

# GEAR UP WYOMING

FALL 2017

## Matters

GAINING EARLY AWARENESS AND READINESS FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

### GEAR UP Summer Academies

In addition to Camp GEAR UP at the University of Wyoming, Wyoming's community colleges hosted summer academies for their GEAR UP students. They explored topics such as college resources, financial aid options, and career opportunities.

#### Casper College

Casper College GEAR UP students learned about running a small business at Pottery By You. They also built telescopes for the solar eclipse with the help of a representative from the Casper Planetarium.

GEAR UP students also visited Casper College to learn about the benefits of attending college, admission requirements, scholarship opportunities, and financial aid.



Casper College GEAR UP students built telescopes for the solar eclipse.

#### Central Wyoming College

GEAR UP students visited Central Wyoming College to explore college life. They met with the admissions and financial aid offices to learn about college entrance processes, programs of study, and ways to pay for college.

They also attended two academic classes taught by college instructors to experience what a college class is like.



Central Wyoming College GEAR UP mentors worked with incoming freshmen GEAR UP students during high school day orientation.

#### Eastern Wyoming College

Eastern Wyoming College took their GEAR UP students to visit Gillette College where they learned about admission requirements, scholarships, financial aid, and student life. On the trip back, they discussed preparing for college and researching various degrees.

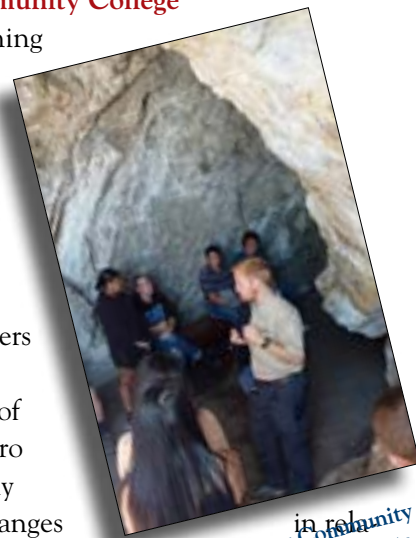


Eastern Wyoming College GEAR UP students discussing college requirements.

#### Laramie County Community College

In addition to learning about financial aid and college readiness at Montana State University (MSU), Laramie County Community College GEAR UP students explored potential careers at MSU. They visited the Jake Jabbs College of Business and the sub zero lab where students study snow and molecular changes to avalanches.

They also visited and explored careers at the Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park.



Laramie County Community College GEAR UP students at Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park.

#### Northern Wyoming Community College District

Northern Wyoming Community College District GEAR UP students visited Casper College where they learned about campus life, the programs offered at Casper College, and information on scholarships and ways to pay for college.

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They also visited Black Hills State University (BHSU) in Spearfish, South Dakota. During a financial aid presentation, students learned that BHSU offers in-state tuition to Wyoming residents. They also learned about the Bryan and Dorothy Dodd no interest student loan program for students in Campbell, Johnson, and Sheridan Counties.



Northern Wyoming Community College District GEAR UP students toured the Spearfish fish hatchery.

### Northwest College

Northwest College GEAR UP students toured Montana State University campuses in Bozeman and Billings to learn about college life and college preparation. They played a financial aid trivia game to discover ways to help pay for college. They also visited the Yellowstone Art Museum and the Museum of the Rockies to explore careers.



Northwest College GEAR UP students at the University of Wyoming during Camp GEAR UP.

### Western Wyoming Community College

Western Wyoming Community College GEAR UP students visited Eastern Wyoming College and Casper College. During the visits, they toured the campuses and discussed college preparation and financial aid. They also explored careers in performance art, veterinary technology, and cosmetology.

In addition to the college visits, they visited and learned about careers at historic sites and local museums.



Western Wyoming Community College GEAR UP students with certificates for completing FOCUS training during a summer academy.

## Tutoring in Wyoming

GEAR UP WYOMING encourages tutoring, and during the 2016-17 academic year, over 6,250 hours of tutoring took place around the state in individual and group tutoring sessions. Effective tutoring helps students learn new study skills, time management, and ways to stay motivated when academic stress is high.

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Many college professors encourage tutoring and cite it as one way to reduce stress in college courses and a higher likelihood for degree completion. Even students who are excelling in multiple courses can benefit from tutoring.

Students who received tutoring often become tutors themselves. As one college tutor stated, “It was through consistent calculus tutoring in the math lab that I felt confident enough to pass and even get an A in Calculus 2.” Another tutor said that she used tutoring for science courses and wanted to give back by passing on the study skills that she had gained from her time with a tutor.

For any student, tutoring can open doors to achieve their goals and move past obstacles. For many, it puts high school and college graduation on the horizon.

There are many opportunities for tutoring which match a student’s style of learning. Check with teachers, counselors, or GEAR UP staff for tutoring resources in school and in the community. There are also online tutoring resources such as Khan Academy and YouTube educational videos. 🇺🇸

**Don't forget to  
complete the FAFSA!**

You can access the FAFSA  
for the 2018-19 school year  
beginning on October 1, 2017.

Visit [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)

## Professional Development

GEAR UP WYOMING offers a diverse range of professional development opportunities for educators and administrators.


GEAR UP WYOMING sponsored Regional ACT® Workshop took place at Casper College on September 13-14. This workshop is an annual event featuring rotating sessions on ACT® prep subjects. In addition, there were sessions dedicated to ACT® Data Interpretation, as well as information for school administrators.

GEAR UP WYOMING partnered with AdvancED for the Continuous Improvement Conference in Laramie, September 24-27. This fall's conference featured interactive presentations from Tony Frontier and Alisa Simeral, ASCD trainers. Accompanying these speakers, Jeanie Iberlin, a Wyoming Quantum Learning Facilitator, presented content from her new book, *Cultivating Mindfulness in the Classroom: Effective, Low-cost Way for Educators to Help Students Manage Stress*. GEAR UP WYOMING provided this book to each registered attendee.

GEAR UP WYOMING will be sponsoring FOCUS Mentoring Programs in schools throughout the state. The FOCUS Ignition/Ignite program has been of great benefit to numerous schools. A new program, The College Advantage Club, will aid students in their higher education aspirations.

In April 2017, GEAR UP WYOMING Partnered with Gillette College for their annual Learning Disabilities Summit, and both organizations will continue their partnership for the spring 2018 summit. The dates will be April 11-13 at Gillette College.

GEAR UP WYOMING is thankful for the support it has received through the Wyoming Department of Education in regards to funding modifications for Instructional Facilitator (IF) roles and Bridges educators. GEAR UP WYOMING will continue the IF Summits, which will take place in fall 2017 and spring 2018. Accompanying the IF Summits, GEAR UP WYOMING will also be hosting a Bridges Extended Day workshop in spring 2018. All dates and locations for these events will be posted on the University of Wyoming GEAR UP page (<http://www.uwyo.edu/gearup/professionaldevelopment>), and distributed to superintendents and principals statewide.

If you are interested in bringing a specific professional development training to your school, please contact Chrissie Henschler, GEAR UP WYOMING Professional Development Coordinator, at 307.766.6736 or [chensch@uwyo.edu](mailto:chensch@uwyo.edu). 

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## ACT® College Entrance Exam Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4-17, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 13-19, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018

All Wyoming eleventh-grade students will take the ACT® in April at their schools. Students who want to take the test again can visit the following ACT® website to register for the test and to locate testing centers: [www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html](http://www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html)

## SAT® College Entrance Exam Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration*
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017	October 25, 2017
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017	November 21, 2017
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018	February 28, 2018
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018	April 25, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	May 23, 2018

The late registration deadline is one week earlier if you are registering by mail. For locations, visit: [collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/find-test-centers](http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/find-test-centers)

The SAT® also meets the Hathaway Scholarship awarding requirements.

GEAR UP WYOMING students may contact their GEAR UP coordinator to obtain an ACT® or SAT® test fee waiver. (GEAR UP WYOMING cannot pay for or waive late fees.) Also, GEAR UP WYOMING students have free access to college preparation programs. Contact your GEAR UP coordinator to learn more.



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**GEAR UP Wyoming Partners:**

Casper College, Central Wyoming College, Eastern Wyoming College, Laramie County Community College, Northern Wyoming Community College District, Northwest College, Western Wyoming Community College, University of Wyoming, Wyoming Department of Education

**GEAR UP ofrece información en español y ayuda para padres que hablan español.**

**GEAR UP offers information in Spanish and assistance for parents who speak Spanish.**

GEAR UP WYOMING Matters is a publication for GEAR UP students and their families offering news and tips to help prepare students for college.

GEAR UP WYOMING is a statewide program that serves 2,000 7th-12th grade, income-eligible students each year. Wyoming's seven community colleges provide services to these students and encourage them not only to complete high school, but to enter and succeed at a postsecondary institution. GEAR UP WYOMING also supports students through their first year of college.

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