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Conference Information

Fourth Annual GEAR UP Conference "Partnering for Long-Term Student Success"

Workshop Topics:

The conference will offer a keynote speaker for each day and breakout sessions on GEAR UP related topics. Topics will include Strategies for Effective Tutoring, Providing Financial Aid, Middle School After School Programs, Parent Communications, and Mentoring. These also include an update from US Congressional Representatives, State College Bound Scholarships, PSAT/ACT/SAT, Kids at Hope, Summer Leadership Camps and New Math Standards and High School Graduation Requirements. A Gallery Walk of Best Practices will also be available. A special feature this year will be a Recognition Luncheon to honor individuals and partners who have demonstrated extraordinary service in the GEAR UP Programs.

Registration Fee:

Includes two lunches, coffee breaks, and all conference materials

(Early) \$270 per person for 2 days. Must register before February 13, 2009
\$150 per person for 1 day. Must register before February 13, 2009

(Late) \$295 per person for 2 days. After February 13, 2009
\$175 per person for 1 day. After February 13, 2009

Please make payment by check. Payments must be received by RGI prior to the conference. RGI is not able to accept credit card payments at this time.

Location:

**Washington State University Tri-Cities Campus
CIC Building (Consolidated Information Center)
2710 University Drive – Richland, WA 99354-1671
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Directions from Yakima: Take I-82 South, Exit I-82, US-12 via ramp at sign reading "Exit 102 I-182 E/ US-12 E to Richland/Pasco." Exit I-182, US-12 via ramp at sign reading "Exit 5B George Washington Way" and continue on George Washington Way, going North for 4.8 miles. Turn right on First Street and turn right at University Drive to enter the Consolidated Information Center (CIC) Bldg parking lot. (Please note the CIC Building is not on the main campus entrance.)

For more directions, go to www2.tricity.wsu.edu/campus.html

Parking:

Parking on campus is free.

Hotel Information:

Clarion Hotel – 1515 George Washington Way, Richland, WA	(509) 946-4121
Red Lion Hotel – 802 George Washington Way, Richland, WA	(509) 946-7611
Hampton Inn Richland – 486 Bradley Boulevard, Richland, WA	(509) 943-4400
Shilo Inn – 50 Comstock, Richland, WA	(509) 946-4661
Marriott Courtyard – 480 Columbia Point Dr, Richland, WA	(509) 942-9400

We have **not** reserved a block of rooms at any of these hotels. However, you should request a state or government rate when making room reservations.

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