



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 Once a ticket is scanned for entry to the venue, it is no longer valid and cannot be re-used for further entry or re-entry.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.



SPRING 2026

NACAC National College Fair – ATLANTA

Sunday, January 25, 2026
11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Georgia International Convention Center
Atlanta, GA

SAVE THE DATE!

NACAC National College Fairs

LEARN MORE
nacacattend.org/fairs

The flyer features a yellow background with a blue diagonal stripe in the top left corner. A dark blue circle with the text 'SAVE THE DATE!' is in the top right. The event details are in the center. The bottom left has the NACAC logo and the bottom right has a QR code and a link to learn more. A graphic of pencils and graduation caps is in the bottom right corner.

Atlanta Israel Gap Year Fellowship

The [Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta](http://JewishFederationofGreaterAtlanta.org) with generous support from the Zalik Foundation, is offering the [Atlanta Israel Gap Year Fellowship](http://AtlantaIsraelGapYearFellowship.org), 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](http://MasaIsraelJourney.org). 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



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.



SCHOOL LEADERS, TEACHERS,
COUNSELORS, STUDENTS & PARENTS:
SAVE THE DATE!

**The 2026 Construction Ready
CareerEXPO**
In conjunction with the SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference

CareerExpo at a Glance
WHO:
Middle School and High School students interested in learning more about Careers in Construction. This is a perfect field trip for high school students enrolled in a construction class and any student enrolled in science, technology, engineering or math-related classes.

WHAT:
The annual Construction Ready CareerExpo. A unique opportunity for middle school and high school students to interact directly with construction industry professionals and to learn more about lucrative career opportunities in a hands-on, interactive way.
CareerEXPO will take place on the same floor as the SkillsUSA State Championships. However, you do NOT need to be a member of SkillsUSA in order to attend CareerEXPO.
WHY:
The construction industry in Georgia is booming. According to indeed.com, there are more than 12,000 open construction-related positions throughout the state. At the same time, more students need to know these opportunities exist. There are options for everyone in the construction industry and the CareerEXPO showcases these in a unique, interactive and hands-on way.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC)
Hall A - 285 Andrew Young International Blvd. NW
Atlanta, GA 30313
NEW THIS YEAR:
Thanks to the generous support of our industry partners, there is no cost for students, teachers and counselors to attend. All attendees will receive a free hard hat and safety glasses.



CareerExpo 2026 Registration:
<https://tinyurl.com/VisitExpo26>
If you have questions, please email cortland.good@constructionready.org.

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

APPLY NOW: horatioalger.org/scholarships
DEADLINE: February 15, 2026



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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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