This spring we got to take some pretty cool campus visits, my favorite was our trip to Washburn University. While there our students got to meet with the recently formed student support group called We Are First. This is a student support group formed to help First Generation College students succeed in College. While on this trip to Topeka we stop at the Capital building for a tour, and students were allowed to walk to the top of the Dome for a breathtaking view of Topeka Kansas.

One of the highlights of the Spring semester was the trip to the University of Kansas to explore the campus as well as KU’s Natural History Museum. The University of Kansas Natural History Museum is home to the state’s largest preserved Tylosaurus and Pteranodon fossils. The Tylosaurus and Pteranodon are Kansas’s state marine and flight fossil.

After the visit to KU’s Natural History Museum students were able to take a stroll down Jayhawk Blvd where they were able to learn more about the programs offered in building such as Anschutz Library home of the KU Writing Center, Strong Hall home of many academic support services including TRiO SES and Wescoe Hall housing KU’s humanities programs.

Our tour was concluded with a walk around Potter Lake. Potter Lake is a great location, just under Jayhawk Blvd. and above Memorial Stadium, for your students matriculating to KU in the fall who are looking for a scenic view to study or picnic.

This year’s MOKANNE Conference was an amazing opportunity to hone skills, gain knowledge, create new connections and strengthen existing ones. Kansas City Mayor Sly James and Congressman Emanuel Cleaver were beacons of hope with their encouraging words for educators and constituents were able to interact with 20 years of past MKN Presidents. The camaraderie within the TRiO family is what creates value in our programs.

Building Better Moms and Church of the Resurrection have been an amazing partner in creating opportunities for our GEAR UP students. This year’s Game of Life Event was no exception. Students simulated life-skills in a fun, interactive day of learning. Students were also treated to motivational and financial speakers as well as walking away with a laundry basket full of household items, crockpots and blenders.

University of Kansas Natural History Museum and Campus Tour

Upon arrival students were greeted by the Natural History Museum staff as they entered the museum and were issued a scavenger hunts to complete. Students eagerly rushed from exhibit to exhibit answering questions in the hopes of being the group with the most correct answers. At the end of the tour students were able to turn in their scavenger hunts for the opportunity
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Mark Your Calendars: June Events

Career Exploration/Makerspace- Tuesday, June 5th [11am—7:30pm] @ Johnson County Public Library

Free Family Movie Night- Thursday, June 7th [6:30—8:30pm] @ West Wyandotte County Library

Free Family Movie Night- Thursday, June 14th [6:30—8:30pm] @ West Wyandotte County Library

ACT Boot Camp- Thursdays and Tuesday [10am—3pm] @ Wyandotte Public Library

Majoring in Your Daily Life- Tuesday, June 19th and Thursday, June 21st [9am—12pm] @ Johnson County Public Library

Zoo Careers @ Kansas City Zoo- Thursday, June 21st [9am—5pm] @ Kansas City Zoo.

Exploring Life/College Skills- Tuesday, June 26th and Wednesday, June 27th [9am—12pm] @ Wyandotte Public Library

2018 SUMMER EVENTS Preview
With Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP (Lawrence and surrounding areas)

June 5th, 6th and 7th (Sound Exploration Week):
5th: Street Style Bucket Drumming
6th: Writing a Hook
7th: Audio Lab
All events held at the Lawrence Public Library.

June 12th, 13th and 14th (Art Week):
12th: Spencer Museum of Art and KU Campus Tour
13th: Lawrence Creates Makerspace- 3D Printing
14th: Lawrence Art Center

June 19th, 20th and 21st (STEMengineering Week):
19th: Nintendo LABO- Build
20th: Nintendo LABO- Code
21st: Nintendo LABO- VR
All events held at the Carnegie Building (200 W. 9th, Lawrence)

June 26th, 27th and 29th (ACT Prep Week):
26th: ACT English
27th: ACT Science/Reading
29th: ACT Math

See something interesting?
Want to attend?
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Upcoming Summer Programs
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July Events:

Scholarship Assistance @ Johnson County Library — Every Thursday in July from [1:00pm—5:00pm] beginning July 4th and ending July 19th.

Professional Skills Workshop (Interviewing and resume writing) @ Lawrence Public Library — Tuesday, July 10th [1:00pm—3:30pm].

Computer Camp @ The Doubletree in Overland Park — Wednesday, July 11th [8:00am—5:00pm].

Coding Club for Teens @ Gardner Library — Wednesday, July 11th [12:00pm—6:00pm].

Career Clinic @ University of Kansas’ School of Business — Thursday, July 12th [1:00pm—3:30pm].

Financial Literacy Workshop @ Lawrence Public Library — Thursday, July 19th [12:00pm—3:00pm].

Federal Reserve Bank Tour @ Kansas City Federal Reserve — Friday, July 20th [10:00am—3:00pm].

Other Summer Events:

Financial Literacy Workshop — Every Wednesday beginning June 6th through July 25th at Cornerstones.

Girls Who Code Club @ Lawrence Public Library — Every Wednesday Night [6:30—8:00pm]. Transportation provided on 06/06, 06/20, 06/27, 07/25, 08/01 and 08/08.

Milkhouse Mural Project @ O’Connell Youth Ranch — Wednesday mornings [10am—12pm] on these dates: 06/06, 06/20, 06/27, 07/25, 08/01 and 08/08.

Common Ground Weed and Seed Project @ Common Ground Site — Every Wednesday morning [10am—12pm]

Community Service at Stony Point and Harvesters in KCK — Every First and Third Wednesdays [2—5pm]. Transportation provided.

Let us know you want to attend programming by calling: (913) 627—7904 — or — email your local GEAR UP Advisor!
### 2018 ACT TEST DATES

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