Louisiana’s First Choice for College Access

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TOPS Historical Trends and Projections
Growth in TOPS Expenditures and Recipients compared with Average Public 4-Year Tuition Increases

SOURCE: Average Tuition La Public 4 Year - The College Board, Annual Survey of Colleges
Projected TOPS Expenditures and Recipients

**Dollars Awarded**

- 2014-15 Academic Year: $255.2
- 2015-16 Academic Year: $283.0
- 2016-17 Academic Year: $313.4
- 2017-18 Academic Year: $315.0
- 2018-19 Academic Year: $318.1

**Student Count**

- 2014-15 Academic Year: 49,055
- 2015-16 Academic Year: 49,671
- 2016-17 Academic Year: 50,178
- 2017-18 Academic Year: 50,423
- 2018-19 Academic Year: 50,931

**SOURCE:** LOSFA Preliminary Projection based on 2013-14 Academic Year Expenditures

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POSSIBLE TOPS CHANGES for 2014-15
OPH AWARD Continuation Requirements

• Currently, students with the TOPS Opportunity, Performance and Honors (OPH) Awards:
  – May use their awards to enroll in academic programs, technical programs or in proprietary and cosmetology schools
  – Cannot combine hours and grades earned in one type of program with those from another program (Can’t mix academic and technical)
  – Have GPA requirements for continuation of their award based on the type of program enrolled

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What We Have Learned From the Colleges

We asked all of the colleges in the Louisiana Community and Technical College System as well as the LCTCS Board:

“Does your institution classify programs as Technical and Academic, and if so: Do you combine technical and academic grades into one cumulative GPA or do you keep them separate?”

The Answer from All:

Yes and We Combine
Under Consideration

- Treat all OPH students enrolled in academic and technical programs the same:
  - Combine hours and grades earned in academic and technical programs
  - Use the same GPA requirements for academic and technical programs

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Another Possibility

• Using TOPS for Summer Sessions
  – Currently, OPH awards can be used for summer session only if:
    • the summer session is required for the degree program; or
    • the student can complete his program's graduation requirements in the summer session
    • the course(s) are required and only offered during the summer session; or
    • the student is enrolled in a technical program; or
    • the student has at least 60 academic college credit hours;

• Change Rules to allow all students who enroll full time in the summer to use their TOPS if they ask for it
  (it will count against the student’s total TOPS eligibility)
Your Thoughts?

• We would like to know what you think, especially if you:
  – Have concerns (What are they?)
  – Have additional suggestions?
  – Think this is a good idea (Why?)
  – Think this is a bad idea (Why?)

• Send your comments via email to: losfa.comments@la.gov
GO Grant Survey
Based on your school’s 2014-2015 Go Grant Packaging Policy and annual award amounts, what is the estimated dollar amount that you would have needed to fund all students who were eligible to receive a Go Grant?

What is your 2014-2015 maximum Go Grant award amount for:
- Full-time students
- Half-time students

What is the dollar amount needed to fund all eligible students at your institution the maximum award of $3,000 an academic year.

Additional survey information will examine data and report trends related to policy changes such as
- Impact of funding priority for students 25 and older
- Characteristics of students not receiving the award

Send comments to: losfa.comments@la.gov
College Goal Sunday 2015

- Sunday, March 1, 2-4 p.m. at participating postsecondary campuses around the state
- CGS page on LOSFA website will go live first week of December for public pre-registrations and what to bring information. Thus, we will need specific locations at each participating site (building and room number) by November 20.
- The link to register volunteers from host site institutions’ Financial Aid staff will be sent to Site Coordinators the first week of December.
- LOSFA will conduct post-College Goal Sunday FAFSA Completion Workshops in selected high schools around the state during the early evening hours for the remainder of March. Post-secondary Site Coordinators are asked to poll their volunteers to determine which Financial Aid staff members would be available on what dates to assist with these follow up workshops in their immediate area. You may Email this information to Gus Wales (gus.wales@la.gov) or to losfa.comments@la.gov.
Louisiana College Application Month

2014 Louisiana College Application Month (Applications Completed-to-Date)

- Total Applications: 765
- Five Applications: 28
- Four Applications: 53
- Three Applications: 99
- Two Applications: 175
- One Application: 410

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October 2014 Louisiana College Application Month

Sites

On College Application Day, did you receive as much one-on-one assistance as you needed to complete college applications?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know
- I Prefer Not to Answer This Question

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Impact By University System
TOTAL LOSFA AWARDS - Dollars

ACADEMIC YEAR 2012-13

- $78,227,645 (36.1%)
- $16,308,656 (7.5%)
- $3,891,325 (1.8%)
- $108,155,364 (49.9%)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2013-14

- $90,976,932 (36.7%)
- $4,304,974 (1.7%)
- $17,084,679 (6.9%)
- $123,170,062 (49.7%)

University Systems
- LAICU
- LCTCS
- LSU System
- SU System
- UL System

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TOTAL GO AWARDS - Students

Academic Year 2012-13

- 36,283 Students
- 18,608 (48.4%)
- 9,362 (24.3%)
- 5,037 (13.1%)
- 3,223 (8.4%)
- 2,239 (5.8%)

Academic Year 2013-14

- 25,926 Students
- 12,217 (47.1%)
- 6,793 (26.2%)
- 3,195 (12.3%)
- 1,924 (7.4%)
- 1,797 (6.9%)
LOSFA AWARDS in the LSU System

AY 2012-13

- TOPS Opportunity: $30,341,733
- TOPS Performance: $24,324,677
- TOPS Honors: $19,828,161
- TOPS Tech: $63,482
- GO Grant: $3,604,094
- Other LOSFA Awards: $65,499

Total: $79,483,590

AY 2013-14

- TOPS Opportunity: $34,269,512
- TOPS Performance: $28,950,975
- TOPS Honors: $19,828,161
- TOPS Tech: $3,604,094
- GO Grant: $95,737
- Other LOSFA Awards: $45,000

Total: $98,640,638

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GO Grants - LSU System – AY 2013-14

- LSU-Alexandria: $291,782, 313 students, Average Award = $932.21
- LSU-Baton Rouge: $2,017,718, 2,217 students, Average Award = $910.11
- LSU-Eunice: $266,331, 131 students, Average Award = $2,033.06
- LSU-Shreveport: $894,579, 439 students, Average Award = $2,037.77
- LSUHSC-New Orleans: $126,172, 95 students, Average Award = $1,328.13

System Average Award = $1,125.69
LOSFA AWARDS in the SU System

AY 2012-13

- TOPS Opportunity: $1,758,298
- TOPS Performance: $1,706,330
- TOPS Honors: $328,010
- TOPS Tech: $58,299
- GO Grant: $27,888
- Other LOSFA Awards (Rockefeller & Chafee): $12,500

Total: $3,274,439

AY 2013-14

- TOPS Opportunity: $2,058,439
- TOPS Performance: $1,686,749
- TOPS Honors: $426,202
- TOPS Tech: $87,797
- GO Grant: $11,754
- Other LOSFA Awards (Rockefeller & Chafee): $34,034

Total: $3,992,732

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LOSAFA AWARD Recipients in the SU System

AY 2012-13

Students

TOPS Opportunity
84

TOPS Performance
12

TOPS Honors
15

TOPS Tech
3

GO Grant

AY 2013-14

Students

TOPS Opportunity
98

TOPS Performance
20

TOPS Honors
24

TOPS Tech
4

Other LOSFA Awards (Rockefeller & Chafee)

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GO Grants - SU System – AY 2013-14

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GO Grants - UL System – AY 2013-14

System Average Award = $1,133.16

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<td>McNeese</td>
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LOSFA AWARDS in the LCTCS System

**AY 2012-13**

- TOPS Opportunity: $2,799,313
- TOPS Performance: $2,028,855
- TOPS Honors: $94,393
- TOPS Tech: $576,747
- GO Grant: $0
- Other LOSFA Awards (Rockefeller & Chafee): $107,549

**AY 2013-14**

- TOPS Opportunity: $3,829,567
- TOPS Performance: $2,748,129
- TOPS Honors: $94,393
- TOPS Tech: $745,508
- GO Grant: $106,389
- Other LOSFA Awards (Rockefeller & Chafee): $69,944

**Dollars**

- $0
- $500,000
- $1,000,000
- $1,500,000
- $2,000,000
- $2,500,000
- $3,000,000
- $3,500,000
- $4,000,000
- $4,500,000
- $5,000,000
- $5,500,000

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LOSFA AWARD Recipients in the LCTCS System

AY 2012-13

- TOPS Opportunity: 9,362 students
- TOPS Performance: 1,137 students
- TOPS Honors: 41 students
- TOPS Tech: 265 students
- GO Grant: 30 students
- Other LOSFA Awards (Rockefeller & Chafee): 1,548 students

AY 2013-14

- TOPS Opportunity: 6,793 students
- TOPS Performance: 1,367 students
- TOPS Honors: 37 students
- TOPS Tech: 304 students
- GO Grant: 21 students
- Other LOSFA Awards (Rockefeller & Chafee): 1,871 students

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GO Grants - LCTCS – AY 2013-14

- BPCC: 365 students, $251,100, Average Award = $687.95
- BRCC: 886 students, $614,737, Average Award = $693.83
- Delgado CC: 3,666 students, Average Award = $1,450.54
- Fletcher TCC: 61 students, $88,483, Average Award = $1,450.54
- La Delta CC: 339 students, $244,138, Average Award = $720.17
- LTC: 333 students, $206,476, Average Award = $642.02
- Northshore TCC: 9 students, $33,250, Average Award = $3,694.44
- Nunez CC: 7 students, $56,863, Average Award = $7,123.29
- River Parishes CC: 7 students, $54,787, Average Award = $7,826.71
- SLCC: 733 students, $387,910, Average Award = $585.99
- Sowela TCC: 162 students, $218,774, Average Award = $1,350.46

System Average Award = $679.90

Number of Students

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**LOSFA AWARDS in the LAICU System**

**AY 2012-13**
- TOPS Opportunity: $5,527,829
- TOPS Performance: $3,240,912
- TOPS Honors: $2,340,677

**AY 2013-14**
- TOPS Opportunity: $5,955,785
- TOPS Performance: $3,158,640
- TOPS Honors: $2,336,123

Dollars
LOSFA AWARD Recipients in the LAICU System

AY 2012-13

AY 2013-14

TOPS Opportunity

TOPS Performance

TOPS Honors

GO Grant

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TOPS - LAICU – AY 2013-14

Centenary: 277 - $1,188,661
Dillard: 130 - $518,507
Louisiana College: 461 - $1,885,919
Loyola: 743 - $3,101,051
NO Baptist Theology Seminary: 20 - $71,219
OLOL: 360 - $1,372,808
Our Lady of Holy Cross: 107 - $419,400
St. Joseph Seminary: 31 - $127,808
Tulane: 662 - $3,010,013
Xavier: 718 - $3,053,171

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## GO Grants - LAICU – AY 2013-14

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**System Average Award:** $1,299.73

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NEW INITIATIVES

• Signal Vine
  – Text messaging campaign targeted towards high school seniors in Concentrated and Intensive Service schools and first year TOPS recipients.
  – Number of Students Served:
    • High School Seniors = 3,500 students
    • First Year TOPS recipients = 20,000 students

• My Career Playbook
  – Unlimited student contacts/users – for person entering the website from one of three URLs: LOSFA’s website, Louisiana Connect website and the “5 point match tool” website.

• “5 Point Match Tool”
  – A new college-readiness tool to navigate students through LOSFA’s “5 point match”.

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Federal Student Loan Rehab

We all have a stake in helping borrowers avoid default. If a borrower does default, our contractors devote the resources necessary to help them successfully rehabilitate those loans, so they can emerge from default, get their lives back on track and contribute to a growing economy. Rehabilitating a Loan:

- Repairs their damaged credit
- Restores their eligibility for grant aid and Federal loans
- Restores eligibility for professional licensing
- Assists with background check clearance related to prospective employment

**Official 3-Year Cohort Default Rate**

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TOPS Tech Early Start Program
Louisiana’s dual enrollment program for public high school students seeking credit toward technical and skill certificates and/or credentials in Top-Demand Occupations.
- Provides up to $300 a semester or $600 per academic year ($50 per credit hour)
- Limited to six credit hours per semester or twelve credit hours per college academic year.
- Students have the potential to earn 24 credit hours (in 11th and 12th grade) thus starting college with first year completed.
TOPS Tech Early Start Program

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WHAT WE DO?
Starting with Middle School our mission is to facilitate the progression towards college access and success.

We have to get them to know about careers and the related college options, apply to attend, show up on campus and persist beyond the first year.

Developed by Sujuan W. Boutté, Ed.D.
HOW?
We must offer a menu of services that:

- College Kick-Off
- Spring FLY Tour
- College Acceptance/Award Recognition Day
- Area Leadership Program (ALP)
- Campus Field Trips
- Explorers’ Club Youth Conference Leadership Summit

- Trailblazer Camp
- College Application Month
- College Goal Sunday
- FAFSA Completion Workshops
- TOPS Seminars
- Counselor Webinar Workshops
- College Application Workshops
- STS Workshops
- LOSFA Resources – Email/Phone Assistance

- Signal Vine: Text Messaging Initiative
- TOPS Retention Initiative
- TOPS Tracker
- Explorers’ Clubs

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LOSFA’S 5 Point Match

Aptitude, Skills, Interest Match
What’s your Career Path? How much education do you need to get there?

Academic Match
Which programs are you eligible for?

Cost of Choice Match
Which program results in completion with the best income to loan debt ratio?

Social and Emotional Match
Which environment works best for you now? Online versus seat time? Large campus, Urban Setting, Small Campus, Rural/Suburban Setting? Weekday, Weeknight or Weekend Class Schedule?

Retention Match
Which program has the greatest success rate with retaining students like you?
"The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows."

Sydney J. Harris
LOSFA: Performance with a Purpose

LOSFA HAS ANSWERS

“I have already started applying for scholarships. I took your advice and applied to college early. I have been accepted to Nicholls State University for the fall semester of 2015. In January, I plan to fill out the FAFSA form.”

“I learned that anybody can go to college no matter where you’re from.”

“I can open a savings account (START) to prepare for grad school.”

“I have a Pell Grant too, so I’ll definitely renew my FAFSA.”

“I learned that I can use TOPS for grad school if I haven’t used all my semesters.”

“With the knowledge from the camp, I have been looking into scholarships and financial aid. I have informed my peers on the information about financial aid. Many have taken advantage of the opportunity.”

“From the college camp, I learned that anybody can go to college no matter where you’re from.”

“The College Kickoff was great. I learned a lot of things about college. I learned about financial aid. I also learned about how to apply for colleges as well.”

“My GEAR UP experiences…taught me things that I couldn’t learn in school, such as the college experience. I feel better prepared for life after high school.”

“The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.”

Sydney J. Harris
272 *Unique Outreach Events in 2013-2014
184 Unique High Schools Visited in 2013 - 2014
88 Unique Outreach Events (Colleges and Universities, Community and Faith Based Organizations) in 2013-2014

* This is a unique count of sites visited, sites are often visited multiple times in the same year.
2014-2015 Outreach

176 *Unique Outreach Events Scheduled. Statewide Services are added on a weekly basis.
112 Unique High Schools Scheduled to visit through October 2014.
50 Unique Outreach Events (Colleges and Universities, Community and Faith Based Organizations) Scheduled to visit through March 2015.

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START Savings Plan
Louisiana’s 529 Qualified College Saving Program

Objectives
• To help make education affordable and accessible to all citizens of Louisiana
• To encourage savings
• To enhance the ability of citizens to obtain access to institutions of postsecondary education

Benefit
• Account Owners choose investment options based on level of risk
• Earnings are tax-exempt when used to pay for Qualified Higher Education Expenses (QHEE)
• State matches a percentage of annual deposits (Earning Enhancements) based on account owner’s federal adjusted gross income. Earning Enhancements range from 14% to 2%
• Amount of annual deposits (up to $4,800) may be deducted from income for state income tax purposes
• No fees charged by State
• Deposits can be made by Automatic Bank Debit, Payroll Deduction, or Direct Payment

Current Impact
• 49,324 START Savings Account
• $568,497,739 in Deposits as of August 2014
• $21,514,034 of Disbursements made from START accounts to pay for QHEE as of August 2014

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COUNSELOR TRAINING

Counselor Training
• **Statewide Workshops**
  – LOSFA annually conducts various types of statewide training for middle and high school counselors.
• **La. Assoc. of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers (LACRAO)**
  – Workshops for high school counselors to update counselors on changes made to LOSFA programs during the recently concluded Legislative session and/or by rule changes approved over the summer by the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission.
• **College & Career Counseling Initiative (CCCI)**
  – CCCI Online PD modules are available for all school counselors around the state and GEAR UP teachers and sponsors.
  – CCCI can be used by postsecondary institutions to train graduate students in the fields of professional school counseling and educational leadership.
  – CCCI emphasizes the importance of building a college-going culture for all students; college, career, and academic planning; and financial aid and college applications. As a final portfolio, participants develop action plans for strategic interventions at the school- and student-levels.
Peer Training

Area Leadership Programs (ALPs)
Louisiana GEAR UP Area Leadership Programs (ALPs) bring Explorers’ Club student leaders together to learn how to maximize the experience of GEAR UP, run an effective Club and plan an exciting and valuable year of events and activities.

Trailblazer Camps
Trailblazer Camp trains high school students about the availability of financial aid as a means to access postsecondary education. Trailblazers serve as peer advisors during their senior year.
GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

FLY (Financial Literacy for You) Tour
• Dynamic, theatrical presentation using poetry, music and dramatic skits to communicate the importance of being financially literate and responsible.

Louisiana College Goal Sunday
• College Goal Sunday provides students and their families with free professional assistance with completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Louisiana College Application Week
• College Application Week held at 10 LA Gear Up high schools in 9 parishes to assist students with completing college applications.
• Expanded this year to College Application Month with 56 participating schools.

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GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Live Program Presentations
- TOPS, FAFSA, What is Financial Aid… Chats twice per year.

Call Center
- Toll-free financial aid and college access hot-line from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call-in nights and Facebook

E-mail Responses
- Responses to E-mail requests for financial aid and college access information.

Academic Year 2013-14

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LOSFA CONCENTRATED OUTREACH SUPPORT

2014-2015 Outreach

“LOSFA,

I can’t thank you enough for the VERY informative workshops that you gave to our 9th, 10th and 11th grade students. We are about to be monitored by the Department of Education and it was everything that they want our students to know. I loved that every presentation was customized for the grade level. THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

I really do believe the people who work at LOSFA provide the best services ever. Every time that I call either my questions are answered immediately or the person calls me back immediately with the answer. I don’t know of any business that does that. ALL of you are the BEST!!

Thanks!!
Terry Gallagher
Guidance Counselor
Plaquemine High School”

80 Unique High Schools are part of Concentrated Outreach Services

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CONCENTRATED SERVICES

Senior Year Game Plan

Five Steps to a Touchdown in College!

1) Determine the best college match and fit
2) Fill out a college application during Louisiana College Application Month
3) File the FAFSA in the spring
   - Receive free assistance to complete the FAFSA at College Goal Sunday on March 1, 2015.
4) Attend Louisiana College Acceptance Day at your high school in April
   - Share your success stories with your peers
   - Budget for housing and orientation fees
5) Review Student Aid Report after filing the FAFSA carefully for errors

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Losfa Intensive Outreach Support

Our Student Events
College Kick-off Events
Area Leadership Programs
Louisiana College Application Month
College Goal Sunday
College Acceptance Day

Our Student Intensive Services
Financial Aid Awareness
Rewards for Success Scholarships
Academic-year Clubs
Advanced Placement
ACT Prep
Campus Field Trips
Dual Enrollment
Positive Behavior Support
Tutoring
Mentoring/Coaching

Our Parent Support Services
High School and College Readiness Workshops
Campus Field Trips
College and Financial Aid Workshops, including College Goal Sunday
Social Support

Our Teacher and Counselor Support Services
Professional Development Opportunities
Academic and Curricular Support

2014-2015 LA Gear Up Schools

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Results of Intensive Services

SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAMS FUNDED BY CACG

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- Aligned to ACT College Readiness Standards
- University Level Mathematics (focused on College Algebra)
- University Level English/Language Arts (focused on Composition)

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Grambling SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAMS FUNDED BY CACG

2014 Grambling (GSU) Summer Bridge Program Participation and Matriculation

GSU SBP Students:
- Earned 6.0 College Credit Hours
- Received Orientation Fee Support for Fall 2014
- Received Housing Application Fee Support for Fall 2014

Participants:
- GSU SBP Participation: 25
- GSU Matriculation: 12
- Other Matriculation: 10
Results of Intensive Services

TUTORING FUNDED BY LA GEAR UP

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2013-14 Jeanerette Fall Semester Tutoring

Pre-Test: American History 72, Biology II 83, Chemistry 79
Post-Test: American History 84, Biology II 91, Chemistry 88
Difference: American History 11, Biology II 7, Chemistry 9

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**Results of Intensive Services**

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**2013-14 Jeanerette Spring Semester Tutoring**

- **American History**: Pre-Test 74, Post-Test 85, Difference 11
- **Anatomy/Physiology**: Pre-Test 70, Post-Test 86, Difference 16
- **Biology**: Pre-Test 77, Post-Test 83, Difference 6
- **Civics**: Pre-Test 73, Post-Test 86, Difference 13
- **English III**: Pre-Test 79, Post-Test 86, Difference 7
- **English IV**: Pre-Test 75, Post-Test 87, Difference 12
- **Physiology**: Pre-Test 65, Post-Test 83, Difference 18

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Results of Intensive Services

Union Parish High School
STEM Course in Digital Media
18 Students Enrolled

Digital Media
Course Grades: Freqency

A: 6
B: 5
C: 7
Total: 18

2013-14 Union Parish High School
STEM Course in Digital Media

A: 33%
B: 28%
C: 39%

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LA GEAR UP student Jackie Olivier, Westgate HS Senior, graduated in May 2014; she used her LA GEAR UP essay to apply to ULM. She is there now!

Los Angeles Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA)

Results of Intensive Services

Essay Contests Funded by LA Gear Up

SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED BY LA GEAR UP

$2.2 Million

LA GEAR UP Scholarships Since 2003

$1,000

$500

$250

Los Angeles Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

Rewards for Success Scholarship

This certificate is awarded to

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SNAPSHOT OF LA GEAR UP GRADUATES

LA GEAR UP Tiger
Davon Godchaux, Plaquemine HS GEAR UP student is now a defensive tackle on the LSU football team.

LA GEAR UP Student GUALA Leader
Nigena Brooks, Bastrop HS alum and nationally-selected GEAR UP Alumni Leadership Academy participant, is currently a first-year student at LSU pursuing a degree in Forensic Psychology.

LA GEAR UP Gates Millennium Scholar
Beatrice Kariuke, with Broadmoor HS Senior Guidance Counselor Jeana Womble, is now at Emory University on a “full-ride” scholarship.
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COLLEGE KICK-OFF FUNDED BY CACG

College Kick-Off Attendance

*This graph illustrates the number of students that actually attended the college kick-off, out of 4,603 students, 3,834 were present.