

# NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025

## APRIL OVERVIEW

We're thrilled to see schools actively engaging in our Attendance Initiative! Regular attendance is key to student success. We'll be connecting with schools to align on goals, strategies, and support for the 25-26 academic year. We can't wait to welcome you and your students to UCA this May for an unforgettable experience—stay tuned! We're stepping up our social media presence to keep you informed and inspired! Follow, Like and Subscribe to @gearuparkansas for updates, spotlights, success stories, and important announcements. Let's build a stronger GEAR UP community together!

The GEAR UP Team



@GEARUPARKANSAS

Don't forget to  
**SUBSCRIBE**



## Announcements



We are excited to welcome Brittney Smith as the new Family and Community Coordinator for GEAR UP. Brittney brings a wealth of experience in higher education, k-6 education and program development. Her passion, energy and innovative ideas will be a tremendous asset in supporting families and communities.

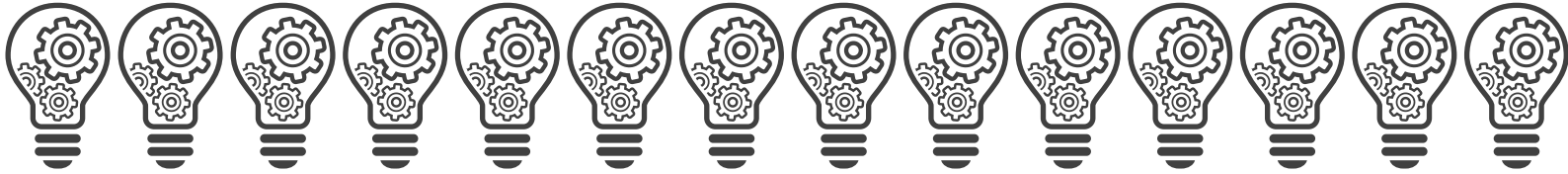
She would love to meet with **Parents and Site Coordinators**. **Complete the Google Form** by scanning the QR Code on the right.



SCAN ME

# SHOUTOUTS

APRIL 2025



## GUAR SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Yerger Middle School on completing the Attendance Campaign with 98% of student achieving perfect attendance and Mabelvale Middle School with 96%! Way to go Mabelvale!

**YERGER & MABELVALE MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

## GUAR STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to Juan Barrientos of Mills Middle School in the Pulaski County Special School District, for winning the UCA T-Shirt Design Challenge! His design will be printed on thousands of shirts for our UCA Camp Days in May.



**JUAN BARRIENTOS**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN**

We are GEARing UP to Level Up our scholars attendance! Please share the attendance campaign flyer with your scholars! We have great treats in store!

- Week 1: Receive a bag of Takis
- Week 2: Receive a bag of Pop Rocks
- Week 3: Receive popcorn and a drink
- Week 4: Level Up Finale!

### **UCA CAMP DAYS**

May 12-16, 2025 at the University of Central Arkansas. We are so excited to host each GUAR school on campus.

### **GEAR UP PLANNING**

GUAR Meetings regarding 25-26 Planning.