



TUESDAY TELEGRAPH NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE January 27, 2026

Seniors - Request Your Graduation Tickets

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 Once a ticket is scanned for entry to the venue, it is no longer valid and cannot be re-used for further entry or re-entry.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

Georgia Gwinnett College – Preview Day

GGC's Preview Day is on **Saturday, February 21st from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm**. Students will be like GGC students for the day, learning about clubs, student life, and support services. Preview Day also gives students the opportunity to learn about their interested majors from faculty, staff, and students in the program!

@ggc.admissions

SCAN HERE

TO REGISTER FOR PREVIEW
DAY

- Experience life as a GGC Grizzly
- Meet faculty, staff, and students
- Explore 45+ programs
- Take a guided campus tour
- Learn about clubs, student life, and support services

FEBRUARY 21, 2026 | 8:30AM - 1:30PM

Find your place. Find your passion. Find your purpose. Georgia Gwinnett College

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.

Bell Schedule Wednesday and Friday

Please note that tomorrow we will have Advisement after first period so take note of the bell schedule, and on Friday we will have a Pep Rally so there will be a modified bell schedule on that day as well.

EXTENDED Advisement with X-Block					
Period	Time	Minutes			
1st Period	8:20 - 8:55	35			
Advisement	9:00 - 9:50	50			
2nd Period	9:55 - 10:30	35			
3rd Period	10:35 - 11:15	40			
4th Period	11:20 - 12:00	40			
5th Period	12:05 - 12:45	40			
6th Period	12:50 - 1:30	40			
7th Period	1:35 - 2:10	35			
X Block	A 2:15 - 2:50				
	B 2:55 - 3:30				

Friday Pep Rally Schedule		
Period	Time	Minutes
1st Period	8:20 - 9:10	50
2nd Period	9:15 - 10:55	100
Pep Rally	9:20 - 10:00	40
3rd Period	11:00 - 11:50	50
4th Period	11:55 - 12:45	50
5th Period	12:50 - 1:40	50
6th Period	1:45 - 2:35	50
7th Period	2:40 - 3:30	50

Dual Enrollment – Act Now!

If you are interested in Dual Enrollment for the 2026-2027 School Year, please start the process NOW if you have not already done so. Visit our DE website – <http://bit.ly/DEPopePage> to download our checklist and access important information. Students and a family member must view the mandatory DE video presentation (or have attended the live fall meeting) as the first step and then follow the remaining steps on the checklist, which include applying to the desired college and meeting with your counselor to complete paperwork. (Georgia Tech applicants MUST also follow these steps and meet our deadlines, however, they will complete the GT application later when it opens in mid-May). The deadline for students wanting to take summer DE classes is **February 1st** and the deadline for those who wish to take DE classes starting in the Fall is **March 6th**. County and college deadlines may differ from these dates, but Pope sets earlier deadlines for scheduling purposes, in addition to helping ensure students are able to register for their college classes at the earliest possible enrollment opportunity. If you have any questions, reach out to your counselor.

Cobb Online Learning Academy Information Sessions

See the flyer to sign up for an Information Session to learn more about COLA (Cobb Online Learning Academy).

**COBB ONLINE LEARNING ACADEMY
PROSPECTIVE PARENT
INFORMATION SESSIONS**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH
AT NOON**

[CLICK HERE FOR VIRTUAL MEETING LINK](#)

&

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH
AT 6PM**

[CLICK HERE FOR VIRTUAL MEETING LINK](#)

Could online learning be the right fit for your family? Discover COLA's exceptional virtual program! Hear from COLA's school counselors as they share what a typical online school day looks like—featuring strong student supports, meaningful interaction with teachers and peers, and more.

For questions, please reach out to
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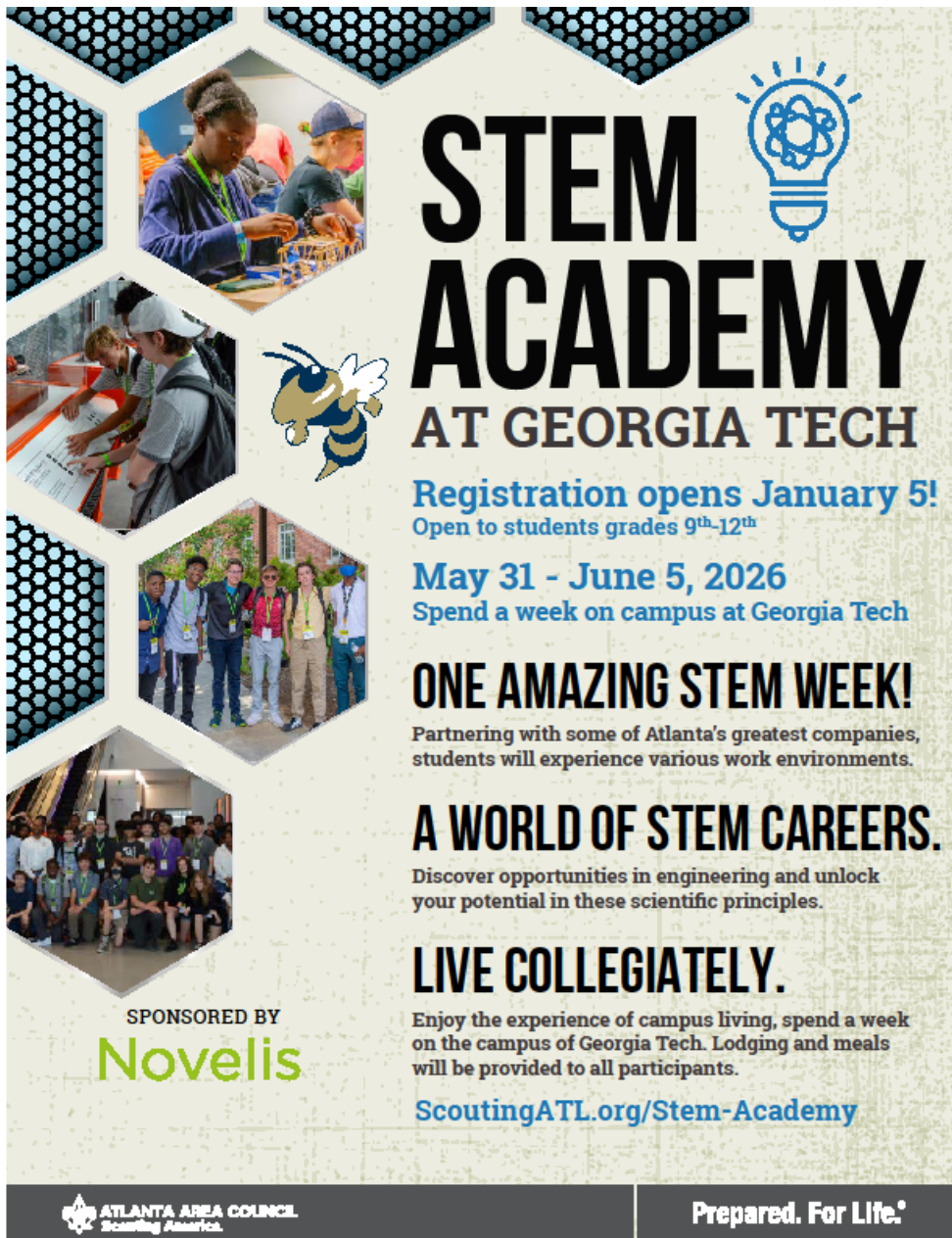
Course Registration Preview Meeting - Wednesday, February 11th 6:30 pm

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.

STEM Academy at Georgia Tech May 31-June 5



The poster features a central title 'STEM ACADEMY AT GEORGIA TECH' in large, bold, black letters. To the right of the title is a blue lightbulb icon with a circuit-like pattern inside. Below the title, the text 'Registration opens January 5!' is in blue, followed by 'Open to students grades 9th-12th' in black. The dates 'May 31 - June 5, 2026' are in blue, and 'Spend a week on campus at Georgia Tech' is in black. Below this, 'ONE AMAZING STEM WEEK!' is in large, bold, black letters, followed by 'Partnering with some of Atlanta's greatest companies, students will experience various work environments.' in smaller black text. Then, 'A WORLD OF STEM CAREERS.' is in large, bold, black letters, followed by 'Discover opportunities in engineering and unlock your potential in these scientific principles.' in smaller black text. Below that, 'LIVE COLLEGIATELY.' is in large, bold, black letters, followed by 'Enjoy the experience of campus living, spend a week on the campus of Georgia Tech. Lodging and meals will be provided to all participants.' in smaller black text. At the bottom left, 'SPONSORED BY Novelis' is in green and black. At the bottom right, 'ScoutingATL.org/Stem-Academy' is in blue. The background is a light beige with a subtle pattern of hexagons. On the left side, there are four hexagonal images: the top one shows two students working on a project, the second shows a student looking at a large map or blueprint, the third shows a group of students standing outdoors, and the bottom one shows a group of students sitting together. A cartoon bee logo is also present near the top left.

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AT GEORGIA TECH

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[ScoutingATL.org/Stem-Academy](https://www.atlantabsa.org/stem-academy)

ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL
Scouting America

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High school students are eligible to participate in a week-long adventure that connects them with various STEM-related organizations through a camp at Georgia Tech **May 31-June 5**. During the week, students will have the chance to visit organizations, engage with professionals, and learn about the important work these experts do to build the world around us. The program aims to inspire students by offering them a behind-the-scenes look at the wide range of careers available in science, technology, engineering, and math, while showing them how their future careers can make a real difference in our world. Presentations will be made by Novelis, POND, Microsoft, Truist Stadium, TKE, Dwell Design Studio, Applied Technical Services, Georgia Tech, KSU, and more.

What: STEM Academy at Georgia Tech

When: May 31-June 5

Where: Georgia Tech Campus

Who: 9-12 grade students (both scouting, and non-scouting students)

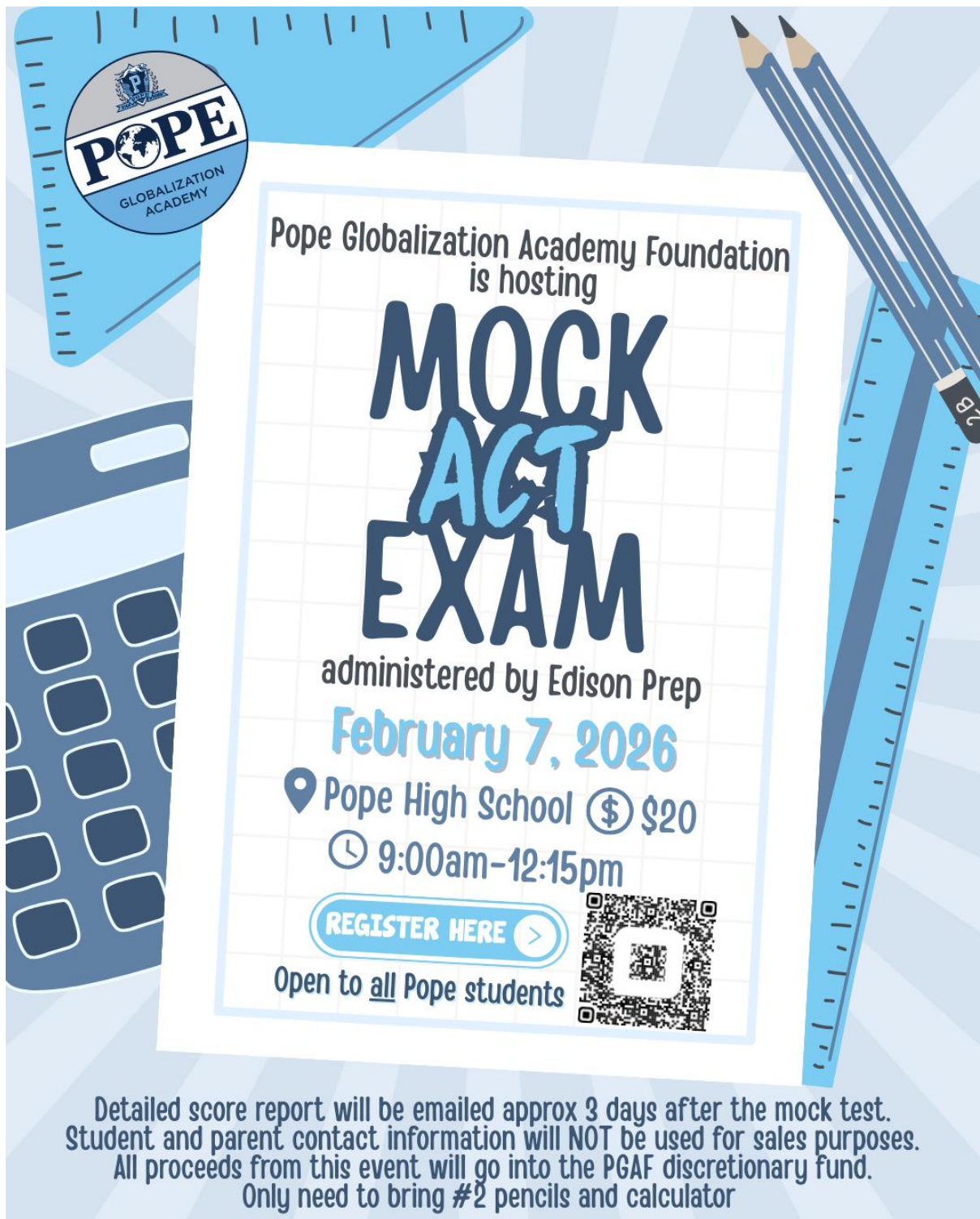
Cost: \$1,050 before March 31; \$1,250 after March 31; *Scholarships are available upon request*

Registration Site:
<https://www.atlantabsa.org/stem-academy> Registration closes April 30

Includes: Lodging, meals, swag, as well as networking opportunities

Sign-Up for a Mock ACT Exam

[Register here](#) to sign up for a Mock ACT Exam on **Saturday, February 7th** at Pope. See the flyer for more information.

The flyer is set against a background of school supplies: a blue ruler at the top, a blue pencil on the right, and a blue calculator on the left. The Pope Globalization Academy logo is in the top left corner. The main text is on a white rectangular area with a light blue border.

Pope Globalization Academy Foundation
is hosting


MOCK ACT EXAM

administered by Edison Prep
February 7, 2026

📍 Pope High School 💰 \$20
🕒 9:00am-12:15pm

[REGISTER HERE >](#)

Open to all Pope students



Detailed score report will be emailed approx 3 days after the mock test.
Student and parent contact information will NOT be used for sales purposes.
All proceeds from this event will go into the PGAF discretionary fund.
Only need to bring #2 pencils and calculator

Free SAT & ACT Workshops with Applerouth

One of Applerouth's top tutors is hosting **free** SAT and ACT workshops in February. He'll be reviewing sample test questions and teaching a few key strategies, making this a great opportunity for students to get some extra prep at no cost. See the flyer for more information, including how to register.



SAT and ACT 101: Everything You Need to Know

Register Online: applerouth.com/events/webinars

Join Tal Kitron, one of Applerouth's all-time most-requested tutors, for SAT or ACT 101 or both!



Key test-taking
tips and strategies



Timing and
structure of the
tests



Content tested
on the SAT or ACT



Differences
between the tests

**SAT 101: February
10th 8PM (EST)**

**ACT 101: February
12th 8PM (EST)**

If you cannot make it, register anyway and we'll send a link to the recording.

Campus Prep Offers Live SAT & ACT Test Prep

Sophomores and Juniors are invited to enroll in the **live online SAT and ACT prep courses** available this winter through Campus Prep. Families may choose between the SAT or ACT course directly on the Campus Prep website. Students who complete the SAT course often see **score increases of 200+ points**, while ACT students often improve by **4+ points**.

Course Overview

- 27-hour comprehensive live online prep course
- Includes 3 proctored practice exams
- Begins in February and runs for 7 weeks
- Taught live by a 99th percentile instructor with real-time student interaction
- Cost: \$195



Courses tend to fill quickly. Families can view schedules and apply here:

👉 <https://www.campusprep.org> (applications take about 60 seconds)

If you have questions, please email admin@campusprep.org or call (877) 805-2521.

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.qood@constructionready.org.



Cancer Pathways – Writing Contest

Cancer Pathways is celebrating 20 years of its Teen Writing Contest. High School students (grades 9-12) are encouraged to write about their experience with cancer, either their own or a loved one, for the opportunity to win one of several **\$1,000** prizes. The submission deadline is February 27th. Scan the QR code in the flyer for more information.

CANCER PATHWAYS **TEEN WRITING CONTEST**

Calling all High School Students! Our 20th Teen Writing Contest

Honest - Heartfelt - Unique

Over the last 19 years, Cancer Pathways has asked teenagers to **submit essays about their impact with a cancer diagnosis, either their own, or a loved one's**. Each year we receive honest, heartfelt, and unique stories from teens about the impact cancer has had on their lives. Students with winning essays receive **\$1,000** in cash prize for sharing their stories.

Contest Details:

- Open to students in grades 9-12
- Entries must be submitted in essay format and not exceed 1,500 words.
- **Contest Opens:** November 17, 2025
- **Contest Closes:** February 28, 2026
- **Winners Announced:** Early May 2026



View more information, read winning essay examples,
and submit your essay via QR Code.

Questions? Email Paige@CancerPathways.org

<https://cancerpathways.org/programs/teen-writing-contest/>

Journalism Conference for Juniors in Washington, D.C.

Now in its 25th year, the [Al Neuharth Free Spirit and Journalism Conference](#) is an engaging, in-depth, five-day summer program for 51 high school JUNIORS (one from each state and the District of Columbia) who “Dream. Dare. Do.” Whether you’re interested in journalism or multimedia storytelling, this program is for you! Be the one to represent your state and join 50 other students from around the country at an exclusive and FREE Washington, D.C. journalism experience like no other. The program runs **June 21-26 in Washington, D.C.** Seeing careers in action is a great way for students to explore their interests for college and beyond. Participating students will get insider access to newsroom tours and experience in-depth panels featuring top journalists from major media outlets. They’ll also attend special events with industry leaders, journalists, and multimedia storytellers. **The application deadline is March 15th.**

Chattahoochee Nature Center – Summer Camp Positions



The Chattahoochee Nature Center is accepting applications for their volunteer-based [Leaders in Training \(LIT\) Program](#) as well as hiring for their summer camp staff. Camp Kingfisher is a 10-week environmentally focused and traditional day camp. Along with the camp staff they have LITs assisting that are rising 10th, 11th and 12th graders. LITs commit to at least 4 weeks, where they spend time interacting directly with camp professionals and campers, helping lead sessions on canoe ponds, and learning about all things leadership and naturalist. It is a volunteer-based program, and unpaid, but LITs can collect volunteer hours to be used for clubs, graduation, or college applications. A job at camp is fun, fast paced, and a great way to build your resume as so many soft and hard skills are acquired at summer camp.

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.

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)!

Guaranteed to have 2 Pope Winners:



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.

Guaranteed to have a Pope Winner:

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**.

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.

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 one more virtual information session available for students to learn more about this scholarship on **Thursday, February 5th at 5:30 pm**. This session is 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**.

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.

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

**600+ SCHOLARSHIPS
UP TO \$25,000 EACH**
+ personalized financial aid counseling,
college selection advising, and
other support services

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

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

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



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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<https://www.popeschoolcounseling.com/>

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