

**GEAR UP III Elective Grade 11 (2009-2010) MC1110**

**Tentative Topics by Week Outlined**

**First Semester (Realizing the College Dream)**

- Week 1: Dream a Little: Imagining My Future
- Week 2: Dream a Little: Imagining My Future
- Week 3: Exploring Career Options
- Week 4: Exploring Career Options
- Week 5: College 101: Researching Colleges & Universities
- Week 6: College 101: Researching Colleges & Universities
- Week 7: The Life and Times of a First-Generation College Student
- Week 8: The Life and Times of a First-Generation College Student
- Week 9: Mock College Admissions
- Week 10: Mock College Admissions
- Week 11: Debunking the Myths of Financial Aid: A Workshop for Students & Families
- Week 12: Being a Wise Borrower: The Importance of Managing Your Money
- Week 13: Being a Wise Borrower: The Importance of Managing Your Money
- Week 14: Who Wants to Spend \$20,000?
- Week 15: Comparing Financial Aid Packages
- Week 16: Preparing for College: A Guide for Families
- Week 17: Planning a Financial Aid Night for Students & Families
- Week 18: Appendices (End of the semester celebration)

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Semester (CollegeEd 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: It's My Choice)**

- Week 1: Where I Am Now
- Week 2: Where I Am Now
- Week 3: Making the Grade
- Week 4: Making the Grade
- Week 5: Many Roads to Success
- Week 6: Many Roads to Success
- Week 7: Test Prep (College Field Trip)
- Week 8: Test Prep
- Week 9: My College Wish List
- Week 10: My College Wish List
- Week 11: Beginning the Search
- Week 12: Beginning the Search
- Week 13: Me-in-an-Envelope: The College Application
- Week 14: Me-in-an-Envelope: The College Application (College Field Trip)
- Week 15: Show Me the Money
- Week 16: Show Me the Money
- Week 17: Beyond the Classroom
- Week 18: Networking and Gaining Support (End of the semester celebration)

**Required Text:**

- Realizing the College Dream.....Teacher-Advisory Guide
- CollegeEd 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher's Guide and Student Workbook

**Suggested Resources: (You must request)**

- Countdown To Colleges: 21 To Do Lists for High School (Valerie Pierce & Cheryl Rilly)
- The Real High School Handbook: How to Survive, Thrive and Prepare for What's Next (Susan Abell Lieberman)
- First in the Family, Advice About College From First-Generation Students-Your High School Years (Kathleen Cushman)
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- Daring to be Different 25 Tips for A Life of Success (Darrell Bennett, Jr.)
- I Have Risen- Essays by African-American Youth, Ron Brown Scholar Program-Read to Lead Program
- The Purpose Living Teen: A Teen's Guide to living Your Dreams (Darrell "Coach D" Andrews)
- Financial Literacy for Teens: A Teen's Guide to the Real World of Money (Chad Foster)
- Teenagers Preparing for the Real World (Chad Foster)

The 11<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum, It's My Choice: Walks eleventh-graders through a year of thoughtful academic planning and career and goal setting for high school, college, and beyond. This course is designed to help teens improve self-image, build friendships, resist peer pressure, achieve their goals, and get along with their parents.

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