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New Justification Form

LEAs: Based on the feedback from our district coordinators at the last QCM, we have developed an updated justification form that districts should start using starting today. Please reach out to Corinne Smith (smithmc3@appstate.edu) with any questions.
Rural Teacher Leader Network (RTLN) Application

LEAs: We are super excited to roll out the RTLN application and overview sheet with details about the program. As a quick reminder, RTLN is open to educators in GEAR UP schools who teach grades 7 - 10. Those selected to participate will develop leadership skills that enhance college and career ready outcomes. Topics will include trauma informed practices, global learning, education policy, and equitable access and opportunities. GEAR UP is partnering with the Public School Forum and Leading EDge Learning to facilitate the 18-month professional learning experience. Some sessions will be virtual and some sessions will be face-to-face in Asheville. Please share the application and promotional flyer with teachers in your schools soon, as the deadline of November 13th is fast approaching. Contact Meg Turner (turnerm5@appstate.edu) for additional information or questions.

December QCM

LEAs & IHEs: Please mark your calendars for the next Quarterly Coordinators' Meeting (QCM) which will be held in Asheville on UNCA's campus. Both the LEA and the IHE partners should be sure to invite at least one member of the finance team for Monday's session after lunch 1:00 - 4:00. Suggested hotels and draft agenda will be provided in the next bulletin (Nov. 9). There will be an optional networking opportunity available on Monday evening.

Details: Monday, 12/5/22 10:00 am - 4:00 pm and Tuesday, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm.

NCCEP Presentation Pre-Proposal Form

LEAs & IHEs: Due to the restrictions from NCCEP, our Appalachian GEAR UP grant is allowed to submit up to 4 proposals, to be approved by the GEAR UP Director. If you are interested in presenting at the July 2023 NCCEP Annual Conference, please fill out this form by Monday, November 14, 2022. By Friday, November 18th, four proposals will be selected and notified to complete the official proposal which is due to NCCEP by December 15, 2022. For more information about the NCCEP Annual Conference taking place in July 2023, please click the link below.
Counselor Network
LEAs: To aid in planning, please note that the first in-person PD date for the Counselor Network will be December 12th, at App State from 9:30am-2:30pm. Travel costs will fall to the individual school (using GEAR UP funds is allowable), but we are finalizing a sample justification form for you. This PD is for counselors and coordinators who signed up for the Counselor Network. Stay tuned for more details and please reach out to Wes Calbreath (calbreathwa@appstate.edu) with any questions.

Campus Visits & Bus Tours
LEAs: As a reminder, please note that the fall schedule of campus visits is full. More information about scheduling visits for next spring will be available at a later date. Please stay tuned and thank you for all that you're doing to get kids on college campuses!

Academic Updates
LEAs: Just a friendly reminder that each county scheduled to purchase calculators, should do their best to complete their orders by the end of October. Also each county purchasing calculators will need to add the number of students being served by the calculator purchases, this will benefit our match from Texas Instruments. There is a "Student #" line underneath each county's order. Please use this space to write down the number of students you anticipate being served by these resources. For any questions reach out to Doug Thompson (thompsondm2@appstate.edu).

Also, the November Family Design Night materials are being purchased and shipped out to districts. The materials should arrive at schools by November 8th. The Run of Show for the event will be November 7th at 11:00 am.

If any district is interested in scheduling further workshops with Katie Anderson from Conscious Teaching, you must make those requests by December to schedule workshops this spring. Please review the workshop list to help make your decisions. All interest should be communicated to Rachel Nave-Lewis (navelewisrc@appstate.edu).

Finally, our next Thinking Map training (for the northern districts) is Friday, October 28th. It will be on App State’s campus from 8:00 am- 3:30 pm. Parking will be at the College Street Parking Deck, and the session will be held in Room 127 in the Reich College of Education building.
Teacher and Student Surveys
LEAs: Thank you, GEAR UP coordinators, for helping collect surveys from our students in the control cohorts (10th and 11th grades) as well as all GU teachers. Hopefully you have received our weekly report about the control student survey response rate as well as a list of teachers who have completed a teacher survey, but if not please let us know.

Regarding the control student response rate, through October 21, this rate across GU school districts was 0.24%. We realize this response rate is very low, but of course, this is the total for just the first week of collecting, so we remain hopeful that our ultimate rate will be over 70%. As a reminder, the final date for collecting these two surveys will be **Friday, November 15**. Please let us know if you need any assistance with helping to increase the survey response. *Thank you as always for your assistance with data collection!*

Marketing & Communications Files
Do you need anything in our GEAR UP Resource Folder personalized? Do you want us to create something similar in your district? We can tweak any resource to fit the needs of your district, and we encourage you to brainstorm any ideas of how our resources can serve your needs! Districts may use any of the resources from this folder at any time. If a district wants to make any edits to an existing item in the folder, they will need to complete the Resource Request form. We will continually add items to this folder, so be sure to check back often.

If you would like App State to print a resource in the folder, please allow 30 days for printing and delivery of the materials. Contact Elyssee Gibson (gibsonse@appstate.edu) with any questions.

*New items in the folder include GEAR UP Zoom backgrounds, test date reminders, social media posts, GEAR UP services login flyers, survey graphics, and more!*

Have Suggestions?
We love to hear your ideas! Do you have suggestions that will help us improve? At any time, please provide your feedback by clicking the button below. Thanks for taking the time to help us continuously grow and improve.

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