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**Did You Know?**

**January is Mentoring Month.**

Join the movement. Learn more at:

<http://www.mentoring.org/why-mentoring/mentoring-stories/>

**GEAR UP UPDATES**

- **Coordinator Manual Updates:** The following files are updated: [FORM: In-Kind Match - Goods and Services](#), [SAMPLE FORM: In-Kind Match - Goods and Services](#) and [Washington State Per Diem Rate Map](#). Please always go to gearup.wa.gov for the most current version.
- **Webinar Update:** The Jan.11th webinar is canceled.
- **Portal Clarification:** Wondering about the dashboard that you see when logging into the portal? If you have high school GEAR UP students, the "Students" tab will show you how many activities in which your students have participated based on GPA. Since middle school students do not have a GPA in our system, the portal does not display the distribution across the GPA columns. Check the "Activities" tab for a snapshot of participation by Activity Type. Questions? Contact [Kelly Keeney](#).
- **Match Tip of the Week:** [IT Staff As Match](#)- You may count the hourly rate and benefits of IT staff (or other staff) when they set up and/or maintain any tech purchased by GU, when they provide technical assistance, and when they provide training to GEAR UP staff. Any equipment or supplies that they provide are allowable as match.

**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, & other associated costs. One-time grants, up to \$10,000! Priority given to schools seeking to expand capacity by creating greater access & 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, & historically responsive in ELA & history/social studies. Feb. 23-25, Cispus Learning Center.
- **2018 WA School Counselor Association State Conference.** Mar. 7-9, SeaTac. See schedule & choose from over 80 workshops.

**RESOURCES**

- **WAGU Featured Resource: Family Engagement Resource Guide.** Includes activity ideas for family nights.
- **NEFE Financial Literacy Workshop Kits.** Download free customizable workshop kits from the National Endowment for Financial Education.
- **Resources for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.** A vetted collection of lesson plans, curricula, and multimedia resources for teaching about the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- **Obscured Identities: Improving the Accuracy of Identification of American Indian and Alaska Native Students.** This brief serves as a resource for K-12 districts, state education agencies, higher education institutions and district Title VI Indian education offices.
- **The Role of Noncognitive Skills and School Environments in Transitions to High School.** REL Southwest examined whether students' perceptions of their noncognitive skills and school environments were related to students' GPA, absences, and course failures in grade 9.
- **Opioid Epidemic Practical Toolkit.** New resources from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- **Free CollegeGo Mobile App.** College Planning Advice on the Go from the College Board.

**IN THE NEWS**

- **The College Admissions Process Was Dizzying For Me.** A Puyallup decided to research why.

- **Puget Sound Needs 24/7 Services For Homeless Youth.** The issue of shelter may be complex, but one thing is clear: No young person wants to be homeless. See also: **1 In 10 Young Adults Has Been Homeless Over The Past Year.**
- **Drinking? Drugs? Sex? ‘Grown-Ish’ Has It All.** The new spin-off of ABC’s Black-ish doesn’t focus on higher education policy, but on the student experience. See also: **How Misusing Stimulants like Adderall Can Damage Your Health.**
- **Modern Apprenticeships Offer Path To Career — And College.** No longer an either-or proposition: Students plan apprenticeships then college on the way to the workforce.
- **The Benefits of Helping Teens Identify Their Purpose in Life.** "I’ve been hearing the word ‘humanity’ over and over again. People have hit the limit with the rigidity and rigor."
- **A New Way Emerges To Cover College Tuition. But Is It A Better Way?** In a model called the "income share agreement," colleges have begun offering students money in exchange for a percentage of their future earnings.
- **Don’t Assume That Every Student Had A Fun Or Warm Holiday Break.** Many students might return to school after the break having experienced traumas and might struggle.
- **#Metook12: A New Hashtag For Students Sexually Assaulted Or Harassed In K-12 Schools.** New social media effort to encourage young people who were sexually harassed to speak out.
- **Students Perform Better At Schools Offering Extra Services On Campus, Study Finds.** Schools that offer dental care, mental health counseling, food assistance and other services have a significant and measurable positive impact on student achievement.
- **Many Large Public Universities Don't Collect Data On Suicides, Report Finds.** Advocates say that without this data, schools can’t determine whether initiatives to improve mental health on campus are working.
- **Washington State Offers Third Gender Option On Birth Certificates.** Starting January 27, they will be able to identify as male, female or X on birth certificates.
- **The 4 Learning Hacks Bill Gates Swears By.** These are a few of his favorite ways to continue learning.

## SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **2018 Governor’s Volunteer Service Awards.** Do you know an outstanding volunteer - someone who devotes incredible energy to making your community and our state a better place to live? See [nomination guidelines](#) and [online form](#). Selected recipients will be invited to attend an award ceremony at the Executive Mansion on April 9 and to the Seattle Mariners’ Salute to Volunteers Night. Due Feb. 8.
- **Latinx Educational Achievement Project (LEAP) 2018 Conference and Legislative Day.** Designed to equip students with the tools and resources to become actively engaged leaders in their communities and to become advocates for better educational outcomes in their state. Feb. 8, Tacoma & Olympia.
- **PNACAC Student Scholarship.** Students from diverse backgrounds & all family income backgrounds are encouraged to apply. (\$1,000) Deadline 3/1.

<b><u>Kelly Lynn Lutz Memorial Scholarship</u></b>	(\$2,000) - Applicants must have lost the life of a parent to cancer.	1/10
<b><u>APIASF Scholarship Program</u></b>	(\$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
<b><u>Pride Foundation Scholarship</u></b>	For current & future leaders LGBTQ/ally community. Open to 1079 students.	1/12
<b><u>GSBA Scholarship Fund</u></b>	(\$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
<b><u>Dell Scholars Program.</u></b>	(\$20,000) - For low-income, highly motivated students have demonstrated grit, potential & ambition in their quest for a college education.	1/15
<b><u>Point Foundation: College Scholarships for LGBT Students</u></b>	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
<b><u>The UW DO-IT Scholars Program</u></b>	Prepares HS students with disabilities for college, careers, leadership, & independent living. For HS sophomore/ juniors w/a disability.	1/30
<b><u>USDA/1890 National Scholars Program</u></b>	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
<b><u>LEAD360 Challenge</u></b>	LEAD360 starts with a contest for young people to submit their big ideas to solve problems they are most passionate about.	1/31
<b><u>College Raptor Scholarship</u></b>	(\$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
<b><u>Al Neuharth Free Spirit &amp; Journalism Conference</u></b>	For HS juniors interested in pursuing a career in journalism. Must be a US citizen, & demonstrate qualities of "free spirit."	2/1
<b><u>EngineerGirl Essay Contest</u></b>	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
<b><u>John Lennon Scholarship</u></b>	(\$20,000) - Open only to U.S. college students between the ages of 17-24.	2/1

<b><u>Naomi Winston Scholarship in Art</u></b>	For visual artists ages 16-22. (\$10,000)	2/1
<b><u>Frank Kazmierczak Memorial Migrant Scholarship</u></b>	(\$1,000) - For migrant farm worker students or children of migrant workers who wish to pursue a career in teaching.	2/1
<b><u>John F. &amp; Anna Lee Stacey Scholarship Fund for Art Education</u></b>	(\$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
<b><u>Ron Herndon Scholarship</u></b>	(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
<b><u>Truman D. Picard Scholarship for Native Students</u></b>	Dedicated to the support of Native American students pursuing a higher education in Natural Resources.	2/7
<b><u>Courageous Persuaders Competition</u></b>	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
<b><u>Bezos Scholars Program</u></b>	A yearlong leadership development program for public HS juniors & educators to put their education into action.	2/9
<b><u>Queer Foundation Scholarship</u></b>	For HS seniors who are LGBTQ and/or allies. (\$1,000)	2/14
<b><u>AFA Teens Scholarship</u></b>	Scholarships for essays on the impact that Alzheimer's disease has had on their own lives & others in their family & community.	2/15
<b><u>Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship Award</u></b>	(\$28,000) – For outstanding high school graduates who plan to earn a baccalaureate degree from an accredited four-year college or university.	2/15
<b><u>The Christophers' Poster Contest</u></b>	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
<b><u>Gordon A. Rich Memorial Scholarship</u></b>	(\$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
<b><u>Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship</u></b>	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
<b><u>Chin: Shui Kuen &amp; Allen Chin Scholarship</u></b>	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>.

- 1/13- **Preview Day TESC**
- 1/13 & 2/10 & 3/3-**St. Martin's Open Houses**
- 1/27-**DigiPen Preview Day**
- 2/22-**Clark College Professional Technical Day**
- 2/23- **Bates Open House**
- 3/1-**Lake Washington Open House**
- 3/3- **6<sup>th</sup> 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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