



Nevada State College

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The Nevada State College (NSC) GEAR UP Ambassador Program is dedicated to creating a positive and welcoming environment to ensure GEAR UP students have a smooth and successful first year of college. The Nevada State College GEAR UP Program will provide guidance and support for incoming freshmen who were previously enrolled in the high school GEAR UP program. Targeting all incoming GEAR UP freshmen, NSC will deliver resource workshops and presentations, as well as facilitate a GEAR UP club on campus. The Ambassador will provide vital resources and monthly workshops on campus, such as financial literacy, stress reduction techniques, and resume building. The Ambassador will also introduce students to campus resources, such as the Writing Center and Academic Success Center, to ensure that students have access to the necessary tools for success.

The GEAR UP Ambassador will collaborate with other NSC departments to coordinate campus resources and to create beneficial workshops that will assist students throughout their first year in college. These workshops will be geared towards engaging and assisting students to ensure that they are retained throughout the program. The Nevada State College GEAR UP Ambassador will also oversee a GEAR UP club on campus. The goal of the GEAR UP club is to ensure student retention within the program and to create a sense of belonging within the college. The GEAR UP club will create two cabinet positions where students can take on a leadership role. These two positions will include an incentive program for GEAR UP cabinet members that encourage them to participate within the club and to retain students throughout both semesters. Cabinet member's positions will end after each semester, allowing other club members to assume a cabinet position in the spring semester. This will allow for peer-to-peer leadership as the cabinet members discuss activities they may participate in, such as volunteering opportunities or team-building activities on campus.

The Nevada State College Ambassador will assist students with navigating through their first year in college. This entails providing support, guidance and information for GEAR UP students in regards to campus resources, events, as well as offering office hours throughout the semester. One-on-one meetings will be held each semester to access each student's needs and to assist them in accessing resources. Lastly, with consistent contact and regular planned workshops, NSC believes that GEAR UP students will be highly engaged and retained throughout the entirety of the program.