



Bi-Weekly Bulletin

August 16, 2017

New Information:

- IMPORTANT: Update to CY04 Reimbursement Packet Rosters
- Texting Platform Enrollment
- ASU Design Camp Recognition
- STEAM Expo 2018 - **Tuesday, April 24, 2018**
- Executive Director Search Committee Update

Reminders:

- Campus Visits at ASU 2017-2018
- Tell us how Summer Camps are going! - **August 31, 2017**

IMPORTANT: GY04 Reimbursement Packet Rosters

It is essential that all rosters (including tutoring rosters) be fully legible within both reimbursement and match finance packets. Beginning immediately, the GEAR UP Finance team will be checking to ensure all rosters are legible and may request additional documentation if they are not. To save time and reduce the administrative burden, we are suggesting that the Lyncium database be used to pull these printed rosters - as this system is where the services are entered already and will not require yet another document to be compiled. During the last few months of GY3, the County Coordinator, ASU GU Finance team, and the ASU Coordinator team will all assist to help pull these rosters from the database when they are needed; however, in GY4, any handwritten rosters that are not 100% legible will need to be pulled from the database at the county level and provided in the initial packet submission. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Amanda Whittington (whittingtona@appstate.edu).

Texting Platform Enrollment Information

Enrollment for the 2017-2018 texting initiative is underway! As a reminder, here are the fundamentals of the Texting Initiative:

The GEAR UP texting initiative will send bi-monthly personalized, periodic, timely and brief messages. The messages will contain information such as:

- Upcoming services & events
- Reminders for important milestones
- Support options and resources for students
- Motivational messages

Additionally, at the district's request, the texting initiative is capable of sending district-specific GU messaging to parents and students that have opted-in to the service.

The enrollment form is included below. We encourage you to include this with your orientation packets and return to AppState to complete the enrollment process. Please direct any questions to Lance (schychidn@appstate.edu).

[Texting Enrollment Form](#)

[Tentative Texting Plan](#)

ISDA Features ASU Design Camp

The Industrial Designers Society of America has featured the inaugural ASU Design Camp on their website this month. High school students from Ashe and Watauga counties participated in the 3-day immersive learning experience all about industrial and interior design and were exposed to career areas in these industries. If you are interested in providing a design camp experience for your district, please contact Bradley Tursill (tursillbj@appstate.edu).

[Design Camp Article](#)

STEAM EXPO 2018

Save the date for the 2018 STEAM Expo at App State! It is set for **Tuesday, April 24, 2018**. Details to follow. Contact Rachel Freed (rreedl@appstate.edu) with any questions!

Executive Director Search Committee Update

The search committee for the College Access Partnerships Executive Director position has been formed and will begin meeting this month. A start date for this position is not yet identified and will be determined as the search process advances. Any questions regarding the search can be directed to the current Interim Executive Director, Anthony Jones (jonesap1@appstate.edu). The following individuals will be serving on the committee:

Chama Howson (co-chair) - Director, Office of Sponsored Programs, ASU

Dr. Susan McCracken (co-chair) - Director, Career Development and Economic Engagement, ASU

Aaron Gersonde - Associate Director, Upward Bound, ASU

Tracey Tardiff - Coordinator of Pre-college Enrollment Programs, ASU

Bradley Tursill - Program Coordinator, GEAR UP, ASU

Jody Freeman - GEAR UP Coordinator, Wilkes County Schools

Kelley Wolcott - Office Manager, College Access Partnerships, ASU

Amanda Whittington - Lead Accounting Specialist, GEAR UP, ASU

Alexis Pope - Director of Undergraduate Admissions, ASU

Campus Visits at ASU 2017-2018

Thinking about bringing students to visit ASU this fall or next spring?? Get potential dates on the calendar ASAP! Space books up quickly, but we can always hold multiple dates in advance until you're ready to confirm. Contact your ASU Program Coordinator to set up a visit!

Tell Us How Summer Camps Are Going!

The summer is an exciting and busy time for GEAR UP...and we can't wait to hear about all of the impactful experiences your students have encountered this summer. To help us better capture what this experience is like in the life of a GEAR UP student, we would love if everyone could share any great photos, videos, student quotes, teacher testimonials, or stories about their GEAR UP summer camps. Please send all items to Elysee (gibaorse@appstate.edu) by August 31, 2017.

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

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