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Welcome, Brie Jarvis!

IHE & LEAs: We’d like to introduce you to the new GEAR UP Coordinator in Wilkes County, Brie Jarvis. Many of you may have already met her virtually, and she shared this brief bio with us to share with you all:

My name is Brie Jarvis, and I am the new GEAR UP Coordinator for the East Wilkes District. A little about me, I went to East Wilkes all through my school career, and I graduated in 2017. I am going to school to become a School Counselor/College Advisor and since deciding this, I have known I wanted to do something to help students in the going to college/workforce process because I know from my own experience that it can be a tricky road to go down. I started out going to college to be a teacher and quickly changed that after one year and decided to go for Radiography instead, but after a few tries of unsuccessfully getting into the competitive program at Wilkes, I found my love for Sociology and helping students with their college journey. You can contact Brie at jarvisa@wilkes.k12.nc.us.
Welcome, Amber Kelly!

IHE & LEAs: We'd like to introduce you to the new GEAR UP Coordinator in Watauga County, Amber Kelly. She shared this brief bio with us to share with you all:

My name is Amber Kelly, and I live in Banner Elk, NC. I am originally from Polk County, NC. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Counseling. I previously worked at Crossnore Communities for Children for 9 years as an Assistant Director. I love spending time with friends, traveling, and doing home remodeling. I am excited to be in this new role and look forward to working with you all! You can contact Amber at kellya@watauaschools.org.

NPSI Info

IHE & LEAs: Each district has slots for the 2022 NPSI National Convening taking place in Chicago from October 3rd-5th. The National Convening will gather districts from across the country to examine how we collectively achieve postsecondary success and economic prosperity for all students. Team leads and district GU coordinators have more information including the registration links. We are very excited about this event!

Hotel & conference registration deadline is September 2, 2022. Please note, hotel rooms are single occupancy only.
IHE & LEAs: National GEAR UP Week is approaching, and we'd love to know how you're planning to celebrate! If you have events planned for the week of September 26-30, please share them with Elyssee (gibsonse@appstate.edu) so we can be sure to promote them on social media. We'd also love to have lots of photos to share from your schools during the week. Please email them, and let Elyssee know if your school's social media accounts post any during the week.

We'd also like to participate in the NCCEP TikTok/Reel Challenge. Our App State Team will be creating a video to submit, and if you'd also like to participate, let Elyssee know, and we will work with you to post additional submissions. Learn more by clicking on the link below.

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A Quick & Easy FAFSA Idea from Wes

LEAs: CACRAO College fairs come up pretty early in the year for everyone. An idea I gleaned from a recent meeting was to set up a FAFSA table at the fair. I wanted to mention the idea and suggest we give it a try!

If you add this in to your college fair, I'd love folks to share out about the experience; such as how many people did you interact with and what kinds of questions did they have? Did participants engage with you and about what? This is a great time to try out the idea so as our GEAR UP 2.0 students move through high school, we can refine it.

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Challenge: Starting School Off on the Right Foot

LEAs: One of the factors that interferes with students pursuing postsecondary education is a negative school experience. How often do we hear students on our fringes say "I hate school"? So I pose this question...What can we do to drive positive school culture? Please share your ideas with Wes (calbreathwa@appstate.edu), and let's make it a great year for our kids!!
Quarterly Coordinator Meeting (QCM) - September 20

LEAs & IHEs: We're excited to see all of the coordinators again in person for our upcoming QCM on September 20th at Appalachian State from 9am to 4pm. The agenda is in the works, and a confirmation of any additional participants needing to attend will be coming soon.

If you have not yet done so, please complete the lunch form below if you plan to attend. Please submit your order before September 5, 2022.

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