Kayden Ward has been recognized as an emerging leader displaying leadership qualities both inside the classroom and in our community.

Kayden was 1 of 150 students selected nationwide. He represent Garrard County High School and is 1 of 3 for the entire Commonwealth.

The **2022** **NCCEP/GEAR UP Youth Leadership Summit**, as part of the **2022 NCCEP/GEAR UP Annual Conference.**NCCEP is the technical assistance providers, and the conveners of all things GEAR UP in Washington DC. This year’s national conference will be held at the Washington Hilton in Washington, DC on July 17th-20th, 2022.

The Youth Leadership Summit is highly competitive and provides national-level student leadership training for 9th through 12th grade high school students who are currently participating in GEAR UP.  Selected students will meet amazing professionals within the education field, network with and learn from other GEAR UP students and near peers across the nation, deepen their awareness of STEM/STEAM fields, engage in a variety of interactive formats, find their voice, and learn 21st century life, leadership, and learning skills.