

WEST VIRGINIA GEARUP



UPDATES FOR
2020-21

ADMINISTERED BY THE WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION

WHO WE ARE

West Virginia GEAR UP is a federal grant program aimed at assisting students in "Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs".

The Commission's first GEAR UP project launched in 2008 and continued through the 2014-2015 academic year.

During the fall of 2014, the Commission received their second GEAR UP grant. This grant will serve upwards of 13,000 students and continue through 2021.



West Virginia GEAR UP serves Boone, Summers, Mason, Mercer, Mingo, Wirt, Nicholas, Webster, Fayette and Wyoming counties.

TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

Partner institutions provide services to support GEAR UP students' transition to and success through their first year of college. Services are designed to include individualized success advising, counseling and case management, development of an Individual Success Plan (ISP) for each student, and ongoing monthly academic, career, and other counseling. Transition Coordinators host student success events and encourage students to partake in enrichment opportunities and campus-wide activities. These activities include, but are not limited to, guest speakers, student success workshops, and family events.

Mentoring services are also available to provide students with the resources that they need to build relationships throughout their first year of postsecondary education. 8 campuses currently have Transition Coordinators.

2,070+

FIRST-YEAR COLLEGE STUDENTS WERE SERVED THROUGH THE TXT 4 SUCCESS PROGRAM



AUDIENCE

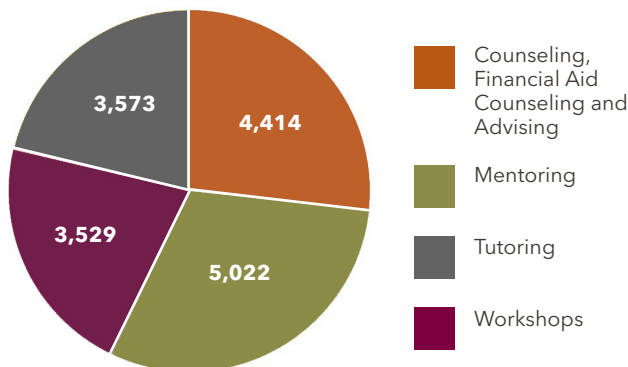


COLLEGE VISITS

4,500+

HOURS WERE SPENT ON CAMPUSES ACROSS WEST VIRGINIA DURING THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

HOURS OF ENGAGEMENT



COLLEGIATE LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

The Collegiate Leadership Symposium was a two-part virtual event that took place via a ZOOM webinar on June 2, 2020 and June 3, 2020.

Presenters from SEEDs Training facilitated virtual sessions along with several members of the GEAR UP staff. The goals of this event were to help prepare students for the transition to different forms of higher education and training beyond high school, and to provide students with the information and resources necessary to become a leader among their peers while doing so. 7 GEAR UP students spent over 35 hours participating in this event.

35+

HOURS SPENT PARTICIPATING

PARTICIPATION

