

Shout Out! from Ms. Traverro Harden for

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Ms. Walker has done outstanding work since she came on as part of the GEAR UP Staff. She has provided a series of workshops such as character development, college preparation, as well as academic advising for students within Cumberland County Schools. She coordinated 2 successful "For the Love of Children" Conferences for GEAR UP students and families - coordinating with FSU faculty/staff as well as outside agencies and organizations to provide workshops that would inform and prepare students and families of middle school children on issues related to college preparation and academic achievement. Ms. Walker also created "GEAR UP Ambassadors" which is a leadership training program for select GEAR UP participants. They are trained in Roberts' Rules of Order as well as character development, community volunteering, and much more. She is helping to develop a future class of leaders and community activists. In addition to this, she assists me with GEAR UP's WOW! Program where we recognize the daily achievements of our staff - helping to promote employee morale within the office. She is an outstanding Academic Advisor, excellent team player, and a natural born leader. She is always willing to go and above and beyond the call of duty and she is a joy to work with. I'd definitely like to give her a much deserved Shout Out! for all of her hard work and determination in helping our team meet its goal of making college a reality for the participants and families we serve.

