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IHE Edition

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Quarter 3 Progress Report Due 7/15/21

Please make sure to upload both your Q3 Reimbursement and Match Packets to your Basecamp folder by the end of the day next Thursday, July 15th. As this will be the first quarterly Progress Report for our new IHE partners, we are more than happy to work with you as you compile and submit these reports. We want to make this as easy and less stressful for all involved by working together before the submission; if you'd like a consult on the submission process, please contact Eric (kleinea@appstate.edu) to schedule a time to meet with him and/or a member of our finance team.

Grant Year 2 Annual Plans Due 7/23/21

The creation and refinement of your GEAR UP Annual Plan is an opportunity to make sure activities conform to federal and state guidelines; the plan's official approval is your institution's signal that your planned GEAR UP expenditures will be reimbursed. As such, your institution's Annual Plan needs to be completed before the annual contracting cycle begins; please have your grant year 2 plan to Eric by the end of the day on Friday, July 23rd. As with the Q3 Progress Report, if you would like assistance developing your GY2 Annual Plan, please reach out to Eric.

Lyceum Back Online!

You're now able to enter services for rising 7th and 8th graders into GEAR UP's database, Lyceum (both the 1.0 and 2.0 versions). Rising 6th graders will not be loaded into the database until early fall. Until then, please track the services you provide rising 6th graders in a spreadsheet, noting the student's official name as well as the date, duration and name of the service.

Coordinators - Save the date 8/26 -27!

The GEAR UP Quarterly Coordinator Meeting ("QCM") will be held August 26th and 27th, location TBD. The GEAR UP staff in Boone are crafting informative and engaging sessions for those IHE staff who are working to implement GEAR UP programming at their college and with the LEA partners. It also will be a fantastic opportunity to get to know and work with your LEA counterpart. While other college staff who are involved with the GEAR UP effort are welcome to attend as well, the focus of the two-day meeting is on GEAR UP programming design and execution.



Programming Highlight - Wilkes STEAM Academy

For two weeks in June, Wilkes CC played host to a steady stream of students at the GEAR UP-sponsored STEAM Academy. The short format courses (4 hours) gave students hands-on experiences with activities germane to the pathways offered at the College. Pictured here are GEAR UP students building their own robot, dissecting a chicken, making miniature gardens, and throwing pots.



Thanks for the pictures, Lacey!

Send in Your Success Stories

You never know how your GEAR UP program or initiative might inspire another organization!

As you conduct GEAR UP programming, don't forget to snap a pic, write a few sentences about it, and send it to Eric (kleinea@appstate.edu).

We'll try to include a success story in each bulletin, and those stories may also be featured on App State's [College Access Partnership's website](#).

