



TUESDAY TELEGRAPH
NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE FOR YOUR WEEK AHEAD
November 7, 2023

Junior Parents/Guardians

During Junior year, families and students are invited to meet with their counselor for an individual 30-minute advisement session regarding remaining graduation requirements and post-secondary plans. Please sign up for a **Junior Advisement Appointment** with your student's counselor. Appointments run through mid-December. Please click on the link next to your assigned alpha counselor to take you directly to a Bookings page and follow the instructions. We encourage you to book a time that coincides with your student's lunch or maybe an elective period if possible. Students will be responsible for making up any work that is missed. We look forward to meeting with you. If you missed the Junior Parent Meeting, you can find the presentation at <https://www.popeschoolcounseling.com/11th-grade/>. **As a reminder, please bring a copy of your student's Social Security number to the meeting; this will be helpful in allowing you and your student to gain access to their personal HOPE Scholarship information. Additionally, please be sure to park in a VISITOR parking spot or there is a risk that you will get a ticket if you park in a student/teacher parking spot.**

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Save the Date – Pope Apply to College Day – TOMORROW!



Sponsored by: **GSFC** | Georgia Student Finance Commission

To help celebrate **Georgia Apply to College Month in November** (see the full list of participating schools [here](#)), the Pope Counseling Office is hosting **Apply to College Day TOMORROW, November 8th**! Seniors can get a pass to come to Counseling during their lunches and get help applying to select Georgia colleges for free! We will also provide ***free transcript requests*** on that day to encourage students to complete applications! This is a great opportunity to use your [GEORGIA MATCH](#) results to identify colleges that you automatically qualify for. If you have any questions, reach out to your counselor. See our bulletin board on the 100 hall as well as www.gafutures.org for more info!

Pope College Fair – TOMORROW!

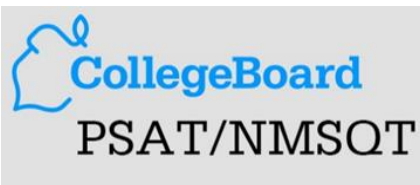
A flyer for College Fair #4 featuring a string of colorful triangular bunting at the top and a decorative border of small stars at the bottom. The text is centered and reads:

COLLEGE FAIR #4
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023
DURING X-BLOCK 2:15-2:50 PM
IN THE OLD GYM

- Chattahoochee Tech
- College of Coastal Georgia
- Georgia Army National Guard
- Georgia Gwinnett College
- Georgia Southwestern State
- Georgia State University
- Kennesaw State University
- Life University
- Ohio University
- Pennsylvania State
- Reinhardt University
- Samford University
- University of West Georgia
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Marines
- U.S. Navy

Join us **TOMORROW, November 8th**, for our last college fair of the semester! **Students of all grade levels**, plan to join us in the Old Gym during X-block to visit with numerous colleges, universities, and armed forces. There is no need to reserve your spot! Simply head to the Old Gym at the start of X-block, visit with as many reps as you like. When the bell rings at 2:50 pm please either leave campus if you have a ride, or proceed to the Old Theater where you will remain until 3:30 when the bell rings. A list of our next fair's participants is in the flyer!

PSAT Results



Yesterday, November 6th, PSAT/NMSQT results were made available!

If your student provided their mobile number on test day, they should have received a text message with access to the [BigFuture School mobile app](#). If they did not provide their mobile number, as always, they may view their scores online by logging into their [College Board account](#). Once students have their electronic score report, they can access resources to help them understand and utilize their results [HERE](#) and also [HERE](#).

PSAT Results and College Admission Testing Information Meeting

On Monday, November 13th, join us for a PSAT Results and College Admission Testing Family Information Meeting at 6:30 pm in the PAC. The Pope Counseling Department and a representative from Applerouth Tutoring Services will discuss understanding and utilizing PSAT results and will take an in-depth look into the SAT and ACT college admissions tests, the current trends and insights, the transition to the digital SAT starting in March 2024 (the last paper-pencil SAT will be December 2, 2023), and crafting your ideal SAT/ACT testing timeline.

The SAT is Going Digital

Starting in 2024, the SAT will be digital, and registration is now open for the March, May, and June test dates. Most colleges, including those that are [test optional](#), consider SAT scores when making admission and placement decisions, and test scores may be required for certain scholarships. Hear [what students have to say](#) about the digital SAT.

Upcoming 2024 SAT Dates

Test Dates	Registration Deadlines	Late Registration Deadlines
March 9, 2024	February 23, 2024	February 27, 2024
May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024	April 23, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 16, 2024	May 21, 2024

Digital SAT and ACT Test Prep

Applerouth is hosting a special event this weekend where students can explore the Digital SAT and ACT for free! This unique experience allows students to familiarize themselves with the tests, apply tried-and-true Applerouth strategies, and gauge their current standing. On **November 11-12**, students will experience full-length tests, pre-test strategy sessions, and receive detailed score reports that tell them how to boost their score. Reserve a spot at www.applerouth.com/november.



Building Better Learners for Life



Anxious about your Digital SAT or ACT scores? We've got you covered. Put your mind at ease with our full-length practice test during our *Test Prep Weekend!* You can expect a highly detailed score breakdown to help you grow your scores + access to Strategy Sessions.



It's 100% free

You get to practice the ACT or the new digital SAT format from wherever you're comfortable – all for free!



Full-length practice tests

These tests will help you establish a baseline score, which primes you for the real thing.



The most detailed score reports you'll find

Review your results to learn crucial, crystal-clear insights about your strengths and room for improvement...and then grow your scores.

November 11 - 12

Register for digital SAT or online or in-person ACT sessions

[Secure your spot at www.applerouth.com/november](http://www.applerouth.com/november)

FAFSA Webinar and Resources

There are many changes to the FAFSA this year, including a delay in the application opening. To help college bound students and families navigate these changes, you are invited to a live webinar on **Wednesday, November 29th (5-6 pm)** on the ins-and-outs of filling out the FAFSA form, hosted by Brian Walsh, a financial planner from SoFi. If you can't attend the webinar, please feel free to [register](#) anyway and a copy of the recording will be sent to you.

Georgia Army National Guard



In the Georgia Army National Guard, you don't have to choose between education, a career, or the ability to serve your state and nation.

By serving part-time, you can do both. You'll receive paid training in fields such as engineering, medicine, aviation, and cyber that will give you the experience you'll need to qualify for high-paying and rewarding professions, all while working or attending school fulltime.

With both state and federal tuition assistance, you'll be able to complete your degree or earn a certification to give you a leg-up in the workplace. You can do all of this and more with the Georgia Army National Guard.

Visit nationalguard.com/GA to learn more.

21st Annual Alfred Street Baptist Church HBCU Festival

Alfred Street Baptist Church presents its 21st Annual Historically Black College & University (HBCU) Festival, a hybrid event being held **November 17-18**. The festival is dedicated to connecting high school students and their families to HBCUs and scholarship opportunities. Approximately 80 colleges and universities will be represented during the two-day event. Many will provide on-the-spot admission decisions, conduct music auditions, and waive application fees. Additionally, seminars and exhibitor presentations will be held to help students navigate the college application process, seek financial aid opportunities, and acclimate them to campus life.

Since 2003, this one-of-a-kind college fair has connected more than 60,000 attendees to academic institutions. In 2022, nearly \$4M in scholarships were awarded to the high school seniors in attendance; many of whom were first generation college students. Additional details can be found [here](#).

THE ALFRED STREET BAPTIST CHURCH AND ASBC FOUNDATION

Alfred Street BAPTIST CHURCH SINCE 1807

ANNUAL **HBCU FESTIVAL** (HYBRID) (HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY)

NOVEMBER 17-18, 2023

NOVEMBER 17 4-8PM (VIRTUAL ONLY) | **NOVEMBER 18** 9AM-4PM (VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON)

LOCATION: THE SAINT JAMES | 6805 INDUSTRIAL RD. | SPRINGFIELD, VA 22151

EMAIL: HBCUFESTIVAL@ALFREDSTREET.ORG
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

CLICK HERE OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Senior Scholarship Information

Did you know that you can go to NAVIANCE to find LOTS of scholarship opportunities!? We update Naviance all the time as new scholarship information is sent to us. You can find scholarships that are college specific, nationally-based, and ones that are guaranteed to have a Pope winner (2nd semester)! **After logging into Naviance, go to Colleges-->Scholarships & Money.** You can also go to the [Pope School Counseling website](#) to find other scholarship opportunities that might be a good match for you! Another excellent resource is [Bold.org](#) where numerous scholarship opportunities can be found, including many for [Black students](#). ***It's never too early to get started!!***

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship

Do you know promising college-bound, minority high school seniors? The 2024 Jackie Robinson Foundation (JRF) scholarship application is now open! JRF Scholars receive grants of up to \$35,000 over four years to supplement the financial aid they receive from their colleges or universities. In addition, Scholars receive extensive support services, including career guidance

and internship placement, and attend JRF's annual multi-day "Mentoring and Leadership Conference" in New York City and other regional events throughout the year. JRF Staff will host a Q&A session on **Tuesday, November 28th** to answer any questions you have about the application process. Drop by any time between 7-8 pm [using this link](#).



4P JACKIE ROBINSON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Jackie Robinson Foundation (JRF) perpetuates the memory of Jackie Robinson by providing generous four-year scholarships and comprehensive support services to highly motivated college students with financial needs to ensure their success and further develop their leadership potential.

To be eligible for a Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship, an applicant must:

- Be a graduating, minority high school senior;
- Be a United States citizen;
- Present evidence of financial need;
- Demonstrate a record of academic excellence;
- Demonstrate leadership potential and a dedication to community service;
- Plan to attend an accredited and approved 4-year college/university within the United States or affiliated with a United States-based college or university;
- Have not accrued more than 25% of credits needed to graduate from college.

Online Application Components:

- One recommendation;
- Demographic information;
- High school information, including a high school transcript;
- College plans;
- Four essays;
- Activities, honors, and distinctions;
- Completion of CSS profile;
- Test scores (AP, IB, PSAT, ACT, or SAT) if applicable.

The Timeline:

APPLY NOW!

● **SEPTEMBER 2023**
APPLICATION OPEN

● **JANUARY 10, 2024**
APPLICATION DUE

● **FEB-APRIL 2024**
REVIEW

● **APRIL-MAY 2024**
INTERVIEWS

● **JUNE 2024**
ANNOUNCEMENT

For more information and to apply, scan the QR code or visit, jackierobinson.org/apply/



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A blue graphic with white text and decorative elements. The title 'Pope Counseling Office' is at the top. Below it are seven staff members' names and email addresses, each on a new line. At the bottom is the website URL. There are white plus signs in the bottom right corner and a white dotted pattern in the top left corner.

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