




WSGC Coordinated Gap Year Opportunities

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What is a Gap Year?

“A semester or year of experiential learning, typically taken after high school and prior to career or post-secondary education, in order to deepen one’s practical, professional, and personal awareness.”

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<https://www.gapyearassociation.org/what-is-a-gap-year-2/>

In the Past

- Gap years take many forms
 - Service or mission trips
 - Community organization based
 - Religious organization based
 - Internships
 - To explore a possible career opportunity
 - Industrious work
 - To save money and offset borrowing of student debt



Recent Hype

- Covid
 - 2020 Large population of high school graduates choose to wait a year before starting college – had to find something to do...
- Awareness of Tuition Expenses
 - Students are balking at loading up with debt and exploring career possibilities



Planning Year

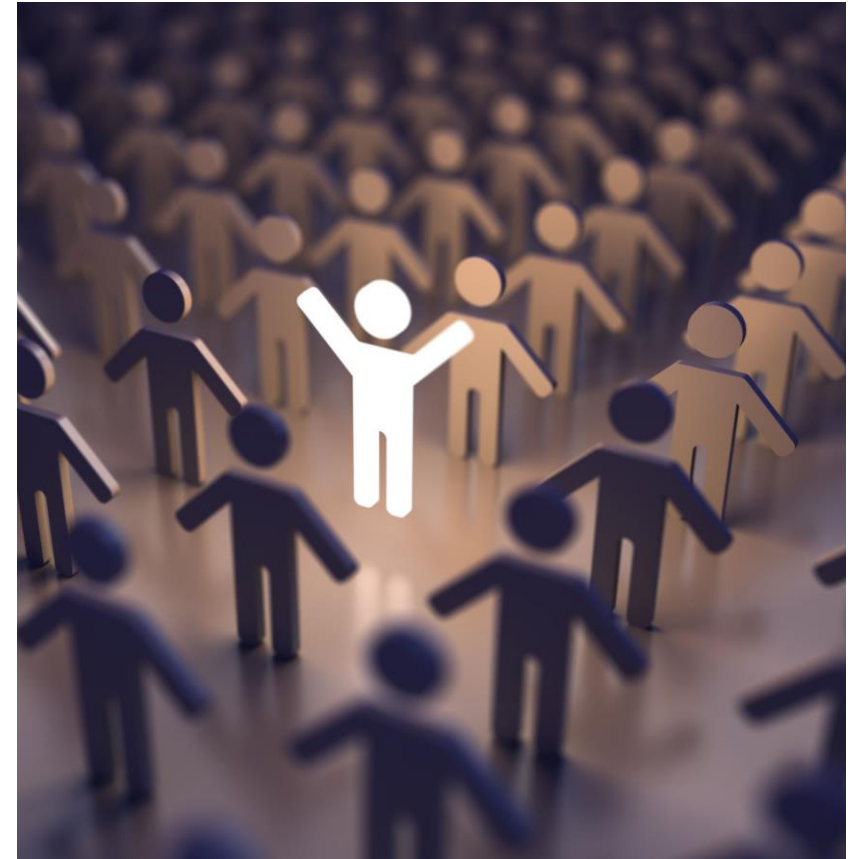
Life planning / Career planning

Organizations marketing Gap Year programs

- Gap Year Association <https://www.gapyearassociation.org/>
- Gap Year Programs <https://www.gapyearprograms.com/>
- Career Vision <https://careervision.org/taking-gap-year-what-need-know>
- ASVAB Career Exploration Program
<https://www.asvabprogram.com/media-center-article/6>
The ASVAB is the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery.

Why WSGC?

- WSGC brings the diversity of the programs offered by the affiliate institutions
- STEM oriented programs



NASA Artemis Mission Connections

- Artemis
<https://www.nasa.gov/specials/artemis/#late>
- Artemis Generation
<https://stem.nasa.gov/artemis/>
- Artemis Program
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NASA Technology Taxonomy



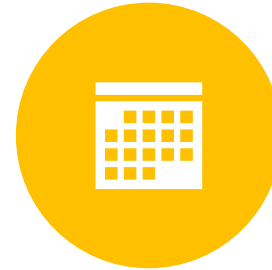
WSGC as the “Clearinghouse”



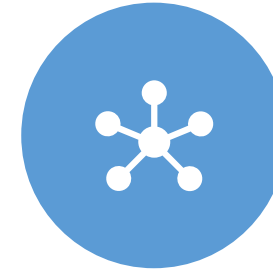
SHARED KNOWLEDGE



SHARED THEME



CALENDAR/TIMING
AWARENESS



BUILD A NETWORK OF
OPPORTUNITIES
ACROSS THE WSGC



Next steps?

- Interest?
 - Possible topics?
 - Types of opportunities?
 - 1-day
 - Multi-day
 - Week camp
 - Semester camp
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