



## Parent Engagement in Region 20

### P-20 NEWSLETTER

**July 2016**

Dear Parents/Families,

This month brings many new opportunities for you to become more engaged in your child's education. The UTSA Institute for P-20 Initiatives reminds you that your child can develop a love for learning that will last a lifetime. Please share this information with other parents and let us know if you have any ideas for future topics.

Sincerely,

The UTSA Institute for P-20 Initiatives

#### **UTSA Offers FREE College Bridging Series for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders, August 2-4, 12-3 pm, UTSA Downtown Campus**

This series of half day workshops will help prepare students and parents for college success. Some of the topics covered will include selecting a college and major, financial aid, college and scholarship applications and essays. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet and speak with current UTSA students. This workshop series is free and refreshments will be provided. Space is limited and advanced registration is required. Register online today: <http://goo.gl/forms/9HgdcPcrsS>

#### **Café College as a Resource for Parents**

Parents, *you* are a very important part of your child's future success! Café College has collected a variety of college readiness resources for middle school parents, 9-11<sup>th</sup> grade parents, as well as senior parents. Use this step by step guide to give your students the tools and support they need to realize their dreams of higher education: <http://www.cafecollege.org/parents>

#### **U.S Department of Education Works to Combat Chronic Absenteeism in Schools**

The White House and U.S. Department of Education have been shining a light on both the scale of the absenteeism problem in our public schools, and potential solutions through the My Brother's Keeper Success Mentor Initiative and a national conference on Every Student, Every Day: A National Initiative to Address and Eliminate Chronic Absenteeism. Visit the US Department of Education website to learn more about these programs and explore how you can be a part of the solution: <http://blog.ed.gov/2016/06/chronic-absenteeism-first-order-challenge-facing-nations-schools/>

#### **Texas GEAR UP's "Discover You" Initiative for Parent Empowerment**

Texas GEAR UP is making it easier for students to learn about career opportunities in their fields of interest by creating free interactive online games and quizzes. Parents can engage their children to explore the future and match their students with academic coursework which will prepare them for their chosen path. Visit Texas GEAR UP "Discover You" here: <http://www.texasgearup.com/discover>

#### **Keep your Kids Learning this Summer**

Summer break may mean school is out, but that doesn't mean your child can't continue learning and discovering new things. If you're looking for ways to keep your kids engaged this summer, [Kids.gov](http://kids.gov) has a variety of resources all in one safe spot: <https://kids.usa.gov/parents/art-and-music/summer-activities/index.shtml>