WEEKLY BULLETIN

**September 18-22, 2023**

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| IN THIS ISSUE: | **DID YOU KNOW?**  Each year, we observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. |
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# WA STATE GEAR UP PROGRAM UPDATES

* **Reminder:** GEAR UP students qualify for college application fee waivers from Common App and NACAC by simply identifying as GEAR UP participants. [Educator flyer](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fedpartnerships.us2.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Da0d96cacbd72776b465181daf%26id%3Da306a615f6%26e%3Da2f060beda&data=05%7C01%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7C1d75719dccfc40a0461b08dbb5427b11%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638303069365862709%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=W%2BUMRCiRT%2FXw%2BfULYQ541Ay55FDao%2FqXVVcwmTp0O2g%3D&reserved=0) and [Student flyer](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fedpartnerships.us2.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Da0d96cacbd72776b465181daf%26id%3D7358b6686c%26e%3Da2f060beda&data=05%7C01%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7C1d75719dccfc40a0461b08dbb5427b11%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638303069365862709%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Nq%2F9L9D0ooqo%2FnnNalSlGGvCrATSIV2hWyzxPDzFczc%3D&reserved=0).
* **Reminder**: Review your Year 7 Work Plan & Budget and submit any necessary revisions by Sept. 30.
* [**College Knowledge Family Newsletters**](https://gearup.wa.gov/educators/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.*
* **Important FAFSA/WASFA Changes:** School counselors and other advocates should adjust financial aid outreach messaging and timelines to address the changes. WSAC offers [training for your staff](https://wsac.wa.gov/aim-higher-training) and helpful [resources and outreach materials](https://wsac.wa.gov/12th-year-campaign).

# STUDENT RECRUITMENT & OUTREACH EVENTS

* [**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. Dates vary throughout fall/winter.
* [**PNACAC College Fairs:**](https://www.pnacac.org/fall-fairs)10/4: Lacey and 10/5: Tacoma.
* [**NACAC College Fairs:**](https://www.nacacnet.org/nacac-college-fairs/) 10/6-10/7: Seattle, 10/8-10/9: Portland, and 10/24: Spokane.
* **Free:** [**Youth Advocacy Summit & Fall Fest!**](https://educationvoters.salsalabs.org/2023FallAdvocacyEvent/index.html) By LEV, CCER, and youth partners. For youth, by youth. Oct. 8, Highline College

# OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

* [**2023-24 PNACAC College Counseling 101 Sessions.**](https://www.pnacac.org/webinars) Open to school/college counselors, consultants, CBOs, career center specialists, transfer center coordinators, and other PNACAC members working with secondary school or transfer-seeking students. *PNACAC membership is free for individuals from public school communities.* See the link for details.
* **Webinar:** [**Jumpstart to Success: Start the Year with the Latest Info and Resources.**](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wpx7sGYESgqG7gpbNsa5Qw#/registration) By OSPI & WSAC. Sept. 20, 9 AM.
* **Webinar:** [**Getting Ready for the Better FAFSA.**](https://www.ncan.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1766092&group=)By NCAN. Sept. 26, 10-Noon.
* **Virtual: Suicide Prevention, Intervention, & Postvention Trainings**. By OSPI. Postvention: [9/27](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTcsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnBkZW5yb2xsZXIub3JnL2NhdGFsb2cvZXZlbnQvMTU2OTYzIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDIzMDgzMC44MTg1OTAxMSJ9.X6Mlo3-ncG6JH1TNBBcIsQlBNCiZOzCzqBZ2Dg3Aksk/s/421506233/br/225014480145-l) and [10/17](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTgsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnBkZW5yb2xsZXIub3JnL2NhdGFsb2cvZXZlbnQvMTU3MDEyIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDIzMDgzMC44MTg1OTAxMSJ9.X86rVJnWs6pNJV8ManHZENRF4V47h1SpJbsa3IjtXow/s/421506233/br/225014480145-l), Intervention: [10/24](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTksInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnBkZW5yb2xsZXIub3JnL2NhdGFsb2cvZXZlbnQvMTU3MDEzIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDIzMDgzMC44MTg1OTAxMSJ9.Kraxn0swE-fCmTszUEDQXneOpiHonj-7beWNwDA_Azs/s/421506233/br/225014480145-l) and [11/8](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMjAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnBkZW5yb2xsZXIub3JnL2NhdGFsb2cvZXZlbnQvMTU3MDIzIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDIzMDgzMC44MTg1OTAxMSJ9.Qpy3BA1WYYU_d95bearRYMIzMRNPFzpWwRNtgJ2XXC8/s/421506233/br/225014480145-l), and Prevention: [11/14](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMjEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnBkZW5yb2xsZXIub3JnL2NhdGFsb2cvZXZlbnQvMTU3MDI3IiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDIzMDgzMC44MTg1OTAxMSJ9._rguXhMz4s5aItcGMlXfAXR4EVZyg2cT9fkZqgnob-Q/s/421506233/br/225014480145-l) & [12/11](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMjIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnBkZW5yb2xsZXIub3JnL2NhdGFsb2cvZXZlbnQvMTU5NDE3IiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDIzMDgzMC44MTg1OTAxMSJ9.zBamCgjIuHwYTj4Sz-WVD5RDSxbBuYKyRR7CAwchTec/s/421506233/br/225014480145-l).
* **Webinar:** [**Sustaining Success: Investing in Showing Up**](https://www.attendanceworks.org/resources/webinars/). By Attendance Works. Sept. 27, Noon.
* [**PNACAC College Fairs:**](https://www.pnacac.org/fall-fairs)10/4: Lacey and 10/5: Tacoma.
* [**NACAC College Fairs:**](https://www.nacacnet.org/nacac-college-fairs/) 10/6-10/7: Seattle, 10/8-10/9: Portland, and 10/24: Spokane.
* **Webinar:** [**What You Need to Know: FAFSA Simplification Act.**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclduuvqjoqHtDZpbrmDoGgXDuP1W08kepi#/registration) By Aim Higher WA. Oct. 12, 10 AM.
* [**2023 NCAN National Conference.**](https://www.ncan.org/page/2023NCANConference)Dallas, Oct. 16-18.
* **Webinar:** [**Strategies to Support Transitions to Higher Ed**](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/4416903892252/WN_oJqo1QBrSs20nn0g8aCDGA?emci=56c521e7-4847-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73&emdi=7ecb087f-584e-ee11-a3f1-00224832e1ba&ceid=11625301#/registration) (Foster/Homeless). By SchoolHouse Connection. Oct. 20, 10 AM.
* [**GEAR UP West Conference.**](https://gearup.wa.gov/about/what-we-do/gear-west)Spokane, Oct. 22-24. **Update:** The [Conference Website](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgearup.wa.gov%2Fgear-west&data=05%7C01%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7C80b80ec0ef3d427ce05f08dba7f6059a%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638288447342128760%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9r21oL6OiZMe64emU4CLAqWWoy%2BWRJ8hgVYjeVUY0tU%3D&reserved=0) is Now LIVE! Find the most current version of the session list, keynote bios, and more. [Register and book your lodging](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fweb.cvent.com%2Fevent%2F76645d71-ab7f-4a37-a057-5437bf945442%2Fsummary&data=05%7C01%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7C80b80ec0ef3d427ce05f08dba7f6059a%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638288447342128760%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xIGtlNRYKZexWIsZiwKBab3MAzbSemramFjBWXKJoGg%3D&reserved=0) now for the early bird rate!
* **Webinar:** [**Middle School College and Career Readiness**](https://pages2.act.org/ccrw-2023-webinars.html)**.** By ACT. Oct. 24, 9 AM.
* **Save the Date: 2024 WSCA Conference.** Mar. 6-8, SeaTac.

# RESOURCES

* **WAGU Featured Resource:** GEAR UP Week is Sept. 25 – 29. Find resources from [WAGU](https://gearup.wa.gov/about/what-we-do/national-gear-week) and [NCCEP](https://www.edpartnerships.org/nguw). Share the proclamation and media coverage. Use #GEARUPworks and #GUWeek hashtags on social media. Have your students and partners [participate in the video challenge!](https://www.edpartnerships.org/gu-week-2023)
* [**#WhyApply Day**](https://equityinlearning.act.org/acac/resources/why-apply/) is Friday, Sept. 22! You may use this opportunity to start or continue conversations with students about college applications and postsecondary plans. Other celebration ideas include wearing your college gear and/or posting on social media about how education has shaped your career. Learn more and download resources.
* [**Resources To Make The Most Of Planning For Life After High School**](https://readywa.org/beyond/en)**.** From Ready WA. Find resources for students, parents, and educators.
* [**Vitaes.com**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp)BIPOC professionals discuss their careers, give insights and advice.
* [**Listen to Me: Community College Students Tell Us What Helps Them Persist**](https://cccse.org/SR2022)**.** This 2022 Special report shares the voices of students to explore the triggers that might lead to student attrition as well as the leverage points that can change those outcomes. Includes supplemental materials and resources.
* [**Federal Student Aid’s Career Search Tool.**](https://studentaid.gov/resources/prepare-for-college/students/career-search) Turn interests into a career that is the right fit for you! ​Use this tool to explore career paths.

# IN THE NEWS

* [Students Are Accelerating In Math Recovery, According To State Test Scores](https://medium.com/waospi/students-are-accelerating-in-math-recovery-according-to-state-test-scores-53fcad15cf33)
* [How A Free, 24/7 Tutoring Model Is Disrupting Learning Loss For Low-Income Kids](https://www.the74million.org/article/how-a-free-24-7-tutoring-model-is-disrupting-learning-loss-for-low-income-kids/" \l ":~:text=After%20just%20nine%20sessions%2C%20students,the%202021%2D22%20school%20year.)
* [Native American Boarding Schools And Education History](https://blog.nativehope.org/native-american-boarding-schools-and-education-history)
* [LGBTQ+ Students Feel The Weight Of A Push For Parents' Rights](https://www.edweek.org/leadership/lgbtq-students-feel-the-weight-of-a-push-for-parents-rights/2023/09)
* [In Texas, A Black High School Student Is Suspended Over His Hair Length](https://www.nytimes.com/2023/09/14/us/texas-student-locs-hair-crown-act.html)
* [Shine The Light: Suicide Prevention & Awareness Summit Strives To Save Lives](https://www.columbian.com/news/2023/sep/13/shine-the-light-suicide-prevention-awareness-summit-strives-to-save-lives/)
* [Who’s Teaching The Teachers When It Comes To Equity In The Classroom?](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/education/2023/09/14/equity-professional-development-for-teachers/70801844007/)
* [School Shootings Just Hit An All-Time High. Again](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/education/2023/09/13/school-shootings-hit-record-2021-2022/70841718007/)
* [After Confronting Mental Health Struggles In College, I’m Now Helping Others](https://hechingerreport.org/student-voice-after-confronting-mental-health-struggles-in-college-im-now-helping-others)
* [ACT Study Finds It’s Easier And Easier To Get An A In Math](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/62392/act-study-finds-its-easier-and-easier-to-get-an-a-in-math)
* [College Applications Are Complicated — Take A Breath](https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/college-applications-are-complicated-take-a-breath)
* [Bellingham Library Will Soon Have A Mental Health Professional Available During Open Hours](https://www.bellinghamherald.com/news/politics-government/article279251214.html)
* [Flu And COVID Vaccines Coming To Washington](https://crosscut.com/news/2023/09/flu-and-covid-vaccines-coming-washington)
* [Perspectives: The State Of Washington’s Dual Credit Courses Today](https://stand.org/washington/our-stories/perspectives-the-state-of-washingtons-dual-credit-courses-today/" \t "_blank)
* [A New Report About College Enrollment Raises Red Flags For Employers](https://www.seattletimes.com/education-lab/a-new-report-about-college-enrollment-raises-red-flags-for-employers/" \t "_blank)
* [Unleashing The Power Of Career Readiness Programs](https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2023/aug/06/unleashing-the-power-of-career-readiness-programs/)

# SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

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

* [**Path to Pro Scholarship**](https://www.myscholarship.app/home-depot-foundation)**.** $2,000 scholarship for students attending an approved trade-related program (Carpentry, Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing, or Construction Management) at an accredited two-year school. Due Sept. 30.
* **Seeking** [**U.S. Presidential Scholar Nominations**](https://www.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/graduation/pubdocs/2023-24%20Overall%20Achievement%20Nomination%20Form.pdf) **for Overall Achievement Award**. Schools may nominate one student who identifying as female and one student who identifies as male. Candidates should have demonstrated leadership; school and community involvement; academic and extracurricular achievement and writing skills. Nominees may receive discretionary points for extraordinary scholastic achievement, long-lasting commitment to community service, heavy workload, additional family responsibilities, or significant obstacles that they overcame.  Submit a nomination form and writing sample for each student by Oct. 20.
* [2024 YoungArts Award Competition](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fedpartnerships.us2.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Da0d96cacbd72776b465181daf%26id%3D06b04a16c8%26e%3Da2f060beda&data=05%7C01%7CBethk%40wsac.wa.gov%7Cfca140779ad94fefd2cb08dbb459c73d%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638302069950331588%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bBpccANWhKDvmEirm5aDvZnfbMOIoVOI7V2pjR%2BPYJ0%3D&reserved=0). Open to artists (1) between the ages of 15–18 or in high school grades 10–12 (as of December 1, 2023) (2) that are U.S. citizens, permanent residents or legally able to receive taxable income in the U.S. and (3) that demonstrate excellence in Classical Music, Dance, Design, Film, Jazz, Photography, Theater, Visual Arts, Voice or Writing. Winners receive cash awards, opportunities to work with renowned artists, and become eligible for creative and professional development support throughout their careers. Due Oct.13.

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| **College Scholarship** | **Brief Description** | **Due** |
| [QuestBridge National College Match](http://www.questbridge.org/for-students/ncm-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](http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/dont-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](http://www.justpoetry.org/submissions) | ($100-$500) - Applicant must submit an original poem with 20 lines or less. | 9/30 |
| [Shout It Out Scholarship](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/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 |
| [Golden Door Scholars Scholarship for Undocumented Students](http://www.goldendoorscholars.org/) | (Full Tuition) - Golden Door Scholars lights the way for undocumented students to invest in their education and achieve their career goals beyond what they might imagine. Recent high school graduates, currently enrolled undergraduates, and transfer students (community college or 4-year college) are also welcome to apply. Applications are considered on a rolling basis, so applying early is helpful. However, applications received after the deadline will not be considered. We do not support funding for graduate degrees. Students must be eligible for DACA. | 10/1 |
| [Coca-Cola Scholars Scholarship](http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/#programs) | ($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 |
| [Horatio Alger Scholarship - National Scholarships](https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/national-scholarships/) | ($25,000) - The Horatio Alger National Scholarship Program is one of the major scholarship programs nationally that specifically assists high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. | 10/25 |
| [Horatio Alger Scholarship - State Scholarships](https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/state-scholarships/) | ($10,000) - State scholarships are awarded to eligible students in all fifty states and the District of Columbia. The program specifically assists high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. | 10/25 |
| [U.S. Bank Scholarship Program](https://www.usbank.com/community/financial-education/scholarship.html) | Complete a series of Financial Genius for Life online learning modules for a chance to win. | 10/30 |
| [Disney Dreamers Academy Applications.](https://www.disneydreamersacademy.com/be-a-dreamer/apply/) | (Academy) - Disney Dreamers Academy is a 4-day, power-packed event in which 100 select high school students, ages 13 to 19, are inspired, motivated, and prepared to dream big. | 10/31 |
| [Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/zombie-apocalypse-scholarship) | ($2,000) - In 250 words or less submit a response to the question: "Imagine that your high school or college has been overrun with zombies. Your math professor, the cafeteria ladies, and even your best friend have all joined the Walking Dead. Flesh out a plan to avoid the zombies, including where you’d hide and the top five things you’d bring to stay alive." | 10/31 |
| [Voice of Democracy Scholarship.](https://www.vfw.org/VOD/) | ($30,000) Voice of Democracy audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves regarding a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. The national first-place winner receives a $30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient’s American university, college, or vocational/technical school. | 10/31 |
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