes and come up with different unique patterns. I've learned how to take shapes such as triangles and squares and make many different patterns, also known as tessellations. I've learned how to sew in many different ways, how to make a seam line, and how to join two triangles at the hypotenuse to make a square. I really liked this program and hope to do many different things with sewing." **CARESSA BRYANT, 10th grade**

"I learned various things at the Block Party we had this summer. I learned that smaller shapes can be put together to make one big new shape. What I did was called marquetry. We cut out small shapes of wood and joined them with wooden discs called biscuits to make one big block. I learned how to use a band saw and a table saw. I learned how not to rush while using a band saw, otherwise your wood is cut out in a weird and not so straight line! I learned that when you use contact cement you have to put it on the board and on whatever you're putting on top of the wood. By doing this the contact cement creates a chemical reaction. I figured out that you really DO learn something new every day. I really enjoyed this Block Party and I would attend another one!" **YOLANDA ISLAS, 9th grade**

"We learned about several geometric figures and how they related to quilts. You have to use geometry and math in quilting so you have the right measurements when you go to cut your shapes. Quilters use different shapes, such as parallelograms, triangles, and rectangles. We did a lot of geometry lessons before we used the fabric and wood." **ERICA JOHNSON, 9th grade**

STUDENT VOICES: LEAD PHARMACY DAY AT UNC CHAPEL HILL

By DANIELLE HOUSTON, 10th grade, Iredell-Statesville Schools

Recently, I attended UNC-Chapel Hill for the Carolina Pharmacy Leadership, Excellence and Development (LEAD) program, also known as pharmacy day. I learned a lot about the field of pharmacy, and was even given the chance to talk to actual pharmacists. The schedule included a motivational speaker, who I believe was the head of the pharmacy program there at UNC-Chapel Hill, and sessions with students who attended the undergraduate and pharmacy school. The program included nuclear pharmacists, hospital pharmacists, and community pharmacists. I also learned that the field of pharmacy is very flexible, and includes many different jobs. We learned about how the pharmacists make and compounded different medicines and viewed some medicines that were actually made by the students themselves. The program was very hands on, and I learned a lot of new information.



COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK 2010



College Application Week is a state-wide college access event co-sponsored by College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) and Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (CACRAO). Currently in its sixth year, College Application Week has served nearly 75,000 seniors by helping them apply to college online using CFNC.org. We encourage seniors to get started applying for college as early in the year as possible. Be sure to use College Application Week as a way to show your college-bound pride, wear college t-shirts or sweaters (if possible), and apply to at least one college. Even though College Application Week’s main goal is to help seniors apply online to college using CFNC.org, there are many ways that students of all grades can get involved. Ask your GEAR UP coordinator if there is a College Application Week event at your high school. You can volunteer leading up to and during the event, or, if you are a senior, participate in activities to get you ready for College Application Week. As early as 9th grade, you can go to CFNC.org to get ready for college: 1) Set up your CFNC user account, if you have not already done so; 2) Update your CFNC Profile with classes taken, honors, jobs, and more to keep track of all that you have done leading up to your senior year; and 3) Research your college by selecting “Explore Postsecondary Institutions.” It is never too early to start planning for college!

CHECK OUT THE NEW LOOK FOR CFNC.ORG!

This summer, CFNC.org got a new look for its website that will help you plan, apply, and pay for college—and even more (see screen below). All major components of the website are the same, just with a fresh look and some updated features.

The MY CFNC profile section holds more information, and there are additional resources for tracking your successes in high school as you plan for college. Perhaps the best new feature is now you can select your role as you navigate CFNC.org. There are roles for Students, Parents, Adult Learners, Military/Military Dependents, Education Professionals, and Account Holders. You can also become a fan on Facebook. Be sure to check out the new look and features of CFNC.org.

The screenshot shows the CFNC.org website homepage. At the top left is the CFNC.org logo with the tagline "Helping you plan, apply, and pay for college". To the right is the College Foundation of North Carolina logo and phone number 866-866-CFNC(2362). Below the logo is a search bar and navigation tabs for "My CFNC", "Plan", "Apply", "Pay", and "Save (NC 529)". The main content area is divided into several sections: "Access Your Account" with login fields; "Hot Topics" featuring "College Redirection Now Open", "Explore Career Opportunities", and "Apply for State and Federal Aid"; "Featured Resources" including "GEAR UP North Carolina", "North Carolina's National College Savings Program", and "My CFNC Story"; and a "Welcome to the new CFNC.org" video player. The footer contains a Facebook link, a state seal, and a "Verified Secure" logo.



As the CFNC technology team worked long hours to prepare for CFNC.org’s new look, so did a staff member to help boost morale!

THANK YOU, ALICE! GEAR UP FOR ROBOTICS AND NEX T AT NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY



(Above & Below) GEAR UP students at NCCU's Robotics and NEX T program present their robot during the Saturday awards ceremony. Parents and coordinators were invited to attend to support their students.

North Carolina Central University (NCCU) offered 24 GEAR UP North Carolina students the opportunity to participate in an innovative summer program focusing on robotics from June 13-19, 2010. In just 6 days, students designed and built a robot to perform tasks, and programmed it using Alice, a 3D graphical programming environment that makes learning about computer-programming exciting. Each day's morning schedule included academic enrichment sessions in Mathematics and Computer Science with the goal of exciting and enabling the students to pursue STEM disciplines in college. The afternoon sessions were devoted to hands-on activities in building and programming robots using LEGO MINDSTORMS NXT ® kits. The culmination of the program allowed the students to showcase the robots they built and programmed to an audience that included their families.

One of the most beneficial aspects of this summer enrichment program for the GEAR UP students was that they learned directly from NCCU faculty, including Dr. Alade Tokuta, Ph.D in Electrical Engineering & Computer Science, Dr. R. N. Uma, Ph.D in Computer Science, and Dr. Chung-Hao Chen, Ph.D in Electrical Engineering. According to Dr. Uma, the professors "expect that the student got a broad sense of what STEM disciplines are about, the hurdles to overcome and focus that is required to succeed in these disciplines," as well as, "hope that they realize that choosing a career in STEM does not equate to only hard work, but also to having fun and camaraderie." Furthermore, "we hope that they realized it is intellectually rewarding and gratifying to be involved in the design and implementation of their own idea from beginning to end. That, although there were challenges along the way, it was fun to solve them and that they got a sense of accomplishment at the end of that process."

I want to thank you for the opportunity you and GEAR UP gave Travis this summer. You would not believe the exuberance for higher education he has shown since his return. It's like he has seen what the future can be like and is even more excited about college than he was before. Add to that some of the things he has learned... unbelievable!

- PAUL AVATO, GEAR UP Parent, Asheboro High School



"We hope that they realized that it is intellectually rewarding and gratifying to be involved in the design and implementation of their own idea from beginning to end. That, although there were challenges along the way, it was fun to solve them and that they got a sense of accomplishment at the end of that process."

- DR. R.N. UMA, Professor, North Carolina Central University

5 QUESTIONS: DR. JOSE HERNANDEZ AND UNC-W'S GEAR UP CSI: COLLEGE SCENE INVESTIGATION

WHAT IS YOUR ACADEMIC BACKGROUND AND CURRENT POSITION? I am currently the Associate Provost for Institutional Diversity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. During the past 23 years in higher education I have been a faculty member, academic advisor, and mentor.

WHY DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN THE GEAR UP SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM? I became involved in GEAR UP because there is a huge need to help our students succeed and create access for college, particularly for those students who have faced adversity and for whom there are barriers that they may not have the tools, skills, or resources to overcome. The GEAR UP program gives the students an opportunity to connect to a college campus and see the reality of being on campus. Also to breakdown some of perceived obstacles, as well as some real ones. It also gives us an opportunity to learn some of the challenges faced by a younger generation and how we can become better prepared to meet their needs when they become our college students in the years ahead.

WHAT DO YOU THINK WERE THE STUDENTS' HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PROGRAM? Our GEAR UP CSI --College Scene Investigation-Wilmington allowed the students to visit Wrightsville Beach, walk along the Cape Fear River downtown, visit Screen Gems studio where One Tree Hill and other shows are filmed, participate in experiments in the chemistry lab, meet our TV star Dr. Midori in her "bones" lab, and work with face recognition software in one of our computer labs. These were some highlights that were woven into the agenda during their stay at UNCW. But there were also interpersonal

highlights such as enjoying card games and playing soccer, being with peers from their own home schools, making new friends, and working with our "college access coaches."



WHAT DO YOU HOPE THAT THE STUDENTS ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE PROGRAM? The GEAR UP experience will motivate the students to stay in school, plan to attend college, and have more tools to make their dreams happen. Students developed greater confidence to become a college student as a result of living on campus, even for a short period of time. There is a feeling of hope and the possibility of a brighter future when they believe that they can accomplish their dreams.

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE STUDENTS LEARNED ABOUT COLLEGE WHILE ON YOUR CAMPUS? The GEAR UP students learned that college can be for them, that it can be fun, and that you can succeed and achieve your dreams. The students who participated in the camp followed an ambitious schedule. They experienced college life first-hand and could see themselves in college. They also had opportunities to learn about the admission process, seeking assistance, and learning about scholarships. This experience helped them become more confident, work well with diverse people, and network with people who can help. We all enjoyed the program and hope to do it again next summer!

I am going to college because I want to make something out of myself and further my education. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is money. I am going to overcome this obstacle by saving, getting a job, loans, scholarships, or joining the military. My name is **Caroline S. Barckert**. I am in 10th grade at Robbinsville High School in Graham County. • I am going to college so that I can have the job I've wanted and to be able to depend on myself during the economy's hard times. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is

STUDENT VOICES: I AM GOING TO COLLEGE BECAUSE...

money. I am going to overcome this obstacle by continuing to work and save up, possibly get a loan. My name is **Christy Jenkins**. I am in 11th grade at Robbinsville High School in Graham County. • I am going to college because I want to continue my education and get a better paying job that I actually enjoy. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is getting in. I might not meet the entrance requirements. I am going to overcome this obstacle by studying harder and getting better grades. My name is **Chandra Cable**. I am in 11th grade at Robbinsville High school in Graham County. • I am going to college because I need an education to better myself. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is money. I am going to overcome this obstacle by going to the navy until I'm 35 years old, then I will come back and go to work. My name is **Justin Mitchell**. I am in 11th grade at Statesville High School in Iredell County. • I am going to college because I want to do the best in life that I can. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is getting the money to go. I am going to overcome this obstacle by trying to get a grant. My name is **Rashonda Moses**. I am in 12th grade at Stateville High School in

GEAR UP VOICES: I graduated from Gardner-Webb University. I majored in Education and minored in Psychology. I went to GWU because of the excellent teacher education programs, family-like atmosphere, small class size, and a great coaching staff. My name is **Michael E. Lane, Sr.** I am the Western Regional Director for GEAR UP North Carolina.

Iredell County. • I am going to college because I want to have a good and successful life. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is money. I am going to overcome this obstacle by getting a job and saving my money. My name is **Alexandria Peet**. I am in the 9th grade at Statesville High School in Iredell County. • I am going to college because I want to have a good career and college will give me the education I need for that. The biggest obstacle in going to college for me is probably my grades. I am going to overcome this obstacle by trying harder the last three years of high school. My name is **Brandon Vang**. I am in the 9th grade at Statesville High School in Iredell County. • I am going to college because I want to be an actor and I want to further my career in that field. My biggest obstacle with going to college is

the location and money. I'll overcome this obstacle by getting a scholarship and earning money for it. My name is **Chanelle Quattlebaum**. I am in 11th grade at Statesville High School in Iredell County. • I am going to college because I want to be good in life. My biggest obstacle with going to college is that I don't like doing a lot of work and I will have to, to get into college. I will overcome the obstacle by telling myself I can do it. My name is **Haley Benfield**. I am in 11th grade at Statesville High School in Iredell County. • I am going to college because I want to be an RN. My biggest obstacle with going to college is that I will have to work harder and meet new people. I'll overcome my obstacle by working at my own pace and making friends. My name is **Franshasta Morrison**. I am in the 12th grade at Statesville High School in Iredell County. • I am going to college because I want to experience more in life. My biggest obstacle with going to college is leaving my family and friends. I'll overcome the obstacle by believing in myself. My name is **Tara Harper**. I am in the 10th grade at Statesville High School in Iredell County. • I am going to college because then I will have a better opportunity of getting a job and it would be better for me in life. My biggest obstacle with going to college is the challenge of fulfilling my hopes and dreams and making sure my goals are accomplished. I'll overcome this obstacle by staying ahead of myself, and maintaining a good average. My name is **Demetries Nunn**. I am in the 10th grade at Statesville High School in Iredell County. • I am going to college because I realize that, without college, the things I'd be able to do with my life would be limited. I plan on going to college and getting an excellent education and be-

MY NAME IS ... AND I AM IN THE _____ GRADE AT _____.

coming a independent woman, as well as a successful role model for people around me, and the ones who did not believe in me at one point in time. However, an obstacle I face is money, much like many other students looking to get into college. I would need a scholarship or anything really. The problem with this is I'm not sure that I could get one after missing way too many days of school my sophomore year. Matter of fact, I'm in summer school right now because of this mistake. Nevertheless, I am dedicated to reaching my goal. I will continue in my high school life as a well-rounded student and I'll be sure to not make the same mistake twice. I will still apply for scholarships and keep hope. I will be the woman I know I'm meant to be. My name is **Madison St. Clair**. I am in the 11th grade at Statesville High School in Iredell County ... And I WILL go to college. I am in the 10th grade at West Craven High School in Craven County. • I am going to college because I want to have a great career. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is figuring out what I want to do for a living. I am going to overcome this obstacle by researching on CFNC all of my options, then picking which one suits me best. My name is **Rachel Potter**. I am in the 9th grade at West Craven High School in Craven County. • I am going to college because I want to further my education and get a good job to have a better life for myself. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is in passing difficult classes. I am going to overcome this obstacle by working hard and not giving up. My name is **Destiny Banks**. I am in the 10th grade at West Craven High School in Craven County. • I am going to college because I want to continue to learn EVERYTHING I can. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is finding scholarships. I am going to overcome this obstacle by applying for as many scholarships as I can. My name is **Kristoria Williams**. I am in the 12th grade at West Craven High School in Craven County.

I am going to college because I want to be a successful individual and give myself more of an opportunity. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is feeling like I'm not good enough, and the pressure to attend a really good college. I am going to overcome this obstacle by trying my best, and believing that I can succeed. My name is **Lacey Stewart**. I am in 11th grade at Robbinsville High School in Graham County. • I am going to college because I want a good job. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is money. I am going to overcome this obstacle by trying to get scholarships. My name is **Katelyn Burchfield**. I am in 11th grade at Robbinsville High School in Graham County. • I am going to college because I want a good job like being a teacher. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is money. I am going to overcome this obstacle by getting scholarships. My name is **Shelby Andrews**. I am in 11th grade at Robbinsville High School in Graham County. • I am going to college because I want to have money and want to be educated. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is money. I am going to overcome this obstacle by getting scholarships. My name is **Cassie Orr**. I am in 11th grade at Robbinsville High School in Graham County. • I am going to college because I have to in order to get the job I want. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is tuition. I am going to overcome this obstacle by working and trying to get a scholarship. My name is **Katie Cronk**. I am in 11th grade at Robbinsville High School in Graham County. • I am going to college because I want to make a better life for myself.

MY BIGGEST OBSTACLE IS...

The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is not having enough money. I am going to overcome this obstacle by applying for scholarships. My name is **Julie Nelms**. I am in 10th grade at Robbinsville High School in Graham County. • I am going to college, but I am unsure if I'll make it. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is deciding which college to go to. I am going to overcome this obstacle by figuring out what I want to do. My name is **Caitlin Brooks**. I am in 10th grade at Robbinsville High School in Graham County. • I am going to college because I want to better my education. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is peer pressure. I am going to overcome this obstacle by not listening to them. My name is **Gabe Smith**. I am in 10th grade at Robbinsville High School in Graham County. • I am going to college because I want to make a lot of money. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college are my grades. I am going to overcome this obstacle by studying harder. My name is **Danny West**. I am in 10th grade at Robbinsville High School in Graham County. • I am going to college because I would like to challenge myself. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is tuition and getting in. I am going to overcome this obstacle by saving for college and earning scholarships. My name is **Josh Smith**. I am in 10th grade at Robbinsville High School in Graham County. • I am going to college because I want a good job. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is money. I am going to overcome this obstacle by working hard. My name is **Micah Smith**. I am in 11th grade at Robbinsville High School in Graham County. • I am going to college because I want to get a good job. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is money. I am going to overcome this obstacle by working after school. My name is **Isaac Lequire**. I am in 10th grade at Robbinsville High School in Graham County. • I am going to college because I would like to get a good education and a good paying job. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is money. I am going to overcome this obstacle by keeping my grades high and going many things that look good

I AM GOING TO OVERCOME THIS OBSTACLE BY...

to colleges. My name is **Dylan Rogers**. I am in 11th grade at Robbinsville High School in Graham County. • I am going to college because I like to help people in the medical field. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is keeping the grades up. I am going to overcome this obstacle by trying hard. My name is **Kandra "Jade" Cable**. I am in 11th grade at Robbinsville High School in Graham County. • I am going to college because I want to better my future as a young mother and I want to provide a better future for my daughter. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is leaving my family and going out of town. I am going to overcome this obstacle by just calling and checking on my family to make sure they are okay also meeting new people. My name is **Kayden Lashey Smyre**. I am in the 11th grade at Statesville High School in Iredell County. • I am going to college because it will help me find and have a career later in the future. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is money. I am going to overcome this obstacle by working hard and doing well in school. My name is **Giovanni Jaramillo**. I am in the 11th grade at Statesville High School in Iredell County. • I am going to college because I want to make something of myself. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is keeping my grades up. I am going to overcome this obstacle by doing all that I can do.

My name is **Katigre Glaspy**. I am in the 12th grade at Statesville High School in Iredell County. • I am going to college because I want to get a better job. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is trying not to fail my classes. I am going to overcome this obstacle by studying harder. My name is **Matthew Dylan Daniels**. I am in the 9th grade at West Craven High School in Craven

County. • I am going to college because I would like to get a successful good paying job. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is making good grades. I am going to overcome this obstacle by studying harder. My name is **Bobby Cole Fillingame**. I am in the 9th grade at West Craven High School Craven County. • I am going to college because I want a chance at a better life. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is finding money to pay for school. I am going to overcome this obstacle by working harder to be at the top of my class and doing my research on the best college for my career choice. My name is **Nicole Freeman**. I am in the 12th grade at West Craven High School in Craven County. • I am going to college because I want to be a veterinarian. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is that I have to go to school for 8 additional years. I am going to overcome this obstacle by working hard and doing what I need to do to be successful. My name is **Tiffany Taylor**. I am in the 12th grade at West Craven High School in Craven County.

GEAR UP VOICES: I graduated from North Carolina Central University. I majored in Sociology. I went to NCCU because it was close to my previous job and they had a good master's program. My name is **Tenika McMillan**. I am the Research Associate for GEAR UP North Carolina.



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

140 Friday Center Drive
Room 240
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Phone: (919) 843-3000
Fax: (919) 843-5465

E-mail: jeconrad@northcarolina.edu

CFNC.ORG
CLICK ON GEAR UP

MESSAGE FROM THE GEAR UP STAFF

Dear GEAR UP:

Congratulations to student participants of GEAR UP local and on-campus summer enrichment programs! From ECU to NCCU and UNC-C, we had nearly 350 GEAR UP students participating in 19 summer on-campus enrichment programs across North Carolina in 2010. In order to honor the accomplishments of our GEAR UP students who dedicated time this summer to academic and career enrichment programs at colleges and universities, we salute you!

Best wishes for a successful 2010-11 school year as you continue your journey to a post-secondary education!

Julia Conrad Fisher

Associate Director (& Interim Director), GEAR UP North Carolina

GEAR UP CALENDAR

College Readiness

PSAT

10/13 Registration Deadline: 9/22

SAT

10/9 Registration Deadline: 9/10

11/6 Registration Deadline: 10/8

12/4 Registration Deadline: 11/5

ACT

10/23 Registration Deadline: 9/17

12/11 Registration Deadline: 11/5

Programming

9/27-10/1 GEAR UP for College Week in North Carolina

10/1 GEAR UP Day at UNC-W

10/5; 10/12; 10/19 GEAR UP/BRITE Futures Day at NCCU

10/15-17 College Adventure Weekend at ASU

10/22-23 GEAR UP Hispanic Student and Families Conference in Chapel Hill (Asheboro, Johnston, and Lexington)

10/26 GEAR UP Day at UNC-A

10/27-28 GEAR UP Database Training & Coordinator's Meeting

11/15-19 North Carolina College Application Week

12/8 GEAR UP Day at ECU

I AM GOING TO COLLEGE BECAUSE... (FROM PAGES 6-7)

I am going to college because I want to move to a different environment, education is important to me, I want to make my family proud, and because I love making friends. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is leaving my little sister behind and getting used to being out on my own. I am going to overcome this obstacle by visiting on holidays and being more determined, open-minded, wiser, stronger and confident! My name is **Shardai Williams**. I am in the 12th grade at Mattamuskeet High School in Hyde County. • I am going to college because I want to further my education and be able to get a high paying job. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is keeping my GPA up to meet the requirements to get into the college of my choice. I am going to overcome this obstacle by studying more and getting more focused on my work. My name is **Caressa Bryant**. I am in the 10th grade at Mattamuskeet High School in Hyde County. • I am going to college because I want to be a successful student. I have goals in life and I want to achieve them. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is getting money for school. I am going to overcome this obstacle by getting a job to help me pay for college, a car, my house, and more. My name is **Erica Johnson**. I am in the 9th grade at Mattamuskeet High School in Hyde County. • I am going to college because I want to be a pediatrician one day and have a job to succeed in life. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is money, some colleges are too expensive and I don't know if I will be able to go. I am going to overcome this obstacle by working hard saving up some money for college. My name is **Abrill Beltran**. I am in the 11th grade at Mattamuskeet High School in Hyde County. • I am going to college because I want to get my degree in traffic engineering and later a masters in cosmetology to open up my own hair salon. The biggest obstacle for me in going to college is getting the money to go to college. I am going to overcome this obstacle by trying my best in school, and getting a scholarship to go to college. Also by being a valedictorian. My name is **Yolanda Isias**. I am in the 9th grade at Mattamuskeet High School in Hyde County.