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**Veterans Tribute
Career & Technical Academy GEAR UP Abstract 2010-2011**

Veterans Memorial Career and Technical Academy opened in the fall of 2009. Anticipated enrollment for 2010-2011 is 500 freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. Projected enrollment at full capacity is 700 students assuring individual attention and small class sizes. The diverse population includes 39.9% male, 60.1% female, 1.0% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 13.4% African American, 5.1% Asian/Pacific Islander, 43.7% Hispanic, and 35.9% Caucasian. Additionally, 2.7% of the population is identified as LEP, 4% IEP, and 42.9% Free and Reduced Lunch program.

VTCTA is committed to a rigorous and relevant learning environment that empowers and engages students through collaborative problem solving, emphasizing respectful and responsible relationships. Students applied and were selected to enroll in the following career/technical pathways: public service, global business and international marketing, and telecom/911 call operations. Local law enforcement agencies and the FBI are committed partners.

The GEAR UP program supports the high expectations of teachers, administrators, and parents and stresses academic excellence for all students. Like other CTA campuses, core subjects follow the 21st Century of Study expectations. Each career pathway has a sequence of connected classes culminating with an articulated college course and/or industry certification. Counseling and advising will emphasize choices made for the five year Academic Plan. GEAR UP will provide access to tutoring and support the mentoring models in place within the individual academies. GEAR UP funds will assure access to the ACT or PSAT for cohort members meeting established benchmarks.

VTCTA assures students are knowledgeable about their post secondary options. To this end, representatives from the academy fields are invited to provide information to students. Recruiters from NSHE institutions are also invited to campus events. Field trips to both college campuses and businesses will be supported by GEAR UP.

Parent events will be held on campus to learn about college readiness, admissions and financial aid, the GEAR UP scholarship, and NSHE institutions. Tammy Cullum Boffelli, Principal, will provide program oversight.