NCCEP (In-person) Conference Details

Registration for the 2022 NCCEP/GEAR UP Annual Conference in Washington DC to be held July 17-20 is now open. A large team from Appalachian State will be attending, and we encourage districts to bring a team as well (consider GU coordinators, principals, counselors, GU Directors, NPSI teams, etc.).

We know that this event can be a costly travel expense, and we don’t want this to take away from the budgets you’ve planned for student services, so App State GEAR UP will cover costs of the conference. These costs would not come out of your base district budgets, but would be additional funds added to your contracts.

Please fill out the form below if you or anyone from your team plans to attend. You should register under grant number PR# P334A200062 as NCCEP members, as our grant is an NCCEP member. If you have any questions about the conference registration, reach out to Corinne Smith (smithmc3@appstate.edu).

**PLEASE NOTE:** Proof of vaccination or a negative PCR or Rapid test result within 72 hours prior to on-site conference registration will be required to attend.
Academic Innovation Conference Updates

We have been listening to your feedback carefully with respect to the Academic Innovation Conference. We've repeatedly heard that the costs are a barrier, for a variety of reasons. We hear you, and we would like to offer a solution!

In an effort to alleviate the financial burden of the conference, we have made arrangements to cover all costs of the conference (hotel, meals, mileage, stipends) for any teachers and/or administrators in your district that would like to attend. We would also cover the costs for parent/student hotel rooms for those who are participating in the pitch competition. This would be done by providing contract modifications at the end of the year that will supplement your local GEAR UP budgets with whatever funds are required to cover the costs of the conference for your educators, administrators, and/or families. This means that you have the support you need to engage more school personnel to attend the conference without carrying the financial burden.

To take advantage of these additional funds being added to your contract, all you need to do is get your folks registered and reserve a hotel room ASAP. It is important to act quickly as our room block is filling up and the block will expire soon. As soon as we reach max capacity, we will close the registration. After the conference, simply submit a separate reimbursement packet that only includes the costs incurred for the AI conference, and a contract modification will be initiated, if needed.

Thank you for your feedback and please don't hesitate to reach out to Doug Thompson with any questions.

QCM Date Planning Poll

Please help determine the best date for our next QCM. Complete the Google poll below to help us get a better idea of your availability so we can accommodate everyone's schedule as best we can.
Business for Good Residential Learning Community

A brand new residential learning community (RLC) has just opened up at Appalachian and it would be such a spectacular opportunity for our GEAR UP students who plan to attend App! Designed and targeted for first generation college students, the students in this RLC will:

- Receive mentoring to integrate a smooth transition into college life
- Participate in RLC social activities tailored to this inaugural cohort's wants and needs
- Access RLC career-building workshops and networking events
- Integrate early into student clubs within the Walker College of Business
- Live in Newland Hall among a community of peers
- Be considered for a $1,000 renewable scholarship

Please share this out with your students and encourage them to apply! If you're unfamiliar with what RLCs are or how they work, please direct any questions to Corinne. To speak directly with this RLC's Director, please reach out to Sara Figlow, (figlowse@appstate.edu).

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