## Important Parent/Guardian Notice

## Greetings,

Your student's school is participating in Indiana GEAR UP. As a part of the program, eighth grade students signed up for a ScholarTrack account today. This will allow them to begin tracking their college and career readiness activities for Indiana GEAR UP. For example, through Indiana GEAR UP, your eighth grader will have completed a college campus visit prior to even starting high school. These activities line up with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education's Scholar Success Program, which is required for 21st Century Scholars, but recommended to <u>all</u> Indiana high school students.

There are a few key points that we would like you to be aware of moving forward:

- Having a ScholarTrack Account <u>does not</u> mean you've also applied for 21st Century Scholars!
- A <u>parent/guardian</u> must provide information (household income, SSN, etc.) for the 21st Century Scholars Scholarship application on the students behalf! Your school counselor can help you with this process.
- If you'd like to enroll your student in the 21st Century Scholars program please go to Scholars.IN.gov/parents/ for more information.
- Approved 21st Century Scholars are <u>required</u> and GEAR UP students are <u>expected</u> to track and complete the Scholar Success Program, but the activities are recommended for all students.



