



TUESDAY TELEGRAPH NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE September 30, 2025

Dual Enrollment Information

If you missed Pope's Dual Enrollment information meeting on September 16th, you can find the presentation on the Pope School Counseling website on the [Dual Enrollment page](#). If you/your student are interested in taking dual enrollment courses in the 2026-2027 school year, review of this presentation is required. Please also be sure to complete the log (parents) and quiz (students) at the end of the presentation. If you have any questions, please contact your Counselor.

Junior Advisement – Sign Up Today!

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. You are now able to sign up for a **Junior Advisement Appointment** with your student's counselor. **The bulk of the appointment slots run from Friday, October 24 through mid-December. However, there are also some available appointment slots/days in early October.** 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 earlier this month, you can find the presentation at www.popeschoolcounseling.com/11th-grade/. **As a reminder, please bring a copy of your student's Social Security card to this 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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Georgia Gwinnett

Georgia Gwinnett College is hosting an Academic Experience Night **TOMORROW, Wednesday, October 1st**. This is a great opportunity for students and parents to learn more about specific degree pathways, tour the campus, and speak to Financial Aid representatives. Below are the QR codes to register for all the Admissions-related events.

A promotional poster for Georgia Gwinnett College's 'See Yourself' events. The top half features the title 'See Yourself at GEORGIA GWINNETT COLLEGE' in a mix of script and bold sans-serif fonts. To the right of the title is a paragraph: 'It's easy to see yourself at GGC. Join us on campus for special events designed to help you explore all that Georgia Gwinnett College has to offer.' Below the title is a photograph of a campus path lined with trees in autumn foliage, with several people walking. To the right of the photo are three event listings, each with a QR code and a URL. The bottom right corner features the Georgia Gwinnett College logo.

See Yourself
at
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- **DAILY CAMPUS TOURS**
See the campus for yourself and get a feel for student life. Scan the QR code and choose your day to see GGC.
www.ggc.edu/tour
- **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE NIGHT OCTOBER 1, 2025**
Meet faculty and learn about the degrees that interest you and learn how GGC can help you reach your goals. Scan the QR code to sign up.
www.ggc.edu/preview
- **PREVIEW DAY NOVEMBER 8, 2025**
Bring your family and experience GGC firsthand. Explore academic programs, student life, support services and housing. Meet faculty, staff and students while you're here. Scan the QR code to sign up and save your spot.
www.ggc.edu/preview

 **Georgia Gwinnett COLLEGE**

University of Alabama – Free Application Week



The University of Alabama's Free Application Week will run **October 6-10**. During this time, students will be able to complete their application via the UA Undergraduate app. *Applications submitted via the Common App will continue to require a \$40 application fee during this week.*

Seniors – What if Your College Essay is All About YOU?

Enjoy this great article by Rick Clark, who is the Executive Director of Strategic Student Access at Georgia Tech: [What if Your College Essay is All About You?](#)

Little Known Secrets of Paying for College



"The presentation was excellent; I was impressed as a counselor and a parent."-Patrick C.



Very informative talk! Thanks! I just realized that there are many resources I am not aware of! - Milly K.



"By my calculations, over the course of four years the evening we spent will save this family \$126,180!"- John S.

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for a
Parent Workshop
with
THE COLLEGE FUNDING COACH®

Little-Known Secrets of Paying for College

Cobb County School District
Hosted by Kell High School
October 7th @ 7 PM

"On average, tuition tends to increase about 8% per year. An 8% college inflation rate means that the cost of college doubles about every nine years." (Finaid.org)
Planning for these expenses has become essential. Some families have children attending college next year and others have years to plan, but the fears of tackling these monumental and rising costs are the same. The College Funding Coach® is here to help families figure out HOW to pay for it and still retire one day.



[Click Here to Receive Your Link to Join](#)

Or visit us at

TheCollegeFundingCoach.org

Financial Aid Night with GSFC – Tuesday, October 14th at 7pm in the PAC

Join Anna Roberts O'Brien, our regional GSFC representative, for our annual Financial Aid Night. She will cover great information about the financial aid process, including the FAFSA, need-based aid, HOPE, Zell, and more!

The Common Black College Application (CBCA)

The Common Black College Application allows students to apply to over 50 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) by completing just ONE application for \$20, thus reducing the financial burden of multiple application fees. Hundreds of thousands of students worldwide have used CBCA to save time, reduce costs, and increase their chances of admission. See the flyer below for further details.

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Founder - Robert Mason
"You are who you think you are..."
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COMMON BLACK COLLEGE APPLICATION
APPAREL™

Apply to over 50 HBCUs for only \$20.

ABOUT US

The Common Black College Application (CBCA) is an international platform created to streamline the admissions process for students applying to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). To date, more than half a million students have completed the CBCA, gaining access to valuable opportunities in higher education.

By centralizing the process, the CBCA empowers students to maximize their chances of receiving multiple college acceptances, scholarship awards, and financial aid **packages** from a wide range of HBCUs—opening doors to greater access, affordability, and success.

LET'S GET STARTED

1. Scan the QR Code above to or go to <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com> to be taken the CBCA website. (The current list of CBCA Member Institutions are on the site.)
2. Click on "Start Application" to begin your Common Black College Application.
3. Once you complete the CBCA, your application will be made available to all Member Institutions. (Although you are asked to select your top four choices when completing the application, you can always return to your Student Dashboard to add more Institutions of interest.)
4. Your School Counselor will receive an email prompting them to create an account and upload your transcript.
5. Review the instructions and videos available on our website. They will guide you through each step of the application process.
6. Please follow us on Instagram or TikTok to get the most recent CBCA updates.

www.commonblackcollegeapp.com

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Alternative Career Paths: Blending Trade School, Community College, & Work Experience



TeenLife explores the diverse paths high school graduates can take. While a 4-year university degree is common, it's not for everyone. Many rewarding careers don't require college and offer great pay and satisfaction. Find out how embracing alternative routes can lead to success [here](#). Also check out TeenLife's [Guide to Pathways](#) after high school for more ideas, and also [Guide to Performing & Visual Arts](#).

MRAC Cotillion

The Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. invites 10th and 11th grade African American females to the 17th Biennial Cotillion, to be held on **Saturday, November 21, 2026**. This signature event raises critical scholarship funds to support young women pursuing post-secondary education.

The Cotillion is a transformative 11-month program designed for African American high school sophomores and juniors who meet the following criteria:

- Reside in the metropolitan Atlanta area
- Hold a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Plan to attend a post-secondary institution
- Demonstrate strong academics, character, and community engagement

Throughout the program, the Debutantes engage in workshops and events that foster personal growth, leadership, etiquette, and college preparedness. They also participate in meaningful community service and form lasting bonds with like-minded peers and members of this distinguished sisterhood.

To learn more, there are two virtual informational sessions for prospective Debutantes and their parents/guardians:

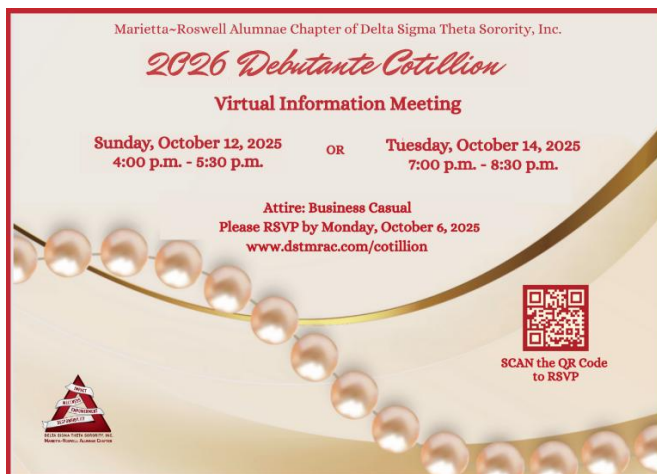
Sunday, October 12 | 4:00 – 5:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

Tuesday, October 14 | 7:00 – 8:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

For questions, please contact the Cotillion Committee at cotillionmrac@gmail.com or visit dstmrac.com/cotillion/.



Medical College of Georgia – Igniting the Dream of Medicine Conference

This annual, in person conference hopes to inspire our next generation of healthcare leaders and give those with potential, a pathway to their future. High school students will get first-hand information from health care providers in allied health, dentistry, medicine, pharmacy, public health, and research, and hear directly from MCG's admissions. They will be able to attend hands on workshops and meet students, faculty and exhibitors with resources and information. This is an invaluable event that is sure to give high school students a unique networking opportunity! Chaperones will be provided on-site, and parents and high school counselors are welcome. All will need to be registered for the event, which is taking place **Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 7:00 am-4:30 pm (in person)**. **Registration must be completed prior to the event as no on-site registration will be available.**



AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY
**MEDICAL COLLEGE
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Office of Student, Alumni,
and Community Engagement

MCG Igniting the Dream of Medicine Conference

An annual in person conference to inspire our next generation of healthcare
leaders and give those with potential a pathway to their future.



Saturday, February 21, 2026

7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

J. Harold Harrison, M.D. Education Commons

Medical College of Georgia

at Augusta University

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Conference speakers
- Exhibits
- Interactive clinical workshops
- Health professions career fair
- Panel discussions
- Medical student roundtable dialogues

<https://www.augusta.edu/mcg/academic-affairs/student-alumni-community-engagement/igniting-the-dream.php>

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Scan the code for registration



Scholarship Opportunities

Watch this space each week for important scholarship information! Various opportunities will be highlighted in the Tuesday Telegraph but additional scholarships are also posted in Naviance and can be found on the [Pope School Counseling](#) website. In Naviance go to Colleges → Scholarships & Money. There you can search for national scholarships, college-specific scholarships, as well as numerous other scholarships that are available to our seniors (and sometimes even juniors)!



The Cobb Schools Foundation Scholarship will be accepting [applications](#) October 1, 2025-January 31, 2026. Two graduating seniors from each of the 17 Cobb County high schools will be awarded a **\$2,000 scholarship** to support their higher education. The scholarships recognize academic excellence, leadership, and community involvement.

Tutoring Information

Tutoring opportunities can be found on the [Pope School Counseling](#) website. Pope offers peer tutoring as well as various teacher-led tutoring before and after school. Additionally, we have links by subject for outside tutors that may be helpful. Please note that the information on these lists is provided only as a service to our community. Pope does not endorse any particular tutor.

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