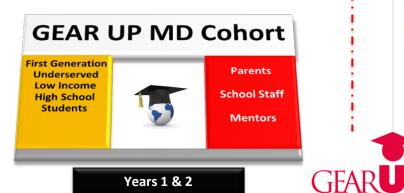


## **GAINING EARLY AWARENESS** FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS



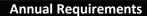
Administered by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)

GEAR UP is a federal grant designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. GEAR UP MD is a six-year grant providing services at selected highpoverty middle and high schools in three districts. GEAR UP MD services support a cohort of students beginning in the 7th grade and will follow them through high school. GEAR UP MD funds are also used to provide college scholarships to low-income cohort students.









- In 2014, MSDE was awarded \$2.1 M each year for 6 years
- \$1 M of the 2.1 M is deposited into a Scholarship trust fund annually
- Total of 1,215 cohort students in middle schools
- 3 districts 5 middle schools participated in the GEAR UP program activities and events Maryland Business Roundtable's volunteer Speakers' Bureau provided career and college planning presentations to cohort students, parents & school staff

- **Dollar for Dollar** match via community or business partnerships as well as district support
- Bi-annual surveys along with pre and post assessments to monitor project success & progress
- Academic support services ∞ Rigorous Academic Curricula ∞ Comprehensive Mentoring ∞ Financial aid counseling/advising ∞ Counseling/advising/ academic planning/career counseling
- Parent, guardian and family support
- **Partnerships with Maryland Higher Education** Commission's College Preparation Intervention Program (CPIP) colleges and universities.

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