WEEKLY BULLETIN

**January 8-12, 2024**

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| IN THIS ISSUE: | **DID YOU KNOW?**  Lily Gladstone, [the 1st Indigenous Golden Globes winner (of Best Actress in a Drama](https://www.king5.com/article/news/nation-world/lily-gladstone-first-golden-globes-indigenous-best-actress-winner/507-11859b6b-8705-4bbd-bd8f-61cf937a5f20)), is a Mountlake Terrace HS graduate! |
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# WA STATE GEAR UP PROGRAM UPDATES

* **FYI:** [**Bridge to College Math and English Courses – Invitation to Register for 2024–25 School Year**](https://ospi.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/2024-01/bulletin_001-24.pdf)**.** Registration will open in early February on the OSPI Bridge to College web page.
* **2024-25 FAFSA & WASFA are both now open.** [Learn more.](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3NhYy53YS5nb3YvbWVkaWEtMjAyNC0wMS0wNS1GaW5hbmNpYWwtQWlkLUFwcGxpY2F0aW9ucy1Ob3ctT3Blbj91dG1fbWVkaXVtPUVtYWlsJnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9V1NBQyIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyNDAxMDYuODgwNzQwNTEifQ.QiOBHVlEuzWtOeu_WJpmi5nIvaghkWMBXznlVgMigcE/s/1020835924/br/234342241186-l)
* [**College Knowledge Family Newsletters**](https://gearup.wa.gov/educators/family-newsletters)**.** Monthly newsletters for students by grade level. Pre-loaded with info and areas to personalize! *Available in English, Arabic, Chuukese, Marshallese, Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese.*

# STUDENT RECRUITMENT & OUTREACH EVENTS

* [**Virtual Financial Aid Help Events**](https://www.uaspire.org/FinAidEvents). uAspire hosts free virtual events to walk students and families through the financial aid process and applications, provide resources and guidance, and answer questions. Each session is one hour. Topics include CCS profile, FAFSA Walkthrough, Next Steps Post-FAFSA, Financial Aid Offer Review, and Summer Financial Aid Steps.
* [**12th Year Campaign Financial Aid Information and Filing Events.**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oELovlvqYmCD7NY0nDw7A_b1Bbeoj4-M7VNBDaQfxoI/edit#heading=h.42fu3w63mb46) Join one of the events listed below to learn more and get help.  Please note, that most events are offered virtually. Spanish events are available.
* **Registration Open!** [**Students of Color Career Conference**](https://www.everettcc.edu/administration/equity-social-justice/diversity-and-equity-center/soccc)**.** This one-of-a-kind conference brings MS &HS students from across Western WA together to network with professionals of color to discuss college and career readiness. Mar. 21 at Everett Community College.
* [**NACAC Spring 2024 National College Fair**](https://www.nacacattend.org/fairs)**.** 2/18-Virtual, 3/24-Virtual, 4/21-Virtual.
* [**PNACAC Spring College Fair**](https://www.pnacac.org/spring-college-fairs). 4/19-Spokane, 4/22-Seattle, 4/30-Portland.

# OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

* **Webinar:** [**The 2024-2025 FAFSA: Helping Homeless and Foster Youth**](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/9017013567801/WN_xdQY1ATnQtWdV4JiWiO9iw?emci=83a14b73-7b90-ee11-8925-002248223f36&emdi=6db2f92e-be92-ee11-8925-002248223f36&ceid=11625301#/registration). By SchoolHouse Connections. Jan. 16, 12:30.
* **Webinar:** [**Unpacking the History of Privilege in Higher Ed & Cracking the Admissions Code to Selective Schools**](https://michiganpcc.org/upcoming-webinars/). By U of M GEAR UP. Jan. 18, 7 AM.
* **Virtual:** [**National GEAR UP Academy**](https://www.edpartnerships.org/nccep-events/2024ngua). By NCCEP. Feb 12- 15.
* **Webinar:** [**Better FAFSA: One Month Out, What We Know Now**](https://www.ncan.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1812919&group=). By NCAN. Free and open to all. Feb 14, 10 AM.
* [**2024 WSCA Conference**.](https://wscaconference.org/) Mar. 6-8, SeaTac.
* [**PNACAC Conference: Where It All Began**](https://www.pnacac.org/annual-conference)**.** May 22 - 24, Salem, OR.
* [**NCCEP/GEAR UP Annual Conference**](https://www.edpartnerships.org/annual)**.** July 21-24, Washington, DC.

# RESOURCES

* **WAGU Featured Resource:** [**Financial Aid Information for Youth in Foster Care**](https://gearup.wa.gov/file/financial-aid-information-youth-foster-care). This handout accompanies the 12th Year Campaign Junior/Senior Student Workbook, which guides students through navigating college admissions and financial aid.
* [**12th Year Campaign Padlet: Financial Aid Resources for Students**](https://padlet.com/christinaw12/t6jfitu7m8in10xc). Find a list of resources to navigate the financial aid and admissions processes.
* **Revamped!** [**The College Knowledge Project Materials.**](https://wsac.wa.gov/12th-year-campaign#the-college-knowledge-project) From CSF, CCER, PSCCN, & WSAC. 23 student-tested and approved digital handouts compiled into a workbook designed to support college and career education planning. Lesson plans are available for each chapter. Order hardcopies via the 12th Year Campaign. Find digital copies on the [WCAN website](https://www.collegesuccessfoundation.org/our-approach/partnerships-initiatives/washington-college-access-network-wcan/#college-knowledge-materials).
* [**17 Brain Breaks Tailored for High Schoolers**](https://www.edutopia.org/article/17-brain-breaks-tailored-for-high-schoolers/)**.** As high school students navigate more rigorous academic tasks and denser curricular material, the occasional 3-to-5-minute break delivers a wide range of benefits.
* [**Resources for Chinese-American History Month**.](https://oercommons.org/courseware/lesson/108880) Washington’s Open Educational Resources (OER) Commons provides posters for schools and districts to download, featuring notable Washingtonians of Chinese descent.
* [**Student Aid Reference Desk**.](https://www.studentaidrefdesk.org/) Free, open-access resource from the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

**IN THE NEWS**

* [So Many Bills, So Little Time: What To Watch In The WA Legislature’s 2024 Short Session](https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/so-many-bills-so-little-time-what-to-watch-in-the-wa-legislatures-2024-short-session)
* [The FAFSA rollout has been rough on students. The biggest problem is yet to come](https://www.npr.org/2024/01/09/1222664638/fafsa-student-financial-aid-college)
* [FAFSA Delays Are Straining Families & Colleges](https://www.npr.org/2024/01/05/1222892834/fafsa-student-financial-aid-college)
* [FAFSA Delay Poised To Rattle Most Cash-Strapped College Applicants](https://www.politico.com/news/2023/12/22/financial-aid-form-delay-puts-low-income-college-enrollment-at-risk-00132959)
* [Want To Stress Less In 2024? '5 Resets' To Tame Toxic Stress](https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2024/01/04/1221730997/want-to-stress-less-in-2024-a-new-book-offers-5-resets-to-tame-toxic-stress)
* [Schools Enlist Chat-Based Startup To Help Students Address Stress](https://www.knkx.org/education/2024-01-04/washington-schools-text-chat-clayful-startup-students-mental-health-stress)
* [Career Technical Education: A Pathway For Arts Educators](https://edsource.org/2024/career-technical-education-a-pathway-for-arts-educators/702962)
* [70 Years After Brown Vs. Board Of Education, Public Schools Still Deeply Segregated](https://theconversation.com/70-years-after-brown-vs-board-of-education-public-schools-still-deeply-segregated-219654)
* [DEI Programs Are Now Gone From Texas Universities. How Are Schools Adapting?](https://www.tpr.org/education/2024-01-02/dei-programs-are-now-gone-from-texas-universities-how-are-schools-adapting)
* [Banned Book Efforts Spur Activists To Start Clubs To Read Those Works](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2023/12/29/more-groups-are-launching-projects-to-stop-the-rise-of-book-bans/72008712007/)
* [Crosscut Now: Rural Washington Is Still In The Digital Dark](https://crosscut.com/video/crosscut-now/rural-washington-still-digital-dark)
* [Innovative Pilot Program Bridges Internet Gap For Students In Rural Washington](https://medium.com/waospi/innovative-pilot-program-bridges-internet-gap-for-students-in-rural-washington-c1557b79acb5)
* [Effective Ways To Support Teacher Collaboration](https://www.edutopia.org/article/5-effective-ways-support-teacher-collaboration/)
* [Lessons From Post-Pandemic Tutoring Research](https://hechingerreport.org/proof-points-four-lessons-from-post-pandemic-tutoring-research)
* [Harvard President’s Resignation & The End Of Affirmative Action Signal To Black People That They Will Never Belong](https://hechingerreport.org/opinion-harvard-president-claudine-gays-resignation-and-the-end-of-affirmative-action-signal-to-black-people-that-they-will-never-belong)
* [Why So Many Kids Are Still Missing School](https://www.vox.com/2024/1/9/23904542/chronic-absenteeism-school-attendance)
* [The Impact Of Education Policies On Black Students And What We Can Do Next](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/62934/bettina-love-examines-the-impact-of-education-policies-on-black-students-and-what-we-can-do-next)

**SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES**

*Find more opportunities at:* <https://gearup.wa.gov/educators/scholarships>.

* **[Scholarship Junkies’ Free Scholarship Bank](https://www.scholarshipjunkies.org/scholarship-search)**. Scholarship Junkies has launched their brand-new Scholarship Bank! This organization is a reputable and safe source to search for scholarships.
* [**Get Schooled Essay Review**](https://getschooled.com/college-review)**.** Get Schooled helps you with your essays for college applications and scholarships. Submit your personal statement, supplemental college application essays, and scholarship essays for feedback. They will provide actionable suggestions and feedback within one week.
* [**Mental Health Stigma-National Essay Contest**](https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2023/high-school-students-invited-to-reflect-on-mental-health-stigma-in-national-essay-contest)**.** By the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), and the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). $15,000 in cash prizes to multiple winners. Due Jan. 16.
* [**WSECU Scholarships**](https://wsecu.org/scholarships)**.** For members of all ages. $2,000 is awarded for two-year colleges and vocational schools. $3,000 is awarded for four-year undergraduate programs and graduate programs. Due Feb. 12.
* [**Common App Student Advisory Committee**](https://bit.ly/48leLnT)**.** For HS juniors and seniors and those in their first year of college. Due Mar. 1.

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| **College Scholarship** | **Brief Description** | **Due** |
| [Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship](https://jackierobinson.org/scholarship/) | ($35,000) - Awarded to outstanding HS graduates who plan to earn a baccalaureate degree from an accredited four-year college or university. | 1/10 |
| [FFA Scholarships](https://www.ffa.org/scholarships) | Over 1,000 scholarships with/ just one application available to FFA members. | 1/11 |
| [GSBA Scholarship Fund](http://www.thegsba.org/scholarship-home) | ($8,000) - The average annual award amount for each scholar is $8,000. In addition, GSBA invests in our scholars' leadership development through annual programs and workshops. | 1/12 |
| [Bezos Scholars Program](https://www.bezosscholars.org/apply) | For HS juniors. Successful applicants have a strong drive and commitment to their education and demonstrate maturity, curiosity, resilience, and leadership. | 1/24 |
| [The Hamilton Award](https://www.hamiltonscholars.org/apply/) | For HS juniors for their academic, personal, and service achievements. This three-year, no-student-cost program helps students get into college, transition to college, succeed while in college, and transition to the post-college world. | 1/26 |
| [Truman D. Picard Scholarship for Native Students](http://www.itcnet.org/about_us/scholarships.html) | Dedicated to the support of Native American students pursuing a higher education in Natural Resources. | 1/26 |
| [The UW DO-IT Scholars Program](http://www.washington.edu/doit/Programs/scholar.html) | For WA State HS students with disabilities planning to continue their education after they graduate. Scholars prepare for their transition to college—which includes exploring careers, independence, self-advocacy, and leadership. Is open to high school sophomores or juniors. | 1/30 |
| [Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship](https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Apply/) | Full tuition, book stipend, educational fees, and other financial benefits at many of the country's leading colleges and universities. Upon graduation, midshipmen are commissioned as officers in the unrestricted line Naval Reserve or Marine Corps Reserve. | 1/31 |
| [Naomi Winston Scholarship in Art](https://www.nsalwashington.org/the-winston-scholarships-in-voice-and-art/naomi-winston-scholarship-in-art/) | For visual artists, aged 16 to 22. Applicants must demonstrate exceptional talent and promise of future success. | 2/1 |
| [EngineerGirl Essay Contest](http://www.engineergirl.org/10209.aspx) | This essay contest is for K12 students – in grades 3-12. Must write an original essay on a given topic related to engineering. | 2/1 |
| [John F. & Anna Lee Stacey Scholarship Fund for Art Education](http://www.nationalcowboymuseum.org/education/staceyfund/) | ($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 |
| [AXA Achievement Scholarship](https://www.college-financial-aid-advice.com/axa-scholarship.html#com) | ($2,500-$25,000) - For HS seniors who plan to enroll in an accredited two- or four-year college or university for the upcoming school year. Must submit a detailed essay that describes one outstanding, non-academic achievement they have accomplished. | 2/1 |
| [HACER® National Scholarship](https://www.mcdonalds.com/us/en-us/community/hacer/eligibility-and-requirements.html) | For HS seniors who plan to go to a 2- or 4-year college or university. Must have at least one parent of Hispanic heritage, have a min. 3.0 GPA, and be a legal resident. | 2/5 |
| [CORE's Que Llueva Café Scholarship](https://ca-core.org/scholarship/) | For college-bound undocumented students, can earn their college education and allow for all of their hard work and sacrifice to persevere. $500-1,000. | 2/10 |
| [John Lennon Scholarship - BMI Foundation](https://bmifoundation.org/by-application/johnlennonaward) | ($20,000) – For student songwriters and composers of contemporary musical genres including alternative, pop, rock, indie, electronica, R&B, and experimental. | 2/15 |
| [Princeton Summer Journalism Program](https://psjp.princeton.edu/about-program/apply) | Free residential journalism and college preparatory program for high-achieving current juniors from low-income backgrounds interested in journalism. All program expenses, including meals, housing, and transportation covered. | 2/15 |
| [Association of Computer Professionals in Education (ACPE) Scholarship](https://acpenw.org/scholarships/) | ($2,000) – For HS seniors who plan to study technology. Successful applicants have studied and used technology innovatively throughout high school and can demonstrate their work through a project. The project itself can take many forms, including but not limited to a website, app, video, podcast, webcast, etc., produced sometime during their high school years. | 2/16 |
| [The Christophers’ Poster Contest](https://www.christophers.org/poster-contest) | Open to 9-12 graders. Must create an original poster that interprets the theme "You Can Make a Difference” & illustrates the idea that one person can change the world for the better. $100-$1,000. | 2/16 |
| [Gordon A. Rich Memorial Scholarship](http://www.gordonrich.org/html/index.html) | ($12,500) – For HS students with demonstrated financial need whose parents or guardians have, or had, a career in the financial services industry. | 2/20 |
| [Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship](http://www.vrg.org/student/scholar.htm) | Due to the generosity of an anonymous donor, The Vegetarian Resource Group each year will award $20,000 in college scholarship money to graduating U.S. high school students who have promoted vegetarianism in their schools and/or communities. | 2/20 |
| [Indian Health Services Scholarships](https://www.ihs.gov/scholarship/apply/) | Scholarships for qualified American Indian and Alaska Native students who plan to enter or are pursuing degrees in the health profession. | 2/28 |
| [Washington Opportunity Scholarship- Baccalaureate](https://www.waopportunityscholarship.org/students/applicants/baccalaureate/) | For low- and middle-income students pursuing eligible high-demand majors in STEM or health care and encourages recipients to work in WA once they complete their degrees. | 2/29 |
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