



TUESDAY TELEGRAPH NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE October 21, 2025

GSFC Financial Aid Presentation Available

We had a great turnout for our Financial Aid presentation last week. Anna O'Brien was our speaker from the Georgia Student Finance Commission (the administrators of the HOPE programs as well as www.gafutures.org) and was gracious to share her [presentation](#) with us. Anna is available for free, 30-minute consultations about your own financial aid and FAFSA questions. If you would like to speak with Anna, you can find her contact information and Bookings link for appointments here: <https://www.gafutures.org/about-us/outreach/meet-your-gsfc-outreach-representative/anna-o-brien/>. This is a great opportunity from a trusted and reputable organization – please keep this information handy and take advantage of this invaluable resource.

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. 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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GEORGIA MATCH



Seniors! GEORGIA MATCH letters were sent out yesterday. [GEORGIA MATCH](#) is the state's Direct Admission program for high school students. Your letter will have a list of all the Georgia colleges and universities where you qualify for admission. GEORGIA MATCH info is also available in your www.gafutures.org account, so log-in to see your matches, request information, and "claim your spot" to up to 3 different colleges. Then, in November, you can apply to many Georgia colleges for FREE during Apply to College Month. **And save the date, Wednesday, November 12th! Counselors will be on hand during all lunch periods to assist your senior with the application process!**

Explore Post-Secondary Options



Do you know all the career options available to students after high school? Join Cobb Schools and the Next Steps Webinars for an interactive online parent webinar to help families explore the many opportunities ahead. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

Kick things off with a 30-minute keynote from Kayleen McCabe, skilled trades enthusiast and industry leader from the McCabe Foundation. You'll learn about a variety of post-graduation pathways, including military service, technical schools, apprenticeships, and local training programs. After the presentation, stay for **virtual breakout sessions**, during which parents and students can connect directly with local industry professionals to learn more about career options and training programs. The event is **this Thursday, October 23rd 12:00-1:30 pm**. If you're unable to attend, another one will take place on February 24th. **Give your student the tools and insight they need to build their future.**

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>



Georgia Gwinnett College Preview Day

On **Saturday November 8th**, high schoolers will have the opportunity to explore Georgia Gwinnett's beautiful campus, meet professors, connect with current students, learn about academic programs, admissions, financial aid and scholarships, and student life opportunities. This is the perfect chance to get all your questions answered and see how GGC can help you reach your goals. Free giveaways and fun surprises are also in store! If interested, register at <https://www.ggc.edu/preview>.



The Truth about College Admission

Join Rick Clark, Executive Director, Strategic Student Access at Georgia Tech on **November 13th at 7 pm** for his webinar. Get honest, insider insight into what colleges really look for in applicants—plus practical tips to help stand out in a competitive admissions landscape.

Topics include:

- The evolving role of SAT and ACT scores
- The use of AI in the admissions process
- Building a strong and balanced college list
- What colleges value inside and outside the classroom
- Essays, extracurriculars, and other key application components
- Emerging trends and predictions in admissions

Whether you're a student, parent, counselor, or educator, this session is packed with valuable information—and ends with a live Q&A to get your questions answered.

Register online: <https://www.applerouth.com/truth-about-college-admission>

Can't attend live? Register anyway and the recording will be sent to you.

WEBINAR

The Truth About COLLEGE ADMISSION

RICK CLARK
GEORGIA TECH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STRATEGIC STUDENT ACCESS

Moderated by Paul Kanarek, College Admission & Testing Expert

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Thursday, Nov 13
7pm ET via Zoom

FIRESIDE CHAT | LIVE Q&A

- The resurgence of standardized testing
- Building a strong & balanced college list
- The use of AI in the admissions process
- Extended admissions timelines
- The value of a college degree
- Involvement, impact & influence in extracurriculars

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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

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.

Cobb County Youth Commission

High school students in **grades 9-12** can apply now for the 2025-26 Cobb County Youth Commission. The program provides an opportunity to learn about the inner workings of local government, engage in civic affairs, and become leaders of change in the community. It is also a prestigious experience to add to resumes and college applications. In previous years, students have designed service projects, attended town halls, met and engaged with community leaders, and visited the state capitol. Most group sessions will be held in the evenings and some on weekends. **Applications are due by 5 pm on October 29th.** More information, including the application, can be found [here](#).

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

The poster for the MCG Igniting the Dream of Medicine Conference has a green background. At the top left is the Augusta University Medical College of Georgia logo. The title "MCG Igniting the Dream of Medicine Conference" is in white and blue. Below it is a subtitle: "An annual in person conference to inspire our next generation of healthcare leaders and give those with potential a pathway to their future." The center features three photos: a student in a lab coat, a group of students at a table, and a student working on a laptop. The date and time are listed as "Saturday, February 21, 2026, 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m." and the location as "J. Harold Harrison, M.D. Education Commons, Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University." An "EVENT HIGHLIGHTS" section lists: "Conference speakers", "Exhibits", "Interactive clinical workshops", "Health professions career fair", "Panel discussions", and "Medical student roundtable dialogues". A URL is provided at the bottom: "https://www.augusta.edu/mcg/academic-affairs/student-alumni-community-engagement/igniting-the-dream.php". A "CONTACT US" section includes the email "mcg_ignitingthedream@augusta.edu" and a QR code for registration.

**Augusta University
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Office of Student, Alumni,
and Community Engagement

**MCG Igniting the Dream of Medicine
Conference**

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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.**

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)!

NEW THIS WEEK

The Hagan Scholarship is a nationwide need-based merit scholarship, providing recipients with the opportunity to achieve their goals and graduate college debt-free! The scholarship provides \$2,000 to help pay for essential items to attend college and up to \$7,500 each semester for up to 8 consecutive semesters (that's **\$60,000!**). Free workshops, Free Schwab Brokerage Accounts, and Free Study Abroad provide recipients with a practical understanding of important life skills not typically covered in the school curriculum. Students who meet the criteria can learn more [here](#). Applications are due by **December 1st**.



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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