

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

UPDATES FOR
2019-20

WHO WE ARE

The Division of Student Affairs strives to create a statewide culture that promotes educational opportunities for all citizens, regardless of age or income. The Division coordinates several college access and completion programs, including the federally funded West Virginia GEAR UP initiative, a program that works to increase collegegoing rates among students in 10 West Virginia counties, and the College Foundation of West Virginia (CFWV), the state's free college- and career-planning resource.

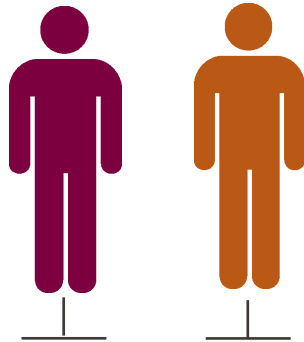
The Division of Student Affairs supports the work of student affairs offices on the campuses of West Virginia's public two- and four-year colleges and universities.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



On May 13-15, 2019, the 13th annual Student Leadership Conference took place at WVU Jackson's Mill.

Coordinated by the staff members from the Division of Student Affairs, in partnership with Shepherd University, the conference serves as an opportunity for student representatives from all public higher education institutions in the state to hone their leadership skills and network with other student leaders. More than 70 students and advisors from West Virginia's public two- and four-year institutions attended the conference.

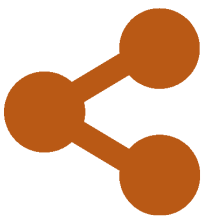


51 STUDENTS
ATTENDED

22 ADVISORS
ATTENDED



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS



Convening leaders of campus mental health for sharing of best practices and resources



Facilitation of the communication with institutions about the topics of student mental health



Bridging gaps in the mental health resources between high school and the first-year of college



Leveraging statewide participation in the national resources on mental health and more



Creation and maintenance of an online repository of campus mental health resources for institutions in WV



Providing professional development for an institution's faculty and staff around mental health

VETERANS EDUCATION AND TRAINING

30+

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES
WERE PROVIDED TRAINING

The Office of Veterans Education and Training (OVET) provided training to over 30 different colleges, universities, and other training partners on the new Federal requirements impacting veterans and their dependents. The two-day training event, hosted at the University of Charleston in fall 2019, kept educators informed on various new requirements as well as resources that are available to ensure the commitment to providing quality education and training for veterans is met. OVET members are part of a Communications Committee in the National Association of State Approving Agencies (NASAA) that works to implement and manage NASAA's strategic communications plan. This includes preparation and dissemination of news and public affairs items to veterans and stakeholders from around the country.



STUDENT SUCCESS SUMMIT



The staff members from the Division of Student Affairs coordinated the 9th annual Student Success Summit on July 24 and 25, 2019. The event, which took place at the Waterfront Hotel and Conference Center in Morgantown, WV, was a chance for educators across the full length of the education pipeline to collaborate and share ideas.



Nearly 500 educators, including counselors, PK-12 school administrators, college presidents, and workforce education staff attended the conference. The theme, "The future is now full steam ahead," helped to encourage conversations about how to help students develop the confidence and skills to become leaders.



450+

EDUCATORS ATTENDED