



Great Basin College

GEAR UP Abstract 2019-2020

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To meet Nevada GEAR UP goals, Great Basin College will increase academic preparedness, preparation and create a college-going culture by providing GU freshmen with access to student services that focus on access, retention, and lead to graduation. GBC will contact and track all enrollments from the 2018-19 high school academic year to determine a summer melt rate as well as to provide students with important reminders for the upcoming semester such as deadlines and advising information. GBC GEAR UP Ambassadors and Coordinator fully intend to collaborate with the GEAR UP Business Network whenever possible. GBC will create an online orientation as well as freshman seminar course specific for new GEAR UP students. This course will provide students with information and services needed to be successful through their academic studies.

In addition, GEAR UP students will be tracked within Starfish. Starfish will enable GBC to track student's flags for alerts as well as to track which resources students are reaching out for. To determine which students will be offered GEAR UP services, GBC's GEAR UP office will work with Admissions and Records and SIS to create a GEAR UP roster by the appropriate deadline. First-year college GEAR UP students will create 2 and 4-year plans for action for their academic career with their faculty advisor or GEAR UP Ambassadors. The Ambassadors will serve as a direct point of contact for the GEAR UP students and will maintain monthly contact with the GEAR UP cohort. The GEAR UP freshmen will be encouraged to join the GBC GEAR UP club on campus. The club will be partnering with Student Government and other clubs on campus to aid and participate in student success workshops and tutoring. GEAR UP sophomores will be encouraged to mentor the incoming freshmen GEAR UP class within the GEAR UP club, aid in tutoring and other on-campus activities. The Ambassadors will serve as the club advisors for the 2019-20 academic year. Club programming will be determined by the students at the beginning of the academic year.

After a roster list is created, GEAR UP freshmen will be placed into a student group to allow easy monitoring and communication. The GEAR UP Ambassador will work as a mentor to advise and reach out to freshmen GEAR UP students attending GBC. In addition, the GEAR UP Ambassadors will reach out to students who have been flagged within Starfish to determine if the student needs additional resources to be successful. Through the student group, the Ambassadors will easily be able to contact GEAR UP students to notify them of Welcome-Back greetings, financial aid events on campus as well as other events pertinent to their cohort. At the end of the semester the GEAR UP Ambassador will look over course history to determine which students may need additional help or may need to file a financial aid appeal. To provide additional data, GEAR UP students will be surveyed at the end of each semester and the information will be gathered to determine future student services that would be useful for all students. All survey results will be submitted to NSHE and NDE leadership.