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## Why is it important that my child go to college?

- Increased opportunities
- More earning potential
- Better sense of self
- Lifelong learning
- Learn to get along with others

## Determine your goals and develop a plan

### How can the GEAR UP program help?

1. Preparing students academically
2. Giving students higher aspirations
3. Help with the college search
4. Mentoring
5. SAT preparation
6. Help finding financial aid
7. Scholarships

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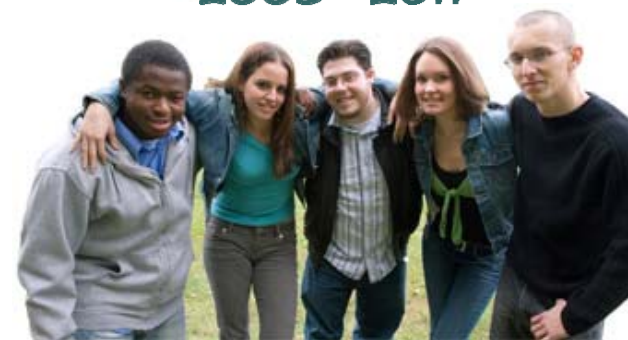
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*"THESE PROGRAMS CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN WHETHER A YOUNG PERSON GOES TO COLLEGE."*

*-President Bill Clinton in an August 1999 press release.*



# Maine State GEAR UP Goals & Objectives

## Project Goal:

The Project will leverage Maine's advanced technological infrastructure to create a sustainable program that supports students who are economically disadvantaged in preparing for, accessing, and succeeding in postsecondary education.

## Objectives:

- To increase the academic performance & preparation for postsecondary education
- To increase the rate of high school graduation and participation in postsecondary education
- To increase educational expectations and knowledge of postsecondary options, preparation & financing
- To integrate the program into Maine's existing education infrastructure
- To anchor the use of Maine's Learning Technology Initiative and distance learning networks into the GEAR UP program strategies & activities



## Get Started Now!

### Colleges in Maine to visit and research

Andover College  
Bangor Theological Seminary  
Bates College  
Beal College  
Birthwise Midwifery School  
Bowdoin College  
Central Maine Community College  
Central Maine Medical Center School of Nursing  
Central Maine Medical Center School of Radial Technology  
Colby College  
College of the Atlantic  
Eastern Maine Community College  
Fuller Circles School for Therapeutic Massage  
Husson College  
Kennebec Valley Community College  
Landing School of Boat Building & Design  
Maine College of Art  
Maine Maritime Academy  
Mercy Hospital School of X-Ray Technology

Mr. Bernard's School of Hair Fashion  
New England School of Communications  
Northern Maine Community College  
Pierre's School of Cosmetology  
Saint Joseph's College  
Seacoast Career Schools  
Southern Maine Community College  
Southern NH University – Brunswick  
Spa Tech Institute  
Thomas College  
Unity College  
University of Maine  
University of Maine at Augusta  
University of Maine at Farmington  
University of Maine at Fort Kent  
University of Maine at Machias  
University of Maine at Presque Isle  
University of New England  
University of Southern Maine  
Washington County Community College  
York County Community College



Learn more about GEAR UP at the U.S. Department of Education web site, [www.ed.gov/programs/gearup](http://www.ed.gov/programs/gearup).

## Helpful Links

**Career Info Net**  
<http://www.acinet.org>  
**College is Possible**  
[www.collegeispossible.org](http://www.collegeispossible.org)  
**College Board**  
[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
**College View for Parents**  
[www.collegeview.com/mycollegeview/parents](http://www.collegeview.com/mycollegeview/parents)  
**Early College for ME**  
[www.earlycollege.me.edu](http://www.earlycollege.me.edu)  
**EDFund Students & Parents**  
[www.edfund.org](http://www.edfund.org)  
**FAFSA on the web**  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
**Federal Student Aid**  
<http://studentaid.ed.gov>  
**FinAid The Smart Guide to Financial Aid**  
[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)  
**Kaplan**  
[www.kaplan.com](http://www.kaplan.com)  
**Maine Community College System Center for Career Development**  
[www.ccd.me.edu](http://www.ccd.me.edu)  
**Maine Department of Education**  
[www.maine.gov/education](http://www.maine.gov/education)  
**Princeton Review**  
[www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)  
**US Department of Education**  
[www.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml?src=pn](http://www.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml?src=pn)  
**Virtual Campus Tours**  
[www.campustours.com](http://www.campustours.com)



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