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Governor Sununu Proclaims September 17-23 GEAR UP Week in New Hampshire

CONCORD – New Hampshire’s Governor Christopher T. Sununu proclaimed this week, September 17-23 GEAR UP Week in New Hampshire. GEAR UP New Hampshire aims to increase opportunities for New Hampshire’s underrepresented students to access higher education; build a bridge between high schools, businesses and colleges in New Hampshire to better prepare students for success.

This week commemorates the continuing success of Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP), a college access program providing students and families the support and resources they need for college success. Since its inception in 1999, nationally GEAR UP has improved educational outcomes for millions of low-income, minority and disadvantaged students across the United States, including over 1,000 7th and 8th graders served directly over seven New Hampshire school districts.

GEAR UP provides additional support in each school district to help GEAR UP students succeed. GEAR UP support may include: making arrangements for services to help students succeed academically, mentoring, tutoring, study skills workshops and summer enrichment programs on college campuses. GEAR UP will also help students choose challenging courses that align with their career goals, access scholarship aid, learn about college options and explore careers.

GEAR UP New Hampshire will celebrate National GEAR UP Week 2017 by decorating classroom doors, “GEARing UP” for our dream jobs, participating in social media challenges, and more! National GEAR UP Week is a time to reflect on our goals and dreams; now is the time to celebrate our inaugural National GEAR UP Week in New Hampshire!

“GEAR UP New Hampshire provides an unprecedented level of support for our underserved students,” says Stephanie Lesperance, GEAR UP NH Project Director. “This week is filled with activities to jumpstart our students’ exploration of colleges and careers. This is just the beginning of a long-term commitment to these schools and New Hampshire students.”

For more information about GEAR UP New Hampshire, please contact Debby Scire or visit our website at www.gearupnh.org.