

# WEST VIRGINIA GEAR UP

ADMINISTERED BY THE WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION  
UPDATES FOR 2023-2024

## 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 third year, West Virginia GEAR UP served more than 7,400 students in the 8th, 9th, and 12th grades, and provided first-year postsecondary services and statewide services.



WEST VIRGINIA GEAR UP SERVES FIRST GENERATION AND UNDER-SERVED STUDENTS, PARENTS/GUARDIANS, EDUCATORS, SCHOOL COUNSELORS, AND ADMINISTRATORS

# 67%

GEAR UP COHORT STUDENTS HAVE VISITED A COLLEGE CAMPUS



IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR, WEST VIRGINIA GEAR UP PROVIDED MORE THAN 100,000 HOURS OF SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES TO STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND EDUCATORS

## STUDENT SUCCESS SOCIETY AND HEROS STATS

HEROS STANDS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION READINESS OFFICERS

HEROS HELP BUILD AWARENESS OF FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES

THESE GROUPS HAVE A COMBINED TOTAL OF 450 PARTICIPANTS

HEROS HELP ORGANIZE EVENTS FOR CFVW'S STATEWIDE COLLEGE APPLICATION AND EXPLORATION WEEK

4,348 HOURS OF SERVICE WERE COMPLETED IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

120 HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WAS DELIVERED TO OVER 20 STUDENT SUCCESS SOCIETY MENTORS

HERO GROUPS ARE SCHOOL CLUBS THAT FOCUS ON BUILDING A STRONGER COLLEGE-GOING CULTURE IN THEIR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY



## SERVING 8TH, 9TH, AND 12TH GRADERS, AND PROVIDING FIRST YEAR POSTSECONDARY AND STATEWIDE SERVICES



OVER 7,400 STUDENTS WERE SERVED IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

**1,668** HOURS OF SERVICE WERE COMPLETED



556 GEAR UP STUDENTS PARTICIPATED

## CAMPUS VISITS

**3,496** STUDENTS VISITED A COLLEGE CAMPUS

## GEAR UP U! SUMMER ACADEMY

**120+** RISING 9TH AND 10TH GRADERS ATTENDED