

Central State/ Wilberforce University Campus Tour

Several **GEARUP** students toured the campuses of Central State University and Wilberforce University in mid-October. Approximately thirty students from Chase, Rees E. Price, and Winton Hills had the opportunity to visit these two Dayton area historically black colleges and expressed gratitude for this experience. Students excitedly shared their newfound insights into the richness of a college education and the total college experience. Many were eagerly quizzing **GEARUP** staff about the next scheduled college tour before their bus had even returned to Cincinnati. It is precisely this type of student excitement about college that the **GEARUP** program hopes to instill in the hearts and minds of the CPS 6th, 7th, and 8th graders it serves. **GEARUP** Specialists T.J. Bates, Sonya Davis, Jim Macht, Mariella Richardson, and Aziza Turner provided their students with this opportunity and accompanied them on the trip.