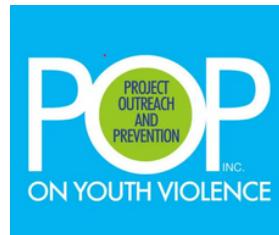
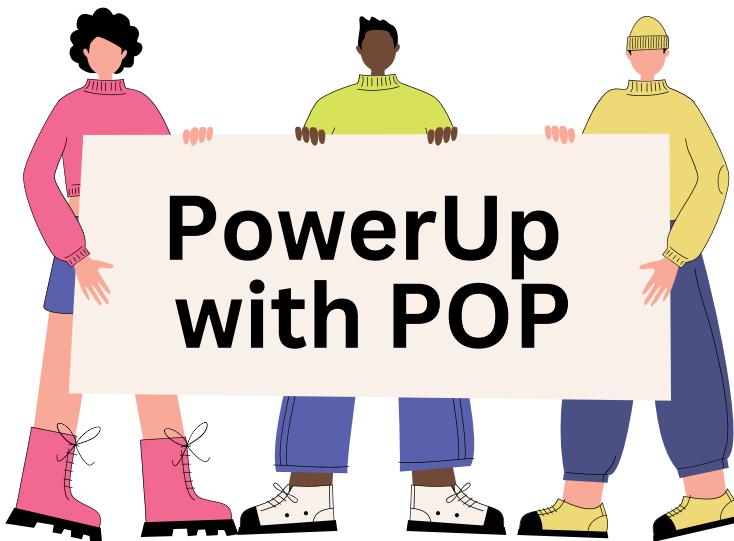


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## SEPTEMBER LETTER



GARY ALUMNI PATHWAY TO STUDENTS

GAPS has partnered with Project Outreach and Prevention (POP) to provide high school students with life skills, nonviolent means to resolve conflict, and resources to create a safe, fulfilling and academically enriching environment.

Students meet Wednesdays to participate in this unique experience. We are excited to make an impact on developing a positive climate and culture within our schools and encouraging positive emotional development within our youth.



**Attention parents and guardians of our 2023-2024 B.O.S.S. students:** Please join our Remind App Class to give consent to re-enroll your student in the BOSS program this year and to receive notifications and updates regarding this year's programming. We appreciate your support!  
Use the following link.

<https://www.remind.com/join/sy2324b>

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## Overview of Current GAPS PROGRAMS & Support Needed

Programs/ Activities	Summary	Funding Source	Support Needed
<i>Junior Achievement</i>	3rd-12th grade students will participate in lessons and activities in financial literacy, work and career readiness, and entrepreneurship.	CWI Grant; Donations	Supplies
<i>BOSS (Building Opportunities for Student Success)</i>	Up to 100 students ages 14-19 will participate in programs to meet employment and IDOE graduation requirements	CWI Grant; Donations	College & Career Representatives/ Food/Supplies
<i>Career Fairs</i>	In 2016, GAPS launched its first alumni-led Career Day and program expanded to a Job Readiness component in 2017 in partnership with Junior Achievement and other organizations.	CWI Grant; Donations	College & Career Representatives/ Food/Supplies
<i>Job Site Tours</i>	GCSC students will participate in tours of various job sites.	CWI Grant; Donations	Job Site Hosts/Food/Supplies
<i>Nearpod/Flocabulary</i>	K-12th grade students will participate in lessons and activities to improve reading, writing, and social emotional learning skills.	SLR Grant	Supplies
<i>Khan Academy</i>	8th-12th grade students receive a tailored practice plan based on a diagnostic or their SAT or PSAT/NMSQT® scores in order to enhance their performance on the upcoming assessment.	SLR Grant	Supplies
<i>LIT (Lyrically Infused Teaching)</i>	3rd -8th grade students will participate in lessons to improve reading and writing skills.	SLR Grant; Donations	Food/Supplies
<i>AVID STEM Academy</i>	The AVID STEM Academy will embolden 3rd-8th grade students to shape their future—and that of the world—through a multidisciplinary, interactive experience. Coaches will accelerate learning by engaging students in hands-on lessons that foster creativity and guide them through real-world problem-solving.	SLR Grant; Donations	Supplies
<i>SAT Prep Academy</i>	9th-12th grade students receive a tailored practice plan based on a diagnostic or their SAT or PSAT/NMSQT® scores in order to enhance their performance on the upcoming assessment.	SLR Grant; Donations	Supplies
<i>Level-Up Tutoring</i>	9th-12th grade students will receive academic support in all core content areas.	SLR Grant; CWI Grant	Food/Supplies
<i>PowerUp with POP</i>	Students transitioning from alternative education to traditional and students requiring specific traditional education program support will receive assistance as well as resources to resolve conflicts in and out of school along with a variety of other resources and opportunities.	Donations	Food/Supplies

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## College and Career Readiness School-Community (CCR) Alliance Committee

**The College and Career Readiness School-Community (CCR) Alliance** is an advisory organization that will establish plans for school and community collaborations that build necessary life skills for students and families to live. It is our vision that children and families will have resources, skills, and opportunities to pursue meaningful careers by meeting high school and post-secondary requirements. One of our primary goals is to identify and create innovative collaborative programs and partnerships that supplement and enhance current programmatic efforts designed to engage and advance Gary Community School Corporation (GCSC) students and adults toward Career and College Readiness. We have established the committees listed below to guide our efforts.

- **The Executive Committee** is the policy-making arm of the CCR Alliance and is responsible for the general management of CCR Alliance endeavors and projects.
- **The Academic & Social Emotional Learning Committee** assists students with meeting Indiana graduation requirements and developing life skills essential for career and college readiness and other opportunities.
- **The Post-Secondary Competency Skills Committee Chair** assists students and other adults with achieving post-secondary competencies.
- **The Employability Skills Committee** assists students with learning and demonstrating employability skills through Project-Based Learning, Work-Based Learning, or Service-Based Learning.
- **The Resource Development Committee** secures funds and other resources to develop a sustainability plan for CCR Alliance's continued work and community support.
- **The Evaluation Committee** identifies, develops, and promotes processes and procedures to evaluate and monitor the effectiveness of all CCR Alliance programs/services.

Our current partners include Boys and Girls Club, City of Gary, Mayor's Office, Community HealthNet, Gary Community School Corporation, Gary Area Career Center, Indiana Parenting Institute, Indiana University Northwest (IUN), Junior Achievement, Legacy Foundation, Purdue University, GearUp, and Purdue Extension of Lake County. We always welcome more partners to join our mission. Please complete the [College and Career Readiness School-Community \(CCR\) Alliance Interest Survey to join now!](#)

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# Career Fair

## At West Side Leadership Academy

900 Gerry Street, Gary, IN 46406



**JA in Partnership with GAPS**  
**Thursday, November 16th and**  
**Friday, November 17th**

### **Inspire Students**

Our In-Person Career Fair at West Side Leadership Academy is a full school event where you will have the opportunity to impact the lives of over 1,000 students!

You will have the opportunity to speak to students about your career when they visit your company's booth. On November 16th you would present from 11:15 to 1:30 and/or on November 17th from 8am to 10:30.

### **Open Doors**

West Side Leadership would love it if you could bring in props or anything that gives the students a better understanding of what a day in the life of your profession looks like!

### **How to Register?**

*Please [CLICK HERE](#) to reserve your spot and we will follow up with more event details!*





## 4 WAYS TO CONNECT WITH GAPS TODAY



**VOLUNTEER** for our 2023-2024 FALL CAREER FAIR  
at West Side Leadership Academy for:

**November 16, 2023 from 10:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.**  
**November 17, 2023 from 8-11 a.m.**



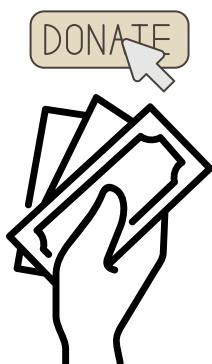
Please scan the QR Code to complete the  
SY 23-24 WSLA Career Fair Volunteer Interest Form.



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GAPS is a non-profit organization making an impact in the lives of our students. Please **MAKE A DONATION** to our organization in order to ensure we can continue to fulfill the vision of GAPS of assisting students with success by discovering and pursuing their educational and career aspirations. Please click on our GAPS Donation QR Code to support!



Interested in **FACILITATING A WORKSHOP** for our students **this school year**? If so, please complete our GAPS Student Workshop Facilitator Request form. Simply scan the QR Code to get started.

