

## SCENE FROM THE COLLEGE

...at Chicago Teachers' Center



### GEAR UP Student Leadership Conference: A Step in the Right Direction



On Monday, March 1 (Pulaski Day), more than 100 students from 21 GEAR UP high schools gathered for a conference on leadership. The day was packed with activities on topics related to community building and motivation for positive change. At the end of the day, students put their public speaking skills to work and presented their outcomes to the whole conference. Some students were even motivated enough to create service learning projects for their schools and communities.

The leadership conference is just one of many activities provided by CTC through GEAR UP. Many of the students have participated in several GEAR UP supported clubs, workshops and events with a focus on building skills that support future success in post-secondary education.

### iMATHination: Exploring Careers in Math, Science and Technology

**Saturday, May 22, 2010-** Students and their families are invited to attend the first annual iMATHination 2010 Student and Family Conference. The event is open to middle and high school students and their families from institutions participating in any Chicago Teachers' Center program.

Workshop sessions will foster interest in learning math, science and technology and will demonstrate how these subjects relate to professional careers in STEM. For more information visit [www.neiu.edu/~mathconf/Students/Students.html](http://www.neiu.edu/~mathconf/Students/Students.html).



### College Resources for Families offered through Cicero-Berwyn Education Initiative

More than 100 students and family members from Cicero and Berwyn recently attended *Education: Keys for Success*, a series of workshops designed to increase students' opportunities for admission to college. Divided into four parts, the series addressed applying for public funding, resources available for students, and suggestions on how to increase success in college. A community celebration was held on the final day to honor graduating high school seniors.

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