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Synopsis	The Executive Update will provide members with a review of current agency work related to program administration and policy. The Executive Director will provide this synopsis at the beginning of each Council meeting.
Guiding questions	Does the recent work of the agency advance progress towards increased educational attainment in Washington?
Possible council action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information/Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Adopt <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Documents and attachments	<input type="checkbox"/> Brief/Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint <input type="checkbox"/> Third-party materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other



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Agency Highlights

Outreach: 12th Year Campaign; GEAR UP

Programs: FAFSA – IRS Data Retrieval Tool;
College Bound Scholarship; GET

Policy: Residency; College in the High School



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**Agency Update
Two-Month Executive Summary**

Project	Recent Work
Outreach and Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>12th Year Campaign</u>: WSAC hosted nine regionally based college access workshops with OSPI and WCAN to guide participants through the available resources, tools, and data integral to improving college-readiness services in their schools. • <u>GEAR UP</u>: Washington State GEAR UP partnered with the University of Washington’s Educator Development Initiative to train college access professionals, administrators, and school staff on strategies to support students and families in the transition to postsecondary education.
Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>FAFSA – IRS DRT Resources</u>: In April, WSAC created a webinar and collated resources to help families mitigate challenges resulting from the lost functionality of the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (which was taken offline by the IRS in early 2017). • <u>College Bound Scholarship</u>: The 2016 four-year high school graduation rate for CBS students was 76 percent. In comparison, of low-income students who were eligible for CBS but didn’t sign up, only 64 percent graduated in 2016. In 2013-14, CBS students enrolled in college at a rate of 64 percent, three percentage points higher than the statewide college enrollment rate of 61 percent. • <u>GET</u>: Over the next several months, the Committee will be discussing GET’s anticipated summer reopening of new enrollments and unit purchases. The revised RFP for program management services related to a potential Washington 529 savings plan is scheduled to close on May 2.
Policy and Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Residency</u>: WSAC staff recently presented information on the revised residency rules relating to veterans, active-duty military and their dependents at the School Certifying Officials (SCO) workshop hosted by Olympic College. • <u>College in the High School</u>: WSAC, in collaboration with SBCTC and COP, are conducting webinars and in-person presentations on the Washington State College in the High School (CiHS) evaluation process (which is based on the National Alliance for Concurrent Enrollment Partnership (NACEP) standards).