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### Did You Know?

**There is a new GEAR UP funding opportunity!** If your school district is interested in applying to be a GEAR UP Grant 4 sub-grantee, ask your principal to complete the [online interest form](#) to receive information about the upcoming RFP competition.

## GEAR UP UPDATES

- **WAGU Reminder:** ALL pre-college assessments (Aspire, PSAT, SAT, ACT, Accuplacer, ASVAB, and/or community college placement tests) for your GEAR UP students must be recorded in the portal regardless of whether or not GEAR UP pays for them.
- **Webinar:** [College Bound Scholarship Re-Pledge](#). Learn how to re-engage College Bound Scholarship ninth grade students in high school and remind them of their commitment. Nov. 16, 10:30 AM.
- **Regional Workshop Opportunity: Preparing Students for the Jobs of Tomorrow.** Hosted by GEAR UP EDI. ESD 101, 12/2. [See attachment.](#)

## OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Webinar:** [Bringing Social and Emotional Learning to the Forefront](#). Hear from a panel of researchers and practitioners on ways in which districts and school leaders have implemented a coordinated and purposeful SEL effort. Nov. 30, Noon.
- **Webinar:** [9th Grade Course Failure](#). OSPI GATE will provide resources and strategies to help you address this challenge. Nov. 9, 10 AM.
- **Webinar:** [Supporting Successful Transitions from Middle School to High School](#). Learn how to support students in their transition from middle school to high school. Nov. 10, Noon.
- **Webinar:** [Customized Nudging to Improve FAFSA Completion](#). Learn about emerging research into texting campaigns impact on the informational and behavioral barriers associated with initial FAFSA filing. Nov. 16, Noon.

## RESOURCES

- **WAGU Featured Resource:** [I Heart GEAR UP Images](#). Use the images throughout your school, on a bulletin board, in a newsletter, PowerPoint presentation, or even on your social media pages.
- **For Students:** [Join I'm First's Weekly YouTube Live Chats with College Partners!](#) Want to chat with colleges but aren't sure how? Every Wednesday from Nov. 2- Dec. 21, I'm First will be providing live chats with 30+ colleges and universities from across the country. Learn about these schools and ask specific questions you may have about the opportunities for low-income and first-generation students!
- **For Students:** [GetSchooled College Application Assistance](#). Does your personal statement need a few extra eyes before you submit those college applications? GetSchooled is here to help! Upload your personal statement and they will offer expert feedback within a week. Also, be sure to check out [their College Knowledge Achievement page!](#)

- **[Next Generation: A College Completion Toolkit for First-Generation and Non-Traditional Students.](#)** The White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans just released this comprehensive guide to support student success.
- **School Poster: [What Does Your Future Look Like?](#)** New school posters from the Ready WA. The goal is to encourage students to plan for their futures and aspire to earn a postsecondary credential. For physical posters, email [info@readywa.org](mailto:info@readywa.org) with your name and address.

## RESEARCH

- **[High School Benchmarks 2016: National College Progression Rates.](#)** This report provides new data on high school graduates' college access, persistence, and completion outcomes.
- **[Strengthening Policies for Foster Youth Postsecondary Attainment.](#)** This policy report provides an overview of the challenges foster youth confront when pursuing a postsecondary credential.

## IN THE NEWS

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

- **[U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King Jr. Announces New Family Ambassador to Support Parent and Family Engagement in Education Policy.](#)** More information will be available soon on the [Family and Community Engagement](#) page.
- **[First-Generation College Students Experience School Differently.](#)** These students have a different experience than students with college graduate parents.
- **[Colleges Must Reinvent Career Counseling.](#)** The changing nature of work in the 21st century has serious implications for the job-preparation role that colleges play in our economy.
- **[4 Powerful Mindsets for Turning Stress into a Positive Force.](#)** Learn how to avoid burnout and boost resilience.
- **[Why Low-Income Students Are Drawn to For-Profit Colleges.](#)** A lack of information and an urgency to land a job can drive low-income youth to enroll in for-profit trade schools.
- **[Some Good News and Not-So-Good News About the Last Decade of Bias-Based Bullying.](#)** 92% of students reported that their peers are bullied, called names or harassed at school based on their personal characteristics. See also: [What Is Identity-Based Bullying—and How Can I Stop It?](#)
- **[Students Think Schools Should Use Personal Data to Improve College Experience.](#)** 98% said they want their school to use their personal information to improve academic processes.
- **[Making Office Hours Matter.](#)** Why do so few students take advantage of office hours?
- **[College Is A 4-Year-Long Balancing Act For First-Generation Students.](#)** A first-generation college graduate shares how he balanced school, work and friends.
- **[Racial, Class Disparities in College Degree Attainment.](#)** For the class of 2009, 45% of students from higher income high schools had obtained a college degree within 6 years of graduation, compared to 24% of students from lower income schools.
- **[Nearly 1 in 3 Students are First-Generation.](#)** Students who are the first in their families to pursue a college degree have unique challenges including the first step of applying.
- **[College Is The Goal. Will These 3 Teenagers Get There?](#)** Follow 3 high school seniors in Topeka, KS on their quest to college.
- **[The Most Popular Office on Campus.](#)** Demand for mental-health resources has increased, but that doesn't mean today's college students are less resilient.
- **[Teen Night Owls Struggle To Learn And Control Emotions At School.](#)** Most schools still require kids to show up for class when their brains would rather be snoozing.

## SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **For schools: [Dual Credit Capacity Expansion Grant.](#)** iGrants Form Package #661. Due Nov. 29.

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DUE
<a href="#">Champions for Change</a>	For young Native Americans (ages 14-22) who demonstrate leadership and service within tribal and urban Indian communities, schools, and/or programs.	11/15
<a href="#">FFA Scholarships</a>	Over 1,000 scholarships w/ just one application available to FFA members.	11/15

<a href="#">Verizon Innovative App Challenge</a>	Enter for a chance to win \$20,000.	11/18
<a href="#">Life Without the Internet Scholarship</a>	Students must create an infographic or compose a 400-600 word essay to describe how their life would be different if the internet didn't exist for a chance to win one of two \$500 scholarships.	11/21
<a href="#">Better Make Room Student Advisory Board</a>	Better Make Room is launching a Student Advisory Board to have students like YOU drive this mission! Join First Lady Michelle Obama in getting more talented young people to and through postsecondary pathways. Apply now!	11/27
<a href="#">Elks Most Valuable Student Competition</a>	Ranging from \$1,000- \$12,500 per year. For students pursuing a 4-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university.	11/30
<a href="#">10 Words or Less Scholarship</a>	In 10 words or less, say why you deserve the \$500 scholarship. For anyone ages 14-25.	12/1
<a href="#">Comcast Leaders &amp; Achievers Scholarship Program</a>	\$1,000 scholarships for students. Must be nominated by a principal or guidance counselor.	12/1
<a href="#">Doodle 4 Google</a>	\$30,000 college scholarship contest! For students in grades K-12. Create a doodle that tells the world "What I see for the future."	12/2
<a href="#">The Science Ambassador Scholarship</a>	A full tuition scholarship for a woman seeking an undergraduate degree in STEM field. Citizenship not required.	12/11
<a href="#">Lexus and Scholastic Launch Contest for Middle and HS Students</a>	STEM contest for 6-12 grades. This challenge is an educational program and contest designed to inspire and empower students to learn about the environment and take action to improve it. Awardees will receive a total of \$500,000 in grants and scholarships.	12/12
<a href="#">AXA Achievement Scholarship</a>	Students have the opportunity to receive a \$2,500, \$10,000 or \$25,000 scholarship. In addition, for every student who wins a scholarship, a grant for \$1,000 will be made to the winner's school.	12/15
<a href="#">Hispanic Scholarship Fund</a>	The Hispanic Scholarship Foundation administers over 140 different scholarship programs w/ one general scholarship application. Deadlines vary, but many are due Dec. 15.	12/15
<a href="#">The Christopher Reeve Award</a>	Must be nominated. For an extraordinary MS/HS student who has demonstrated tremendous compassion & caring in service to his or her community. \$1,000 scholarship.	12/15
<a href="#">Scholarship Poetry Contest - Spring Contest</a>	Open to all U.S. HS students. Applicant must submit an original poem with 20 lines or less. Up to \$500.	12/31
<a href="#">Unigo \$10K Scholarship</a>	Is college worth it? In 250 words or less, tell us why.	12/31

## 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>.

- Save the Dates! UW Bothell just announced the dates for their Diversity and Outreach events. See [link](#) for details.
- 11/11 - [University of Puget Sound-Discover Puget Sound](#)
- 11/12 - [DigiPen Undergraduate Programs Preview Day](#)
- 11/13 - [Saint Martin's Open House](#)
- 11/19 - [Seattle University: Fall Preview Day](#)
- 11/19 - [WSU Vancouver: A to Z Paying for College Workshop](#)
- 11/19 - [WSU-Vancouver Preview Day](#)

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# PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE JOBS OF TOMORROW



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Peer into the future and learn what jobs are on the horizon. Learn how to support high school students in evaluating postsecondary options. Come discover certificate programs, apprenticeships, scholarships, and two and four year degrees that will help you connect your students with the education they need to secure the jobs of tomorrow.

This is an opportunity for GEAR UP practitioners, counselors, classroom teachers, and postsecondary professionals to come together and plan how to prepare students for success in regional college and career training programs.

**When:** Friday, December 2, 9:00—2:30

**Where:** ESD 101/4202 South Regal Street, Spokane, WA

**Register:** Contact Roseann London, Director, GEAR UP Educator Development Initiative, [rmlondon@uw.edu](mailto:rmlondon@uw.edu) to register.

Educators from Washington State GEAR UP Schools are eligible to participate.



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