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GY03 Contracts

All IHEs and LEAs: Please be on the lookout for an email and a Basecamp message regarding your GY03 budget. Please confirm your GY03 budget and send the budget plan to Clayton Craft (craftb@appstate.edu) by July 22, 2022. We have a tentative date of early September for the completed contracts to go out. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to either Clayton Craft or Amanda Whittington.

Family & Student Surveys

LEAs: You should have received an email from Hayden Laws about the request for the number of family and student surveys you will need printed for the upcoming academic year. Family surveys will be distributed to the parents whose child is in 6 - 9 grades, and student surveys will be given to the students in 6 - 10 grades. By June 28 (next Tuesday), please provide Hayden with the number of surveys you will need printed, including a breakdown indicating how many family surveys in Spanish and how many in English; and how many student surveys in Spanish and how many in English. We have a tentative date of July 15 for mailing the surveys to you, barring any unforeseen printing challenges. Thank you!
Academic Innovation Mini Grants

We are still accepting Academic Innovation Mini Grants. The deadline has been extended until June 30th. Please encourage your faculty to get those applications submitted. This year they are eligible for $2,000-$8,000 and have a whole year to implement their grant. We have increased the total amount to $160,000 in an effort to fund more innovative projects to support student success, so please spread the word. Awardees will be notified August 1st, 2022 and the funds will be automatically included in the GY03 contracts for a more seamless contracting process. Any questions can be directed to your designated Academic Innovation Specialist; Jessica Stockham or Rachel Nave-Lewis.

Academic Innovation Conference

This weekend we hosted our first Academic Innovation Conference for the Appalachian GEAR UP community. We had an amazing turnout and a fantastic time with educators from across western North Carolina. Saturday’s pitch competition was fierce as we had local judges, parents, students and educators watching intensely. We want to thank everyone for their hard work in getting students, parents and teachers to this experience as well as the Appalachian GEAR UP team for supporting our academic endeavors as this conference was truly a team effort.

The feedback we received from teachers was incredibly positive and we've already started receiving questions about when the next one will be. We're working on gathering comprehensive feedback before determining that, and hope to share any future plans with you by early fall.
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.