



# GEAR UP NEW MEXICO NEWSLETTER

## APRIL

*"Never give in and never give up."  
– Hubert H. Humphrey*

### STAFF NOTE

In our state, April is either full of lots sunshine, rain, or in some cases...snow! However, what usually tends to hit us the hardest this particular time of month is what seems to be an endless amount of required testing.

Whether it be AP & final exams, the ACT, or make-up exams, testing is just another season to endure, but it doesn't have to be a damper!

Whether you're a student or teacher, here are a few tips to help you get through those testing blues:



Study early, study smart!

- It sounds like a no-brainer, but if you're sure of the information you'll have much less to be worried about! Be sure to give yourself enough time to study!

Stay organized!

- It's easy to jot down lots of notes and pile handouts on top of one another, but make sure your references and study guides are structured and easy navigate.

Practice makes perfect!

- If you can, take practice tests/quizzes! It's always helpful to familiarize yourself with the material.

Relax, don't stress yourself out!

- While it's important to be prepared, it's just as important to be well rested. Make sure you are taking time to monitor your health and sleep schedule.

Remember: When you feel like giving up, think about why you started in the first place!

*Cisco Tapia, Public Relations & Outreach Coordinator*



Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs







# 2019 MARCH COLLEGE BUS TOUR

GEAR UP New Mexico students and staff hit the road this past March for the first of three college bus tours this year! Along the way, students visited different colleges and universities including Eastern New Mexico University and the New Mexico Military Institute. Students toured campuses, learned about different programs & careers, spoke with current college students, worked on teambuilding & professional skills, and more!

GUNM is proud to have the means to provide our students with these first-hand experiences, as they are an important part of the college-going journey. A study conducted by Lehigh University shows that it is important to put yourself in the shoes of a college student, and that visiting a college campus can increase your probability of admissions!



Team building at  
Oasis State Park!



Students touring the  
New Mexico Military Institute!

*"The main idea of the bus tour itself is to give you information on various colleges. This is what helped me the most. The tour helps prepare you for the college experience all while having fun with your peers."*  
– Santiago Aragon, Coronado High School Student



Behind the scenes at  
PBS New Mexico!



Students touring ENMU's new  
Golden Student Success  
Center!



All saddled up  
for college!

To See More Photos  
from the 2019 March  
Bus Tour, [Click Here!](#)



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# GUNM FILM PROJECT

Lights, camera, GEAR UP!

Over the past several months, students from Pecos, Shiprock, Grants, and Coronado all had the chance to produce and star in a film of their own while working alongside local film company LittleGlobe Inc. Middle and high school students got a hands-on experience as to what it's like to stage, produce, direct, and edit a film. The project also gave students the opportunity to learn more about New Mexico's booming multimedia industry. The films the students produced will highlight their district and community's efforts regarding college and career readiness, and how they plan to continue their support as the current grant cycle comes to an end.



Coronado students wrapping-up filming!



Pecos students interviewing faculty!



*"It was fascinating to see how much detail every scene contained. It wasn't just grab the camera and record. It took patience and lots of work. I feel more knowledgeable about a potential career in film."*

– Cynthia Terrazas, Pecos Middle School Student



Grants students setting up an interview!



Thank you to our partners at LittleGlobe Inc.



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# GUNM AT THE ROUNDHOUSE

While our state lawmakers were wrapping up the annual legislative session this past month, GEAR UP New Mexico students had the chance to represent our program and showcase their advocacy work at our state capitol. Students spoke with community members and other constituents throughout the Roundhouse about their time as GEAR UP students. This also gave students the opportunity to educate the public about GEAR UP New Mexico, which sparked conversations about how the program has assisted them in their college and career readiness journeys.



Touring our State  
Capital!



GUNM Students & Staff!



Thank you to our partner,  
FOCUS Training, for the  
delicious lunch!



GEAR UP

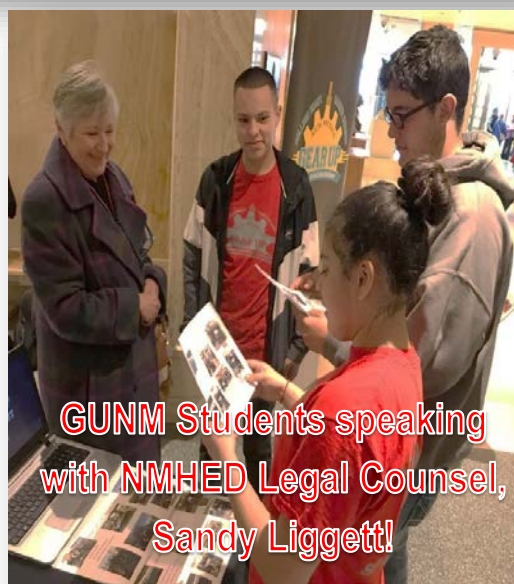


@ The



Roundhouse

"The legislative day was an effective way of getting our name out to our representatives and the public. It was also beneficial by allowing the students to step out further of their comfort zone and strengthened our public speaking skills. Many people I spoke with were happy to receive the information about GEAR UP and were in full support of our efforts."  
– Samuel Naranjo, Bernalillo High School Student



GUNM Students speaking  
with NMHED Legal Counsel,  
Sandy Liggett!



GUNM CEOs & Staff!



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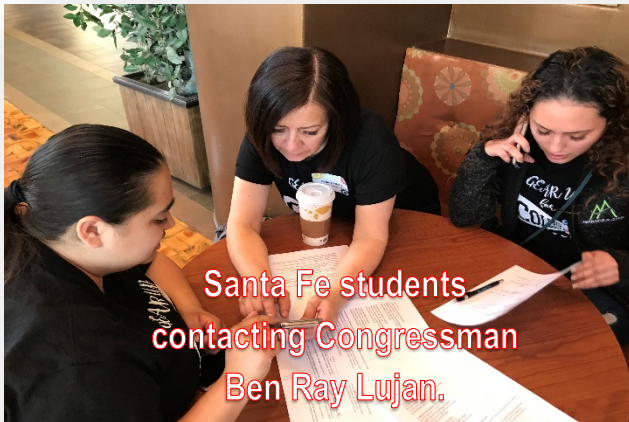
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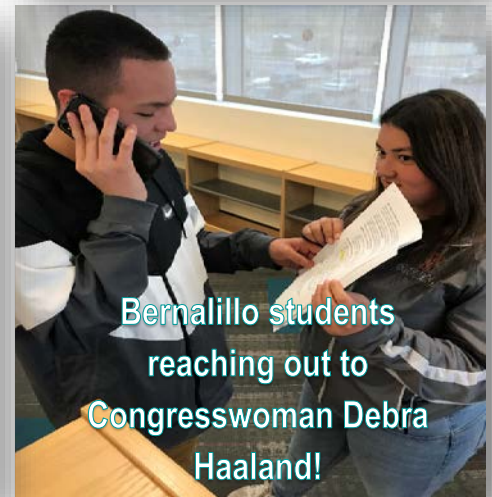
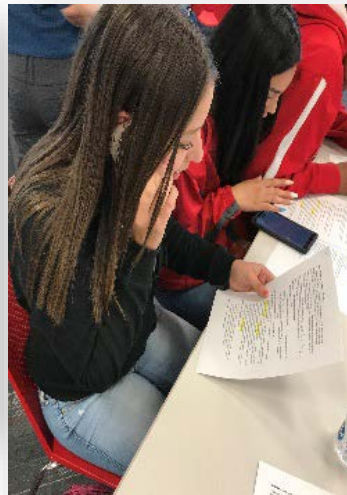


## GEAR UP CALL TO ACTION STUDENT ADVOCACY EFFORTS

GUNM Students from Bernalillo and Santa Fe High School honed their advocacy efforts by contacting their state representatives to ask for their support for continued funding of the GEAR UP grant. Students contacted their representatives and educated them about GEAR UP and how it has directly influenced them, their school, and community. If funds are successfully secured, GEAR UP is expected to serve an additional 70,000 students nationwide with a budget increase of \$35 million.



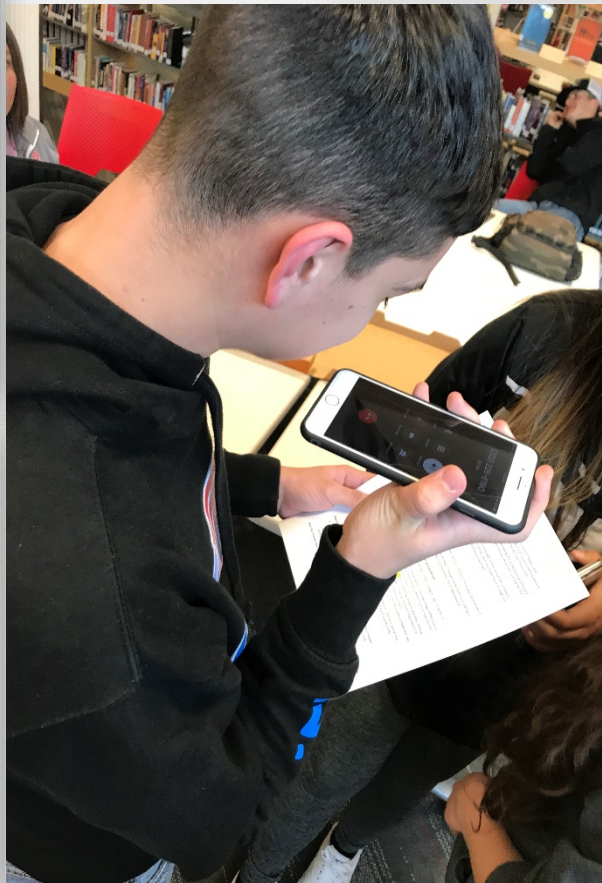
Santa Fe students  
contacting Congressman  
Ben Ray Lujan.



Bernalillo students  
reaching out to  
Congresswoman Debra  
Haaland!



Speaking with Senator  
Martin Heinrich's  
office.



On the phone with Senator  
Tom Udall's office.

*"Reaching out to our representatives was very important to me. If we are given the funding we can continue working hard and doing these great things in our school and community."*

*– Horatio Ashe, Bernalillo High School Student*



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# STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Coronado  
Leopards



## GET TO KNOW CRYSTAL

Ms. Crystal Sanchez, a senior at Coronado High School, is a highly motivated and self-driven individual who is outstanding in character, academics, and responsibility. Crystal exhibits great leadership skills through her involvement in class activities and school-related programs. Crystal is striving to advance her educational goals by not only taking a dual credit course through Northern New Mexico College, but also by becoming a more active participant in GEAR UP sponsored events. Recently, Crystal had the opportunity to explore additional post-secondary opportunities offered during the GEAR Up Bus Tour, and returned to school more excited and eager to become a full-time college student. It is without a doubt that Crystal will prove to be a successful student at the post-secondary level.

Here is what Crystal had to say about her future goals and how GEAR UP has helped her along the way:

"I plan on pursuing my goal as a social worker. Since I love interacting with people and helping them better themselves. I've been a part of the GEAR UP program since my 7th grade year, because Coronado Mid/High school is a GEAR UP school. Since my freshman year I have signed up for many college related activities, which have helped me become more serious about what I want to do after I graduate. GEAR UP has also helped me understand the importance of going to college and at the same time, the importance of being financially ready and picking the school that meets my needs. Without the GEAR UP program I wouldn't have had opportunities to tour campuses and find the ones that meet my expectations."

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**Totalling \$413,975+**

1. ALP Association Scholarship: \$12,000
2. Beth Carew Memorial Scholarship: \$6,000
3. College Ready Now Scholarship: \$5,000
4. Davis-Putter Scholarship: \$10,000
5. Dr. Alma S. Adams Scholarship: \$5,000
6. Dr. James Earl Massey Scholarship: \$16,000
7. Fred & Lena Meijer Scholarship: \$10,000
8. Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes: \$5,000
9. ICA Graduate Level Scholarship: \$5,000
10. Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship: \$40,000
11. Jay Cutler Athletic Scholarship: \$5,000
12. John Stroger Memorial Scholarship: \$7,000
13. LHS Alumni Scholarship: \$8,000
14. Marilyn Smith Scholarship: \$5,000
15. NYSG Fellowships: \$33,000
16. Novo Nordisk Scholarship: \$5,000
17. Patrick & Eileen Smyth Scholarship: \$7,500
18. Samuel Robinson Scholarships: \$5,000
19. PYL/HG Radio Scholarship: \$2,000
20. PYL/HG Video Scholarship: \$5,000
21. The Dinah Shore Scholarship: \$5,000
22. The Edmund F. Maxwell Foundation: \$20,000
23. The Hispanic Scholarship Fund: \$5,000
24. The Jackie Spellman Scholarship: \$5,000
25. The Lilly Diabetes Scholarship: \$5,000
26. The Millie Brothers Scholarship: \$3,000
27. The Quell Fighter Scholarship: \$2,000
28. The Quell Survivor Scholarship: \$2,000
29. The RS Foundation Scholarship: \$4,000
30. The Scott & Kim V. Foundation: \$10,000
31. TransCanada Legacy Scholarship: \$5,000
32. UWL Scholarship: \$10,000
33. USPAACC College Scholarship: \$10,000
34. Walmart Dependent Scholarship: \$13,000
35. WomenLead Scholarship: \$3,000

**+ MORE!**



*To Learn More  
About These  
Scholarships,  
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# PFLAG SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Applications for the Santa Fe PFLAG (Northern NM) 2019 Scholarships are now open!

The Scholarship Program provides an important positive statement to a segment of our population that is frequently deprived of needed support.

The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize outstanding lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) youth; to encourage continuing education for self-identified LGBTQ youth; and to foster a positive image of LGBTQ people in society.

The Santa Fe PFLAG (Northern NM) Chapter is **pleased to offer \$1,000 scholarships for the 2018/2019 academic year**. Since May 1997, when the scholarship program for LGBT youth was established, **they have awarded scholarships in the total amount of \$335,500.**

- APPLICATION DUE DATE: MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2019
- REFERENCE LETTER DUE DATE: MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2019
- DECISIONS ANNOUNCED: WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019

Click The Link Below to Apply:

<https://www.santafepflag.org/application-2019>



## SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

- **UNM** Scholarships: **Local**
  - <http://scholarship.unm.edu/devl/scholarships/resident.html>
- **ENMU** Scholarships: **Local**
  - <https://www.enmu.edu/admission/scholarship/s/in-state-freshmen>
- **NMSU** Scholarships: **Local**
  - <https://fa.nmsu.edu/scholarships/>
- **NMHU** Scholarships: **Local**
  - <http://www.nmhu.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/>

Please note: Listed scholarships have various deadlines.

## GEAR UP ONLINE

Please note that GEAR UP New Mexico is revamping its social media platforms and ***we need your help!*** Be sure to "like" us and feel free to tag us in your photos and use the hashtag #GEARUPNM Below is a link to GEAR UP NM's Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/GEARUPNM/>

As always, feel free to use the GEAR UP/HED website to your benefit. Changes to the website are to come.

<http://www.hed.state.nm.us/programs/gear-up-new-mexico-home-page.aspx>

## IMPORTANT DATES

- April 3-5
  - Spring College Bus Tour
- April 5
  - College Signing Day Template Due
- April 15
  - GUNM Partner District Final Report Due
  - Monthly Submissions Due
  - 120 STARS File Due
- April 26
  - Literacy Progress Monitoring Due
- April 29-May 3
  - College Signing Week



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