

Coordinator Spotlight-Jackie Bush

“Ms. B”, hired by GEAR UP in August of 2021, is our October SSC GEAR UP Employee spotlight. Mrs. Bush serves Seminole and Maud GEAR UP students.

Mrs. Bush is going with Seminole students to the OBU College fair Oct. 5th, OSU-IT open house on Oct. 11th, and OSU Orange Friday on Oct. 21st. She plans to go with Maud to OSU Orange Friday on Oct. 7th, and to ECU on Oct. 28th.

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Five Students To D.C. for

Five Seminole State College GEAR UP students were selected among 150 from approximately 700,000 across the United States to attend and participate in the 2022 Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) simultaneously during the annual National GEAR UP conference July 17-20, 2022, in Washington, D.C. The YLS helps rising high school students to identify and maximize their leadership potential, experiences, and skills, create a national network of peers, and receive the tools and training to make positive change in their school and communities. Student YLS experiences included opportunities to speak more confidently and work more collaboratively and effectively in teams. The YLS culminated with a student-led presentation to the 2,100 adult participants who attended the National GEAR UP conference.



SSC GEAR UP students participating included (From right to left in photo above) Richard Tubbesing from Asher, Giulietta Cook from Konawa, Jonathan Wiseman from Holdenville, Quennett Grieve from Holdenville, and Sydney Robinson from Holdenville. The five students along with the GEAR staff explored many cultural events the day before the summit and conference began. They also explored many historical monuments in the evenings after the conference day ended. Some of the monuments visited included the Lincoln Memorial, Franklin Roosevelt and Martin Luther King Memorials. Veteran’s memorials visited included World War II, Korean War, and the Vietnam War Veterans Memorials. The students also visited several museums including the museum of the American Indian, museum of Natural History, and the museum of American History. A trip to Washington D.C. would not be complete without visiting Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Two of the students provided insights to what they learned and experienced. Jonathan Wiseman stated, “The Youth Leadership Summit with GEAR UP was another great blessing added to my life. It was so great to feel our youthful voices heard. I will not ever forget this. You cannot be a leader without a community behind you.” Sydney Robinson stated, “YLS was fun. The students learned a lot about themselves, how not to be shy, and positively deal with anxiety.”

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GEAR UP 'Career Encounters' Summer Camp Success.

Seminole State College GEAR UP program recently completed two different residential camps in the month of June. The theme for summer camp was based upon a late 1970's movie called, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. The concept was to have students tour career technical and college programs and then tour various industries where employees perform the tasks and skills learned in the career tech or college programs. The GEAR UP theme was called career encounters whereby students contacted industries to get a first glance of the occupation.



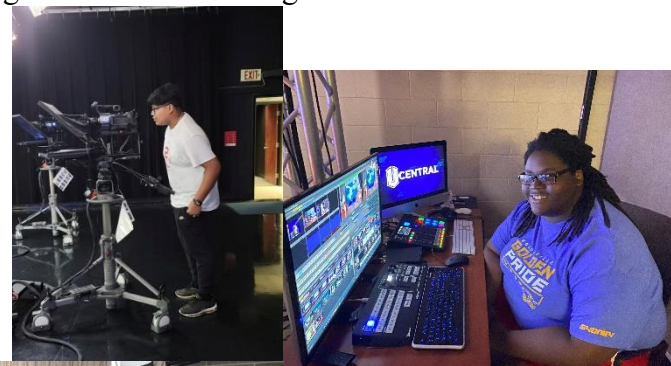
The first camp was on health careers. Students toured the joint Seminole State College and Gordon Cooper Technology Center program of medical laboratory technician followed by a tour of Diagnostic Laboratory in Oklahoma City. Students toured Rose State College and Oklahoma City Community Colleges health programs and learned about occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, nursing, and physical therapy. Students had the opportunity



to have lunch on both college campus and also toured Integris Southwest Medical Center to hear about job opportunities and how the hospital will help pay learning expenses if they choose to work there after high school. Students also participated in various cultural events like attending the Oklahoma City Art Museum, water taxi rides at brick town, break out rooms, and dining at Fuzzy's Tacos, the Olive Garden, and Golden Corral. The final day was in service to fellow Oklahomans by volunteering at the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank in

Oklahoma City.

The second camp was over multi-media careers. Students toured the University of Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma City University, and the University of Oklahoma and learned about mass communications, E-sports management, the film industry, while also dining for lunch of two of the campuses. The industry tour was to I Heart Radio stations in Oklahoma City who are affiliated with radio stations such as KJ103, KOMA, 101.9 the Twister, and 98.9 Kiss FM. Students also participated in many of the same cultural events and dining out at the same locations at the career encounters. The multi-media camp last day was also volunteering at the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank.



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GEAR UP Director's Corner



UPCOMING GEAR UP EVENTS

Oct. 20th-College Application Night 2.0-(Seniors only) 5:30pm-8pm Get help applying to college!

Oct. 29th-UCO Central Saturday- Campus tour, Info meeting and football game.

Nov. 5th-SWOSU Saturday-Campus tour, degree program fair and football game.

Nov. 12th-NSU Riverhawk Rally-Campus tour, degree program fair and football game.

Talk with your GEAR UP Coordinator for details and permission form.