**AZ GEAR UP Summer Leadership Academy (GUSLA)**

**at Northern Arizona University (NAU)**

Dear GEAR UP Parent/Guardian,

NAU/GEAR UP will once again hold a six-day summer enrichment experience for GEAR UP students on the NAU campus in Flagstaff from **June 11 to 16, 2017**. Last summer, over 220 GEAR UP students from across Arizona attended this exciting program. The GEAR UP Summer Leadership Academy (GUSLA) is designed to motivate students to succeed academically, enhance communication skills, promote positive decision making, build leadership skills, and foster personal growth. Selected students will experience living in a dormitory on campus and we are excited to announce that the students will have the opportunity again to work with *Seeds Training,* an internationally known youth training organization – *Seeds* will provide a ‘Beginner’ track for students who did not attend GUSLA last year (2016) and an ‘Advanced’ track for students who attended last year. There will be a 10:1 student to staff ratio, which not only allows for more personal connections, but also helps to ensure the safety of each student participating in GUSLA. For more information about *Seeds Training*, please go to www.seedstraining.com.

All GEAR UP students are invited to apply for GUSLA this year (even those who have attended GUSLA previously) by completing the attached application. There are limited spaces available, and there will be a selection process. Transportation, lodging and food costs for selected students will be paid by GEAR UP. For more information about GUSLA, please contact me for a copy of the GUSLA Parent/Student Handbook.

To be considered for selection to participate in GUSLA this summer, please return the completed application to me by \_\_\_\_deadline.

[Coordinators, please add information about the selection process and due dates as well as any other information here.]

Sincerely,

[Insert signature]

[School Name] GEAR UP Coordinator