UPCOMING DATES

*Pittsburg State University*- **02/29/20**

*ACT Boot Camp*- **03/14/20**

*Emporia State University*- **03/20/20**

*Topeka Zoo*- Behind the Scenes Tour- **03/07/20**

*KLWN Radio Visit*- **04/11/20**

*UMKC*- **04/14/20**

*KKGU End of the Year Celebration*- **05/02/20**

Students, staff and administrators at 2019 NCCEP/YLS—San Francisco, CA

Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP students, staff and administrators attended the 2019 NCCEP Conference and Youth Leadership Summit in San Francisco during the third week of July. It was an incredible experience for all involved, and a testament to the resourcefulness and resiliency of our students.

“I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious.”

-Albert Einstein
During the summer months, students had the opportunity to tour Emporia State, Johnson County Community College, and Washburn Tech. Students who engaged in summer programming, were rewarded with a trip to Worlds of Fun!
During the Fall months, a student took a trip to Arrowhead Stadium (Home of the Chiefs) to explore the careers available within a sports organization.

Students also enjoyed food, fun and friendship at the Rodrock Foundation Christmas Party. Santa was there, along with familiar faces! Every student received a gift, which they graciously received.

Students were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of Arrowhead Stadium— from the locker room to the field to the Sports Lab!

The gorgeous Holiday setting at the Rodrock Christmas Party in Leawood, KS.
FYI – STUDENTS!!!

2020 ACT TEST Dates

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Attention Seniors!!!

Scholarships for 2020-2021 school year will open up in April 2020.

Here is a guide to help you navigate. If you need help, don’t hesitate to reach out.
A special THANK YOU to our partners:

- Children's Alliance of Kansas
- Kansas Department for Children and Families
- KVC Health Systems
- Kansas Department of Corrections
- Highland Park High School
- Advisors Excel
- Shawnee Heights Unified School District
- T. A. Rodgers Trojans

Check us out Social Media!!

Want to know where to see all the latest GEAR UP news about upcoming events? Looking for photos of past events? Go to our new Facebook page: Kkgu N. Central KS.

Follow us on Instagram too!
The Region 3 GEAR-UP team serves youth in 24 counties in Central and Northeast Kansas. The regional office is located in Topeka and operates out of the Department for Children and Families.

so you want to be a writer?
Charles Bukowski - 1920-1994

if it doesn't come bursting out of you in spite of everything, don't do it.
unless it comes unasked out of your heart and your mind and your mouth and your gut, don't do it.
if you have to sit for hours staring at your computer screen or hunched over your typewriter searching for words, don't do it.
if you're doing it for money or fame, don't do it.
if you're doing it because you want women in your bed, don't do it.
if you have to sit there and rewrite it again and again, don't do it.
if it's hard work just thinking about doing it, don't do it.
if you're trying to write like somebody else, forget about it.

if you have to wait for it to roar out of you, then wait patiently.
if it never does roar out of you, do something else.

if you first have to read it to your wife or your girlfriend or your boyfriend or your parents or to anybody at all, you're not ready.

don't be like so many writers, don't be like so many thousands of people who call themselves writers, don't be dull and boring and pretentious, don't be consumed with self-love.
the libraries of the world have yawned themselves to sleep over your kind. don't add to that. don't do it.
unless it comes out of your soul like a rocket, unless being still would drive you to madness or suicide or murder, don't do it.
unless the sun inside you is burning your gut, don't do it.

when it is truly time, and if you have been chosen, it will do it by itself and it will keep on doing it until you die or it dies in you.
there is no other way.

and there never was.