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College Access Strategic Planning Meetings

We're excited to start the new year planning for our new grant! Coordinators can begin signing up for strategic planning meetings about college access using the link below if they have not done so already. Please contact Shari at williamsonsl@appstate.edu with any scheduling issues or concerns.

Set up a meeting

Now Seeking Academic Support Positions

In an effort to better serve the academic needs of the GEAR UP community of schools and our obligations to the department of education, we are proud to announce two new positions on the Curriculum and Instruction team. These positions have been designed as a collaborative effort between the GEAR UP Coordinators and Appalachian State University staff, and they will help carry forward our work in creating innovative school cultures through the integration of STEM practices.

Please take note of the positions, duties, and responsibilities, and should you or someone you know be interested in such an opportunity, please feel free to distribute these links. If you have any questions, contact Jonathan Carpenter (carpenterjd@appstate.edu), who will serve as the chair of the search committee.

Academic Innovation Specialist (Northwest)  Academic Innovation Specialist (Southwest)
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Grant 1.0 Year 7 – Student Survey
As discussed at the December QCM, we are leaving the student survey open and will continue working on increasing the response rate. We understand that it has been difficult to get the survey completed. We will be working with each of the districts and supplying you with a list of those students that have completed the survey. The goal is to get at least 7,000 surveys completed by the end of January. As of today, the number of completed surveys has increased as we see surveys being completed by students. Below is a breakdown of the number of surveys that have currently been completed by grant.

Grant 1: 1,636  
Grant 2: 1,946  
Total: 3,582

To make the link to the student survey convenient, the original email with link and instructions for the student survey will be re-sent to everyone.

Grant 2.0 Year 1 - Family Survey for Grade 6, 7, 8, and 9 students
We are currently developing the first family survey for our new GEAR UP grant. Our goals are:
1. To have the English and Spanish hard copy surveys sent to you no later than the first week of February.
2. To have the electronic English and Spanish survey available to you no later than the last day of January.
3. To learn what methods you will be doing/using to get a high response rate in your district.
4. To learn how we can help you.

We also are interested in learning if there are any particular questions you would like to have asked in the first family survey?

Are there questions you would like to see added to the survey? If you do have questions you would like to add to the survey, please share them with Andrea (reubensac@appstate.edu) by Monday, January 11th. If you have any other questions or concerns, please email Andrea.

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.