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The Nevada System of Higher Education's application for the GEAR UP Year 6 subaward will highlight our continued leadership and oversight of the grant management, budget and compliance as well as the overall coordination of the Ambassador Program and communication efforts.

In the coming year, services to both of our cohorts of high school students will continue. Students will be in the 11th and 12th grades with the finish line in sight. Now is the utmost important time for our students to interact and engage with the NSHE institutions to complete their transition from high school into a postsecondary setting. With the addition of our new Ambassador Coordinator, Dr. Daniel Villanueva, our application focuses on continued improvement of the overall coordination of the Ambassador Program and communication efforts to all stakeholders. We have planned a few changes designed for strengthening the program. The first notable change is the development of three priorities specific to the grade level of our students to focus activities while also targeting evaluation benchmarks with the goal of showing improvement in these areas. These are in addition to the four state GEAR UP goals.

Other exciting changes that are planned for the coming year in addition to the priorities listed above would be the launch of our Business Network, which will be our community advocacy effort. With this we hope to grow the GEAR UP brand throughout the state with the intention of demonstrating that GEAR UP Works! We also hope to gain support in the form of match, job shadowing or internships for our students, and possible mentors in assorted professions. Our communication efforts will also take on a fresher look with a planned re-design of the website. Since our students are approaching college age and we will be adding a section for our Business Network professionals, we want to give the site a more professional look and feel.

We are confident that this program will make great strides this year and we are excited to see our first cohort graduate high school and begin their college journey.