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WEST VIRGINIA
COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL
COLLEGE SYSTEM

**Report to the Legislative Oversight Commission
on Education Accountability**

**Apprenticeships in Motion Program
\$4 Million Grant from U.S. Department of Labor**

**West Virginia Community and Technical College System
awarded \$4 million grant from U.S. Department of Labor to support
Apprenticeship in Motion (AIM) Project**

The West Virginia Community and Technical College System (WVCTCS) and its nine colleges have been awarded a nearly \$4 million apprenticeship grant from the U.S. Department of Labor for Apprenticeships in Motion (AIM), which will train and place apprentices in middle- to high-skilled IT occupations.

U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta made the announcement on July 1, 2019, at BridgeValley Community and Technical College in South Charleston. Acosta also participated in a roundtable discussion about the importance of apprenticeships in workforce development with U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito; Dr. Sarah Tucker, WVCTCS Chancellor; Ed Gaunch, Cabinet Secretary of the WV Department of Commerce; Chris Gilmer, President of WVU Parkersburg; Johnny Moore, President of Pierpont Community and Technical College; and several others representing the state's technology and workforce sectors.

The Apprenticeships in Motion program will provide opportunities for West Virginians to learn in-demand skills in the information technology industry. Apprenticeship programs are critical to filling the 7.4 million open jobs in the United States and providing the American workforce with pathways to family-sustaining careers. West Virginia is a national leader in aligning its community and technical college programs with state economic development efforts, as it strives to help 60 percent of state residents earn a certificate or degree by 2030. WVCTCS institutions serve 28,000 students, nearly 4,200 of whom enroll in IT courses. AIM will build on the system's success in working with businesses to develop a highly skilled IT workforce for West Virginia.

In addition to WVCTCS and its colleges, AIM partners include TechConnect WV, the American Association of Community Colleges, the WV Department of Commerce, the WV Development Office, Workforce West Virginia, the WV Office of Apprenticeship, Small Business Development Centers, the WV Chamber of Commerce, and Cuyahoga Community College in Ohio, and the following industry partners:

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| ▪ Advanced Technical Solutions (ATS) | ▪ Lester Square Pharmacy |
| ▪ Allegheny Wood Products, Inc. | ▪ Niche Polymer |
| ▪ Bluestone Analytics | ▪ Real Alloy |
| ▪ Business Development Corporation | ▪ TechConnect West Virginia |
| ▪ Childers Enterprises | ▪ TMC Technologies |
| ▪ Core 10 | ▪ West Virginia Rural Water Association |
| ▪ Dyna-Mix | ▪ Wheeling Hospital |
| ▪ E&H Manufacturing | ▪ Williamson Health and Wellness Center |
| ▪ IBM | ▪ WVARNG |
| ▪ Innovative Solutions | |

The goal of the AIM project is to grow a workforce to fill the state's IT industry skills gap and expand the number of businesses participating in West Virginia's Learn and Earn program, which the Legislature created to bolster the state's workforce by matching wages with employers that hire students pursuing certificates or associate degrees to be their apprentices – a model that AIM will work to scale beyond West Virginia.



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**West Virginia GEAR UP
Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness Undergraduate Programs**



PROJECT UPDATE

Presented by:

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WEST VIRGINIA GEAR UP

TEN COUNTIES 23 SCHOOLS



COUNTIES SERVED

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| Boone | Nicholas |
| Fayette | Summers |
| Mason | Webster |
| Mercer | Wirt |
| Mingo | Wyoming |

BLENDED MODEL

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| Cohort |
| Priority |

SECOND GRANT CYCLE

2014-2019

10,000+

WEST VIRGINIA STUDENTS SERVED

200,000+ SERVICE HOURS

1,100+ STUDENTS RECEIVED DIRECT MENTORING SERVICES

8,000+

STUDENTS RECEIVED
COLLEGE ADVISING

34,000+

TUTORING HOURS
PROVIDED TO STUDENTS

5,800+

STUDENTS VISITED
A COLLEGE CAMPUS

IN 2018-19 MORE THAN

3,900

WV STUDENTS RECEIVED DIRECT GEAR UP SERVICES





YEAR 5 SURVEY OUTCOMES

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Increase in knowledge of financial aid available through federal and state programs among all three groups.

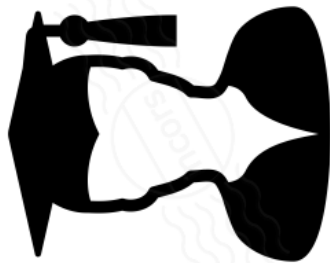
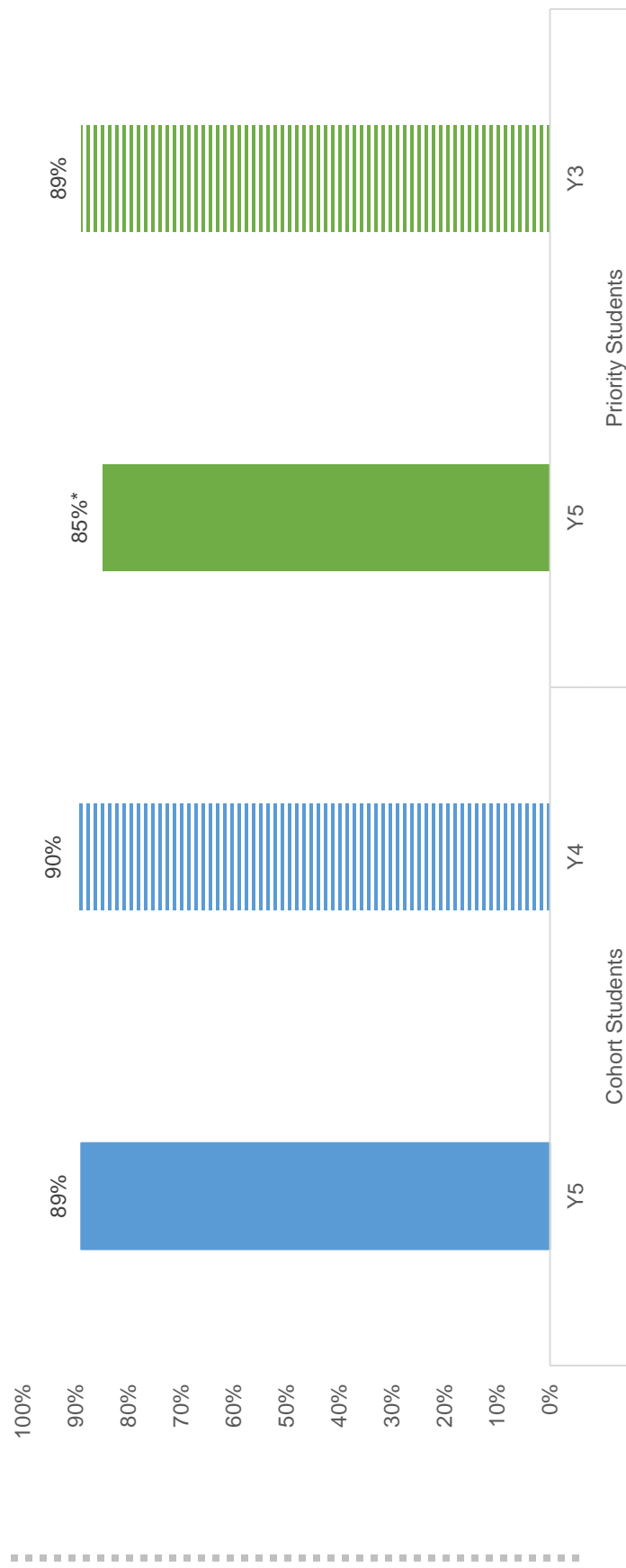


Increase in percentage of cohort students who correctly estimated the cost of a four-year college/university and two-year community and technical college.

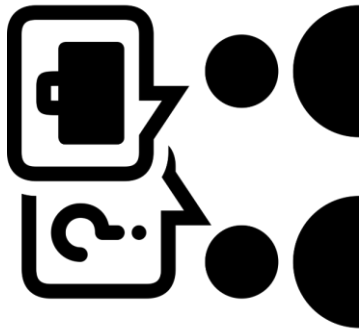


The percentage of cohort students and parents who reported that they spoke with someone at school about college entrance requirements also significantly increased.

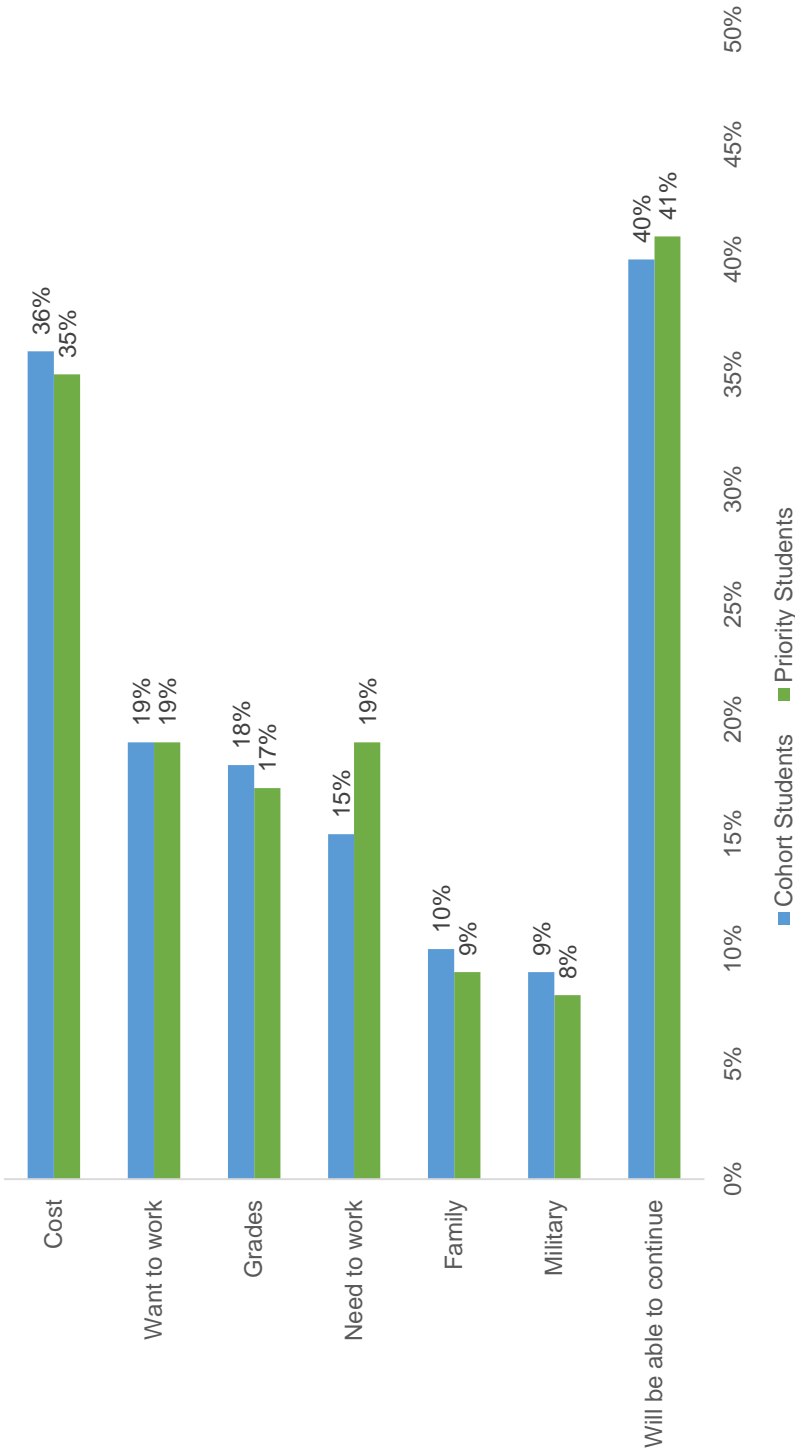
PERCENTAGE OF COHORT AND PRIORITY STUDENTS THAT PLAN TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION



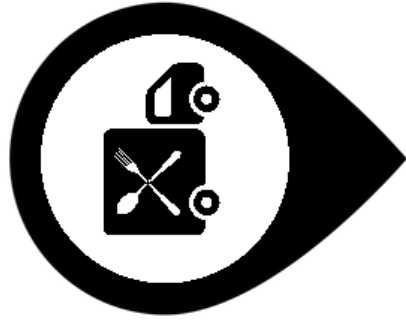
REASONS THAT MAY PREVENT COHORT AND PRIORITY STUDENTS FROM ATTENDING COLLEGE



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Spotlight on Cohort Students Experiencing Food Insecurity



Indicated they were much less likely to be able to pay for college.

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Indicated they were less likely to aspire or to expect to attain postsecondary education.

Reported lower levels of confidence to do well in college courses, college entrance exams, English/language arts, and science.

THE THREE COLLEGE-PLANNING MILESTONES

To be recognized, high schools must do the following:
Register for and participate in College Application & Exploration Week

**Meet the statewide FAFSA completion goal OR
increase their school's FAFSA completion rate by
certain
percentage points**

**Register for and participate in College Decision
Day**



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FAFSA

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL



1STUDENT VOICE FORUM



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WEST VIRGINIA GEAR UP STUDENTS

10

COUNTIES



23

SCHOOLS

8

PROGRAM MAJORS

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5 DAYS

COLLEGE TRIVIA
MENTORING

4 NIGHTS

LEADERSHIP



JUNE 25-29





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A special thanks to the
program that has shaped so
many lives, including mine.

– Allison Epling, WV GEAR UP Alum

