



TUESDAY TELEGRAPH
NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE
October 14, 2025

Financial Aid Night with GSFC – TONIGHT 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!

Pope College Fair is TOMORROW

ALL STUDENTS are invited to join us in the Old/Aux Gym during X-block for tomorrow's College Fair! See the flyer below for who will be attending!

**COLLEGE
FAIR**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025
DURING X-BLOCK 2:15-2:50 PM
IN THE OLD GYM**

Columbus State	University of TN - Knoxville
Georgia Gwinnett	Univ of Alabama - Birmingham
Georgia Southern	University of FL
Johns Hopkins	University of West Georgia
Kennesaw State	Valdosta
Life University	Georgia Army Natl Guard
Oglethorpe	Georgia Air Natl Guard
Paul Mitchell the School Esani	U.S. Air Force
Purdue	U.S. Army
Reinhardt	
Samford	

Senior College/Career Counseling AO

Any SENIOR who may wish to join the Counseling College/Career AO on Tuesdays should complete the AO Change Request Form by scanning the QR code or going to this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/T3JiNTDkAA>. We've had some students move on to other AOs and would love to welcome any new kids who would like assistance with applications, career research, resumes, essays, and more.

AO Change Form



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 mid-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 year, 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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The PSAT is Thursday, October 16th

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered this Thursday, October 16th in the morning. Please see the College Board's Family Guide to the PSAT: [Your Guide to PSAT/NMSQT – BigFuture | College Board](#)

Below is the bell schedule for the day (Note that class periods are out of sequence!):

PSAT Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
8:20 - 12:00	PSAT Testing*
12:05-12:30	3rd Period
12:35-1:00	4th Period
1:05-1:30	5th Period
1:35-2:00	6th Period
2:05-2:30	7th Period
2:35-3:00	1st Period
3:05-3:30	2nd Period

*PSAT Testing is for all 9th and 10th graders and 11th graders who paid

Grab and go lunches will be prepared for distribution. Any extended time students will have a lunch placed aside for them when they finish testing.

Testing Locations will be on student test tickets, including students testing with accommodations.

Non-Tester Activities: 9th -11th graders not taking the PSAT will be supervised in the Greyhound Theater for Study Hall. **Seniors** will be in the Old Gym for Senior activities.

SAVE THE DATE:

We will have a **PSAT/NMSQT Information Meeting** for any parents/students interested in learning more about their PSAT Score Report and how to get the most out of their results on **Monday, November 10th starting at 6:30 pm in the PAC**, followed by additional information for our **Sophomore Families** such as:

- Promotion, graduation requirements, GPA (differences)
- HOPE Scholarship and GAFutures.org
- Post-secondary options overview
- Academic rigor and striving for balance
- Dual Enrollment
- Naviance – CCSD's career and college planning tool

De la escuela secundaria al futuro: Lo que los padres deben saber (*From High School to the Future: What Parents Need to Know; a Webinar in SPANISH*)

El College Board ofrece un seminario web gratuito para familias:

- Martes, 21 de octubre
- 8:00 pm (hora del Este)
 - En español

Las familias recibirán información actualizada sobre el año escolar y datos importantes directamente del College Board. **Registro obligatorio - Haz clic aquí para registrarte:**

<https://click.e.collegeboard.org/?qs=7e246cccf2fec67545d12dc53de7793aae3ff0b032b937322d6b8d4f590df182d65a6547279d1a5d4e186f3703b54d46d868559f17494358e5773d09fd7822>

Explore Post-Secondary Options



Planning for life after high school just got easier for Cobb families. Cobb Schools and the Next Steps Webinar are teaming up to offer families a free, informative session about the many postsecondary opportunities available to students after graduation. From skilled trades and technical school to the military, other internships and job opportunities, the webinar will cover a wide variety of topics.

The webinar, which is free to attend online, will take place **October 23rd 12:00-1:30 pm** and give Cobb families an opportunity to explore real-world options for their future graduate. Register [here](#) to reserve your spot.

Representatives from Technical College System of Georgia, McCabe Foundation, Brasfield and Gorrie General Contractors, and the Mechanical Contractors Association of Georgia are scheduled to speak at the webinar.

If you're unable to attend this one in October, another one will take place on February 24th.

Turner Chapel College Fair

Turner Chapel AME Church is hosting a College Fair on **Saturday, November 1st 11:00 am – 3 pm** at their church in Marietta. This year's theme is *"A Different World: Your Future Starts Here"*, designed to inspire students to explore educational opportunities and envision their future success. Representatives from various colleges and universities will be present to provide valuable information on admissions, scholarships, and campus life.

See the flyer for details and register here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/2iJ2rrL5NC>

The flyer for the Turner Chapel College Fair features a red diagonal banner in the top left corner with the word "FREE" in white. The main title "COLLEGE FAIR" is in large, bold, white letters, with a graduation cap icon above the word "COLLEGE". Below the title, the date and time "Saturday, Nov 1, 2025 11am - 3pm" are displayed. The theme "IT'S A DIFFERENT WORLD YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE" is written in colorful, stylized letters. The background of the flyer shows a group of students in graduation gowns with their arms raised in celebration. At the bottom, there is a QR code, a "REGISTER" button, and contact information for Turner Chapel AME, including the address "492 North Marietta Pkwy NE, Marietta, GA 30060" and the names of the pastor and youth pastor. Logos for G.A.P. and Turner Chapel AME are also present.

SoFi Presents Webinar Series: Preparing for College

This three-part series will help prepare families with information, insights, and tools necessary to navigate college financing, and getting ready to complete the FAFSA. Register below for the upcoming events:

Part 1: Parents Guide to College Admissions & Merit Scholarships – October 15th at 8 pm [Register here](#)

Part 2: Maximizing Financial Aid: FAFSA & CSS Profile Explained – November 19th at 8 pm [Register here](#)

Part 3: Paying for College: Budgeting, Loans & Smart Strategies – December 10th at 8 pm [Register here](#)

If you are unable to join any of the sessions, register at the links above and a copy of the recordings will be sent to you.

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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](#).

HOBY Leadership Program for Sophomores



The Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Program is a 3-day seminar that will take place at Georgia Southern **June 5-7, 2026**. This is a wonderful opportunity for rising juniors to develop leadership and communication skills and learn how to apply these skills to become effective and ethical leaders in their home, school, and community. Students will live on the college campus, learn about their leadership style, and connect with leaders around the state. Pope can send up to 5 students, and the cost is \$395/person. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please visit www.HOBY.org. Stop by the Counseling Office to see Mrs. Anderson and express your interest in the program.

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.**



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and Community Engagement

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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.

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.

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. Don't forget about other available opportunities during the school day to seek help from your teachers – both during AO, and x-block!

Pope's Counseling Office

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