July 22, 2025

WEST VIRGINIA GEAR UP PROGRAM STAFF MEETING AGENDA

I.	Welcome and Updates Jason Luyster, Senior Director of Student Affairs	10:00 am
II.	Celebrating Year 4 Successes. Chelsea Stickelman, College Access and Success Program Director	10:15 am
III.	State Level Financial Aid Update Brian Weingart, Senior Director of Financial Aid	10:30 am
IV.	GEAR UP Year 5 Overview and Workplans	11:15 am
٧.	Communications Update Emily Hammond, Assistant Director of Communications and Outreach	11:35 am
VI.	Data Collection Process and Timelines Lesli Taylor, Assistant Director of Research and Evaluation	11:45 am
VII.	Year 5 Site Coordinator Contracts	11:55 am
VIII.	Lunch	12:00 pm
IX.	FAFSA All-Stars Recognition. Lesli Taylor, Assistant Director of Research and Evaluation	12:40 pm
X.	Classroom Enhancement/Technology Bundle Showcase Texas Instruments, Vernier, ClassVR, and VEX Robotics	12:50 pm
XI.	Mentor Summit and Student Success Societies Janine Coutu, College Access and Success Program Director	2:00 pm
XII.	HEROs Workplan Chelsea Stickelman, College Access and Success Program Director	2:15 pm
XIII.	Student Voice Forum	2:30 pm
(IV.	Regional Breakout – Year 5 Workplan Discussion College Access and Success Program Directors	2:45 pm
XV.	Meeting Adjournment	3:00 pm



Save the Dates

West Virginia GEAR UP Program Staff Meetings

Thursday, September 11, 2025, 9:30 – 3:30pm, James C. Wilson University Union at West Virginia State University

Thursday, November 6, 2025, 9:30 - 3:30 pm, David Hendrickson Conference Center, South Charleston, WV

Thursday, January 8, 2026, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Virtual Meeting via Teams

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 9:30 - 3:30 pm, David Hendrickson Conference Center, South Charleston, WV

Thursday, May 7, 2026, 9:30 - 3:30 pm, David Hendrickson Conference Center, South Charleston, WV

July 2026 (Date TBD)

September 2026 (Date TBD)

West Virginia GEAR UP Events

WV GEAR UP Fiscal Year 5 Budget Webinar, Monday August 4, 2025 at 3:30 PM

National GEAR UP Week, September 22-26, 2025

Student Voice Forum, Tuesday, November 18 and Wednesday, November 19, 2025, Charleston Convention Center, Charleston, WV

Mentor Summit, Wednesday, October 1, 2025, David Hendrickson Conference Center, South Charleston, WV

Career Academy, Wednesday, April 29, 2026, Charleston Convention Center, Charleston, WV

GEAR UP U at Glenville State University, June 23 – 27, 2026, Glenville, WV (application will open in January 2026)

Student Success Summit, Dates TBD – July 2026, Charleston Convention Center, Charleston, WV



Other Important Dates

Promise Scholarship Application Opens, October 1, 2025

FAFSA Application Opens, October 1, 2025

College Application & Exploration Week, October 27 – 31, 2025

Celebrating First Generation Day, November 8, 2025 (celebrations will be happening the entire week leading into it since it falls on Saturday)





WV GEAR UP Program Meeting

Tuesday, July 22, 2025





Welcome and Program Updates

Jason Luyster, Senior Director of Student Services





Celebrating Year 4 Successes

Chelsea Stickelman, College Access and Success Program Director





Let's Celebrate!

- 15 out of 21 GEAR UP Schools are CFWV Champions of College Access and Success
- 12 out of 21 GEAR UP Schools exceed the 62% FAFSA completion goal this year
- GEAR UP has a 60.4% FAFSA completion for this year (6% higher than last year)
- 42 GEAR UP teachers were trained to use Texas Instrument equipment in their classrooms





State Level Financial Aid Update

Brian Weingart, Senior Director of Financial Aid





GEAR UP Year 5 Overview and Workplans

Mallory Carpenter, Assistant Director of WV GEAR UP



Reminders

- Data and timesheets must be submitted by the 15th of the following month
- GoAnywhere must be used for data submission; please attach an activity sign-in sheet
- Event Notifications must be filed at least 2 weeks before your event



WV GEAR UPWORKPLAN

GRANT YEAR 5: October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026



SURVEY, RESEARCH & DATA

Student and Parent Surveys
Surveying 10th, 11th, and 12th Grade Students
Surveying 10th, 11th, and 12th Grade Parents
December 2025 - February 2026

Target: 80% Student | 50% Parent

HERO Interviews and Student Focus Groups

March - April 2026

Target: Cohort Students

School Personnel Surveys
Surveying 9th – 12th Grade Educators and Staff
April - May 2026

Target: 60% Response Rate



EVENT REGISTRATION

Required for all workplan activities. Regional PD's must approve all non-recurring events by email.

Event registration should be submitted two weeks in advance.



DATA COLLECTION

Activity Backup Documentation
All GEAR UP events and activities must be supported
by backup documentation.

Due by the 15th of the following month to the regional program director for entry and validation.



REQUIRED ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS

WV GEAR UP Grant Program Meetings

September 11, 2025 (Year 4 Workplan)

November 6, 2025 | January 8, 2026 (VIRTUAL) | March 10, 2026

May 7, 2026 | July 2026 (Date TBD) | September 2026 (Date TBD)

WV Student Success Summit

July 2026 | Team of 6

Year 6 Budget Planning Meeting

August 2026

Grant Administration Meetings

TBD



NATIONAL GEAR UP WEEK

Celebrate National GEAR UP Week

September 22-26, 2025 (Year 4 Workplan)



CLASSROOM ENHANCEMENTS

Technology Enhancements: 10th and 11th Grade Cohorts

Ordered by October 15th, Installed by December 1

Cumulative Classroom Enhancement Tracking Reports Due January 31, 2026



ADDITIONAL GRANT ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

Pending approval, additional activities, or services meeting GEAR UP goals and objectives may be provided during the academic year.

Requires WV GEAR UP administrative approval/coordination.



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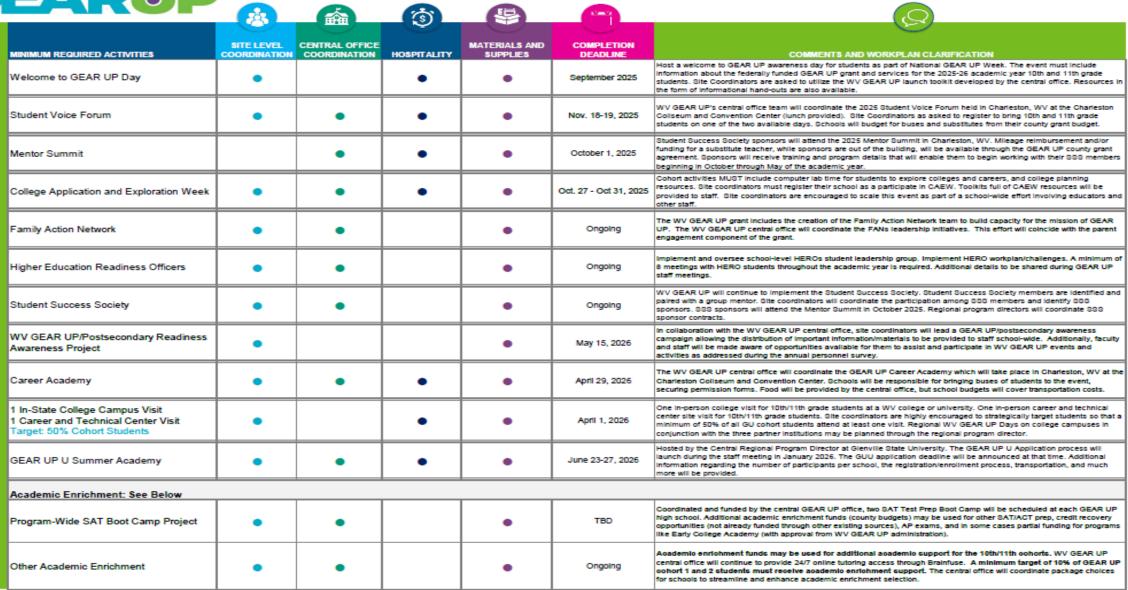
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UP WORKPLAN:

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Note: All non-recurring (academic enrichment) events/activities are required to be approved by the regional program director through the event notification form. No event may take place unless it has been approved by the RPD. Event notifications should be submitted two weeks in advance when possible.

Note: Food expenditures not to exceed \$13/head for school-level events.



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MINIMUM REQUIRED ACTIVITIES	SITE LEVEL COORDINATION	CENTRAL OFFICE COORDINATION	HOSPITALITY	MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	COMPLETION DEADLINE	COMMENTS AND WORKPLAN CLARIFICATION
Welcome to GEAR UP Day	•		•	•	September 2025	Host a welcome to GEAR UP awareness day for students as part of National GEAR UP Week. The event must include information abd federally funded GEAR UP grant and services for the 2025-26 academic year for 12th-grade students new to the GEAR UP program. To coordinators are asked to utilize the WV GEAR UP is unch tookit developed by the central office. Resources in the form of information outs are also available.
CFWV Txt 4 Success Opt-In (Target 75% of Senior Class)	•			•	October 2025	WV GEAR UP and College for WV provides college access and success counseling via text message. Provide all priority students parents the opportunity to sign up for text messages through an organized in-school event/activity where students have access to a collect a component of the 21st Century Scholars initiative.
College Application and Exploration Week Target: 75% Seniors	•	•	•	•	Oct. 27 - Oct. 31, 2025	Priority group activities MUST include computer lab time for students to submit college applications. Site coordinators must register these a participate in CAEW and are encouraged to scale this event as part of a school-wide effort involving other staff. All students are encouraged to participate and a minimum of 75% of seniors are required to submit at least 2 college or careerflechnical applications.
In-State College Campus Visits In-State Career and Technical Center Visits Target: 75% Seniors	•		•	•	December 15, 2025	Site coordinators will plan a minimum of one in-person college visit and one career and technical center. Priority group site coordinator highly encouraged to couple this trip with other activities such as a job-site visit when possible. Additional college visits will be consider funds allow. In unique circumstances due to geographical location, out-of-state college trips may be considered if they do not include stays. Target A minimum of 75% of seniors.
WV FAFSA Day	•	•	•	•	Spring 2026	West Virginia FAFSA Day stands as a collaborative effort spearheaded by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, the Virginia Community and Technical College System, College for West Virginia (CFWV), West Virginia GEAR UP, and West Virginia TF Association. Site coordinators will support WV FAFSA Day within their GEAR UP schools and community to bring awareness to the in of completing the FAFSA.
2 FAFSA Completion Workshops Target 65%	•		•	•	December 15, 2025 April 15, 2026	Host a minimum of two separate FAFSA completion workshops designed to help students and parents complete the Free Application Federal Student Aid. Efforts should be made to meet a GEAR UP goal of 65% FAFSA completions. Events may NOT take place p the opening of the FAFSA application. Activity is a component of the 21st Century Scholars initiative.
State Financial Aid and Scholarship Workshop	•		•	•	March 1, 2026	Coordinate a state financial aid and scholarship workshop designed to help students and parents apply for the PROMISE Scholarship invests Grant and other grants and scholarships. Events may NOT take place prior to October 1, 2025. Activity is a component 21st Century Scholars initiative.
Transition and College Readiness Family Event	•		•	•	May 15, 2026	Site coordinators will host one event focusing on educating students and parents about the successful transition from high school to postsecondary. The event must be associated with an activity that addresses the transition to college and first-year experience topic to prepare priority students for matriculation.
College Decision Day	•	•	•	•	June 1, 2026	Site coordinators will host one College Decision Day event focused on honoring students who plan to pursue postsecondary educatio training. The event must provide transition and college readiness materials to families. Site coordinators must register for the College Day event as it is part of a statewide initiative. Site coordinators are strongly encouraged to invite GEAR UP parents and other student witness the event.
Academic Enrichment: See Below						
Dual Credit Courses	•				September 2025 - May 2026	Beginning in fall 2023, (under recent legislation) GEAR UP seniors may be eligible for the funding of dual credit courses identified thro- institutional partners for certain pathways. In the event that a course is not covered under the program's provision and a course is late 2024-25 General Studies and Course Equivalency Transfer Agreement, GU funds may be used to cover the course. Reporting of stud- enrollment in all dual credit courses will be need to be tracked for reporting purposes.
Program-wide SAT Test Prep Boot Camp/Other Academic Enrichment	•	•		•	TBD	Coordinated and funded by the central GEAR UP office, two SAT Test Prep Boot Camps will be scheduled at each GEAR UP high a Additional academic enrichment funds (county budgets) may be used for other SAT/ACT prep, credit recovery opportunities (not alrest through other existing sources), AP exams, and in some cases partial funding for programs like Early College Academy (with approve GEAR UP administration).

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Communications Update

Emily Hammond, Assistant Director of Communications and Outreach



Important Upcoming Dates

#WhyApply Day

September 19, 2025

National GEAR UP Week

September 22-26, 2025

Theme: Planting Seeds, Growing a Nation



Partner Toolkit

Available at wvgear.org under the resources tab

 Downloadable files and resources to use during GEAR UP and promote GEAR UP activities and services in your school community.

Check regularly for new resources and updated file information



CFWV Social Press Kit

Sharing college and career resources is just one click away!

socialpresskit.com/cfwv











Data Collection Process and Timelines

Lesli Taylor, Assistant Director of Research and Evaluation



Your Role

- Event Request <u>At least</u> two weeks before your event
- Sign In Sheet
- After event Upload sheet to GoAnywhere
 - Do not email



ACTIVITY SIGN-IN SHEET

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County: Clay	School:	Clay County HS		Site coordinator:	Site Coordinate	or(s)	
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Roster – Field Trip

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Donkey Kong 321654

Princess Peach 987654



Year 5 Site Coordinator Contracts

Joanne Rutherford, Coordinator of Fiscal and Administrative Services



SITE COORDINATOR CONTRACT PACKET

Packets Include the following:

WV48 Agreement

Site Coordinator Contract that identifies Statement of Work and Responsibilities

Site Coordinator Schedule of Payment Dates

W-9 – To be completed if you have had any changes in your name, address or if you are a new Site Coordinator Direct Deposit Form: This form is required for all vendors to receive payment

Please Note:

The Agreement has been pre-populated with your name, address, dates of service, rate of pay and "printed" signature and sign date.

Review for any mistakes and/or changes. If there are any, I will re-issue a corrected copy.

YOUR NAME MUST MATCH EXACTLY THROUGHOUT ALL DOCUMENTS. THAT MEANS YOUR FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL (IF YOU USE ONE) AND LAST MUST BE CONSISTENT AND MUST MATCH YOUR SIGNATURE.



Lunch



FAFSA All-Stars Recognition

Lesli Taylor, Assistant Director of Research and Evaluation





Classroom Enhancement/Technology Bundle Showcase





Mentor Summit and Student Success Societies

Janine Coutu, College Access and Success Program Director



Mentor Summit and Student Success Societies

- Wednesday, October 1, 2025
- David Hendrickson Conference Center
- 10:00 AM 3:30 PM
- @40-45 total mentors (average of 2 per GU high school)
- \$1,000 payment in two installments (\$500 for 20 hours each term)
- Minimal paperwork involved (2 timesheets and sign-in sheet for each meeting)
- Will continue using the WhyTry platform





HEROs Workplan

Chelsea Stickelman, College Access and Success Program Director





Student Voice Forum

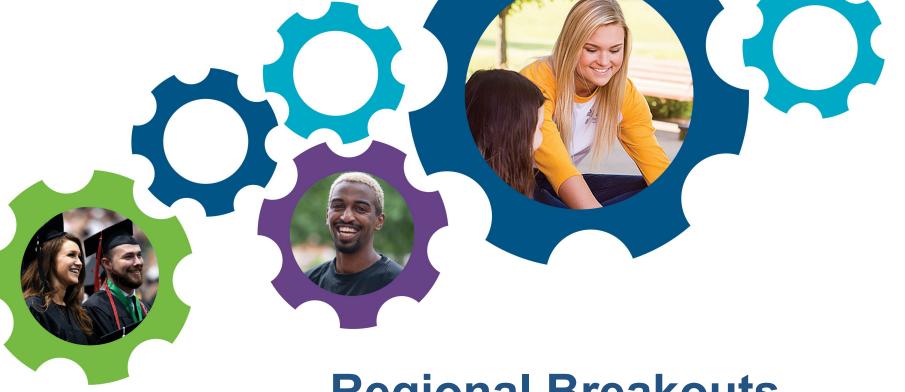
Mallory Carpenter, Assistant Director of WV GEAR UP



Student Voice Forum

- November 18th and 19th
- Choose ONE day to attend
- Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center
- Registration will open in September
- HEROs and SSS students only; no more than 30 students from each school
- Opening plenary, breakout session, large group shareout, and closing
- Lunch provided





Regional Breakouts



Meeting Adjourned