



Great Basin College

Ambassador and GEAR UP Specialist

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To promote and increase college readiness, Great Basin College (GBC) will continue to visit each GEAR UP school during the academic year. Visits in the past have focused on financial literacy and pathways to success but since the students are in their final years of high school, GBC plans also to focus on barriers, and student confidence. Students will be able to work on career assessments, communication skills, and receive tutoring/remedial help if needed. A GEAR UP Specialist will provide assistance throughout the academic year.

GBC will continue to focus on creating an on-line environment for students to participate in via Canvas. In this Canvas environment, students will be able to ask questions, participate in career assessments, and receive tutoring or other services requested by the SPIF and student.

GBC will build on its FY17 Arduino project. Arduino kits were distributed to the schools within our service area, however, GBC will bring all Arduino kits back to the campus and use them during FY18 school visits and the summer STEM camp so we can create a greater connection between the open-source electronics platforms' projects and college courses/degrees/career pathways.

Both 11th and 12th grade students are now able to enroll in dual credit courses. Cassandra has discussed with the SPIFs the possibility of using grant funds to help with the cost of dual credit courses since GBX no longer offers a discount for high school students. In the FY18 grant, we have requested funds to provide up to 15 \$200 scholarships for dual credit enrollment. Students will need to apply for these scholarships much like they would any other scholarship, which will include the application, personal statement and letters of recommendation.

GBC will host another summer camp for the FY18 year. Students will stay on the GBC campus for three days (2 nights). Students will receive an on campus living experience and be able to attend similar social events that current GBC students participate in while going to classes. This camp will build upon campus visits throughout the year and work with students to adjust to life after high school. PD sessions will provide writing and math workshops, STEM workshops, remedial assistance, career readiness, and advisement. The camp will also have sessions on financial literacy. GBC will enlist teaching faculty to provide activities and lectures based on various interests as well as common obstacles new college students may face.