



TUESDAY TELEGRAPH

NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE

January 13, 2026

Seniors Needing a Mid-Year Transcript

Seniors should request their mid-year transcripts now that we are back from winter break; these will include fall of senior year grades. The process for requesting mid-year transcripts is the **SAME** as requesting initial transcripts in Naviance. We will send these around mid-January as there are several administrative processes that need to happen before they are uploaded into Naviance for submission.

HOW TO REQUEST YOUR MID-YEAR TRANSCRIPT

01 Log into Naviance

02 Click on Colleges>Colleges I'm Applying to

03 CHECK THE BOX NEXT TO EACH COLLEGE
YOU WANT TO SEND A MID YEAR
TRANSCRIPT TO

04 CLICK +REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS

05 CHECK THE BOX THAT SAYS "MID YEAR"
AND THEN REQUEST AND FINISH

Note - if you haven't requested an initial for any of the chosen colleges, both boxes for "Initial" and "Mid year" will automatically be "checked."

If you need reminders of any application procedures, please reference the Senior Lesson on our website www.popeschoolcounseling.com under Academics->12th Grade.

Seniors - Request Your Graduation Tickets Today!

As a reminder, Commencement will take place on **Monday, May 18th at 7 pm** at the KSU Convocation Center. The portal to request tickets is now open!

Seniors should log into their student portal at: <https://studentportal.cobbk12.org> using their Cobb County issued email to request tickets. Seniors will request the number of tickets they need for their guests (seniors do NOT need one!). You are not guaranteed the number of tickets requested. Be sure to discuss the number your family needs. If you do not submit a request, you will receive a maximum of 2 tickets.

Each guest ticket for schools with a ceremony at KSU will have a unique barcode and will be valid only for the ceremony, date, and time shown on the ticket. Lost or damaged tickets cannot be replaced. Once a ticket is scanned for entry to the venue, it is no longer valid and cannot be re-used for further entry or re-entry.

Tickets need to be requested by February 25th.

NACAC College Fair

Over 125 colleges/universities will attend this year's NACAC College Fair held in Atlanta on **Sunday, January 25th!** See the flyer for more information and to get a list of those schools who are participating.



Atlanta Israel Gap Year Fellowship

The [Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta](#) with generous support from the Zalik Foundation, is offering the [Atlanta Israel Gap Year Fellowship](#), which provides up to **\$10,000** for seniors who choose to participate in a pre-approved list of gap year experiences through [Masa Israel Journey](#). The Atlanta Israel Gap Year Fellowship offers a unique opportunity for Atlanta teens to expand their gap year experience with sessions developed to deepen leadership skills, connect with Israeli experts, and explore ways to apply what they learn after the Fellowship.

Radiology Career Networking Event for Seniors

Are you a senior who has an interest in healthcare? If so, consider attending this event on **January 21st** hosted by Grady Hospital.



Step into what's next for your imaging career. Join us for a dynamic, hands-on experience that gives you a real look at what it's like to grow and thrive at Grady, Atlanta's leading centers for advanced imaging and world-class patient care.

What You'll Experience

Hands-On Imaging Demos: Get up close with our technology, explore real workflows, and see how our team delivers care that moves Atlanta forward.

Meet the Experts

Talk directly with Grady's imaging professionals. Learn what sets our work apart and what opportunities are available for you.

Behind-the-Scenes Access

Tour our environment, ask questions, and discover what makes Grady Imaging unique in the region.

A Career With Purpose

See how you can grow, lead, and make an impact at a hospital that shows up for the city we love.

Who Should Attend

Qualified imaging professionals and students looking to:

- Take the next step in their careers
- Learn from experienced leaders
- Explore opportunities in a mission-driven environment

Ready to Level Up?

RSVP today to save your spot.

Come discover how your future in imaging can start at Grady.



Course Registration Preview Meeting - Wednesday, February 11th 6:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE! Join us on February 11th at 6:30 pm (in the PAC) for our Course Registration Preview Meeting for 9th, 10th, and 11th Grade Families. The purpose of this meeting is to go over:

- Important 2026-2027 course registration information, dates, and deadlines
- Opportunities for academic advisement with Pope staff
- Pope course registration resources on webpage
- Course planning "nuts and bolts"
 - Graduation requirements and promotion rules
 - Individualized Graduation Plan
 - Course selection considerations and opportunities

School Counselors will be available after this meeting to answer any questions you may have.

2myPlace Sponsors Human Trafficking Presentation

See the flyer for this informative event being held **January 20th** at 7 pm at Wheeler.



College Transitions Guide to Summer Programs



College Transitions

Thousands of providers—including both universities and private companies—offer academically-themed summer programs for teens. These programs vary from free-to-extremely expensive, and highly-selective-to-open enrollment. With such a bevy of options, College Transitions has compiled a guide of the [Best Summer Programs](#). The list is sortable by discipline and location and contains relevant data and information about each recommended program.

Construction Ready CareerEXPO – Save the Dates

High School students interested in learning more about Careers in Construction should plan to attend the CareerEXPO on **February 19th and/or 20th** at the Georgia World Congress Center. There is no cost to attend! See the flyer for further details.



The flyer for the 2026 Construction Ready CareerEXPO is a multi-sectioned document. At the top, it features logos for 'CONSTRUCTION READY' (with a stylized building icon) and 'SkillsUSA GEORGIA'. To the right, a yellow box says 'SCHOOL LEADERS, TEACHERS, COUNSELORS, STUDENTS & PARENTS: SAVE THE DATE!'. The main title 'The 2026 Construction Ready CareerEXPO' is prominently displayed in large white and yellow text. Below it, a sub-headline reads 'In conjunction with the SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference'. The left side of the flyer contains sections for 'CareerExpo at a Glance' (WHO: Middle School and High School students; WHAT: Annual Construction Ready CareerExpo; WHY: Construction industry is booming), a photo of a booth, and a 'WHAT' section about the SkillsUSA State Championships. The right side provides event details ('THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.' and 'FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.'), the location ('Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC) Hall A - 285 Andrew Young International Blvd. NW Atlanta, GA 30313'), and a 'NEW THIS YEAR' section about free safety gear. Below these details are several smaller photos showing students interacting with industry professionals and equipment. At the bottom, there is a 'CareerExpo 2026 Registration' section with a QR code and contact information.

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 and Guaranteed to have a Pope Winner:



The **Timber Ridge** PTA Widener-Bega Scholarship is live! Seniors who went to Timber Ridge and will graduate from Pope in May are eligible to apply for a **\$1,000** scholarship. There will be at least one Pope winner! The application can be found [here](#). The deadline to apply is **March 31st**. For questions, please email timberridgescholarship@gmail.com.

NEW THIS WEEK:

Cobb EMC Scholarships:



Cobb EMC is awarding 14 scholarships (**\$5,000** each) to eligible students with a primary residence served by Cobb EMC. There will be two virtual information sessions available for students to learn more about this scholarship:

Tuesday, January 13th at 5:30 pm and Thursday, February 5th at 5:30 pm. These sessions are NOT mandatory, strictly informational.

[Applications](#) are due by **February 20th**. Winners will be notified by the end of May. For questions and/or to register for an info session, please email cobbemcfoundationscholarship@cobbemc.com

The Walter Harrison Scholarship is a second scholarship opportunity sponsored by Cobb EMC. The **\$1,000 scholarship** honors the late Walter Harrison who was a rural electrification pioneer and electric cooperative leader. Students who excel in academic standing (GPA) and honors, SAT/ACT scores, and who demonstrate a financial need should consider [applying](#) by **February 6th**. A non-mandatory information session is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 20th at 5:30 pm**. To register for the info session email WalterHarrisonScholarship@cobbemc.com.

NEW THIS WEEK:

Become a Georgia Scholar!



Through the Georgia Scholar Program, the Georgia Department of Education identifies and honors high school seniors who have achieved excellence in school and community life.

Georgia high school seniors who meet the eight criterion categories may complete the application, provided they are scheduled to graduate in spring 2026, and obtain signatures from their principal, school counselor, and parent/guardian. **The 2026 Georgia Scholar Program application opened January 1st and closes March 1st.** The criterion and application form are available [here](#). **Applicants should be aware that Georgia Scholar is a recognition-only program.** No scholarship funds are associated with this program. Graduating seniors who apply and meet the criterion will receive a seal for their diploma and an honor cord.

Carson M. Brewer attended Shallowford Falls and passed away unexpectedly at the age of 11. The mission of the **Carson M. Brewer Scholarship Foundation** is to form a strong organization that will provide educational and/or athletic scholarships to deserving recipients to further education. Carson loved learning and was dedicated to his education and competitive swimming. This year is extra special for the Brewer family as Carson would have been a member of this year's senior class. The **\$1,500 scholarship** is available to seniors who are intending to continue their education at a college or university. Applications can be found [here](#) and are due by **March 15th**.



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.

PEARL Foundation Skills Development Scholarship and Workshop

The PEARL (People Educating and Reshaping Lives) Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to improve Georgians' quality of life by providing education initiatives that promote self-reliance, self-empowerment, and self-determination. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, founded in 1908 as the first African American Greek-letter sorority, promotes high scholastic and ethical standards focusing on academic excellence and community service. The PEARL Foundation will offer several academic scholarships to advance the education of African American females who are graduating seniors. Applicants must have demonstrated leadership in the school and community.

[Applications](#) are due **February 11th**.

The PEARL Foundation is also offering a **Skills Development Workshop on Saturday, January 24th** (11 am – 2:30 pm) for African American females who are graduating in 2026. Scholarship applicants are strongly encouraged to attend. See the flyer below or their [website](#) for more information.



Pochino Italy Scholarship for Seniors Pursuing Culinary Arts

Check out this scholarship offered by a local restaurant! Seniors who are interested in pursuing the **Culinary Arts** should apply for this **\$1,000 scholarship** offered by Pochino Italy, a family-owned restaurant in Kennesaw. The scholarship reflects Pochino's belief in family, community, and creating opportunity through education – sharing "a little bit of Italy in every bite" and a little bit of opportunity in every dream. [Applications](#) are due **February 28th** and winners will be announced in April.

The Horatio Alger Scholarship – for JUNIORS and SENIORS

The Horatio Alger Association is one of the nation's largest need-based scholarship programs for high school students who have overcome significant adversity and are committed to earning a bachelor's degree. High school students with financial need who display integrity, perseverance, and a clear determination to turn challenges into opportunities to pursue their American Dream, should consider applying for the scholarship. More than 600 scholarships are awarded every year, with amounts ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000. **For Juniors, applications must be submitted by March 1st. For Seniors, the application is open until February 15th.** Learn more at www.horatioalger.org/scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS



**Transform adversity
into opportunity and
pursue the American
Dream through higher
education!**

**600+ SCHOLARSHIPS
UP TO \$25,000 EACH**

+ personalized financial aid counseling,
college selection advising, and
other support services

APPLY NOW: horatioalger.org/scholarships
DEADLINE: March 1, 2026



Requirements Include:
• U.S. citizenship
• Household income under \$100,000

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



*Transform adversity into opportunity and pursue
the American Dream through higher education!*

For high school seniors pursuing an undergraduate degree at one of the following:

Arizona State University	Long Island University	Tulane University
Augustana University	Montana State University (must be MT resident)	University of California at San Diego
Baylor University	Nova Southeastern University	University of Minnesota Twin Cities
Black Hills State University	Santa Clara University	University of Montana (must be MT resident)
Boise State University	South Dakota School of Mines	University of Sioux Falls
Colgate University	South Dakota State University	University of South Dakota
Columbia University	Stanford University	University of Texas
Dakota State University	Trinity University	

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Men's College Scholarship

The scholarship is designed to identify and reward outstanding high school seniors who have demonstrated an ability to excel in the fields of academics, extra-curricular school activities and community involvement. It is available to any graduating senior MALE who is enrolling in a four-year undergraduate college program that commences in the fall of 2026. **Multiple \$500-\$1,000 scholarships**, totaling as much as \$50,000 will be awarded in 2026. **The application is due April 1st.**

Pope Counseling Office

Have you visited the [Pope School Counseling website](#)? You can find lots of useful information including [grade specific presentations](#), [tutoring help](#), [personal support](#), [summer programs](#), [ACT & SAT testing information](#), [scholarship and financial aid resources](#), and all of the weekly [Tuesday Telegraphs](#) from this school year.

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