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Did You Know?

Since 1994, 11,379 [AmeriCorps](#) alums have used their AmeriCorps Education Award to pay **\$33M+** to historically black colleges & universities.

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GEAR UP UPDATES

- **Attention HS Staff:** [Help manage a survey of your school's CBS seniors and be rewarded with an Amazon gift card.](#) Fill out a brief interest form to learn more and apply to participate. Earn \$250-\$500.
- **Update:** [AP Test Fees for Low-Income Students.](#) In 2017 low-income students will be fully subsidized for AP and IB tests. In order for your school(s) to participate, the following application MUST be completed by **Mar. 24, 2017**. The [application is now available](#).
- **Update:** **2016 Healthy Youth Survey (HYS)** data will be released on **Mar. 15**. The data will be electronically available on the [AskHYS.net](#) website under Survey Results. To access school- and district-level results, you must have an EDS login and password. Don't have access? Go to: [www.askhys.net/Home/GetAccess](#) or contact your District Data Security Manager directly.
- **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!

OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- [WASA Small Schools Conference.](#) Mar. 13-14, Wenatchee.
- [The WA Council Dual Credit Workshop.](#) Mar. 24, CWU.
- [2017 OSPI Student Support Conference.](#) May 11-12, Yakima.
- [AWSP, WASA, and WSSDA Equity Conference.](#) For District, ESD and state agency leaders. Teams are strongly encouraged. May 24, SeaTac.
- [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.
- **Scholarships Available!** [2017 STEM Education Leadership Institute.](#) Jun. 27-Jul.1. Designed to prepare schools, school districts or regional teams to develop STEM-focused efforts. Scholarship apps due Apr. 7.

RESOURCES

- **WAGU Featured Resource:** [College Spotlight Flyers.](#) Display in your school, on a bulletin board, in a newsletter, PowerPoint presentation, or even on your social media pages.
- [GLSEN Safe Space Kit.](#) Since the reversal of the Title IX guidance, GLSEN has seen a 726% increase in sales of the Safe Space Kit, which includes 2 posters, 10 stickers, and a guide to being an ally to LGBTQ students. See also: [Transgender Model District Policy.](#)
- [Perspectives for a Diverse America.](#) Teaching Tolerance's free Perspectives for a Diverse America is a literacy-based curriculum that marries anti-bias social justice content with the rigor of the CCSS.

RESEARCH

- [REL Northwest Examines GPA as a Predictor of College Performance for Different Student Groups.](#) The study finds that GPA is a strong predictor of student performance in college math and English courses for both rural and urban recent high school graduates.
- [Research Shows that Dual Enrollment Programs Benefit HS Students in Transition to College.](#) A new WWC intervention finds that dual enrollment classes have positive effects on degree attainment, college access and enrollment, credit accumulation, completing high school, and general academic achievement in high school.
- **America's Promise Alliance Reports.** In [Relationships Come First: How Four Career Development and Workforce Readiness Programs Prepare Young People for Work and Life](#), researchers explain why building relationships, not just the building of skills, acts to prepare young people for successful careers. In a follow-up study, [Turning Points: How Young People in Four Career Pathways Programs Describe the Relationships that Shape Their Lives](#), we learn what kinds of adult support young people need at different turning points in their lives.

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>.

- [Connecting Female Students of Color to Role Models in the Tech World.](#) Through the Techbridge program, women working in tech fields visit schools and lead workshops. See also: [Why Gender Diversity In Tech Matters.](#)
- [Just What IS A Charter School, Anyway?](#) Welcome to Charter Schools 101.
- [Science-Backed Strategies to Build Resilience.](#) When the road gets rocky, what do you do?
- [Similar Students, Different Results: Where Black College Students Do Best, And Worst.](#) And putting HBCUs in context reveals better graduation rates.
- [Education Secretary Betsy DeVos Is Getting Some Very Bad News About Her Favorite Thing, School Vouchers.](#) Studies report devastating results for students in those voucher programs.
- [Measuring Adversity.](#) College Board pilots system to help colleges make admissions decisions.
- [English Language Learners: How Your State Is Doing.](#) A snapshot all the data and information we could find about who these students are and how they're being taught.
- [These Colleges Are Better Than Harvard At Making Poor Kids Rich.](#) What does this research imply about hyperselective schools?
- [What's The Difference Between A 'College' And A 'University'?](#) You say "college," he says "university." Let's sort the whole thing out.
- [Oregon Library Offers 'Adulting 101' Classes For Millennials.](#) "Adulting," as the kids call it, is hard. But the North Bend Public Library is making it a little easier.

SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

- [2017 Disability Rights Storytellers Fellowship.](#) Individuals with disabilities w/ interest in disability rights advocacy and who can commit to the time requirements may apply. Due Mar. 15.
- [Washington State Indian Education Association Merit Awards.](#) \$1,000 for a Native HS senior student exhibiting excellence, giving back to community, and headed on to college or \$500 for a current Native college student. Due Mar. 24.
- [UW Nurse Camp.](#) For underrepresented HS sophomores and junior. Jul. 17-21.
- [Foster Young Women's Leadership Summit.](#) UW Seattle. For HS sophomores or juniors who are interested in exploring business.

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DUE
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 their 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	For students in grades 7- 12. 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	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	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.
- 3/8- [Perry Tech Open House](#)
- 3/10-3/11- [WSU Future Cougars Embracing Diversity](#)
- 3/10- [UW Bothell- Día de Avanzando Latinos en Educación](#)
- 3/27- [PLU Lute Life Days](#)
- 4/1- [LGBTQ Youth Conference at SPU](#)

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