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BIWEEKLY BULLETIN

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QCM Information & RSVP

We are excited to see the district coordinators in just under 1 month from today! Below you will find the draft agenda. Anyone from districts who would like to participate in these conversations are welcome to join us in Asheville. Anyone who is attending should complete the RSVP.

The meeting will be held in room 125 of the Student Union. A link to a campus map is below. Guests should register for parking prior to arrival and print the parking permit. Please follow the link below to register. Since the move to one day QCMs, we no longer reserve blocks of rooms. However, if travel is needed, please feel free to book a room at the state rate.

Draft Agenda
RSVP
Campus Map
Parking
GEAR UP Virtual Meeting Information

Thank you to everyone who joins us for the bi-weekly virtual meeting each month! The link to join the Zoom meeting is [https://appstate.zoom.us/j/108227269](https://appstate.zoom.us/j/108227269). The link is also saved in the recurring calendar invite. If you believe someone needs to be added to the recurring meeting, please contact Shari (williamsonsl@appstate.edu).

Creating College-Going Momentum Professional Development

Please share this summer professional development opportunity with your counselors!

2020 Creating College-Going Momentum will take place in 3 different locations throughout North Carolina and will provide information and training on FAFSA and financial aid.

Here are a few things to note:

- Only school counselors and career development coordinators are eligible for the stipend
- Attendees must be working with high school seniors with FAFSA completion in the fall of 2020
- Attendance preference will be given to those who have not attended a past summer event
- Capacity is limited to 85 and once reached, a waiting list will be available

Click here for more information
Tutor.com Student Accounts

All Tutor.com student accounts have been updated as of February 1st, 2020. If you have any new students who are unable to access their Tutor.com accounts, please let us know and we will be happy to get them set up with an account. Any questions can be sent to Corinne.

Data Corner

For today's Data Corner, we look at the responses to questions from the student survey. The first question we look at is “how familiar are you with applying to college?”. Overall, 2236 (40%) out of 5590, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students reported being familiar/very familiar with applying to college. If students responded to this question as being very familiar, familiar, or a little familiar, they were asked a follow-up question. The follow-up question (question 2, below) is to explore some of the “web” resources that students use to learn about or apply to college. For Question 1 and 2, we looked closely at 10th, 11th, and 12th grade student responses. To see a breakdown for all 9th through 12th grade student responses to question 1, take a look at one additional follow-up question that focuses on students that selected using the CFNC website, and a conclusion looking closer at this data in this post, click here.

Is there any data you are interested in seeing? Do you have data you would like to share? Please email Andrea at reubensac@appstate.edu with any items you are interested in knowing more about or interested in sharing.

CS4ALL Cohort

This fall, Appalachian State University’s Computer Science department received an NSF grant and accepted teacher applications from North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia to develop their first CS4ALL cohort. We’re proud to announce that six teachers from the GEAR UP Community have been accepted into this cohort which represents 54% of the total cohort. It is an amazing opportunity to bring Computer Science education to Western North Carolina, and these educators and schools have committed their time and expertise to offer a high level Advanced Placement course to our GEAR UP community of students. This is one more way we are all working together to prepare our students for a future in post-secondary education as well as STEM-based careers. Although this is not a GEAR UP project specifically, we wanted to be sure you all knew that these teachers are going above and beyond! Congratulations to the following teachers:

Stepanie Eggers- Jimmy C Draughn High School; Bobbi Jennings- Wilkes Central High School; Nicole Extine- Madison High School; Matthew Raisig- Ashe County High School; Amanda Thompson- Hayesville High School; Errol Shook- Watauga High School
ACAC Adviser Recruitment

Do you know college graduates interested in college access? Do you know students who are looking to serve communities and schools in western North Carolina?

Appalachian College Advising Corps is looking for service-minded, motivated, and high-performing seniors to be a part of the largest college access program in the United States. ACAC hires recent graduates, trains, and places them in high schools in western North Carolina. Our advisers work primarily with the senior class and connect with the whole school to increase college access and support a college going culture. Advisers work directly with school support personnel; including counselors, social workers, and school psychologists to support our students.

Next year we will be in all 9 GEAR UP districts and in 9 other districts throughout western North Carolina. If you know of someone who may have interest in this work, please contact Adam Warren (warrenap@appstate.edu) and 828-262-3128.

Position Requirements

- Earned or will earn a Bachelor's degree between June 2018 and June 2020
- Possess strong organization, leadership, and communication skills
- Work well with youth of diverse backgrounds
- Demonstrate the ability to collaborate effectively with others
- Be able to relocate to the service area and be involved in the surrounding community

Benefits & Compensation

- Full-time position with competitive salary
- Education Award of $6,195 for loan forgiveness or future education costs
- Loan Deferment during the term of service
- AmeriCorps Member Benefits
- Professional Development
- Access to the national College Advising Corps network

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.