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### Did You Know?

College is a smart investment. Every \$1 spent on prison education saves \$4 on re-imprisonment.

Learn more about the #CollegeNotPrison and the IHEP [research](#) behind it.

## GEAR UP UPDATES

- **Now Hiring!** WSAC's College Access & Support division is looking for a detail oriented individual to be the next [Fiscal Program Manager](#).

• **Match Tip of the Week:** Do you have community volunteers or guest speakers as match? Are you counting the preparation and travel time for them? Well, if not, you CAN! That preparation time is part of them being ready for your event, so it is valuable match time. It must be documented separately on the Goods and Services match form, so list it as preparation time.

- **SREB Go Alliance Webinar: [College Signing Day 2018](#).** This how-to webinar will lead you through the steps to learn how to host your very own College Signing Day at your school or in your community. Hear an update on the national Better Make Room and Reach Higher programs, now that these programs have moved to Civic Nation. Mar. 13, Noon.
- **Action Required: Register & make lodging arrangements for the April workshop.** [Cohort:](#) Apr.24-25, [Priority:](#) Apr. 26-27, Wenatchee. NOTE: The room block closes on Apr. 2.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

- **[Bridge to College Courses](#).** Bridge to College English and Math Course registration is now open on iGrants form 719. **All new and returning schools intending to offer Bridge to College courses in 2018-19 need to register.** While the College Spark funding ends in Dec. 2018, *limited grant funds will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis to assist districts with travel costs to the summer training and teacher supplies/materials for the courses.*

## OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **[Rural Counselor Network & Convening](#).** For counselors, administrators, and college access professionals for small rural school districts from Eastern WA. Teams encouraged to attend! Mar. 14, Spokane.
- **[Working With Youth Exposed to Stress and Trauma](#).** Participants will learn the impact of trauma and insecure attachment on developing brains, tools for building children's resiliency and strategies to build positive relationships. Seattle, Mar. 23.
- **[Mentor Washington 2018 Spring Conference](#).** This conference will feature five tracks to support the work of youth-serving program. May 14 & 15, Des Moines.
- **[PNACAC Conference](#).** HS counselors and admission professionals are welcome to attend. May 23-25, Spokane.
- **[PNACAC Summer College Tour](#).** Register today! The tour will visit schools in eastern WA, eastern OR and ID. \$400 for PNACAC members/\$450 for non-members. Jun. 17-22.
- **[Beyond Paper Tigers Trauma-Informed Conference](#).** Get concrete strategies for implementation. Includes a day-long Trauma-Informed Certification track (in English and Spanish) and general conference sessions. Jun. 27-28, Pasco.
- **Save the Date: School Counselor Summer Institute.** Technical assistance for K-12 counselors and other interested educators. Get info/updates on a variety of topics from the experts. Jun. 27, Spokane or Jun. 29, Olympia.
- **Save the Date: [Fall Counselor Workshops](#).** Locations vary. Dates throughout September.

## RESOURCES

- **WAGU Featured Resource: [A Family Guide: Supporting Your Child After High School](#).** The purpose of this document is to provide support to families as their child transitions to college. The content aims to ease the initial transition to college by facilitating an on-going dialogue between a student and their family who may lack knowledge about college. It provides strategies to coach their student.
- **[Brain Training \(Mar. 19-Apr.13\)](#).** Khan Academy is launching Brain Training, a free, 4-week program designed to motivate your students to practice the skills they need to ace end-of-year tests and realize their full potential through the remainder of the school year.
- **[Code Your School](#).** Do YOU know an educator who would make a great Computer Science Teacher? Check out this amazing initiative by [Code.org](#) to help teachers add Computer Science to their curriculums!

- [15 Questions to Replace 'How Was School Today?'](#) These questions will help you draw out important information from your kids.
- [You Got Accepted — Now What?](#) How to choose a college.

## IN THE NEWS

- [First-Generation Faculty Share Stories of Overcoming Setbacks to Pursue their Passions.](#) The initiative aims to build a first-generation community and to send a message to current undergraduates that they are not alone.
- [Random Roommates Only.](#) Duke University takes away from first-year students the ability to pick their roommates. This move goes against recent trends -- and raises questions about diversity, tolerance and the college experience.
- [Exploring Ethnic-Racial Identity.](#) New research reveals long-lasting, positive effects of giving adolescents opportunities and tools to explore their backgrounds.
- [Supporting Parents in Supporting Their Students.](#) Why including first-generation families in the process is important.
- [Concern Over A DACA Deadline.](#) To draw attention to the students' quandary, Harvard professors launched the [DACA Seminar](#) to understand the students' options.
- [College Enrollment Surges Among Low-Income Students.](#) Enrollment is only the first step. Are these students receiving the support they need to persist THROUGH college and graduate?
- [What Are Active-Shooter Drills Doing to Kids?](#) The psychological effects of realistic simulations could be dangerous.
- [State-By-State Student-To-Counselor Ratio Report.](#) 10-year trends have recently been released by ASCA/NACAC.
- [Make College Affordable To Improve Lives And Build National Prosperity.](#) Non-tuition costs can often be more than the cost Of Tuition And Fees Alone, Making A Rigid Fixation On Tuition An Inadequate Solution For Most Students.
- [Opinion: Many Students Who Need Mentors Still Don't Have Them.](#) Supporting more at-risk youth in a cost-effective and essential way.

## SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

- [2018 Washington State STEM Signing Day.](#) Calling outstanding high school seniors to join us the Washington State STEM Signing Day. Just like signing days for athletes, the inaugural Washington State STEM Signing Day on April 23, 2018 in Seattle will celebrate high school seniors from across the state as they make their commitments to continuing education programs focusing on STEM. Apply to be a part of this great day!
- [QuestBridge Refer a Student.](#) QuestBridge connects the nation's brightest students from low-income backgrounds to top colleges across the United States. Check out their two programs, the [National College Match](#) for high school seniors, and the [College Prep Scholars Program](#) for high school. [Learn more.](#)
- [Scholarships for DACA-mented/Undocumented Students.](#) Are you a DREAMer? If you are, then look at these scholarships.
- [Are You A Student With Something To Say?](#) If you go to a public school or university in Washington and aspire to be a writer or a journalist, here's a chance to see your work published in the pages of the state's largest newspaper. Apply for the 2018 Seattle Times Student Voices program. Due Mar. 18.

Scholarship	Brief Description	Due
<a href="#">ASHG DNA Day Essay Contest</a>	For 9-12th graders. Must submit an essay addressing a question related to genetics.	3/9
<a href="#">National Institutes of Health (NIH) Undergrad Scholarship</a>	For students from disadvantaged backgrounds who are pursuing careers in biomedical, behavioral, & social science health-related research. Up to \$20,000 per year. Renewable for 4 years.	3/15
<a href="#">American Foreign Service Association National HS Essay Contest</a>	For 9-12th graders. Must submit an essay related to Foreign Service. Winner receives \$2,500 a trip to Washington, D.C. to meet the Secretary of State, and full tuition for a Semester at Sea educational voyage.	3/15
<a href="#">National Peace Essay Contest for HS Students</a>	Must write an essay related to the topic of "Security Sector Reform, Political Transition, & Sustainable Peace." \$1,000-\$10,000.	3/15
<a href="#">Junior Duck Stamp Contest</a>	For K-12 students. Submit an original piece of artwork depicting a North American waterfowl species.	3/15
<a href="#">Microsoft DisAbility Scholarship</a>	All candidates must be HS students living with a disability, who plan to attend a 2 to 4 year university or college program.	3/15
<a href="#">Jack Kent Cooke Young Scholars Program</a>	High-ability, low-income 7th graders can apply for the program, which includes educational advising and financial support through HS.	3/21
<a href="#">Nicholas A. Virgilio Memorial Haiku Competition</a>	This competition is for students in grades 7- 12. Must submit up to 3 haiku poems.	3/25
<a href="#">Indian Health Services Scholarships</a>	Scholarships for Native American students who plan to enter or are pursuing degrees in the health profession.	3/28
<a href="#">KMR Group Foundation</a>	For HS seniors graduating from high schools in Clark or Cowlitz counties.	3/30
<a href="#">World of Children Youth Award</a>	For young person under the age of 21 who has made significant contributions in the lives of other children.	3/31
<a href="#">Washington Women in Need Education Grant</a>	Funds a one-year period to help pay for tuition, mandatory fees, and required books and supplies at the approved Washington college or university of their choice. For females 18+.	3/31

<a href="#">Louie Foundation Scholarship</a>	\$100,000 in scholarships available especially for students w/ strong academics & whose parents are in the military or veterans of the armed forces.	3/31
<a href="#">A.T. &amp; Anderson Memorial Scholarship</a>	For American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian AISES members pursuing degrees in the sciences, engineering, medicine, natural resources, math & technology.	3/31
<a href="#">AISES Intel Scholarship</a>	For American Indian/Alaska Native AISES members pursuing degrees in STEM.	3/31
<a href="#">LULAC National Scholarship Fund</a>	Students submit 300 word essay on how academic studies will contribute to personal & professional goals.	3/31
<a href="#">National Federation of the Blind Scholarship Program</a>	For blind students. Merit-based, national-level scholarships based on academic excellence, community service, and leadership.	3/31
<a href="#">Scholarship Poetry Contest - Summer Issue</a>	Open to all U.S. HS students. Applicant must submit an original poem with 20 lines or less.	3/31
<a href="#">American Fire Sprinkler Association Scholarship</a>	Open to HS seniors. Citizenship/legal residency is required.	4/1
<a href="#">American Nuclear Society Freshmen Scholarship</a>	For graduating HS seniors who have enrolled, full-time, in college courses & are pursuing a degree in nuclear engineering or have the intent to pursue a degree in nuclear engineering.	4/1
<a href="#">Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund</a>	For people active in movements for social and economic justice. These need-based scholarships are awarded to students who are able to do academic work at the college or university level or are enrolled in a trade or technical program and who are active in the progressive movement.	4/1
<a href="#">Gloria Mattera National Migrant Scholarship Fund</a>	Eligible applicants must be entering or enrolled in college or other types of post-secondary programs.	4/1
<a href="#">Incight Scholarship</a>	For students with disabilities, who have demonstrated outstanding merit in giving back to the community and overcoming obstacles in order to pursue higher education.	4/1
<a href="#">Western Union Family Scholarship Program</a>	Selected scholarship recipients will be selected based on criteria relating to the program's three pillars: Perseverance, Aspiration, and Community.	4/13
<a href="#">CJ Pony Parts Scholarship</a>	Create a short video, under 3 minutes long.	4/15
<a href="#">Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes</a>	Honors outstanding young leaders (ages 8-18) who have focused on helping their communities/fellow beings and/or on protecting the health/sustainability of the environment.	4/15
<a href="#">All About Education Scholarship</a>	In 250 words or less submit a response to the question: "How will a \$3,000 scholarship for education make a difference in your life?"	4/18
<a href="#">Humane Education Network: HS Essay Contest</a>	For HS students (ages 14-19). Rules & requirements may vary from year to year.	4/30
<a href="#">County Office Scholarship</a>	Please write a 500-1500 word essay for the following prompt: "Describe how one of the local government offices (or type of office) listed on our website has improved your own life and/or the lives of people around you." (Note scroll to bottom of site for info).	4/30
<a href="#">American Indian Summer Institute</a>	Students will work with professors, college students, and invited American Indian community members during their stay in the in the campus dormitories, learning about the university environment, improving study skills, and preparing for college. All students in the program will receive follow-up mentorship by UC staff and admissions counselors throughout their remaining years of high school, which will include guidance in choosing their coursework, financial aid, and applying to a university.	4/30
<a href="#">E-waste Scholarship</a>	Complete the application form including a 140-character message about e-waste. 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 e-waste.	4/30
<a href="#">HENAAC Scholarship</a>	Applicants must be of Hispanic origin and/or must significantly demonstrate leadership or service within the Hispanic community.	4/30
<a href="#">SEA-MAR - Farm Worker Scholarship</a>	Students who work or have worked OR, whose parent/legal guardian is or has worked as a farm worker.	4/30
<a href="#">Wells Fargo Scholarship for Undergraduates</a>	For Undergraduate American Indian and Alaska Native Students will fund full-time and degree-seeking college freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors who hold a current GPA of 2.7 or higher with up to \$5,000 for one year of study in any chosen major at any accredited institution in the United States.	5/1
<a href="#">Wilson-Hooper Veterinary Medicine Assistance Program</a>	For native students pursuing a degree in Veterinary Medicine (DVM) or Veterinary Technology (Associates of Applied Science Degree).	5/1
<a href="#">Accenture American Indian Scholarship</a>	Must be an enrolled member of a U.S. federally recognized American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group, verified through submission of the AIGC Tribal Eligibility Certificate (TEC) form, demonstrate character and be seeking a degree and career in STEM or business.	5/1
<a href="#">American Indian College Fund Full Circle Scholarship</a>	Scholarships available to students attending non-tribal colleges.	5/1
<a href="#">1-800-Wheelchair Scholarship Fund</a>	Please submit a 'visual poem', in a style of your choosing, on the theme of overcoming a personal challenge.	5/1

<a href="#">International Teamster Women's Caucus Scholarship Program</a>	For daughters/sons of active or retired Teamster members who have at least 12 months of consecutive membership in good standing.	5/1
<a href="#">The Paradigm Challenge</a>	An annual competition that invites students (4-18 yo) to use kindness, creativity, and collaboration to solve a real life problems and make a difference.	5/1

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3/9-3/10- [WSU Future Cougars Embracing Diversity](#)
- **Save the Dates: [2018 College Planning Days](#).** It's a 1-stop opportunity for your HS sophomores, juniors, & undecided seniors to learn about higher ed options in WA. [8th Grade College Exploration Days](#). Events are designed to introduce 8th graders to higher ed options. Dates in March. Locations vary.

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