NEW INFORMATION:
Appalachian State University Wind Challenge Event
Texas Instruments Conference
CS4All Summer Professional Development Series
Social Media Engagement
MasteryPrep ACT Online

REMINDERS:
QCM Next Week
Marketing & Communication Files

Appalachian State University Wind Challenge Event
App State is hosting its first ever Wind Challenge. We would like to encourage teachers from the GEAR UP community of schools to consider participating in this amazing opportunity. Similar to Gravity Games, this activity is sure to challenge your students and foster excitement around STEM education.

If your county is looking for the next unique challenge, please consider building a turbine and competing in this challenge. Details for the competition can be found by clicking the link below.

Details
**Texas Instruments Conference**
This year, each of the GEAR UP counties received new calculators per a partnership with Texas Instruments. Many of you have already received software licenses and professional development services to accompany your calculators. If your teachers are interested in something new that challenges both their technical understanding of the technology and its capabilities as well as its integration in the classroom, please take a look at the T3 International Conference on March 13-15. For more information please visit their website by clicking below.

[Conference Information]

---

**CS4All Summer Professional Development Series**
Appalachian State University has received a Computer Science For All grant from the National Science Foundation. This grant allows App State, in conjunction with the Friday Institute, to host a four week-long professional development session that prepares and certifies educators to teach an AP Computer Science Principles course at their respective high school. The App State Computer Science department is seeking 20 schools to participate in this summer intensive. Participants will receive a $4,000 stipend for their attendance and commitment to the project. Applications are accepted until January 15th. Please click the button below for more information.

[More Information]

---

**Social Media Engagement**
As we continue to increase our Appalachian GEAR UP social media presence, we ask that your district share and engage with our content. The Communication Team has been working hard to create relevant and informational content including study tips, helpful reminders, interactive quizzes, and additional college-going culture information.

We want this content to reach as many GEAR UP students and families as possible, and we need your help! Please ask the staff in charge of your school or district social media channels to follow us and re-share our content whenever possible (our handles are included at the bottom of this bulletin). We will begin tagging districts in our posts in order to facilitate this process.

In addition, if you have particular content you want us to address or create specifically for your district, please reach out to Elyssee Gibson (gibsonse@appstate.edu), and we will create social media posts per your requests. We are also planning a Social Media 101 training for a virtual meeting in January... stay tuned!
MasteryPrep ACT Online
Appalachian GEAR UP has purchased access to ACT Online (Acrobatiq) for all of our students. If students complete all of the modules, they will be entered into a scholarship drawing provided by MasteryPrep.

Please contact Jonathan Carpenter if you have any questions (carpenterjd@appstate.edu).

QCM Reminder
The December 3 QCM will be at Wilkes Central Services located at 613 North Cherry Street, North Wilkesboro from 8:30am-5pm. See you there!

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.

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 on the left. Thanks for taking the time to help us continuously grow and improve.