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The collaboration between our school systems, businesses and regional leaders is an integral part of Georgia's leading workforce development programs. We appreciate the University of North Georgia's efforts in building a curriculum that supports the state in ensuring that Georgia's workforce possesses the skills necessary to succeed in future high-demand careers. Additionally, we want to thank the University and their partners for their continued commitment in developing the Regional Education and Economic Development Initiative to help Georgia's students on the path to success.

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I often say, everything touches everything. We're proud to support the REED initiative, as it takes a holistic view of how



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About the REED Initiative

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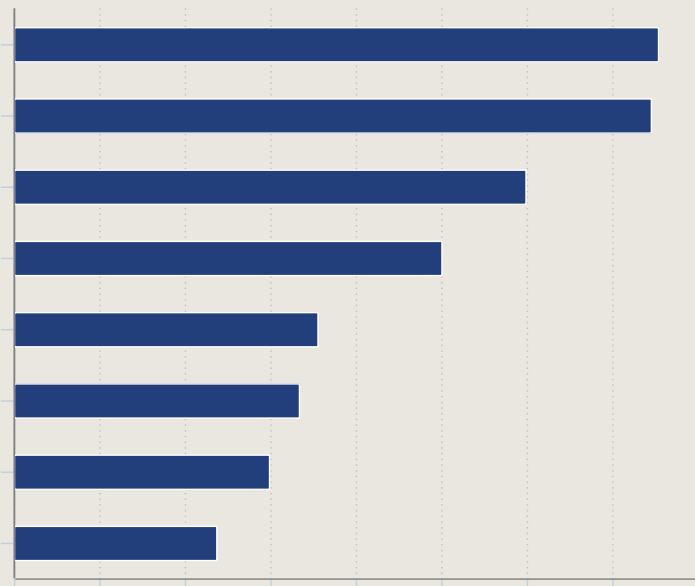
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Access to Education

Median weekly earnings and unemployment rate by education attainment, 2019

Median usual weekly earnings

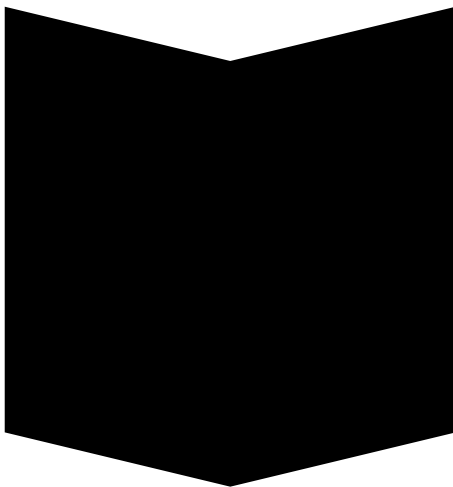


The **GenCyber Warrior Academy** is a summer residential program for high school students funded through a grant from the National Security Agency. Students receive 80 hours of classroom instruction, 40 hours of hands-on lab activities, and the opportunity to engage with military

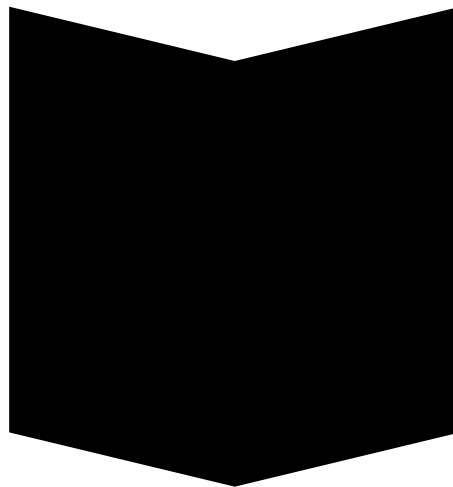
leaders and professionals from Georgia's leading cyber companies. The GenCyber Warrior Academy was the first career-focused summer camp program hosted by the university. Future plans include new high school summer programs focused on logistics and healthcare.

UNG's BB&T Center for Ethical Leadership reaches more than 1,350 high school students annually through its Building Ethical Employability Program that brings students together with business professionals for interactive workshops that promote ethical decision-making.

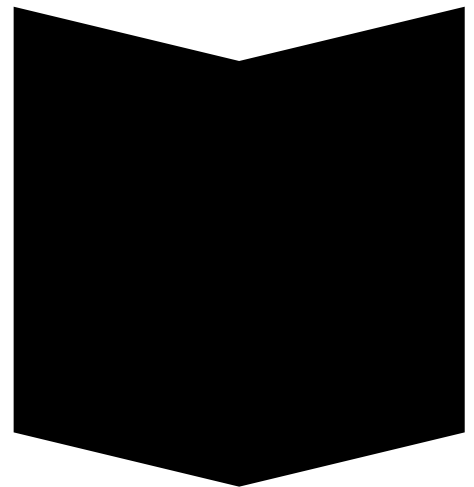
UNG students gain real-world experience through service-learning and internships.



Alternative Spring Break



Voluntary Income Tax Assistance Program



Student-led Therapy and Rehab (STAR) Clinic

Partnerships and Collaborations

At the University of North Georgia, we believe that engagement through collaboration and authentic partnerships with our communities should be an integral part of our mission.

The University of North Georgia is one of 119 U.S. Colleges and Universities to receive the **2020 Carnegie Community Engagement Classification**, an elective designation that indicates institutional commitment to community engagement. Including the 2020 designees, only 359 schools nationwide carry the classification and only six public universities in Georgia have earned this designation defined by the Carnegie Foundation as “the collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.”

The University of North Georgia partners with **Junior Achievement of Georgia** to sponsor the Career Exploration Center in The Mike and Lynn Cottrell Junior Achievement Discovery Center near UNG's Cumming Campus. More than 15,000 middle school students visit this interactive space each year where they explore college and career options as they enter and depart the Discovery Center. UNG students enrolled in social foundations courses help to facilitate programs at the Discovery Center and thrive on this service-learning opportunity.

The University of North Georgia and the **Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation** partnered to open new art facilities at the Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation complex in 2015. Students on the Oconee Campus benefit from the partnership by gaining access to state-of-the-art studio spaces and gaining opportunities to work with OCAF members and the local community.

The University System of Georgia purchased the former Chestatee Hospital in Dahlonega for future use by UNG. This facility, currently leased by Northeast Georgia Health System while they move forward with plans to construct a new medical center in Lumpkin County, may be used in the future to expand healthcare education programs,he future to

Community and Corporate Development

The University of North Georgia has multiple centers that enhance academic programming and support community initiatives relevant to their focus area.

Appalachian Studies Center supports research and educational programs that preserve and translate the history and culture of Appalachia into new entrepreneurial endeavors.

BB&T Center for Ethical Leadership promotes ethical decision making through research, education, and professional development programs at the community, university and K-12 levels.

Center for Cyber Operations Education develops highly capable cyber professionals and leaders for the private, non-profit, military, and government sectors. We accomplish this through innovative co-curricular opportunities, interdisciplinary research in emerging threats and solutions, and relevant community outreach to foster a sustainable ecosystem to support cyber operations education.

Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation is a collaborative initiative that engages students, faculty and staff across the University, as well as communities in the region who imagine, innovate, and seek to start and grow new and existing ventures.

Environmental Leadership Center supports 6 388.441

Annual REED Summit

The Regional Education and Economic Development Summit brings together groups with varied interests learn about and discuss industry trends, educational pathways, and existing and future high-demand career opportunities in the rapidly growing north Georgia region. Participants include economic development professionals, government officials, business and community leaders as well as educators and students from the region's high schools, technical colleges, and universities. Introduced with an inaugural Summit in 2018, the annual REED Summit was established to connect the dots and create a cohesive dialog relevant to the three focus areas of the UNG REED Initiative: access to education, workforce readiness, and partnerships and collaboration.

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Educational Opportunities and Research

The Office of Government Relations and Economic Development at the University of North Georgia serves as a liaison between the community and the university by fostering positive relationships with local governments, surrounding neighborhoods, civic and community-based organizations, and the local business community. Our team can assist you to access and leverage university assets relevant to your needs.

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Leadership is the key to the success of each community in north Georgia. We are thankful to have in our region the University of North Georgia and the leadership they bring in helping the communities succeed and the new leaders they produce back into the communities each year. The REED Summit is just one example where their continued leadership makes a difference in educating today's leaders in the real issues that affects education and economic development."





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