



## Bi-Weekly Bulletin

July 19, 2017

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### Off-Cycle QCM Meetings

Following the May QCM, we received great feedback in a survey completed by district GU Coordinators. The survey revealed that there is high interest across the board for district GU Coordinators to meet more regularly in person in addition to the 4 QCMs per year. Topics that were suggested in the survey focused on professional development in key college access areas such as financial aid, math & lit, etc. as well as grant administration topics such as finance processing and programming opportunities. In response to this feedback, we would like to begin offering off-cycle meetings for district GU Coordinators twice per year, but do not plan to make these meetings mandatory. For GY04 we are proposing the following dates, and we would like initial RSVPs in order to confirm space and a location. We will commit to selecting a fairly central location, but please assume that there will be travel required to attend. We plan to use most of the day for the meeting (5-6 hours). Please RSVP below by July 28, and let us know if you plan to attend. We look forward to this new opportunity to re-connect more regularly throughout the year!

### Proposed dates:

Monday, November 6, 2017  
Monday, January 29, 2018

[RSVP Here](#)

### Legislated Increase for GEAR UP Coordinators

Once you receive your final GY04 approved work plans back from ASU on July 23, 2017, be sure to consider the most recent approved salary increase for non-certified staff members by the NC General Assembly. In most cases, this increase applies to district GEAR UP Coordinators. If you did not include this increase in your final work plan, but you plan to increase the GEAR UP Coordinator pay based on this legislated increase, a modification request in the GY04 work plan under the coordinator salary expenses will need to be submitted on or after August 15, 2017 (the date that ASU will begin accepting modification requests for GY04 work plans). For more information regarding the details of the increase, please refer to section 8.7 in the following link to a summary of the appropriations bill passed last week.

[Bill Summary](#)

### NC Science & Engineering Fair Teacher Workshop Opportunities

Want to learn how to inspire your students to conduct independent research? Interested in learning how to assist students in topic selection, time management, and presentation of science and engineering research projects? Planning your school's science and engineering research competition? New to the process or looking for a more organized approach?

Plan to attend a NC Science & Engineering Fair Workshop for the 2017-2018 Academic Year!

Workshops will be offered at the locations below. All workshops run from 9:00am to 3:30pm and include coffee, snacks and lunch.

- July 19 - NC Center for Engineering Technology, Hickory
- July 27 - Biogen, Research Triangle Park
- July 28 - Triad Math and Science Academy, Greensboro
- August 2 - UNC-Wilmington

Register online at <http://ncsciencefair.org/index.php/teachers/workshops>.

There is a \$15 registration fee, but all attendees will receive a \$65 stipend from the sponsor for participation and 0.5 CEU upon completion of the workshop.

ONLY Teachers & Administrators in grades 3 - 12 are eligible to participate. Participants will be asked to implement a science and engineering fair for your class, grade-level or school during the 2017-2018 academic year and complete a survey spring 2018.

The following topics will be discussed during the workshop:

- Learn how to foster and guide scientific and engineering research in the classroom
- Learn how to initiate, manage, and evaluate student science and engineering research projects
- You will be guided through the steps in planning a school or district science & engineering fair

Workshops are sponsored by the Biogen Foundation.

### Solar Eclipse Opportunities

As you may know, on August 21, the U.S. will experience a solar eclipse event – a few of our counties in western NC may experience a total eclipse!

A group of faculty members at ASU are organizing resources for K-12 schools that want to plan activities around the eclipse event for their students. If you are interested in working with ASU faculty to coordinate something at your school, contact Rachel (rachel@aspedu.edu).

The following are other web-based resources for teachers that you may find useful.

- The NASA Scientific Visualization Studio (includes an animation of the predicted path of the moon's umbra) → <https://svs.gsfc.nasa.gov>
- The Great American Eclipse (includes resources and a link to order solar-safe viewing glasses and live streaming the day of the eclipse) → <http://www.greatamericaneclipse.com/> or <http://www.greatamericaneclipse.com/north-carolina>

### Deadline Approaching for Final GY03 Work Plan Modifications

As a reminder, final GY03 work plan modifications are due to ASU no later than Tuesday, August 15, 2017. We ask that you please submit all final modifications at one time to your ASU Coordinator and encourage you to consider submitting prior to the deadline in case there are further questions/justifications needed. All funds spent before September 24, 2017 will need to be included in the GY03 work plan. Any funds spent September 25 or after should be included in the GY04 work plan. Please keep this in mind when submitting all modifications.

### 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 [elyssee@aspedu.edu](mailto:elyssee@aspedu.edu) by August 31, 2017.

### FREE NCAN Webinar

College and career success are intertwined, but to most effectively combine them students and families need good data on labor markets and outcomes. Register now to join NCAN on **Wednesday, July 19 from 2-3:15 p.m. ET** for a webinar with Dr. Mark Schneider, vice president and institute fellow at the American Institutes for Research and president of College Measures, and Dr. Matthew Soltner, principal researcher at the American Institutes for Research.

College Measures works with state governments to help identify higher education credentials with high return on investment (and) focuses on the hot jobs that present the best opportunities for students to launch exciting careers and on the hot skills that students need to get those jobs. Dr. Schneider was a presenter at NCAN's Connecting College and Career Success Spring Training series, and his work was recently featured in Connecting College and Career Success: Lessons on Advising, Data, and Partnerships, a white paper documenting that series. He will dive into the concepts of return on investment, hot jobs, and hot skills. Dr. Soltner will demo the College Measures website. Members should bring their questions about career and labor outcomes data. The webinar is generously supported by Strada Education Network.

[Register Here](#)

### Homework Help Marketing Materials Delivery

Thanks to everyone who placed orders for marketing materials! The Homework Help materials should be on their way soon and are set to arrive sometime in the second week of August. The items will be shipped to the person/address that was provided on the order form. Once you receive the materials, please direct any questions about the contents to [Even OT@duke.edu](mailto:EvenOT@duke.edu).

### 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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