



## Dear valued leader,

As the 2018-19 school year comes to a close, we hope that your district, school or organization had a productive year of growth and learning. The purpose of this newsletter is to overview the benefits available to your organization through your relationship with Grand Canyon University. It highlights scholarship opportunities and discounts available to students, educators and other members of your community. It also addresses teacher recruitment, dual enrollment and professional development offerings.

Please share this newsletter with your broader distribution list to make them aware of the resources available to them.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to institutional scholarships and grant opportunities, students attending public, charter and private schools—as well as homeschoolers who are part of GCU's K12 Educational Development Alliances—will receive additional award money. Scholarship amounts vary based on whether the school is in Arizona or out-of-state and are dependent on the type of school, organization, or homeschool group.

For many students, the scholarships allows them to allocate more money toward tuition, books, meal plans and more. Additional award opportunities such as these recently afforded one incoming freshman the chance to live on GCU's vibrant campus. Melody Garland graduated from Ironwood High School, a public school in nearby Peoria that is part of GCU's Participants in Learning, Leading and Serving (PLLS) public school alliance. Garland's scholastic accomplishments earned her scholarship money as well as a place in GCU's coveted Honor's College.

"The extra money that I received for graduating from a Participants in Learning, Leading and Serving participant school gave me the opportunity to live on campus," said Garland, a freshman majoring in nutrition.

School staff, paraprofessionals and parents are also eligible for scholarships on select programs. These scholarships are just one way that GCU strives to lower the cost of obtaining a private education. For specific award amounts, please contact [seainfo@gcu.edu](mailto:seainfo@gcu.edu).

## DUAL ENROLLMENT

Many students take advantage of the dual enrollment offerings available thanks to the GCU alliance programs. By taking classes in high school that earn college credits, they can reduce the overall cost of college education and set themselves up for success in the future. Nate Landreth, an Alliance Program for Homeschool Achievement (ALPHA) participant, will enter GCU next fall with eight college credits.

"My experience through GCU's ALPHA program has been phenomenal," states Landreth. "As a homeschooler, it was hard for me to find opportunities to expand my education beyond high school courses and move at a quicker pace. Thanks to the ALPHA program, I am able to get involved with higher education through dual enrollment. I have earned eight college credits from only taking two seven-week courses. Though the classes are fast-paced, the classes have provided quality education that is beneficial to my future career. I know when I attend GCU, I will not be surprised by how the classes are laid out or how their portal works."



GCU dual enrollment courses cost only \$52.50 per credit, which is significantly lower than the cost of college credit hours. Dual enrollment students who earn college credit while still in high school experience the same level of instruction and academic rigor as our traditional college students. It prepares them to succeed at the next academic level of study when they enter college.

GCU dual enrollment courses also include support services and access to valuable resources that are typically only available for undergraduate students. These include: Academic and Career Excellence (ACE) Centers, Learning Management System orientation, tech support, library assistance and more. Each course is 4 hours of college credit and the tuition at \$52.50 per credit hour is \$210. Courses may also require an electronic book fee.

For more information on GCU's dual enrollment programs, contact Zachary Smith at [Zachary.Smith@gcu.edu](mailto:Zachary.Smith@gcu.edu).

## TEACHER RECRUITMENT



Through your relationship with GCU, your organization also has access to a number of programs for recruiting teachers and professionals.

Alliance participants have access to GCU's expansive online job board across the country. This job board is used by GCU's traditional students, online students and growing alumni. GCU graduates searching the job board are actively seeking to be hired, which makes it a great place to post openings in your organization.

GCU also has recruitment opportunities specifically for providing Arizona schools with high-quality teachers. GCU's College of Education (COE) hosts "Lopes Leap to Teach" events, at which dozens of districts and schools come to GCU's campus to meet COE students. These events allow organizations to set up tables and interact with future educators. In conjunction with our broader student population, GCU is also working to encourage non-education majors to learn more about teaching and view it as a viable future career.

Jacob van Leeuwen, a national faculty talent manager for Great Hearts Academies (a Canyon Educational Participant), has hired a number of GCU graduates as a result of attending these recruiting events.

"We have met wonderful candidates at GCU and many of the candidates have become great teachers," Leeuwen said. "For us, coming to career fairs at GCU has been really helpful and a gratifying experience. GCU has been very hospitable to Great Hearts and we are very grateful for our relationship."

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GCU alliance program participants have access to a wide array of professional development offerings through the Canyon Professional Development (Canyon PD) program.

Canyon PD provides customized, on-site sessions as well as other events for administrators, teachers and staff that take place on GCU's campus. Canyon PD's educational experts deliver valuable insight, instruction and support on the latest educational topics. Currently, some of our popular professional development offerings include: STEM-focused Lesson Planning and Engineering Design Project Implementation, Restorative Practices, Strategic Planning, Campus Development and much more.

Debbie Clark, the dean at North Valley Christian Academy (NVCA) in Phoenix, describes how Canyon PD programs have helped her school and staff:

"GCU has been an invaluable resource to NVCA during the past year as our school begins a journey of excellence and growth. The support provided in curriculum and instruction guidance, teacher training and development in a multitude of academic areas has helped NVCA build a strong foundation of high-quality content and student learning. NVCA is delighted to continue our partnership with GCU and we look forward to continued growth and excellence for our teachers and students."

Going into the 2019-20 school year, Canyon PD is proud to introduce a subscription model that strives to save time and reduce costs while building staff experience.

Grant opportunities are also available for K12 participant schools. For more info on Canyon PD, visit [gcu.edu/canyonpd](https://gcu.edu/canyonpd) or email [CanyonProfDev@gcu.edu](mailto:CanyonProfDev@gcu.edu).






## PARTICIPANT'S CORNER



We would love to feature your success stories! We are currently accepting stories about your school, organization or exemplary individuals. If you have a newsworthy story, contact [cole.bucholc@gcu.edu](mailto:cole.bucholc@gcu.edu).



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**Public Schools:** Contact [Jennifer.Johnson@gcu.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Johnson@gcu.edu) – Participants in Learning, Leading and Serving (PLLS)

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**Homeschool:** Contact [Sheila.Jones@gcu.edu](mailto:Sheila.Jones@gcu.edu) – Alliance Program for Homeschool Achievement (ALPHA)

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## K12 EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This grant awards \$1,000 per academic year to in-state high school students and \$250 per academic year to out-of-state high school students who graduate from a high school that participates in GCU's PLLS (public high schools), CEP (charter high schools) or ALPHA (homeschool) schools. Students attending one of the Maricopa County Community College campuses must have earned an associate degree to qualify for the award. Student attending or graduating from a canyon Christian consortium school do not qualify. Students must be working with an assigned admissions Representative to receive this award and must be enrolled for 12 or more credit hours each semester. This award is renewable annually for fall and spring semesters only up to eight semesters, as long as the student maintains continuous full-time enrollment and maintain admissibility with GCU. This award is subject to the Grand Canyon University CAP policy and cannot exceed your charges billed. Award and award amounts are based on the 2018-19 award year.

Qualified students must have graduated from a GCU CCSC participant school, be enrolled for 12 or more credit hours for each semester and be under the age of 21 by the start of their first semester at GCU. The scholarship awards \$4,000 per academic year to on-campus students who are admissible and \$1,500 per academic year to off-campus students. This award is renewable for each semester, as long as the student maintains continuous full-time enrollment, joins a campus worship service weekly and meets the 20-hour community service project requirement each semester (40 hours per academic year), upholds the ethical and moral values by which GCU stands and maintains admissibility with GCU. Recipients of the CCSC award are ineligible for the Grand Canyon State Scholarship. This scholarship is subject to the Grand Canyon University CAP policy and cannot exceed your charges. Award and award amounts are based on the 2019-2020 award year.

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