



January 29, 2014

Principal
Campus
Address
City, St

Dear Principal,

The Region One Education Service Center GEAR UP: Ready, Set, College! Partnership in conjunction with Texas A & M University – Kingsville will be offering a unique opportunity for cohort male students through its ***T.I.E.S. (Together in Education for Success) Initiative*** which will feature multiple experiences for students, fathers, and educators alike.

Research and presentations provided by Dr. Victor Sáenz, assistant professor for higher education administration at the University of Texas at Austin indicate that three out of every five associate or bachelor's degrees granted to Latinos were earned by females and that degree-completion gaps are continuing to grow across critical junctures in education for Latino males from early childhood to postsecondary education (Sáenz & Ponjuán, 2012). Region One ESC GEAR UP hopes to create awareness and offer opportunities to its cohort males through initiatives such as T.I.E.S. to help close that educational gap.

Enclosed you will find a GEAR UP T.I.E.S. event commitment form and the *Perspectivas* research brief from Sáenz and Ponjuán. Please complete these forms and fax them to (956) 984-7645 by February 12, 2014.

We look forward to our continued partnership with your school district. If you have any questions regarding T.I.E.S. at TAMUK, please contact GEAR UP Education Specialist, Ricardo L. Lopez, Jr., at (956) 984-6110 or rlopez@esc1.net.

Sincerely,

Tina Atkins
Director, GEAR UP: Ready, Set, College! Partnership
C: GEAR UP Facilitator



**Region One ESC: Ready, Set, College! Partnership
T.I.E.S. (Together in Education for Success)
Texas A & M University – Kingsville Event
Commitment Form**

Campus _____ District _____

Slots Allocated:

_____ Students

_____ Fathers

Participation:

_____ Yes, my campus will participate in the T.I.E.S. at TAMUK event on February 22, 2014 at Texas A & M University – Kingsville.

_____ No, my campus will not participate in this event.

Principal's Signature

Date

**Please fax this form to the Region One GEAR UP office at (956) 984-7645 by February 12, 2014.
Thank you.**



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Please list cohort male students and their father/mentor attending. Fee is \$50 per pair (student/father) for t-shirts, meals/snacks, conference materials, and entry to the event and will be paid through the central budget. A “no-show” will be assessed and billed to the campus.

Cohort Male Student	Father/Mentor Attending
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Please Fax form to (956) 984-7645 by 02/12/14.



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