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## *GWU Joins Raise.me to Reward Students with College Money for Achievements*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb University will offer numerous opportunities for students to earn money to help pay for college, thanks to a new partnership with a program supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. GWU has joined Raise.me, an organization that seeks to empower prospective college students by providing individual scholarships for a variety of academic, extracurricular, service and work achievements during high school.

“Gardner-Webb University and Raise.me agree that students should be recognized for accomplishments beyond just a grade-point average and test scores,” explained David Hawsey, GWU Vice President for Enrollment Management. “Students should be rewarded for achievements such as exceptional attendance, taking challenging classes, after-school work, volunteer and service in the community, and activities and hobbies that provide a foundation for career interests and leadership growth.”

Raise.me allows students in grades nine through 12 to keep track of personal achievements—such as grades, club involvement, volunteer efforts and athletics participation—via a free website account and connect those activities with scholarship opportunities for college. Students can visit [raise.me/edu/gardner-webb-university](http://raise.me/edu/gardner-webb-university) to connect with the institution and find which scholarships GWU offers as part of financial aid packages.

“Gardner-Webb serves students from every demographic, including those who don’t have many of the academic opportunities offered in wealthier school districts,” Hawsey added. “Raise.me provides a way for students from all walks of life to earn financial support for college, and GWU is pleased to partner to help motivate students to continue to strive for success.”

For more information about Gardner-Webb, the University’s partnership with Raise.me, or additional scholarship opportunities, contact the GWU Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 800-253-6472, like Gardner-Webb Admissions on Facebook or follow @futuredawgs on Twitter and Instagram.

*Based in San Francisco, Calif., and supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation ([gatesfoundation.org](http://gatesfoundation.org)) and other organizations, Raise.me partners with more than 100 colleges and universities to offer students scholarships beginning in the ninth grade. The program's mission is to increase student engagement and motivation by breaking traditional scholarships into a series of small, attainable goals and making the path to college more tangible for students.*

*Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University's purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).*