

**Browning Middle/High School GEAR UP
November 2020 Board Report**

BHS/BMS

We just finalized a schedule for a free Trauma Informed Training (paid for by Montana GEAR UP) for all BMS and BHS staff. The company offering the virtual training is ChildWise Institute and staff can log in and do as their schedule will allow plus be able to earn 6 OPI continuing education credits!

BHS/WBH

We had 2 exciting happenings at BHS this month! The first one is that we launched a texting support platform with Student Success Agency. Any high school student that signs up gets their own personal “agent” and will receive one on one support in areas such as mentoring, tutoring, ACT prep, career and college advising, etc.

Secondly, we applied and received a \$3,000 Higher Pathways grant from the American Indian College Fund to host a FAFSA event the week of November 16th. With that money, we plan to award \$20 gift cards to the first 50 seniors that complete their FAFSA and the balance will go towards a random drawing for 4 \$500 scholarships (2 boys and 2 girls). Our program is also providing snack bags for the week.

This month we continued our Brown Bag Sessions with students. We have offered a number of virtual workshops for students to hear from different professionals about their career and/or college experiences. Some examples we had this month were: Air Force, business/international, chef/cooking school.

BMS GEAR UP

**GEAR UP Google Classroom*

Nathan is continuing his awesome work on a GEAR UP google classroom for both the 7th and 8th grade students. This quarter his schedule moved to a Friday classroom. He continues to reach out to our former GEAR UP students to give presentations. Two of the highlights have been hearing from JoVonne Wagner and her UM Journalism Department professor and Kim Pollock who talked about Esthetician and Massage school.

**GEAR UP Presentations in Regular Classrooms*

We have also been invited into teacher’s classrooms to do career and college presentations including 7th grade English/Language Arts and Social Studies classrooms.