



Region One ESC GEAR UP: Ready, Set, College! Partnership

T.I.E.S. (Together in Education for Success) Conference

State Farm Arena – February 26, 2014

DRAFT AGENDA (Internal)

1:00-2:00 pm	Students begin arriving at State Farm Arena, Hidalgo, TX Students will receive a t-shirt, lanyard/plastic sleeve, game ticket and passport Students/Mentors seated in arena for General Session
2:00-2:10 pm	Welcome from RGV Vipers Team: Mr. Bert Garcia, President
2:10-2:15 pm	Welcome from Region One ESC GEAR UP
2:15-2:30 pm	Keynote Speaker #1 – Judge Richard Hinojosa, Judge of the United States District Court of South Texas
2:30-2:45 pm	Keynote Speaker #2 – Israel Rocha, Doctors Hospital at Renaissance
2:45-2:55 pm	Rotate to Session #1 (maximum 150 students/fathers/mentors)
2:55-3:25 pm	Session #1
3:25-3:35 pm	Rotate to Session #2 (maximum 150 students/fathers/mentors)
3:35-4:05 pm	Session #2
4:05-4:15 pm	Rotate to Session #3 (maximum 150 students/fathers/mentors)
4:15-4:45 pm	Session #3
4:45-4:55 pm	Roate to Session #4 (maximum 150 students/fathers/mentors)
4:55-5:15 pm	Session #4
5:15 pm	Students/Mentors released to concourse area/food court
5:30-7:00 pm	Students/Mentors redeem meal vouchers and seated in ticketed sections
7:00 pm	RGV Vipers vs. Santa Cruz Warriors basketball game



TIES Session Rotations (120 students/fathers/mentors per session)

GENERAL SESSION (2:15-2:45 pm) – Leadership Discussion/Mentoring Session

Location: Arena/Court

Dynamic keynote speakers from the community will share their journey to college and their career for students and fathers/mentors. A maximum of 2 speakers will present this session with a moderator to facilitate Q&A.

Keynote Speakers: Judge Richard Hinojosa (U.S. District Court of South Texas) and Israel Rocha (Doctors Hospital at Renaissance)

Moderators: Kris McKinney and Norma McCormick, GEAR UP

Session Support: Andre Burns, RGV Vipers

SESSION # 1 - T.I.E.S./Mentoring Session

Location: Arena Seats

This session will provide each student a necktie. Students will be paired with their father/mentor and learn how to tie a variety of knots to wear the necktie. A dialogue will be facilitated among pairs on the significance of wearing a necktie for a male and what it can symbolize – ties to family, faith, community, career and as a formal gesture for life events.

Session Lead: David Hernandez and Joe Castillo, GEAR UP

Session Support: Andre Burns, RGV Vipers, Joe Calderon, Texas Regional Bank

SESSION # 2 – College, Financial Literacy and Career Fair Location: Concourse/Hallway

Students will receive a lanyard with plastic pocket to hold a “passport”. Students and their father/mentor will need to visit a specified number of tables for colleges/universities, financial literacy partners, and career programs. Students will be encouraged to get literature and business cards from booths. Programs of study from local/state colleges and universities will be present to share what is offered for students (and any fathers/mentors present). GEAR UP financial literacy partners will also host a booth on money-saving tips and how to finance a college education. Career programs will also be present to share information on local career opportunities for both students and fathers/mentors. Will need approximately 30-40 tables and chairs.



Colleges and Universities: UT-Brownsville, South Texas College, UT-Pan Am, Texas A&M International University (Laredo), TAMU-Kingsville, TAMU-Corpus Christi, UT-Austin, Texas A&M – College Station,

Financial Institutions: Lone Star National Bank, IBC Bank, Wells Fargo, Capital One Bank, International Bank, Security First Credit Union, NAFT Federal Credit Union, Border Capital Bank and Texas Guaranteed (TG)

Session Lead: Melissa Lopez and Abel Diaz

Session Support: Liana Cisneros, RGV Vipers

SESSION # 3 – Town Hall Meeting/Mentoring Session

Location: VIP Area (Upstairs)

RGV Vipers coaches and staff will host this town hall meeting-style session for students and fathers/mentors. The discussion will involve leadership, making right choices and life decisions and fulfilling your dreams. Coaches and staff will share their stories on how they are fulfilling their dreams with being part of the RGV Vipers and what their future goals are.

Speakers: RGV Vipers Coach and Players

Session Moderators: Claudia Gutierrez and Nicole Saenz-Curry, GEAR UP

Session Support: Hondo Candelaria, RGV Vipers

SESSION # 4 – Floor Activity/Mentoring Session

Location: RGV Vipers Court

Students (and fathers/mentors) will participate in an innovative basketball activity that will include elements of leadership, decision-making, strategy and goal-setting.

Session Lead: Gabriel Ramirez, RGV Vipers

Session Support: Ricardo Lopez and Christina Rodriguez