

WEST VIRGINIA GEARUP

ADMINISTERED BY THE WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION
UPDATES FOR 2020-2021

Who We Are

West Virginia GEAR UP is a federal grant program that assists 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 served more than 15,000 students through the spring of 2021.

In September 2021, the Commission was granted a third award, which aims to serve more than 17,000 students across Boone, Clay, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Nicholas, Roane, Wayne, Webster and Wirt counties by 2028.



WV GEAR UP'S AUDIENCE INCLUDES FIRST GENERATION AND LOW-INCOME STUDENTS, PARENTS/GUARDIANS, EDUCATORS, COUNSELORS, AND ADMINISTRATORS



3,100

HOURS IN RIGOROUS ACADEMIC CURRICULA



OVER 6,000 HOURS SPENT ENGAGING STUDENTS IN COUNSELING, FINANCIAL AID COUNSELING & ADVISING

TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

MENTORING SERVICES



9 COLLEGE CAMPUSES WITH TRANSITION COORDINATORS

SERVICES INCLUDE INDIVIDUALIZED SUCCESS ADVISING, COUNSELING AND CASE MANAGEMENT



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE GUEST SPEAKERS, STUDENT SUCCESS WORKSHOPS, AND FAMILY EVENTS



SUPPORTS STUDENTS' TRANSITION AND SUCCESS THROUGH THEIR FIRST YEAR OF COLLEGE



ONGOING MONTHLY ACADEMIC, CAREER, AND OTHER COUNSELING



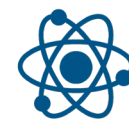
1,936 FIRST-YEAR GEAR UP COLLEGE STUDENTS SERVED THROUGH THE TXT 4 SUCCESS PROGRAM

SERVING THE CLASS OF 2021



85% OF GEAR UP HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS PARTICIPATED IN AT LEAST ONE ACTIVITY DURING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

2021 VIRTUAL CAREER ACADEMY



STEM-FOCUSED EVENT

500+ SENIORS PARTICIPATED

VIRTUAL COLLEGE CAMPUS VISITS

449 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED ACROSS 49 VIRTUAL COLLEGE CAMPUS VISIT OPPORTUNITIES