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May 11 is LA GEAR UP Day in Louisiana

BATON ROUGE- Governor Bobby Jindal has proclaimed May 11, 2015, as Louisiana GEAR UP Day in Louisiana.

On that day, from 10 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the State Capitol Rotunda, members of the Louisiana Legislature will have the opportunity to meet a number of the outstanding students who have achieved college acceptance thanks to the efforts of LA GEAR UP.

GEAR UP, or Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs, is a federal college access initiative providing students and families the support and resources they need for college success. GEAR UP has improved educational outcomes for millions of low-income, minority and disadvantaged students from underserved communities who might be the first in their family to go to college.

To date, LA GEAR UP, administered by the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) has impacted over 20,000 Louisiana students, 17 Louisiana parishes, and 60 Louisiana schools through college and career readiness interventions such as tutoring, mentoring, financial literacy, college scholarships, campus trips, and student academic-year peer leadership clubs.

In the Proclamation, Governor Jindal states, "Whereas Louisiana GEAR UP currently serves 3,000 high school seniors in 30 schools in 12 Louisiana Parishes; and Whereas the State of Louisiana is committed to providing a quality education for all students and helping them to achieve their highest potential, I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 11, 2015, as Louisiana GEAR UP Day in the State of Louisiana."

Current LA GEAR UP schools include:

Avoyelles High School
Bastrop High School
Broadmoor High School
Bunkie High School
Converse High School
East Iberville High School
East Feliciana High School
East St. John High School
Florien High School
Glen Oaks High School
Iberville Math Science and Arts East High School

Iberville Math Science and Arts West High School
Jeanerette High School
Landry-Walker High School
Mangham High School
Many High School
Marksville High School
Negreet High School
New Orleans Accelerated High School #1 CP
New Orleans Accelerated High School #2 WB
Plaquemine High School
Pleasant Hill High School
Rayville High School
Red River High School
Scotlandville Magnet High School
Tara High School
Union Parish High School
West St. John High School
White Castle High School

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