WEST VIRGINIA GEAR UP

ADMINISTERED BY THE WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION **UPDATES FOR 2022-2023**

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 its 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. In the grant's second year, West Virginia GEAR UP served more than 7,500 students in the 7th, 8th, and 12th grades, and provided first year postsecondary services and statewide services.

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

14,671

HOURS STUDENTS SPENT EXPLORING COLLEGE CAMPUSES

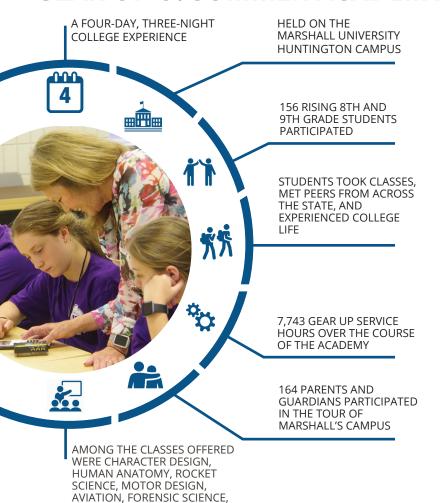
COLLECT

OVER 29,600 HOURS IN STUDENT ADVISING, ACADEMIC PLANNING, AND COUNSELING

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SWIMMING, AND VOLLEYBALL

SERVING 7TH, 8TH, AND 12TH **GRADERS, AND PROVIDING** FIRST YEAR POSTSECONDARY AND STATEWIDE SERVICES



93% OF GEAR UP STUDENTS PARTICIPATED **IN AT LEAST 1 ACTIVITY IN THE PROGRAM'S FIRST** YEAR

STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

7TH AND 8TH GRADE 1.000+ STUDENTS FROM 28 **MIDDLE SCHOOLS ATTENDED**



THE EVENT FOCUSED **ON SOCIAL EMOTIONAL** SUPPORTS IN ADDITION **TO BUILDING SKILLS IN LEADERSHIP**

ACTIVITIES 22,000+ PARTICIPATING

HOURS SPENT **IN LEARNING ACTIVITIES**

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