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Did You Know?
Academy Award Winner Viola Davis is a **TRIO Upward Bound alumna.**

GEAR UP UPDATES

- **Reminder:** Confidentiality of information is critical. Please do not include sensitive information in emails. This can include; the student's SSN, which financial aid application they are eligible for, FRPL status, citizenship status, or private information about the student. Thank you for protecting the confidentiality of the information and privacy of students and families.
- **Update:** [GEAR UP Champion Awards](#). The deadline for nominations/applications has been extended to Mar. 17. Please nominate an educator and encourage your students to apply!
- **FYI:** [State Laws Will Continue to Protect Transgender Students](#). State Superintendent responds to new guidance concerning transgender students.
- **FYI:** [Inslee Signs Executive Order Protecting Rights, Services For Washingtonians](#). Washington has always been and will always remain a place that welcomes and embraces people of all faiths, all nationalities and all orientations. [See order.](#)

OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Webinar:** [Role of Data to Support College and Career Readiness and Success for Students in Foster Care](#). Mar. 1, 10 AM.
- **OSPI, WSAC, and WCAN Regional Workshops:** An optional in-depth College Bound workshop will be provided immediately after the workshop. Dates and locations vary in March.
- **Washington School Counselor Association Conference.** Mar.1-3, SeaTac.
- **The WA Council Dual Credit Workshop.** Mar. 24, CWU.
- **2017 OSPI Student Support Conference.** May 11-12, Yakima.
- **2017 PNACAC Tour of Western Washington Colleges and Universities.** Jun. 18 - 23.
- **Counselor Summer Institutes:** Jun. 23, Spokane or Jun. 29, Olympia. More information to come.

RESOURCES

- **WAGU Featured Resource:** [WAGU Featured Resource: Family Newsletters.](#) Download March! Monthly family newsletter templates with college readiness/financial aid information for grades 7-12. Just add your school logo, events and contact information to customize for your school!

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Preparing for High School	Right Classes for High School	What it Takes to Graduate from High School	Getting Back on Track	Test Preparation	What Happens After You Complete the FAFSA
Planificando para la Preparatoria	Las clases correctas para la preparatoria	Lo que se necesita para bachillerarse	Volviendose a encaminar	Preparación para el examen	Que pasa después de completar la FAFSA

- [Beyond HB 1079 Scholarship Resources](#). Download the 2017 Washington State Scholarship listings.
- [Be Vocal](#). Provides support for self-advocacy around mental health.
- [5 Things You Didn't Know About Your Financial Aid Award](#). Here are things to help you understand how aid is awarded.
- [Career Ready: Job Pathways at McKinstry](#). The many different career paths at McKinstry are indicative of Washington state as a whole. Watch their latest video.
- [Share the Benefits of the PSAT 10](#). Download an educator toolkit to help you inform students and parents about all the PSAT 10 has to offer.

RESEARCH

- [Computer Science Learning: Closing the Gap](#). African-American students are more interested in and more confident in their ability to learn computer science than their white or Hispanic counterparts—but they're the least likely to have access to it at school.
- [Study Examines Racial Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System](#). The study examines a range of factors at the individual, home, school, and community level and its effect on youth arrest.

IN THE NEWS

Please send any media coverage to Katherine at katherinek@wsac.wa.gov. We want to feature you here and in our newsroom: <http://gearup.wa.gov/news>.

- [SAT Scam Preys On Parents' Good Intentions](#). A new scam is hitting Washington state, targeting parents trying to help their kids do well on the SAT.
- ['I Want to Make Sure I'm Protecting My Babies'](#). Washington teachers on undocumented students.
- [AmeriCorps Faces Ax under Trump](#). It is on a list of programs proposed for elimination.
- [The Changing Geography of US Poverty](#). Suburbs have become home to more poor residents than cities and they face gaps in infrastructure, support systems, and capacity.
- [Encouraging Today's Hidden Figures in STEM](#). Highlights the National Girls Collaborative.
- [My Statement: White House HBCU Event](#). Statement by president of Dillard University.
- [There Is No 'Ideal' College Experience](#). One college student shares her thoughts.
- [Brains in Pain Cannot Learn!](#) How to help students overcome fight or flight so they can be open to learning again.
- [Money Woes Extend Beyond Tuition](#). New survey reveals financial insecurity, including rising housing, food, transportation and child care costs can keep them from completing.
- [Transgender Students No Longer Have An Ally In The White House](#). Trump repealed Obama's pro-transgender guidance for schools.
- [College Can Improve Transfer Rates](#). State policy isn't the only way to tackle low community college student transfer rates. Institutional action matters, too.
- [Teen Suicide Attempts Fell as Same-Sex Marriage Became Legal](#). A look at how laws limiting gay rights may affect psychological and physical health.
- [Indian Education Experts React to DeVos Confirmation](#). School choice only equitable if it's culturally grounded, not good for Indian education.
- [Health Science Research Improves Lives and Creates Jobs](#). Many health advances have been pioneered at America's medical schools, including here in Washington.
- [Seattle Public Schools Enact New Protections and Supports for Immigrant and Refugee Students and Families](#). The most significant protection is the "The resolution affirming the provision of safe, welcoming and inclusive schools for all students without regard to race, religion, national origin, or immigrant status."

SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

- [Caminos al Futuro](#) is a fully-funded summer scholarship program that engages high-achieving juniors (rising seniors) in a residential academic leadership development program at the George Washington University. **Due Mar. 1.**

- [2017 Disability Rights Storytellers Fellowship](#). College students with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Not restricted to college students. All individuals with disabilities who hold a strong interest in disability rights advocacy and who can commit to the time requirements are eligible to apply. Due Mar. 15.

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DUE
Governor's Scholarship for Foster Youth	For HS seniors w/ min 2.0 GPA and plan to enroll in college fulltime in the fall. See link for add'l criteria and details. \$2,000-\$4,000.	2/28
Leadership 1000 Scholarship	Must plan to attend, or currently be attending an eligible 4-year college or university in WA state in 2017. Must meet financial need requirements & maintain a minimum 2.75 cum. HS GPA thru fall quarter/semester, if applying as a HS senior. \$1,500-5,000.	2/28
Washington Opportunity Scholarship	For low- and middle-income students pursuing eligible high-demand majors in STEM or health care.	2/28
INSPIRE Pre-College Program.	Full scholarship for Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian rising HS junior/seniors. Spend 3-weeks on the George Washington University campus to learn about intergovernmental relations between tribal governments and the federal government. Includes room and board, travel, materials and more.	3/1
Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation	Need-based scholarships to the children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen who attend college or career training. Before applying, verify your eligibility.	3/1
National Youth Science Camp	2 HS seniors from WA State will receive a full scholarship to exchange ideas with scientists and other professionals from the academic and corporate worlds.	3/1
WAEF Tree Fruit Industry Scholarships	Multiple sources of scholarships for Washington students. WAEF awarded over \$1,000,000 to students last year!	3/1
Washington State PTA Scholarship	\$2,000 for 4-year postsecondary institutions. \$1,000 for community colleges, voc-tech schools or other accredited institutions.	3/1
Create a Greeting Card Scholarship	Submit a photo, drawing or image to be used at the front of a greeting card to have a chance to win at \$10,000 scholarship.	3/2
Colin Higgins Youth Courage Awards	For LGBTQ youth activists under 20. \$10,000 and an all-expenses paid trip to attend the National Conference on LGBT Equality: Creating Change presented by the National LGBTQ Taskforce in 2018.	3/3
Sound Credit Union Scholarship	\$1,000 individual scholarships. Must be a graduating HS senior who plans to attend a 2- or 4-year college, w/ a min. 3.0 GPS, & be a member of Sound Credit Union since 11/25/16.	3/3
Washington State Foundation Scholarship.	5,000 for recipients attending 4-year post-secondary institutions. \$2,500 for recipients attending other post-secondary institutions.	3/3
TheDream.US - National Scholarship	For first gen, HS seniors with financial need who seek to earn a career-ready associate's or bachelor's degree at one of our Partner Colleges.	3/8
ASHG DNA Day Essay Contest	For 9-12th graders. Must submit an essay addressing a question related to genetics. \$100-\$1,000. See link for question.	3/11
National Institutes of Health (NIH) Undergraduate Scholarship Program	For students from disadvantaged backgrounds who are pursuing careers in biomedical, behavioral, & social science health-related research. Must have a min. 3.3 GPA or rank in the top 5% of their class & demonstrate exceptional financial need. Up to \$20,000 per year. Renewable for 4 years.	3/14
American Foreign Service Association National HS Essay Contest	For 9-12th graders. Must submit an essay related to Foreign Service. Winner receives \$2,500, a trip to D.C. to meet the Secretary of State, and full tuition for a Semester at Sea educational voyage.	3/15
Junior Duck Stamp Contest	For K-12 students. Submit an original piece of artwork depicting a North American waterfowl species. \$500-\$2,000.	3/15
National Peace Essay Contest for HS Students	Must write an essay related to the topic of "Security Sector Reform, Political Transition, & Sustainable Peace." \$1,000-\$10,000.	3/15
Nicholas A. Virgilio Memorial Haiku Competition	This competition is for students in grades 7- 12 who are enrolled in school as of Sept. 2014. Applicants must submit up to 3 haiku poems. All haiku must be previously unpublished, original work, & not entered in any other contest or submitted elsewhere for publication. \$50.	3/25

Indian Health Services Scholarships	Scholarships for Native American students who plan to enter or are pursuing degrees in the health profession.	3/28
Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship	Must submit 2 small essays, one related to travel, & the other on why they deserve a scholarship. Must be 16-25, w/ 2.5 GPA or greater. US citizenship required. \$500.	3/30
KMR Group Foundation	For seniors graduating from high schools in Clark or Cowlitz counties. \$1,000 to \$3,500 per school year and may be renewable for up to four years.	3/31
Louie Foundation Scholarship	\$100,000 in scholarships available especially for students w/ strong academics & whose parents are in the military or veterans of the armed forces.	3/31
National Federation of the Blind Scholarship Program	\$3,000 to \$12,000. All scholarships awarded are based on academic excellence, community service, and leadership.	3/31
Paid, Multi-Year Summer Internship Opportunity For Minority Student- Emma L. Bowen Foundation	Minority HS seniors & college freshmen w/ a min. 3.0 GPA & an interest in media careers are eligible to apply. During this multi-year internship, students in the program receive an hourly wage & matching scholarship.	3/31
Scholarship Poetry Contest - Summer Issue	Open to all U.S. HS students. Applicant must submit an original poem with 20 lines or less. Up to \$500.	3/31
UW SEED Scholarship	The S.E.E.D Scholarship aims to positively acknowledge the contributions of undocumented students enrolled at the University of Washington.	4/2

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES! To view the Calendar of Events for WAGU and also partner events related to access, visit: <http://www.gearup.wa.gov/calendar>.

- [2017 College Planning Days](#). Locations vary. Dates throughout March.
- [2017 8th Grade College Exploration Days](#). Locations vary. Dates throughout March.
- 3/2- [WSU Vancouver Noche De Familia](#)
- 3/4- [Youth For Health Career Fair at Big Bend](#)
- 3/8- [Perry Tech Open House](#)
- 3/10-3/11- [WSU Future Cougars Embracing Diversity](#)

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