

Holyoke High School/GEAR UP

Thinking about going to college?

If you're interested in going to college and need help getting there, GEAR UP may be right for you! GEAR UP is currently accepting applications for students in grades 9-11. Please see a GEAR UP Advisor (in the HHS Library) or your Guidance Counselor to see if you qualify. For more information you may also call us at 413-531-4388 or email us at lpisano@valleyopp.com.

What's GEAR UP?

- GEAR UP stands for **G**aining **E**arly Awareness and **R**eadiness for **U**ndergraduate Programs.
- The program's primary objectives are to encourage young people to have high expectations, stay in school, study hard, and take the right courses to go on to college.

What services do we offer?

(All services are free of charge)

- Academic Advising in Spanish and English
- After School Hours & Tutoring
- Career Assessment and Mentoring Programs
- SAT Registration Assistance
- SAT and College Application Waivers
- Assistance with College and Financial Aid Applications
- College Field Trips
- College Readiness Workshops
- Scholarship opportunities
- Incentive Plans

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