

Browning Middle/High School /WBH GEAR UP January 2022 Board Report

BHS/WBH GEAR UP

***College Student Guest Speaker**

We had one student (Taylee Rides at the Door, MSU) volunteer to speak to our students at both BMS and BHS while she was on break. We had reached out to others but she was the only one that followed through.

***GEAR UP Career/College Prep Advisory Lessons**

We are continuing our annual GEAR UP lessons in advisory classes every Wednesday. The topics focus on anything career and/or college related topics. This month's focus has been on time management, dual enrollment and finishing the semester strong.

***Dual Enrollment**

The last couple of months we have been busy getting students signed up for dual enrollment classes. The majority of the classes are with our very own BHS teachers that are for dual credit: high school credit and BCC college credit. We will also have a handful of students from both BHS and WBH taking classes down at BCC for college credit only. We have at least one student planning to sign up for FVCC as well. We will give a full report next month on how many we have enrolled once the registration period is over.

***Native Youth Expanding Horizons: Native Youth Leadership Program**

We were contacted by the Western Native Voice (WNV) organization in Billings about this conference. We got invited to bring 1 student to this event. Ronnel took Sovereign Smith to the event January 12th-14th. There were a number of workshops that focused on WNV's four pillars: Leadership Development, Education, Civic Engagement, and Advocacy. (See photo below)

***MSU Native Preview Day**

The MSU GEAR UP Office contacted us to see if we could send some students as they would cover most of the expenses. The event will be held on January 23rd. We looked at only serious inquiries - students that have applied to MSU and have been checking in with us regularly about scholarships and other related college items. Ronnel will take these students to this event. Thanks to our principal, Jen Wagner for covering some of the costs that MSU GEAR UP could not. Browning GEAR UP could

have covered this event but it was too short of a turn around to do a budget amendment.

BMS GEAR UP

Nate's last day with GEAR UP was Friday, January 13th with his plan to go back to school to become a nurse. He started classes on Tuesday, January 17th in Great Falls.

***BMS AVID**

Nate had been teaching this class. Our students were working on various college preparation topics in that class, including learning about various careers and colleges.

We will have more activities to report once we can get a new person in place. Melanie will try to get out there at least once or twice per week depending on the high school workload as BHS GU has been swamped with a number of senior events along with dual enrollment registration.

Native Youth Expanding Your Horizons Group Photo:

