



TUESDAY TELEGRAPH NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE October 28, 2025

PSAT/NMSQT Score Report Release Information

PSAT/NMSQT score reports for students who took the PSAT at Pope on October 16th should be released to students electronically on **Thursday, November 6th**. Score reports are released in the student's College Board account or on the BigFuture School mobile app IF the student provided a mobile number during testing. If they can't access their score report via these two electronic methods, they can come to the Counseling Office for a print-out of their score report AFTER November 6th.

On **Monday, November 10th at 6:30 pm** we will have a **PSAT/NMSQT Information Meeting in the PAC** for any parents/students interested in learning more about their PSAT Score Report and how to get the most out of their results.

Sophomore Families Information Meeting will follow the PSAT meeting. Topics that will be covered include:

- 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

GSFC Financial Aid Presentation Available

We had a great turnout for our Financial Aid presentation the other 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!

If you do not sign up for an appointment by November 4, we will begin calling in your Junior for an individual meeting without you

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 last week. [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.

November is Apply to College for Free Month!

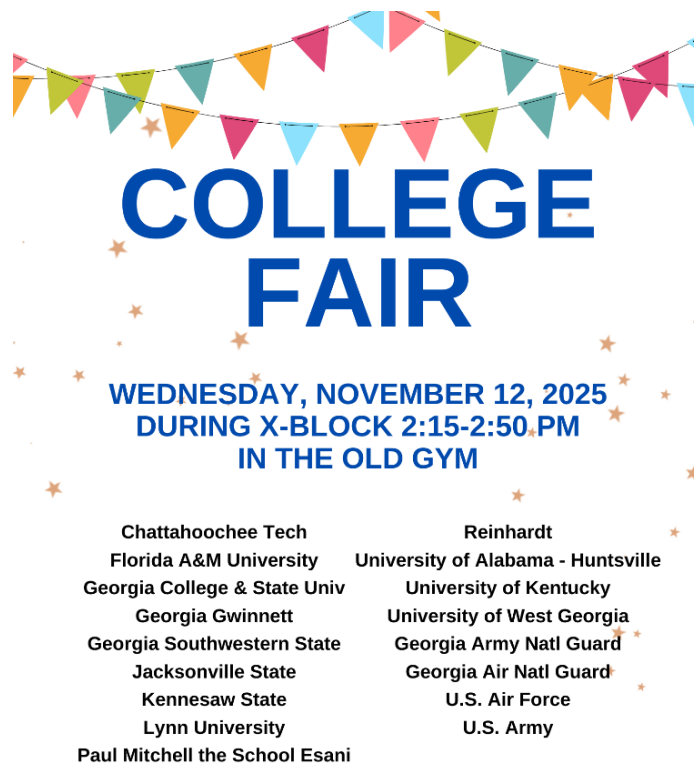


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Seniors! Take advantage of **Georgia Apply to College Month in November!** [Here](#) is a full list of participating schools. This is a great opportunity to use your [GEORGIA MATCH](#) results to identify colleges that you automatically qualify for. And **SAVE THE DATE! On November 12th**, during all lunch periods, Seniors can come to the Counseling Office to get help with their college applications! Pick up a pass in the Counseling Office to participate!

Pope College Fair – November 12 – Last One of the Semester

STUDENTS! Join us for our last college fair of the semester! We'll be set up in the Old/Aux Gym during X-block.



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



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WEBINAR

The Truth About COLLEGE ADMISSION



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

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.

**REGISTER
 NOW**



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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](#).

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 Coolidge Scholarship is a FULL-RIDE, merit scholarship that covers a student's tuition, room, board, and expenses for four years of undergraduate study. This one-of-a-kind scholarship may be used at *any* accredited college or university in the U.S. and is open for JUNIORS to apply! Academic excellence is the primary criterion, along with an interest in public policy and an appreciation of the values President Coolidge championed. Candidates should also have a record of genuine service to their community. Applications must be submitted by **December 16th** and can be found at [Coolidge Scholars](#).

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](https://www.popeschoolcounseling.com/) 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!

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