



## Bi-Weekly Bulletin

May 12, 2017

### New Information:

- Final GY03 Modifications Due - **August 15, 2017**
- Gravity Games Shout-out to Wilkes County
- District Partner Inventory - **May 19, 2017**
- NCAN Registration Now Open

### Reminders:

- Summer Schedule for Virtual Meetings
- GEAR UP Champion Nominations - **May 31, 2017**

### Final GY03 Modifications Due

As the academic year is winding down and teachers are beginning to proctor exams, it is time to start thinking about any final modifications you would like to make to your work plans for GY03. Keep in mind that GY03 funds can be spent on next academic year opening events that take place on or before September 24 and your school leaders are likely already beginning to make those plans. Also, due to our grant phasing out of serving 6th graders, no large purchase items for current 6th grade cohort students will be accepted.

August 15 is the last day that ASU will accept modifications. Any modifications received before that are greatly appreciated. All modifications received following this date will not be accepted.

### Gravity Games Shout-out to Wilkes County

Wilkes County placed 1st in the Gravity Games engineered challenge division on Saturday April 29th with the team "Charged Hawk". Not only was this the first time any school team has attempted this challenge (VEER, but the team shattered the goal by reversing the car up the track over half-way (using energy captured from the downhill race). Huge congratulations goes to the Wilkes county students and staff that took on this challenge with confidence...and succeeded! They've earned some serious bragging rights! Does this mean we need to start an internal GEAR UP competition for 2018?

### District Partner Inventory

We have partners that work with GEAR UP grant-wide and most of us know who those folks are. However, we know there are also some other partners that your counties have identified as important stakeholders in your district. Whoever those partners are, we want to know about them. The type of partners we need to capture might be representatives that serve on your UCAN committees. Or, maybe you partner with an organization that provides a direct service to your students (such as mentoring). By May 19, 2017 please complete the following survey to let us know what agencies with whom your district partners for the advancement of college access work. It should only take 2 minutes to complete.

[Take Survey](#)

### NCAN Registration Now Open

Registration opened May 10, for NCAN's 2017 National Conference, Making Waves in Postsecondary Access and Success. Join NCAN in sunny San Diego to hear from experts and inspirational leaders in the field of college access and success, including BridgeUP founder Wes Moore. The conference takes place September 11-13 at the Sherman San Diego Hotel and Marina. Save \$100 by registering before August 18, 2017. All ASU staff and district coordinators are included in the GEAR UP membership and should be able to register as members. If you have any questions or run into any problems registering, please reach out to Corinne.

For more information and to register, please visit: <http://www.collegeaccess.org/2017Conference>

### Summer Schedule for Virtual Meetings

As we all begin to prepare for a very different summer schedule filled with exciting camps and hectic travel schedules, please mark your calendars for the following changes to the GEAR UP virtual staff meeting schedule:

1. May 17th - regular scheduled meeting, will take place at 10:00am
2. May 31st - last regularly scheduled meeting prior to summer, will take place at 10:00am
3. June 1st through Sept 12th - no virtual staff meetings
4. Sept 13th - back to regular scheduled meetings every other Wednesday at 10:00am

### GEAR UP Champion Nominations

It's fast and easy! Click the button below to nominate someone deserving of some GEAR UP recognition! The next deadline for GEAR UP Champions is the last day of the month, May 31. It's easy...and who doesn't love being recognized for their hard work?

[Nominate Someone](#)

### 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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