

# GEAR UP IOWA COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**MONDAY:** It's GEAR UP Week! There will be activities every day plus facts and trivia about college in the morning announcements. Here's your first fun fact: What do numerous NASA astronauts, over 40 Pulitzer Prize winners, four Nobel Prize winners and one Superman have in common? They all graduated from Iowa universities!

**TUESDAY:** Happy GEAR UP Week! There are over 4,000 colleges and universities across the United States. So whatever your dream, there's a school that will help you make a career of it.

**WEDNESDAY:** Day 3 of GEAR UP Week! By 2025, Iowa will add over 600,000 jobs to the state economy and almost 70% of those jobs will require some type of education after high school. While there are 4-year degrees after high school, there are 2-year degrees and 1-year or less certificates that will also prepare you take advantage of the opportunities available in Iowa's future.

**THURSDAY:** GEAR UP Week has been awesome. Continuing your education means earning more in your career. College graduates can earn almost twice as much in salary than high school graduates. College graduates are also more likely to be healthier and happier in their job.

**FRIDAY:** Thanks to everyone who has made GEAR UP Week a huge success. GEAR UP Iowa is a program of Iowa College Aid. Iowa College Aid works with all Iowa students to help prepare, afford and succeed beyond high school. Check in the counselor's office to learn more about how Iowa College Aid can help you fulfill your college dreams!