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### Did You Know?

An additional year of college [decreases mortality rates](#) by **15-19%** by reducing deaths from cancer and heart disease.

Source: [Brookings](#)

## GEAR UP UPDATES

- **GEAR UP Funding Opportunity!** Is your school district interested in applying to be a GEAR UP Grant 4 sub-grantee? If so, please ask your principal to complete the [online interest form](#) to receive information about the upcoming RFP competition.
- **College Application Fees FAQs:** Please [see the attached document](#) for answers to frequently asked questions regarding these fees.
- **Presidential Proclamation:** [College Application Month.](#)

## OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- [UW Bothell Counselor Breakfast.](#) Counselors, Career Center Specialists, and Community Partners: Interested in learning more about UW Bothell? Join their Counselor Breakfast! Nov.10, 8 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.
- **Webinar:** [Attracting a Diverse Student Population to Computer Science and STEM.](#) Learn about evidence-based strategies designed to help schools ensure that all students are encouraged to take AP STEM courses, with a focus on students who have been traditionally underrepresented. Dec. 1, 10 AM.
- **Webinar:** [Creating Personalized SAT Practice Using Khan Academy®.](#) Learn about the tools and resources your students should be leveraging to create customized practice to help get them and keep them on track for success. Dec. 13, 10 AM.

## RESOURCES

- **WAGU Featured Resource:** [ABC's of College.](#) This is a set of 8.5"x11" posters that can be displayed through out your school to help add to your college going culture. Each page displays one term related to college or getting ready for college.
- **For Students:** [See Your Opportunities Grow](#) from YouCanGo! Answer three simple questions and watch your postsecondary opportunities grow.
- [The Council of National School Counseling and College Access Organizations Resource Database.](#) This online database is for school counselors and college access professionals and contains numerous publications, training opportunities, webinars, and other valuable resources on a variety of topics related to advising students making the transition to postsecondary education.

- [Parent Guide for English Learners—English and Spanish Versions](#). This new illustrated guide will help you navigate through a conversation of how the EL process works, what types of support their students will receive, what it takes for students to exit services, what to expect, and who to contact if they have questions. Available in English and Spanish.

## RESEARCH

- [Building College Access/Admission Counseling Competencies](#). This new research report provides an in-depth examination of coursework components and topics in graduate counseling programs that include college admission counseling coursework, taking into account the context and needs of today's students.

## 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>.

- [Hence, This Is Racist](#). Academics must stop being surprised when students of color are able to thoughtfully articulate themselves in their writing and in class discussions. See also: [When Latina Student Wrote 'Hence,' Her Professor Assumed Plagiarism](#).
- [Family Involvement Matters in FAFSA Completion](#). Learn what recipients of the Kresge FAFSA Completion Challenge Grant how they are ensuring parents and families are involved in their FAFSA completion efforts. Some key strategies emerged.
- [10 Ways High Schools Can Contribute to College Completion](#). Strategies include: 1) Wall of Honor: It's clear from the front door what is important. 2) Excellence in early education: High expectations begin in kindergarten. 3) Supported mastery: Struggling students get extra time and support including summer school.
- [Pushing Low-income Students to College with Coaching, Nagging](#). Match High, a charter school in Boston, says 89.1 percent of its graduates since 2004 have gone on to a four-year college. The school offers intensive, one-on-one tutoring, college prep workshops for students and parents, and a longer school day.
- [For These College Students, The Most Difficult Test May Be Basic Survival](#). Hunger and homelessness is a growing problem for thousands of college students across the country.
- [How Microsoft is Opening Doors for Everyone](#). Inclusion works. Not just for employees with disabilities, but also for companies themselves.
- [Financial Aid for College not Reaching Foster Youth](#). Many foster youth "continue to slip through the cracks," a new [report](#) has found.
- [Public Opinion on Higher Education](#). Survey results suggest public confidence in higher education is waning.
- [Why Higher Education Is Crucial for the Next Generation](#). Higher education is about more than academics and finding a good job.

## 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
<a href="#">NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing</a>	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.	11/7
<a href="#">Act Six Leadership and Scholarship Initiative</a>	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

<a href="#">Prudential Spirit of Community Awards</a>	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
<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>	The Verizon Foundation is giving students a chance to win \$20,000 to the winning team.	11/18
<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="#">Lexus and Scholastic Launch Contest for Middle and HS Students - Air &amp; Climate Challenge</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.
- 11/7 - [UW Essence of Success Conference](#).
- 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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