



West Virginia GEAR UP Program Staff Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 2024





Welcome and Updates

Elizabeth Manuel, Senior Director of Student Services



WVGU External Evaluation—Surveys, Focus Groups, and Interviews

3/14/2024

Kimberly Good, PhD & Susana Mazuelas Quirce, PhD
ICF External Evaluation Team



Agenda

- Year 3 Parent Survey Raffle Winners – Next Steps
- School Personnel Survey: April 8-May 17, 2024
- Cohort #1 Student Interviews: Grade 9, April 2024
- HEROs Focus Groups: April 2024

Year 3 Parent Survey Raffle Winners – Next Steps

Winners Identified

We have selected one parent/guardian winner per school.

For schools where no parent/guardian respondent student WEVIS ID could be confirmed in the directory, no winner was selected.

Sign Off/Receipt of Gift Card

During today's meeting the coordinators will check in with ICF to sign off that they have received their raffle winner packet.

The packet includes a letter, gift card, and pre-addressed envelope for the parent/guardian winner selected.

Please confirm the address is correct and update if needed.

Disseminate Gift Card

Site coordinators work with school personnel to distribute parent/guardian gift card, either through mail or in-person dissemination.

Thank you again for support in coordinating and administering
the Year 3 student and parent surveys!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the parent/guardian raffle, feel free to contact Lauren Kennedy at lauren.kennedy@icf.com .

School Personnel Survey (April 8 – May 17, 2024)

- Overview:

- Survey of school personnel at all WVGU middle schools and high schools to collect the following data:
 - Background information on personnel and school (no identifiable data will be collected)
 - College-going culture
 - Involvement in school-level activities
 - Student engagement
 - Knowledge of college costs, options, and financial aid
- Survey results can be used to help program staff customize activities and services accordingly
- Survey items are largely the same as last year to allow for longitudinal analysis

- Logistics:

- **Monday, April 8 – Friday, May 17:** Administrators, teachers, counselors, and other student support staff (including site coordinators) from all

Cohort #1 Student Interviews: Grade 9 (April 2024)

Why

- To follow student academic trajectories of the same students (from Cohort #1) in each year of the grant
- Findings will be used to tailor college and career resources and programming

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• Three schools:

- Sherman Jr High
- Lincoln County HS

• Participants:




- The same 13 participants who took part last year (currently Grade 9 students)



• Format:

- In-person interview
- During school hours
- Around 60 minutes



Task		Timeline	
 County HS reach out to site coordinators and provide guidelines	 Site visit scheduling and distribution of parent consent forms	 Site visits and collection of signed parent consent forms	On March 18
			By March 29
			April 1-4

March 2024						
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HEROs Focus Groups (April 2024)

Why

- To determine impact and outcomes of HEROs participation on students
- Findings will be used to tailor college and career resources and programming

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• Five schools:

- Lincoln County HS
- Mingo County HS

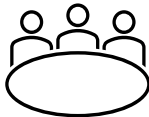
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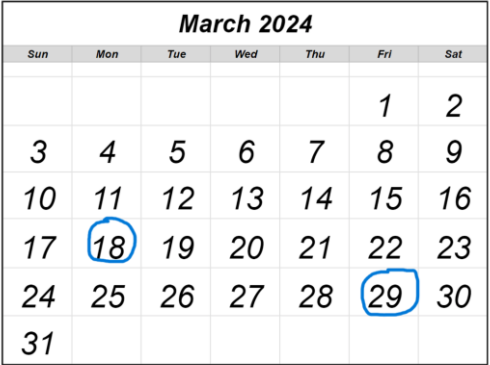

- Between 8-10 HEROs members per focus group



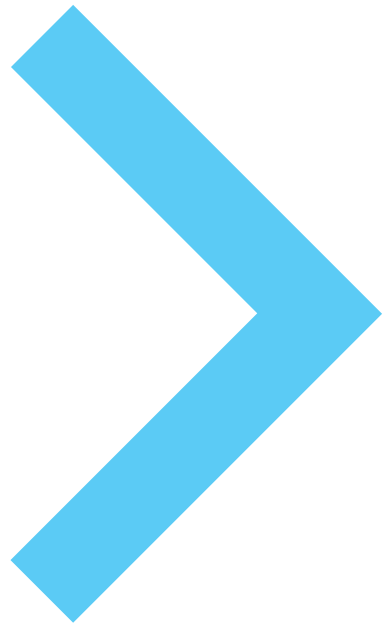
• Format:

- In-person focus group
- During school hours
- Around 40-45 minutes

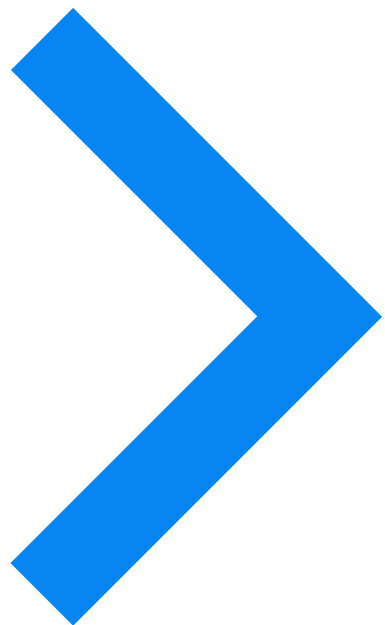


Task		Timeline	
 ICF will reach out to site coordinators and provide guidelines	• Webster County HS		
	• Wirt County HS		
	• Site visits and collection of signed parent consent forms		
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	Site visits and collection of signed parent consent forms	By March	
		April 1-3	

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Any questions?



Thank you!



GEAR UP Data Dashboard

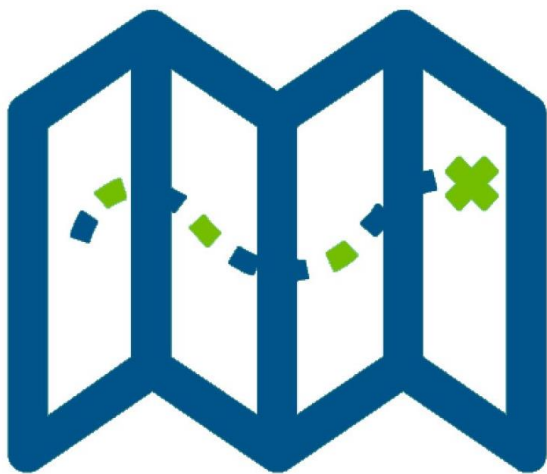
Lesli Taylor, Assistant Director of Research and Evaluation



GEAR UP Communications Update

Emily Hammond, Assistant Director of Communications and Outreach





COLLEGE DECISION DAY

April 1, 2024 – June 1, 2024

Kaci Foster, Community Outreach and Engagement Specialist



Registration is Open!



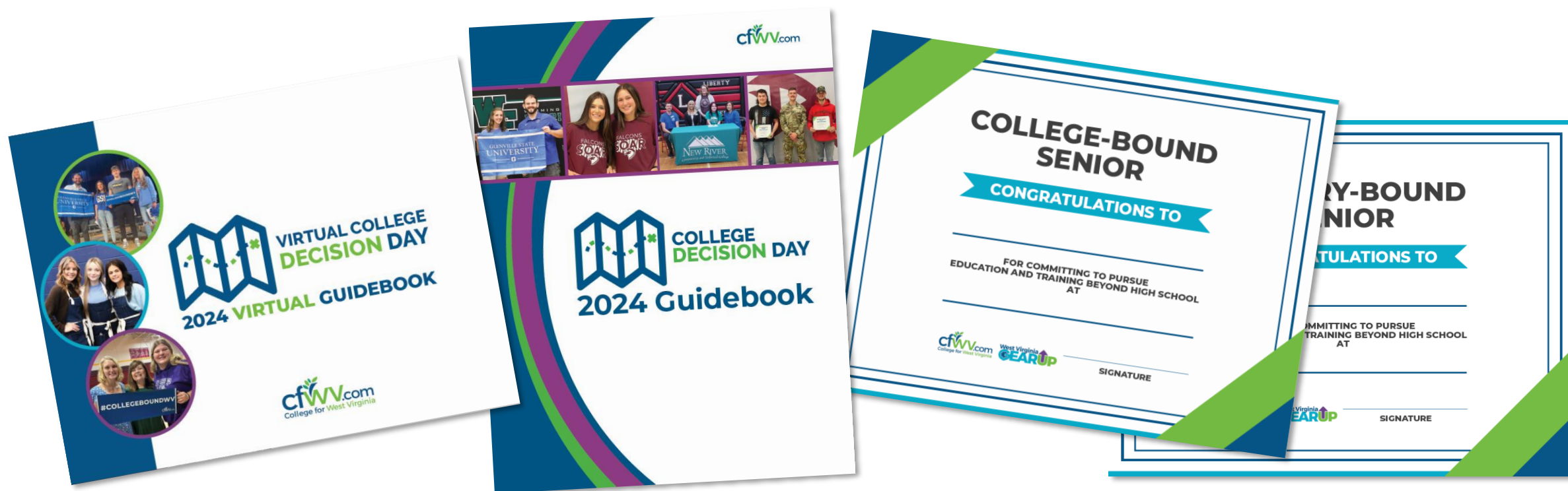
You can register at:

college-decision-day-2024-registration.eventbrite.com

Schools must register no later than April 1, 2024.

Those who register by TOMORROW will receive a printed copy of the College Decision Day toolkit.

Resources Available to You!



Download the College Decision Day Guidebook, Virtual Toolkit and Additional Resources at:
cfwvconnect.com/college-decision-day



Ideas

- Host a picnic, breakfast, lunch, or ice cream social for seniors and their parents
- Invite students from other grade levels to your College Decision Day event to get them excited about their own futures
- Invite formers students who are now in college to speak about their first-year experiences
- Invite representatives from colleges, career and trade schools, and military branches to meet and speak with students
- Be sure to invite your local media to cover your school's College Decision Day event
- Take lots of pictures and encourage students to post selfies announcing their postsecondary decisions
- Encourage seniors to wear shirts with their postsecondary choice on them
- Have students write their name and postsecondary decision on a bulletin board for everyone to see

**For more information on College Decision Day,
contact:**



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STEM Academy

Jason Luyster, Assistant Director of West Virginia GEAR UP



Registration is Open!

You can register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-west-virginia-gear-up-stem-speaker-event-registration-848562261567?aff=oddtcreator>

Registration Deadline:
Friday, March 22, 2024

Up to 50 total ninth grade students

Capitol and Culture Center Tours,
Keynote Speaker, Chick-fil-A lunch

I will send arrival, departure, and final
agenda following registration



West Virginia GEAR UP will host its annual STEM Academy on April 15, 2024 at the West Virginia Culture Center on the State Capitol grounds. GEAR UP students will enjoy a presentation by Scott Barry Kaufman, a renowned humanistic psychologist. Kaufman explores the depths of human potential by challenging traditional metrics of success. Using his research, knowledge of the science, and enthusiasm, he helps all kinds of minds live a more creative, fulfilling, and self-actualized life.

Additionally, students will have the opportunity to explore the West Virginia State Capitol and State Museum.

 Presentation by Scott Barry Kaufman - Cognitive Scientist and Humanistic Psychologist

 West Virginia State Capitol and State Museum at the Culture Center Tours



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APRIL 15, 2024

The West Virginia Culture Center



The 2024 Student Success Summit

Navigating New Horizons: Empowering Educators & Students in a Changing Landscape

Heather McChesney, Coordinator of Curriculum, PD, and Education Initiatives

Student Success Summit

A promotional banner for the West Virginia Student Success Summit. The background is a dark blue field with a geometric pattern of overlapping squares and diamonds in lighter blue and green. Four diamond-shaped photo cutouts are arranged around the central text. Top-left: Two graduates in black caps and gowns, one holding a rolled-up diploma. Top-right: A welder in a yellow hard hat and protective gear, with bright sparks flying from their work. Bottom-left: A young girl wearing a white hijab and a blue denim shirt, smiling and holding a small object. Bottom-right: A young woman with dark hair, smiling and holding a green circuit board. The central text is white. At the top is a graduation cap icon. Below it, the text reads "West Virginia Student Success Summit". Underneath that, in smaller capital letters, is "NAVIGATING NEW HORIZONS EMPOWERING EDUCATORS & STUDENTS IN A CHANGING LANDSCAPE". At the bottom left is a calendar icon followed by the dates "JULY 17 & 18, 2024". At the bottom right is a location pin icon followed by the text "CHARLESTON COLISEUM AND CONVENTION CENTER".

 West Virginia
Student Success
Summit

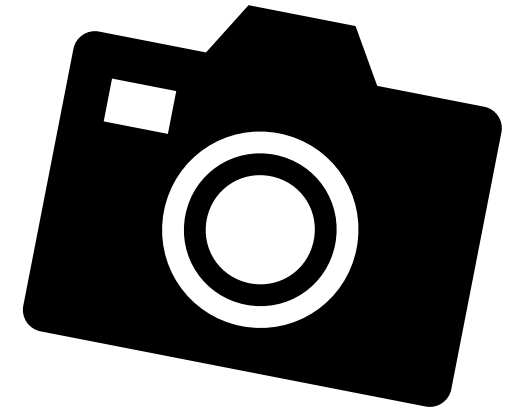
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 **JULY 17 &
18, 2024**

 **CHARLESTON
COLISEUM AND
CONVENTION CENTER**

Two Day Professional Development Opportunity

- [The Student Success Summit](#) is a collaborative event focusing on creating seamless and supportive lifelong learning systems for our state's students.
- 63 breakout sessions
- 9 pathways/tracks
- 3 plenaries
- Educators' College Fair: Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders



Schedule of Events

July 16, 2024	July 17, 2024	July 18, 2024
WV GEARUP Program Staff Meeting	Student Success Summit Day 1	Student Success Summit Day 2
Early Conference Check-in: 3pm-7pm	Conference Check-in: 7am	Conference Check-in: 7am
Meeting: TBD	Summit: 7:30am- 4:30pm	Summit: 7:30am-2pm

**What do we need to be
doing to plan for the
SSS?**

**(I'm so glad that you
asked!)**



Next Steps...

- Mark down July 16-18 in your calendar
- Recruit your school teams
 - High Schools – teams of **four** (this includes you)
 - Middle Schools – teams of **two** (this includes you)
 - **If your budget has wiggle room, you may increase your number. Work with your counties.**
- Get familiar within your budget and know your county policies
- Make room reservations NOW. (all info is in registration email)
- Register school team for the SSS
- Watch your email in the coming months for program and session descriptions to plan your Summit.
- Attend the SSS

Student Success Summit – Travel and Budget Info

Main Point: Please work closely with your County Coordinators on travel, as each county's circumstances and policies are different.

Example Cost Breakdown:

- Stipend – \$150/day x 3 days x 4 people = \$1,800
- Mileage – 150 miles x .58/mile x 4 people = \$348
- Hotel – \$150/night x 2 night x 4 people = \$1,200
- Dinner – \$35/meal x 2 night x 4 people = \$280
- Parking - \$15/day x 3 days x 4 people = \$180
- Total: \$3,808

Student Success Summit – Travel and Budget Info

FAQ

What if any team members (such as married educators on the team) share a room?

Answer: This is fine, just coordinate with your county on hotel arrangements and travel reimbursement.

Can we bring more than four/two?

Answer: Of course! As long as you have room in your budget. You could share rooms/rides to manage costs.

What if we share a ride?

Answer: Indicate this on your county's travel reimbursement.

Is parking covered?

Answer: Sort of – you'll have to pay upfront and then be reimbursed.

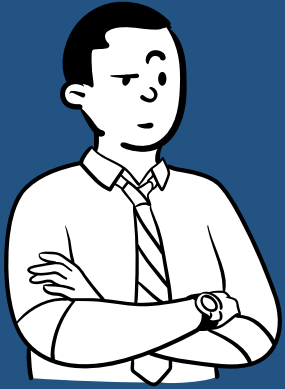
What if someone becomes ill or cannot attend?

Answer: Let your regional program director and county coordinator know ASAP so rooms can be canceled.

Register your team today!

- Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-student-success-summit-tickets-847123157167>

Hotels are listed within the registration. Participating hotels: Holiday Inn Express, Embassy Suites by Hilton Charleston, Marriott Town Center, Four Points, and Courtyard Marriott. All hotel information can be found within the registration details, confirmation email, and SSS homepage (once updated).



Any additional questions?

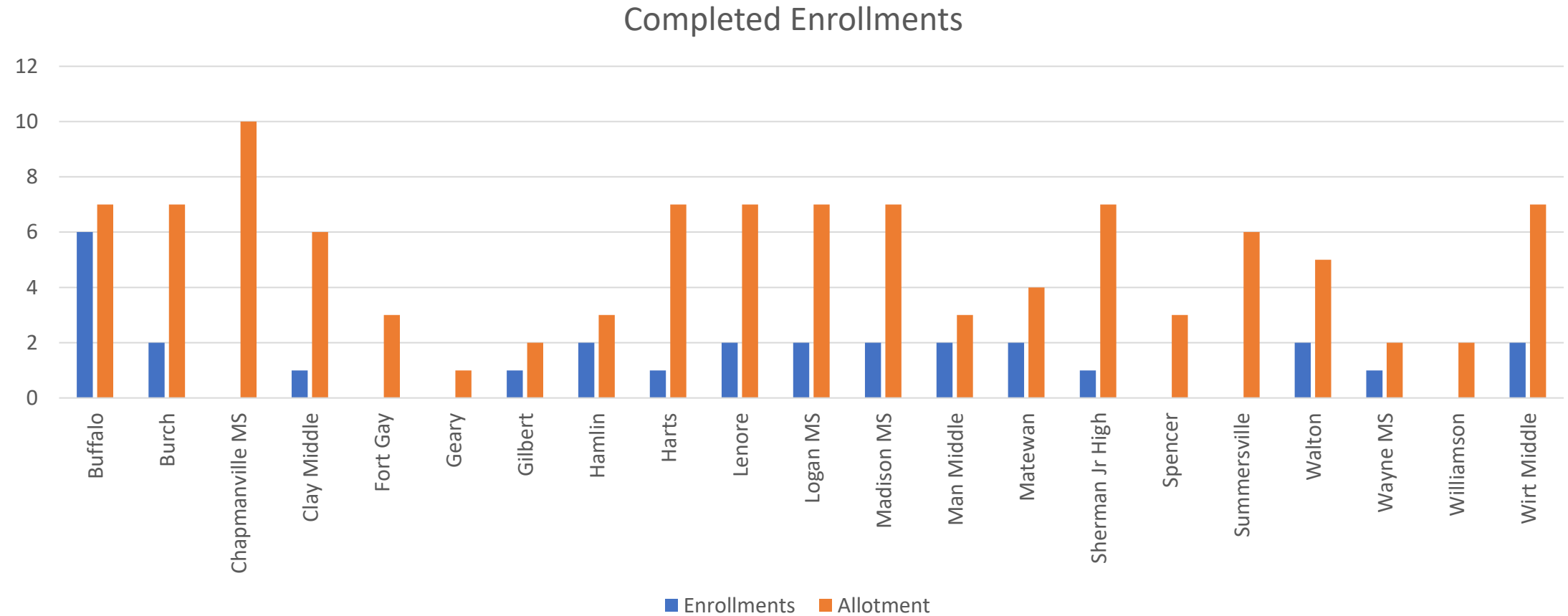


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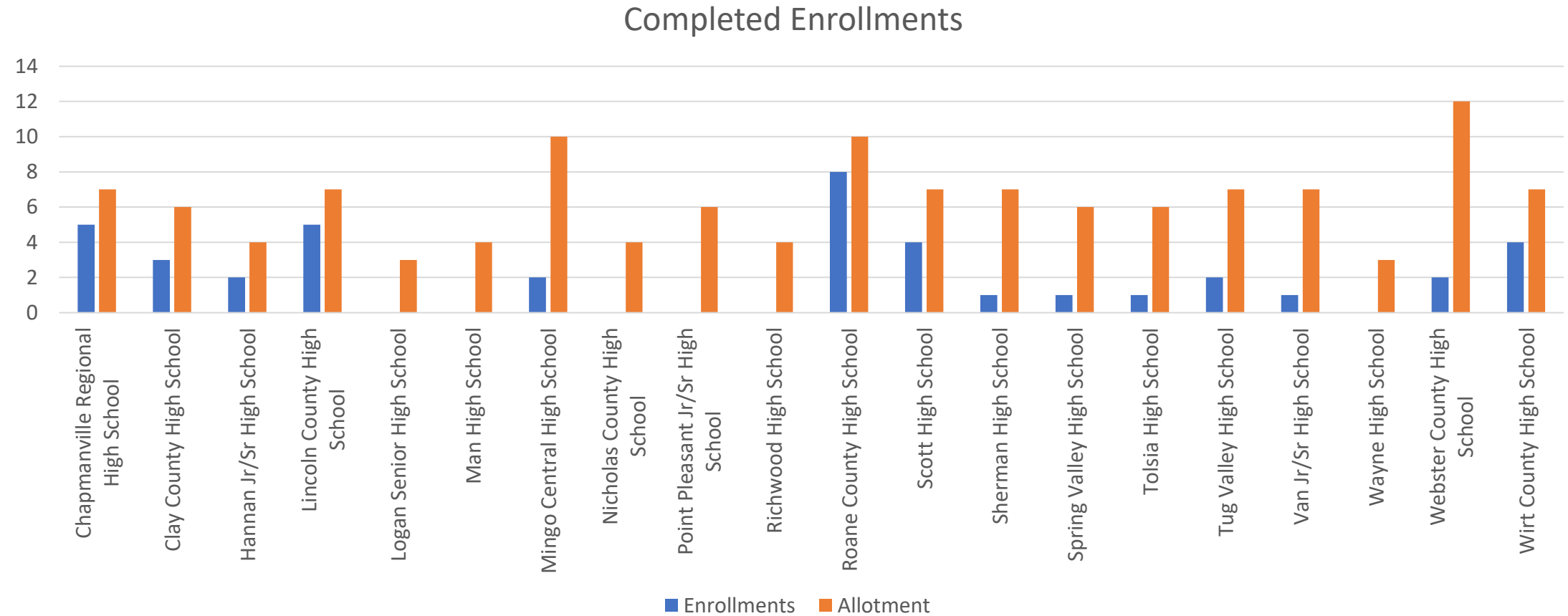
Casey Patterson, College Access and Success Program Director



Enrollment Kit Updates



Enrollment Kit Updates



Need to Know

- Enrollment Kit Walkthrough
 - [GUU Website](#)
 - GSU Housing Form
- Resources – incoming next week
 - Family Handbook
 - Packing List
 - Campus Map
 - Other ideas?
- Exciting update from GSU!



Professional Development

Shay Omokhomion, Paradigm Shift Trainer



Lunch Break



Professional Development

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10 Minute Break



Professional Development

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Regional Breakout



THANK YOU!!