

UINTAH SENIOR NEWSLETTER

A monthly newsletter brought to you by USU STARS! GEAR UP

VOL. 1, ISSUE 5

3-1-18

Top stories in this newsletter



Wear an Honor Cord at Graduation



FAFSA Help



Power Plant Field Trip



How to Choose?

GEAR UP Honor Cord



GEAR UP is offering an opportunity to earn a cord for graduation - and the requirements are simple things that need to be done in order to attend college.

Seniors will need to complete 5 out of the 7 following:

- 3.0 GPA or above
- "College ready" ACT score (at least 21)
- Accepted into at least one college or technical college
- Complete at least one AP or concurrent enrollment course
- Visit a college/Attend College Fair
- Complete the FAFSA
- College Essay and/or Resume

For more information, contact Kandice Searle.

FAFSA



If you missed out on our FAFSA night, you can still get help! Kandice Searle, in the counseling office, is available to work with you on your application.

"Here are three reasons that even the wealthiest families should consider filling out the FAFSA:

- To qualify for other kinds of scholarships and grants. Some financial aid programs require a FAFSA even though they award aid without regard to family income.
- To get cheap, forgivable federal loans.
- To gain an admissions edge" (time.com).

Deseret Power Fieldtrip



GEAR UP sponsors many fieldtrips involving our senior students. One of our recent trips was to the Deseret Power plant with Mr. Woodard's engineering students.

The engineers at the plant showed a facility video, and talked to the students about what they do. (They also stressed the importance of developing writing and communication skills - even for engineers!) They followed that up with a tour of the facility, where the kids were able to see first-hand the size and scope of the plant's operations.

Choosing the Right College for You



One of the best ways to ensure success in college is to pick a school that fits your needs and wants, but how can you determine which is the right fit? The ideal research method is to actually visit the schools - more than once, if possible.

"While an initial campus visit is a good time to check out the dorms, sample the food, and get a feel for campus life, students and parents should take a list of 10 to 15 additional, in-depth questions with them on a second trip" (usnews.com).

GEAR UP will be offering more college trips this spring!