



TUESDAY TELEGRAPH NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE November 11, 2025

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 **TOMORROW 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 in the morning to participate, or from the teacher on lunch duty outside the cafeteria.



PSAT and Sophomore Family Meeting Presentations

If you missed the PSAT meeting Monday night, you can view the presentation [here](#). If your student has been unable to access their scores, they can come to the Counseling Office for help.

If you were unable to join Monday night's Sophomore Family meeting, please click [here](#) to view the presentation.

Pope College Fair – TOMORROW – Last One of the Semester

STUDENTS! Join us for our last college fair of the semester TOMORROW! We'll be set up in the Old/Aux Gym during X-block. Please note that Georgia Gwinnett College will not be attending.



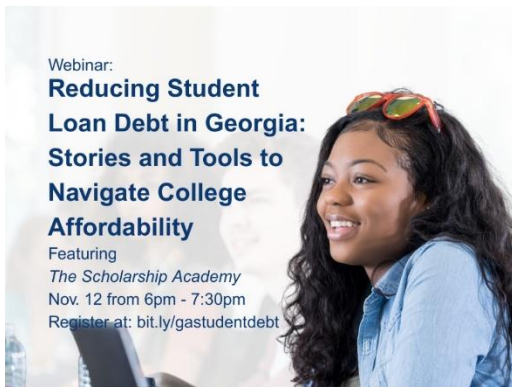
COLLEGE FAIR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025
DURING X-BLOCK 2:15-2:50.PM
IN THE OLD GYM

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Florida A&M University	Reinhardt
Georgia College & State Univ	Univ of Alabama - Huntsville
Georgia Gwinnett	University of Kentucky
Georgia Southwestern State	University of West Georgia
Jacksonville State	Georgia Army Natl Guard
Kennesaw State	Georgia Air Natl Guard
LaGrange	U.S. Air Force
Lynn University	U.S. Army

LAST FAIR OF THE SEMESTER!

How to Navigate College Affordability



Unfortunately, the cost of college in Georgia is out of reach for some and many students must borrow student loans to pay for college. We recognize how college affordability and the student loan debt crisis in Georgia impacts our students.

To educate students and parents/guardians, you are invited to join a webinar by The Scholarship Academy **TOMORROW Wednesday, November 12th, from 6-7:30 pm:** [Reducing Student Loan Debt in Georgia: Stories and Tools to Navigate College Affordability.](#)

Participants will:

1. Hear from current college students and alumni to learn how college affordability impacts their college journey.
2. Engage in an informative workshop with The Scholarship Academy on quick tips to enhance your scholarship search.

3. Learn about the student loan debt crisis in Georgia and ways that advocates are working with lawmakers to improve college affordability.

Registration is required, click [here](#) to sign up.

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.

The Truth about College Admission



RICK CLARK
GEORGIA TECH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STRATEGIC STUDENT ACCESS

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

Moderated by **Paul Kanarek**,
College Admission & Testing Expert

Register here or use the code below: www.applerouth.com/truth-about-college-admission

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Join Rick Clark, Executive Director, Strategic Student Access at Georgia Tech **THIS THURSDAY, 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.

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.

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



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 Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is now accepting applications for their annual Scholarship Program, supporting African-American female high school seniors who excel in academics, leadership, and service. The application deadline is **Friday, December 12th**. Apply at: www.dstmrac.com/scholarship

Eligible students are encouraged to apply early and begin requesting transcripts and recommendations now to avoid last-minute delays.

Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

2025/2026 Scholarship Program

Invest in Your Future With Our Program

We're excited to launch our Scholarship Program, created to uplift and support ambitious African-American female high school seniors who embody academic excellence, leadership, and a deep commitment to serving their communities.

Apply by December 12th!

Applicants must attend a school or live in Cobb, Cherokee or North Fulton counties and have a minimum 3.0 GPA.
**(excluding Alpharetta, Johns Creek and Milton)*

DSTMRAAC.COM/SCHOLARSHIP

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

Helping Students Build Better Study Habits

Check out [these resources](#) to assist students with their study skills, including a presentation by StudyPoint. In the video, StudyPoint will help answer three questions:

- 1 – How can students adapt their study habits and strategies to their specific learning styles?
- 2 – How can you keep students motivated, consistent, and on track to achieve their goals?
- 3 – What resources or tools are most helpful for students learning time management skills?

Parents Requesting Teacher Forms

If you are needing any teacher to complete certain forms for an outside therapist, psychologist, etc, you must contact our registrar, Lisa Squier at Lisa.Squier@cobbk12.org or 770-578-7903 x069. Ms. Squier will send you the appropriate JR-3 form for you to sign AND have notarized; this is county policy in order for the school and its employees to release information about your student. Once the JR-3 form is returned to Ms. Squier, she will notify all teachers that may be receiving a form/questionnaire to complete.

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