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Did You Know?

BigFuture x LinkedIn's Career Week is Jun. 6-8.

Hear about the fastest-growing jobs in the future and get questions answered.

RSVP: <http://spr.ly/6181OQdWP>

WA STATE GEAR UP PROGRAM UPDATES

- **Welcome! Fiscal Analyst [Debbie Libra](#) and Budget Analyst [Feather Wagner](#)** have joined the WAGU team at WSAC!
- **Cohort Schools Update:** In the **Year 7 Work Plan and Budget Template**, lines 39 and 42 are duplicate items. Please use Line 39; we'll delete Line 42 in your Work Plan Review Session.
- **Deadline: Senior Information Release Forms** are due after your last school day. Please send Attn: Annie Pocklington, WA Student Achievement Council, PO BOX 43430 Olympia WA, 98504.
- **Reminder! Final Work Plan/Budget Revision.** Revisions are due Jun. 30. You must submit if you have deleted any activities, will not complete them by 8/31/23, added new activities, or moved funds.
- **Download Summer: [College Knowledge Family Newsletters](#).** Monthly family newsletters with college readiness information for students by grade level (7-12). They come pre-loaded with info and areas to personalize! Available in English, Arabic, Chuukese, Marshallese, Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **On Demand: [Supporting Student Access to Career Preparation and Apprenticeships](#).** Learn about apprenticeship opportunities, how to support students, how CTCs play a role, bust myths, and available financial resources.
- **On Demand: [Financial Aid: 201](#) | [Financial Aid: 101](#).** From PSCCN & WSAC.
- **Webinar: [Homeless Youth at Risk: Lessons from the 2021 Youth Risk Behavior Survey](#).** Jun. 21, 11 AM.
- **[Washington SEL Network Exchange](#).** Highline Community College, Jun. 27.
- **[AVID Ignite](#).** Live, facilitated virtual sessions—dates in June thru August.
- **[MTSS Fest 2023](#).** August 3-4, Tri-Cities.
- **Save the Date: [Comprehensive School Counseling Programs Back to School Webinar](#).** Aug. 16, 9– 11 AM.
- **Save The Dates: [Fall 2023 College Fairs](#).** Additional details and registration information will be available later this summer for in-person and virtual fairs. PNACAC: 10/3-Yakima, 10/4-Lacey, 10/5-Tacoma. NACAC: 10/6-10/7-Seattle, 10/8-10/9- Portland, 10/24- Spokane.
- **[WCHSCR Fall Counselor Workshop](#).** Register before the school year ends. Space is limited. 9/11-EWU, 9/12-CBC, 9/13-UWB, 9/14-CPT, 9/15-BTC, 9/19-Virtual.
- **[2023 NCAN National Conference](#).** Dallas, Oct. 16-18.
- **[GEAR UP West Conference](#).** Spokane, Oct. 22-24.
- **[ACT College and Career Readiness Workshops](#).** In-person events, national webinars, and ACT product-specific webinars in October.

RESOURCES

- **WAGU Featured Resource: [Graduate Handbook: Next Steps for First-Year Students](#).** This student guide contains information on critical next steps.
- **[About The New Performance-Based Pathway](#).** The Legislature passed House Bill 1308, creating a new performance-based graduation pathway option. Download the SBE one-pager.
- **[The Wallace Foundation's Summer Learning Toolkit](#).** Find evidence-based tools and strategies, templates for all planning stages, and links to research to support your summer programming. The Summer Program Reflection Tool can guide your team through a quasi-SWOT analysis to reflect on what worked, what didn't, and what you can improve for the following year.
- **[What Is Important To Know About Secondary Transition Services And Supports?](#)** Check out this OSPI publication for helpful reminders for secondary transition services, support, best practices, resources, and myth-busting for youth with disabilities.
- **[Activities That Work!](#)** An ACT evaluation found that students who participated in NCCEP's Career & College Clubs had increased knowledge of postsecondary education, improved educational intentions, and developed vital social and emotional skills. With research-based, ready-to-go activities, this curriculum can help you meet GEAR UP goals! Explore and learn more.

IN THE NEWS

- [Q&A With Henry Strom: Why Native Students In WA Need To Be Counted, Heard](#)
- [Investing In Hope Education To Support Pandemic Recovery](#)

- [Four WA Students Launch STEM Paths To The Skies](#)
- [Educational Equity As A Fundamental Right — PODCAST](#)
- [Mentor In The Loop—Is There A Role For AI In Mentoring Relationships?](#)
- [Laws On Trans, Nonbinary Student Pronouns Put Teachers In A Bind](#)
- [Teachers Agree On Most School Safety Issues, Except Guns](#)
- [Podcast | After High School, What's Next For Seattle Students?](#)
- [What ChatGPT Could Mean For Tutoring](#)
- [When Graduation Dress Codes Clash With Students' Cultural Expression](#)
- [The Teacher Who Inspired Me To Be Who I Am Today](#)
- [How Do Informal Mentoring Networks For Foster Youth Students Change Over Time?](#)
- [Delivering Mental Health Supports To Adolescents In School Settings](#)
- [A League Of Their Own: How 7 Women Aided Seattle's Native Community](#)
- [Everyone Earns An Industry Certification, And Most Go To College In This CTE Program](#)
- [5 Critical Strategies To Make Your School Safer](#)
- [How Important Was Your Favorite Teacher To Your Success? Researchers Have Done The Math](#)
- [5 Effective Ways To Support Teacher Collaboration](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

Find more opportunities at: <https://gearup.wa.gov/educators/scholarships> and [our scholarship search engines and databases list](#).

- **Due Today! Washington Opportunity Scholarship: Career & Technical Scholarship.** Hundreds of \$1,500 scholarships will be given to students pursuing high-demand trade, STEM, and healthcare careers this fall. WA residents of any age can access flexible funding to pay for their housing, transportation, food, and more while pursuing an eligible program at any of the state's 34 community and technical colleges; plus, rural students may qualify for thousands more in support!
- **Are you a Dual Credit or Running Start Student Experiencing Foster Care?** The ETV Dual Credit application is for students enrolled in an eligible program earning a high school diploma and taking college credits toward a degree at an accredited college or university. Students may be eligible to receive up to \$2,000 per academic year (fall, winter, and spring) to help with expenses such as books, fees, supplies, and transportation.
- **BigFuture: National Recognition Programs.** One application. Infinite possibilities. Help colleges recognize your hard work and accomplishments. Due Jun. 12.

College Scholarship	Brief Description	Due
Stuck At Prom Scholarship Contest	(\$10,000) - This is the coolest scholarship contest around! Students are challenged to create and wear prom outfits made entirely from Duct Tape to win scholarship cash!	6/7
Navigate Your Future Scholarship	A \$2,500 scholarship is offered to an HS graduate continuing their education in the aviation industry.	6/29
Geoscience IDEA Scholarship (formerly AWG Minority Scholarship)	The Geoscience Inclusion, Diversity, Equality, and Accessibility (IDEA) Scholarship program encourages women from under-served communities to pursue an education and career in the Geosciences or Earth Sciences. The scholarship annually provides up to \$5000 in awards, typically split between two or more undergraduate students, and matches them with AWG mentors to enhance their careers. It also includes a one-year, sponsored AWG student membership.	6/30
Do-Over Scholarship	(\$1,500) - In 250 words or less, submit a response to the question: "If you could get one 'do-over' in life, what would it be and why?"	6/30
Scholarship Poetry Contest - Fall Issue	Open to all U.S. HS students. Applicant must submit an original poem with 20 lines or less. Up to \$500.	6/30
ERCA Community Contribution Scholarship	(\$1,500-\$7,000) - The community contribution scholarship is open to all high school students who have recognized a need or problem in their community and have determined how to address it.	7/26
The Flavor of the Month Scholarship	(\$1,500) -Summer and ice cream go hand-in-hand. July is National Ice Cream Month, and that's the inspiration behind this award. People are very similar to ice cream; some are nutty, others a little exotic, while some are very comforting. If you were an ice cream flavor, which would you be and why?" (250 words or less)	7/31
Make Me Laugh Scholarship	(\$1,500) - Make Me Laugh is a fun scholarship that lets you cut loose and lighten things up. Looking for a scholarship for comedians? Now is your chance to show us your funny bone. Perhaps you always have an embarrassing - but funny - story to share. Great! We'll promise to laugh with you, not at you. Must be 14 years of age or older at the time of application.	8/31
American Fire Sprinkler Association Second Chance Scholarship Contest	Open to anyone who has graduated high school or equivalency and wants to pursue a college degree or trade school education. Enter for the chance to win 1 of 5 \$1,000 College Scholarships.	9/1
NAEHCY Scholarship Fund	NAEHCY Eligibility - To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must be under the age of 21 • Applicant be actively pursuing post-secondary education 	9/16

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must be eligible for McKinney-Vento assistance or have experienced homelessness while in school within the last six years • Undocumented students who meet these criteria are eligible • The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act defines parameters on homeless status. 	
We the Future Contest	Open to K-12 students, college students, law school students, graduate students, adults 25 years and older, and seniors 65 years and older. Each age group has different requirements, so applicants should visit the website for details. Amount varies.	9/17
QuestBridge National College Match	An online platform that helps outstanding low-income HS seniors gain admission and full 4-year scholarships to some of the nation's most selective colleges.	9/27
Don't Text and Drive Scholarship	(\$1,000) - Complete the application form, including a 140-character message about texting while driving. The top 10 applications will be selected as finalists. The finalists will be asked to write a full-length 500- to 1,000-word essay about texting while driving.	9/30
Scholarship Poetry Contest - Winter Issue	(\$100-\$500) - Applicant must submit an original poem with 20 lines or less.	9/30
Shout It Out Scholarship	(\$1,500) - In 250 words or less, submit an online response to the question: "If you could say one thing to the entire world at once, what would it be and why?"	9/30
Coca-Cola Scholars Scholarship	(\$20,000) - High school seniors with a minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA may apply on our website in August of their senior year until the October 31 deadline. 150 Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive this \$20,000 scholarship.	10/2



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