



Armondo Pavone Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas, the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federally funded program designed to increase the number of students who stay in school and succeed in post-secondary education; and

Whereas, GEAR UP focuses on students from low-income and underserved communities who might be the first person in their family to go to college; and

Whereas, GEAR UP provides six- or seven-year grants to states or partnerships to deliver support and resources to students and their families, starting no later than the 7th grade through high school and onward to attaining a post-secondary education; and

Whereas, GEAR UP includes interventions such as tutoring, mentoring, academic preparation and financial education to improve access and success in higher education; and

Whereas, GEAR UP Achievers serves approximately 4,500 students in 8th and 9th grade in four different South King County Districts, with 1,973 students served from the Renton School District; and

Whereas, the City of Renton understands that a quality education for all students helps them achieve their highest potential;

Now, therefore, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim September 21-25, 2020, to be

GEAR UP Week

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all members of the community to join me in this special observation.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 21st day of September, 2020.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor
City of Renton, Washington

