Welcome, Kelly

Appalachian GEAR UP would like to introduce Kelly Close. She is a new addition to our Evaluation Team. She will be helping us with both our current (GY06 and GY07) and new grant (GY01) APR and district level project reporting.

Kelly graduated from North Carolina State University with a Master’s degree in Statistics and has over 20 years experience as a SAS programmer/analyst. Kelly recently worked at Biogen in RTP and leads a clinical trial programming team which analyzes developmental drugs for multiple sclerosis. Prior to Biogen, Kelly worked for SAS Institute. She was a member of the EVAAS team responsible for the data management of the most comprehensive reporting package of value added metrics available in the educational market.

Kelly lives in Raleigh with her two children, Kaitlyn and Kyle, who are currently attending Wake Technical Community College and potential transfer students to Appalachian State University. Kelly loves to hike and run with her two dogs, Cricket and Lilly, at local parks. Please join us in welcoming Kelly and wishing her great success at Appalachian State.

Marketing 2.0 Toolkit Update

All the new marketing items for the GEAR UP Grant 2.0 welcome toolkits have been ordered and are in transit to Boone. We will assemble the kits for every new student and each coordinator later this month, and depending on when all the materials arrive, we may need to push the timeline of the launch back a few weeks.

Elyssee Gibson will update the district coordinators of the revised timeline next week, and we appreciate your patience with this project. Contact Elyssee (gibsonse@appstate.edu) with any questions.
**EPFP Services in Lyceum**

Due to EPFP remaining virtual in GY07, our traditional methods for ensuring those events are entered into Lyceum aren't as strong. For any fellows participating in EPFP from your district, please be sure to enter the EPFP sessions in Lyceum for the fall semester. A fall schedule can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#), and please confirm with your district participant which sessions they attended. Any questions can be directed to Corinne.

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**Student Survey Update**

This is a follow-up to the Student Survey write-up in the last GEAR UP bulletin. In the last bulletin we had a total of 3,582 student surveys completed. As of now, we have 4,000 student surveys completed.

On Wednesday morning, you should have received an updated Excel sheet with the names, schools, and grades for those students that have completed the survey.

Please continue to push for the completion of the student survey. Our deadline for the completion of the survey is Friday, January 29th. Our goal is to reach a total of 7,000 completed student surveys. Thank you for your help with this.

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**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, and more!

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**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.