



College of Southern Nevada

GEAR UP Abstract 2019-2020

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The College of Southern Nevada's (CSN) GEAR UP Ambassador Program will provide services to GEAR UP students enrolled at CSN and provide regular and complete assistance with all NSHE and NDE program assessment activities as directed. Through academic year 2019-2020, the CSN GU Ambassador will work summer transitional programming, orientation, financial aid advising, mentoring, first-year programming, college success skills workshop, academic support services referrals, retention initiatives, advising assistance, and transfer information. Additionally, the CSN Ambassador will engage in multi-institutions collaborations on NSHE campuses as directed by the GEAR UP Ambassador Coordinator. All services and collaborations are designed to build experiences and skills necessary among at-risk, first-generation college, and disadvantaged students to complete an associate's degree, a certificate, and/or transfer to a four-year postsecondary institution successfully.

PLANNED INTERVENTIONS: 1) **Summer Enrollment Tracking** of CSN admitted students to ensure successful completion of college onboarding and matriculation steps; 2) **Facilitating GU Modules within CSN's General Orientation** to inform participants of college demands, resources, and expectations; 3) **Evaluation of 2019 Summer Programs & Transition Services** for improved delivery of programmatic outcomes in the future; 4) **Fall & Spring Semester Kick-Off Receptions** to welcome matriculated GU students to campus; 5) **Creation & Maintenance of GU Fall and Spring Rosters** of all GU students enrolled at the Ambassador's campus; 6) **Fall & Spring Campus Welcome Event Receptions** to welcome matriculated GU students; 7) **Fall & Spring FAFSA Completion and Advising Reminder:** One-on-one meetings to ensure students meet deadlines; 8) **First-Year Programming**, along with CANVAS shell promoting seminars, and advisory workshops that teach college survival skills, use of critical resources and support services on campus, and key differences between achieving success in high school and college; 9) **Mentoring and Career Exploration** to help students chart professional paths through understanding of careers, education, job market demands, and salaries; 10) **Resource Referrals** (tutoring, disability accommodations, math/science/English learning labs, TRiO services, etc.); 11) **Spring Transfer Fair Collaborations** with CSN's Transfer Services supporting regional colleges and university's presentation on transfer policies, dates, deadlines, and scholarship information; 12) **End-of-Semester Festivities** to celebrate the end of the term and promote next term enrollment; 13) **Student Exit Surveys** in fall for GU students not continuing in spring and in spring for students not continuing in fall 2020; 14) **Multi-Institutional Collaborations** under the guidance of the GEAR UP Ambassador Coordinator; 15) **Employment of a GEAR UP Specialist** college student of similar disadvantaged background to help provide participants guidance, mentoring, inspiration, and role modeling.