

## **Georgia Appalachian Center for Higher Education Announces Awards \$150,000.00 to North Georgia High Schools**

The Georgia Appalachian Center for Higher Education (GACHE) at North Georgia College and State University announced awards totaling \$150,000.00 to area high schools. These grants will provide schools with resources to enable them to continue to increase their graduation and college-going rates.

**Banks County High  
Cedartown High  
Commerce High  
Dade County High  
Dalton High  
East Jackson High  
Elbert County High  
Fannin County High  
Franklin County High  
Gilmer High  
Gordon Lee High  
Jackson County High  
Johnson High  
LaFayette High  
Lumpkin County High  
Madison County High  
Murray County High  
North Murray High  
Ridgeland High  
Stephens County High  
Sonoraville High  
White County High  
Whitfield Career Academy  
Winder-Barrow High  
Woody Gap High**

These schools have developed strategies to assist and encourage students to finish high school and attend college. “We are excited that so many school principals, graduation coaches, counselors, and superintendents are willing to step up and ensure their students graduate ready for college with real postsecondary choices. We know that the economic consequences of leaving high school without a diploma are harsh and, in today’s world, stopping short of postsecondary education is equally grim. We want every student to graduate from high school and have college as a viable option!” said Shirley Davis, Director of the Georgia Appalachian Center for Higher Education.