



May 2007

## Crossroads Elects New Student Legislators

Crossroads Preparatory Academy students elected their student legislators to serve on the Crossroads' government next school year. The students, teachers, and staff met in the auditorium to hear the candidates speak about how they were going to represent the students in the government.

The candidates were passionate about their interest in representing the students. Some candidates had prepared speeches and others talked from spoke what came to mind. They all did a great job of trying to win votes.

The teachers and staff showed their support of the school's government system. They also spoke about the work this year's representatives have accomplished so far. Mr. Schell introduced the whole event and described how the voting process would work back in their classrooms. Mr. Rodenbeck and Ms.

Hanawalt spoke about the importance of the government system and the work of all members of Crossroads.

If you want to get more involved in the Crossroads' government system, talk with Mr. Schell, Mr. Rodenbeck, or one of your Crossroads teachers. Next year looks to be a great year for the Crossroads' government!



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## Youth Voice Opportunities in the Capital

The Legislative Page program allows students in 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grades to work for Senators and Representatives in Olympia for two weeks during legislative sessions each year. The program provides money, housing, and a great opportunity to learn about how bills and laws are created each year by elected officials.

Senator Mike Carrell spoke about the Page Programs in the House and Senate with Crossroads' students when they vis-

ited the Capital last month. He stressed the value of the opportunity and that every student interested should apply. The Pages attend classes during their two weeks at the Capital as well as assist legislators. To learn more visit the Page Program School web site which has information about the House and Senate Page Programs and the School:

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/WorkingwithLeg/PageSchool/>



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## GEAR UP Sponsors Students to Attend Summer Camps

GEAR UP is paying for some 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students to attend summer camps this year. The application package is available in the main office, guidance office, and with some teachers. Please read the packet carefully and have your parents or guardians sign their name in all of the appropriate places.



Image from Cougar Quest ([www.cougarquest.wsu.edu](http://www.cougarquest.wsu.edu))

packet. Students can attend only one camp.

The application deadline is June 8, 2007. Completed applications should be turned in to the main office. Please complete and turn them in as soon as possible because space is limited for the summer camps. The two

camps are:

- Cougar Quest, July 22-27, at Washington State University, Pullman, WA ([www.cougarquest.wsu.edu/](http://www.cougarquest.wsu.edu/))
- Washington Business Week, June 24-30, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA. ([www.wbw.org/](http://www.wbw.org/))

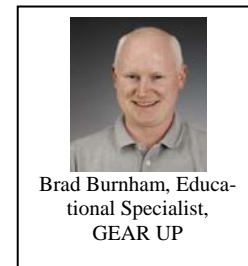
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## College Knowledge

### What Kind of Financial Aid is Available?

“Don’t let the cost of college scare you. There are lots of ways that families pay for their children to pursue a higher education, and there are many affordable colleges out there. There are four basic kinds of aid:

- Grants offer financial help based on a student’s need and/or grades. These do not have to be repaid.
- Scholarships are awarded based on a student’s achievement in a specific area; for instance, academic, civic, or athletic. Scholarships do not have to be repaid and are offered by all kinds of different organizations.
- Work-study employment is a job you have on campus or in the community, which helps you pay for college and which you usually get through the financial aid office at the school you’re attending.
- Loans are available for students or parents. This is money you borrow to help pay for college. Loans must be repaid after you graduate.”



Brad Burnham, Educational Specialist, GEAR UP

Text from: California Student Opportunity and Access Program web site ([http://www.redwoods.edu/calsoap/student\\_03.html](http://www.redwoods.edu/calsoap/student_03.html))



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