

STATE *of* WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Proclamation

Whereas, the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federally funded, competitive grant program designed to increase the number of students from low-income homes and first-generation students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education, Wisconsin GEAR UP supports students develop the skills they need to ensure they are successful in college and beyond; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin GEAR UP is administered by the Department of Public Instruction through the Wisconsin Educational Opportunity Programs; and

Whereas, GEAR UP serves students from low-income homes and students of color and their families from underserved communities who may be the first person in their family to attend college; and

Whereas, GEAR UP provides grants to partners throughout Wisconsin to assist families and 6-12th grade students in reaching their goal of graduating from college by supporting students through the end of their first year of college; and

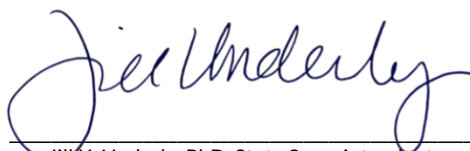
Whereas, GEAR UP provides necessary academic, financial, tutoring, and mentoring support and learning experiences to participating students and their families; and

Whereas, GEAR UP is a critical component to Wisconsin's efforts to prepare underserved students for success beyond high school into postsecondary education and career, building readiness and skills in our state's next generation of leaders;

Therefore, be it resolved that, I, Jill Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declare September 26 - 30, 2022, as National GEAR UP Week, a time to acknowledge and celebrate the educational achievements of GEAR UP staff and stakeholders in providing underserved students with the resources needed to pursue higher education.

National GEAR UP Week
Celebrating Our Educational Achievement
September 26 – 30, 2022




Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent