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Did You Know?

1 in 5 younger siblings enroll at the same college as an older brother or sister.

Source: NACAC

GEAR UP UPDATES

- **Match Tip of the Week:** Have you done your Staff Orientation and Match Training (required annually)? Did you collect match forms from all the participants? **It's a Code 1r on the In-Kind Match Form (School Staff).**
- **Update: ACT will offer free score reports** to low-income students starting in September 2018.
- **Update: College Board will provide unlimited free SAT score** sends for low-income students starting next spring.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Dual Credit Capacity Expansion iGrant #661.** Funding to help high schools develop capacity for dual credit courses by supporting teacher training, curriculum acquisition, technology, examination fees, and other associated costs. One-time grants, up to \$10,000! Priority given to schools seeking to expand capacity by creating greater access and support for underrepresented student populations. Due Jan. 15.

OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **XITO Winter Institute.** Teacher training in research-based best practices that are culturally, socially, and historically responsive in ELA and history/social studies. Feb. 23-25, Cispus Learning Center.
- **2018 WA School Counselor Association State Conference.** Mar. 7-9, SeaTac.

RESOURCES

- **WAGU Featured Resource: Family Newsletters. Download January!** Add your school logo, events and contact information to customize for your school!

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<u>The Cost of College</u> <u>El co\$to de la universidad</u>	<u>Mentoring Mentores, modelos de rol y entrenadores.</u> <u>¡Oh!</u>	<u>Financial Aid Basics</u> <u>Universidad: ¡Ahora con 40% de descuento!</u>	<u>Paying for College</u> <u>Cómo pagar la universidad</u>	<u>How to Apply for Financial Aid</u> <u>Cómo alicar por ayuda financiera</u>	<u>Searching for Scholarships</u> <u>Cómo buscar becas</u>

- **College & Career Readiness Counseling for Students Experiencing Homelessness: Promising Practices for School Counselors.** ESSA includes a requirement for school counselors to support students experiencing homelessness in their college and career readiness. This research summary provides an overview of the research, issues, and practices related to secondary school counselors' roles in supporting students experiencing homelessness in their postsecondary planning.
- **Form Your Future.** Get an updated FAFSA Guide with step-by-step instructions from creating an FSA ID to post-filing steps; a [Social Media Toolkit](#), and an Event Toolkit with templates, checklists, presentations and more to ensure your FAFSA-focused gatherings are smooth and successful.
- **English & Spanish Ready WA Flyers.** Designed by parents, for parents, to share information and resources about supporting students' education.

- **Infographic: [The Leaky FAFSA Pipeline](#).** Far too many students eligible for federal financial aid fall out of the pipeline during the FAFSA process.
- **[Behavioral Health Among College Students Information & Resource Kit](#)** focuses on the challenges faced by young adults enrolled in colleges and universities. Download a FREE copy.
- **[Earnings for Graduates Dashboard](#).** How much do graduates in WA earn in the workforce? How does this differ between majors, industry, school, and degree level? Find out in ERDC's Earnings for Graduates dashboard.
- **[Interactive Notebooks: No Special Hardware Required](#).** Here's an old-school interactive tool: a spiral-bound notebook set up as a simple, functional system for students to create, write, and explore ideas all in the same place.

IN THE NEWS

- **[National Honors For Connecting More Kids To Advanced Learning](#).** 8 districts in WA earned the honor this year.
- **[Is College Worth It? Students Can Learn To Calculate The Payoff](#).** Some ways to think like an investor.
- **[Educating 'The Whole Child' Isn't Just Jargon](#).** Here is how it's done.
- **[800,000 Washington Residents Owe Student-Loan Money — To The Tune Of \\$24B](#).** State AG Ferguson wants new legislation to license and regulate student-loan servicers.
- **[Why Foster Care Students In Seattle Are Beating The Odds](#).** A look into the Treehouse nonprofit and its graduation coaches model.
- **[How Schools Can Help Notice and Serve the 'Quiet Kids'](#).** By understanding how to reach introverts, teachers can get at those other issues.
- **[Student Homelessness in Seattle Growing At New York City Rates](#).** There are more than 3,600 homeless students in Seattle—most of them in the South End—and the number is growing.
- **[The 'Forgotten' Part of Special Education That Could Lead To Better Outcomes for Students](#).** Many former special education students struggle to find good-paying jobs, and high schools are partly to blame.
- **[3 Ways Schools Can Be Supportive of Students' Mental Health](#).** About 1 in 5 in the United States shows signs of a mental health disorder — anything from ADHD to eating disorders to suicide.
- **[Why Teachers Should Help Students Learn Effective Study Strategies](#).** It's a good time to remind students about good study strategies.

SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

Ron Brown Scholar Program	(\$10,000) - Applicants must be African American HS seniors who exhibit exceptional leadership potential & excel academically.	1/9
Kelly Lynn Lutz Memorial Scholarship	(\$2,000) - Applicants must have lost the life of a parent to cancer.	1/10
APIASF Scholarship Program	(\$2,500-\$20,000) - For Asian and/or Pacific Islander 12th grade students. Citizenship/legal residency required. Have a min. cum. GPA of 2.7 or a GED. Must apply for FAFSA & submit one letter of recommendation online.	1/11
Pride Foundation Scholarship	For current & future leaders LGBTQ/ally community. Open to 1079 students.	1/12
GSBA Scholarship Fund	(\$13,000) - Awards educational scholarships to WA LGBTQ/Allies who exhibit leadership potential, demonstrate strong academic abilities, & are actively involved in school & community organizations.	1/13
Dell Scholars Program	(\$20,000) - For low-income, highly motivated students have demonstrated grit, potential & ambition in their quest for a college education.	1/15
Point Foundation: College Scholarships for LGBT Students	For HS seniors. No citizenship required. History of leadership &/or allyship in issues that affect the LGBTQ community. Must plan to continue this leadership/allyship in the future. No specific GPA but seeking candidates w/ high academic performance.	1/29
The UW DO-IT Scholars Program	Prepares HS students with disabilities for college, careers, leadership, & independent living. For HS sophomore/ juniors w/a disability.	1/30
USDA/1890 National Scholars Program	HS senior who plans to attend an 1890 Historically Black Land Grant Institutions to study agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or another related discipline. (\$10,000)	1/31
LEAD360 Challenge	LEAD360 starts with a contest for young people to submit their big ideas to solve problems they are most passionate about.	1/31

<u>College Raptor Scholarship</u>	(\$2,500) For students 16 yo + who enroll no later than fall 2019 in a postsecondary institution. Register w/ College Raptor. Use College Search Tool. Submit essay.	1/31
<u>Al Neuharth Free Spirit & Journalism Conference</u>	For HS juniors interested in pursuing a career in journalism. Must be a US citizen, & demonstrate qualities of "free spirit."	2/1
<u>EngineerGirl Essay Contest</u>	For students of all genders (ages 8-18). To apply, applicants must write an original essay on a given topic related to engineering.	2/1
<u>John Lennon Scholarship</u>	(\$20,000) - Open only to U.S. college students between the ages of 17-24.	2/1
<u>Naomi Winston Scholarship in Art</u>	For visual artists ages 16-22. (\$10,000)	2/1
<u>Frank Kazmierczak Memorial Migrant Scholarship</u>	(\$1,000) - For migrant farm worker students or children of migrant workers who wish to pursue a career in teaching.	2/1
<u>John F. & Anna Lee Stacey Scholarship Fund for Art Education</u>	(\$500-\$5,000) - For students ages 18 -35, pursuing a profession in visual arts & be skilled & devoted to the classical or conservative tradition.	2/1
<u>Ron Herndon Scholarship</u>	(Six \$1,500-\$2,000 awards) Current senior high school student who will attend a four-year university or college. Must have GPA of 2.0- 3.5, be from SW Washington, be African/African American/Black/Afro Decent, & demonstrate financial need.	2/4
<u>Truman D. Picard Scholarship for Native Students</u>	Dedicated to the support of Native American students pursuing a higher education in Natural Resources.	2/7
<u>Courageous Persuaders Competition</u>	Open to 9-12 graders. Create a TV commercial targeted at middle school students to warn them about the dangers of underage drinking. Win scholarship money & trophies, have fun, & gain valuable experience.	2/9
<u>Bezos Scholars Program</u>	A yearlong leadership development program for public HS juniors & educators to put their education into action.	2/9
<u>Queer Foundation Scholarship</u>	For HS seniors who are LGBTQ and/or allies. (\$1,000)	2/14
<u>AFA Teens Scholarship</u>	Scholarships for essays on the impact that Alzheimer's disease has had on their own lives & others in their family & community.	2/15
<u>Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship Award</u>	(\$28,000) – For outstanding high school graduates who plan to earn a baccalaureate degree from an accredited four-year college or university.	2/15
<u>The Christophers' Poster Contest</u>	Open to 9-12 graders. Must create an original poster that interprets the theme "One Person Can Make a Difference," & illustrates the idea that one person can change the world for the better. (\$100-\$1,000)	2/19
<u>Gordon A. Rich Memorial Scholarship</u>	(\$12,500) – For exceptionally qualified HS students with demonstrated financial need whose parents or guardians have, or had, a career in the financial services industry.	2/20
<u>Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship</u>	One award of \$10,000 & two awards of \$5,000 will be given to graduating HS students who have promoted vegetarianism in their schools and/or communities. Vegetarians do not eat meat, fish, or fowl. Vegans are vegetarians who do not use other animal products such as dairy or eggs.	2/20
<u>Chin: Shui Kuen & Allen Chin Scholarship</u>	For incoming freshman or current, full-time undergraduate at a four-year college or university. For any ethnic heritage. Student or parent currently/formerly employed at an Asian-owned or Asian cuisine restaurant. Must meet add'l criteria.	2/24

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

To view the Calendar of Events for WAGU & partner events related to access, visit <http://www.gearup.wa.gov/calendar>.

- 1/6- **Perry Tech Open House.** Tour, apply, & schedule your exam on that day & get exam fee waived.
- 3/3- **6th Annual Beyond HB 1079 Conference.** YVCC.
- **Save the Date: 2018 College Planning Days.** The Washington Council's College Planning Day provides a one-stop opportunity for your high school sophomores, juniors, & undecided seniors to learn about Washington State's higher education options. Dates throughout March. Locations vary. See link for details.

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