

# SENIOR SIGNING DAY



## Objective

The event objectives aim to promote postsecondary education and career pathways.

1. Recognize every senior continuing their education after high school in one of five post-secondary programs: Apprenticeship, Technical Professional, Military, 2-Year College, or 4-Year University.
2. Show underclassmen that there are many pathways after high school, not only two and 4-year colleges, and help to eliminate the stigma often associated with attending community colleges (taking away the "just going to" from community colleges).
3. Prevent students from experiencing "summer melt" by providing a break-out session for students and parents to receive information from college representatives regarding admissions, financial aid, housing, and registration.
4. Motivate any senior who has not yet taken the steps to apply to a post-secondary program.
5. Strengthen the college-going culture by inspiring underclassmen to continue their education after high school.

<b>Procedure</b>	<p>White Pass hosts a Senior Decision Day as an event to share and celebrate the plans of their seniors with students, staff, parents, and community members. Key aspects of how they host the event include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Red Carpet Event:</b> Seniors are treated to a red-carpet entrance into the gym.</li> <li>• <b>Escorts:</b> 8th-grade students escort the seniors into the gym.</li> <li>• <b>Special Guest Speaker:</b> A special guest speaker is invited to the event.</li> <li>• <b>College Representatives:</b> College representatives are invited.</li> <li>• <b>Social Gathering:</b> A social event is hosted for parents and community members.</li> <li>• <b>Certificates:</b> GU staff make certificates with college logos for the seniors to sign.</li> <li>• <b>Simultaneous Signing:</b> Seniors are seated facing the audience, and all sign their certificates at the same time, following a countdown from the audience.</li> <li>• <b>Legislative Representation:</b> Last year, their Lewis County Legislative Representative attended.</li> <li>• <b>College Swag:</b> Colleges are excellent about attending or sending swag for the seniors.</li> <li>• <b>Cupcake Pennants:</b> College, military, and/or workforce pennants are made for the cupcakes at the social event.</li> </ul>	<b>Themes</b>
		College Exploration, Admissions, Transitions
		<b>Audience</b>
		All GU students
		<b>Grade Level(s)</b>
		7-12
		<b>Cost</b>
		Varies.
		<b>Required Materials</b>
		Pennants for colleges, military, and opportunity pathways are <b>donated by colleges</b> or <b>made by GEAR UP students</b> in a computer design class. Can find the pennant on the WAGU site.
<b>Prep Time</b>		
Varies.		
<b>Additional Notes</b>		
Contributed by White Pass HS.		