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Did You Know?

There is an...

- **8%** chance your students will miss the bus to school.
- **85%** chance your students will get financial aid for college.

Source: [Form Your Future](#)

GEAR UP UPDATES

- **How to Access College Application Fee Waivers:** Students can obtain waivers from the [College Board](#) or [ACT](#). See links for guidance.
- **Travel Reimbursement Guidance:** Did you attend GEAR UP West? See attachment for details on what is reimbursable.
- **Fiscal Deadline:** The final due date for Year 5 expenditures (7/01/16-8/31/16) is Oct. 31. Questions? Contact [Lori](#).

OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Webinar: [Supporting Successful Transitions from Middle School to High School](#).** Learn how to support students in their transition from middle school to high school, which can disrupt student learning and functioning. The students who struggle the most academically in middle school are the most likely to drop out of high school. Presented by REL Mid-Atlantic. Nov. 10, Noon.
- **Archived Webinar: [Attendance and Truancy Boards – Implementing HB 2449](#)** by OSPI GATE. [Watch](#) | [Presentation](#). Learn about attendance, truancy boards, and implementing HB 2449.

RESOURCES

- **WAGU Featured Resource: [Senior Year Binder System: Advisor's Guide to a Student Organizational Plan for College Admissions & Financial Aid](#).** This binder system can be used with high school seniors to help them stay organized during the college and financial aid application process. This manual provides guidance on how to assemble the binder, provides examples, and explains the rationale.
- **WAGU Featured Resource: [Family Newsletters](#).** Monthly family newsletter templates with college readiness and financial aid information for grades 7 through 12. Just add your school logo, events and contact information to customize for your school! **Download November.**

7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Keeping Your Options Open	Study Skills and Homework Help	Campus Visits	College & Career Pathways	College "Fit"	Resources & Support Services in College
Cómo mantener abiertas sus opciones	Habilidades de estudio y ayuda con las tareas	¿Por qué visitar universidades?	Trayectorias universitarias y profesionales	Cómo encontrar un buen ajuste	Recursos y servicios de apoyo en la universidad

- [DREAMER Roadmap App](#). After struggling to go to college while undocumented, Dreamer creates app to help peers find scholarships.

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>.

- [First Glimpse: Early FAFSA Data](#). It's not too early to start tracking your local numbers.
- [The Cost of Being First](#). Conflating "first-generation" and "low-income" students is inaccurate and isolating.
- [The Racial Disparity of the Student-Loan Crisis](#). The answer seems to be tied in large part to the types of graduate schools people attend.
- [When A Weed-Friendly World Collides With Your Job Application](#). Do youth know that many businesses hire only drug-free workers?
- [When Women Stopped Coding](#). What happened to women in computer science?
- [What We Owe the Next Generation of Teachers](#). For the sake of their students, we owe new teachers meaningful supports.
- [These States Are Knocking On Doors to Re-enroll Students](#). People across the country are knocking on doors to re-enroll students who have left school without graduating. Does it work?
- [The State of Student Loans](#). Most borrowers owe less than \$25,000. But the people who are really hurting are those who took out loans, but didn't finish school.
- [Why Don't Teachers Get Training On Mental Health Disorders?](#) If the teacher's job is to teach the whole child, is mental well-being and support is part of the description?
- [Oregon University Expands Gender And Sexual Orientation Options](#). Students at Portland State University now have more options when it comes to identifying themselves on school paperwork.
- [What It's Really Like To Be Undocumented & In College](#). One student shares her story.
- [Colleges Aren't Very Kid-Friendly](#). The childcare offered to student parents varies widely in quality, accessibility, and consistency.

SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **For schools:** [Dual Credit Capacity Expansion Grant](#). iGrants Form Package #661. Due date has been extended until Nov. 29.
- [Doodle 4 Google](#). \$30,000 college scholarship contest! For students in grades K-12. Create a doodle that tells the world "What I see for the future." Due Dec. 2.
- [The Science Ambassador Scholarship](#). A full tuition scholarship for a woman seeking an undergraduate degree in STEM field. Citizenship not required. Due Dec. 11.

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DUE
Coca-Cola Scholarships	50 four-year \$20,000 scholarships and 200 four-year \$10,000 scholarships. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, and their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities.	10/31
Washington Women in Need Education Grant for Winter	For WA females age 18 or over who are admitted into or registered at an accredited education institution in Washington state. \$5,000.	10/31
Apply for the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest	Past finalist include Neah Bay HS. Help another Washington school make it all the way to the finals!	10/31
Disney Dreamers Academy Applications	For young leaders (ages 13-19) with a winning combination of attributes that reflect strong character, positive attitude, and persistence to take advantage of opportunities.	10/31
Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship	Students over the age of 13 are eligible to win a \$2,000 scholarship in writing a short essay about how they would survive a zombie apocalypse.	10/31
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Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarships	A highly competitive scholarship for high-performing high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend from the nation's best 4-year colleges and universities.	11/1
Berrien Fragos Thorn Arts Scholarships for Migrant Farmworkers	Must demonstrate an interest in pursuing further development of their talents in the arts. Min. 16 years old. Need not be enrolled in school.	11/1
Ron Brown Scholar Program	Applicants must be African American HS seniors who exhibit exception leadership potential & excel academically. \$10,000.	11/1
Voice of Democracy Scholarship.	Provided by the VFW, students in grades 9-12 are eligible for up to \$30,000. Requires recording a three to five minute speech on "Why I'm Optimistic About Our Nation's Future."	11/1
NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing	Honors young women in HS for their computing-related achievements and interests. Awardees are selected for their computing and IT aptitude, leadership ability, academic history, and plans for postsecondary education. Applications are accepted from Sept. 15 – Oct. 31 each year.	11/7
Act Six Leadership and Scholarship Initiative	The NW's only full-tuition, full-need scholarship for emerging urban and community leaders who want to use their college education to make a difference on campus and in their communities at home.	11/8
Prudential Spirit of Community Awards	For young people who have demonstrated exemplary voluntary service to their communities. Max. award: \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. Eligibility: Students grades 5-12 who have conducted a volunteer service activity within the past year.	11/8
Champions for Change	For young Native Americans (ages 14 to 22) who demonstrate leadership and service within tribal and urban Indian communities, schools, and/or programs.	11/15
FFA Scholarships	Over 1,000 scholarships w/ just one application available to FFA members.	11/15
Verizon Innovative App Challenge	The Verizon Foundation is giving students a chance to win \$20,000 to the winning team. Online registration opens 8/1/16.	11/18
Elks Most Valuable Student Competition	Ranging from \$1,000- \$12,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are 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

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>.

- [WSU-Vancouver LGBTQA-Friendly College Fair](#). Oct. 26.
- [Readiness for Islander Success in Education Conference](#). Oct. 27.
- [Seattle Pacific University- SPU Friday Plus](#). Oct. 28.
- [UW Esperanza En Educación \(EEE\) Conference](#). Oct. 28.
- [Seattle University: Fall Preview Day](#). Oct. 29.
- [UW Tacoma Fall Preview Day](#). Oct. 30.

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