



TUESDAY TELEGRAPH

NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE

February 3, 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 Once a ticket is scanned for entry to the venue, it is no longer valid and cannot be re-used for further entry or re-entry.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!

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.

Help Us Celebrate Black History Month



We want to kick off the start of this month with the origin story of Black History Month. Dr. Carter G. Woodson, known as the “Father of Black History,” was frustrated by the lack of awareness and celebration of the African American community’s accomplishments so he sought a way to celebrate. Dr. Woodson chose February because that was when Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass’s birthdays were. Then, in the late 1960s, colleges expanded the week to Black History Month. In 1976, more than 25 years after Dr. Woodson’s hard work and advocacy began, President Gerald Ford recognized Black History Month as a national observance. Now every year, there is a Black History Month theme put in place to celebrate the month. This year the theme is “A Century of Black History Commemorations”.

Sources of Strength Spirit Week Next Week!

Get ready to celebrate positivity, connection, and community—because **Sources of Strength** is hosting a **Spirit Week** next week dedicated to the powerful elements of the Sources of Strength wheel! We’re inviting everyone to **dress up and have fun** while recognizing what keeps us strong.



West Point Admissions Information Meeting

Students are invited to an admissions event for the United States Military Academy. This is a unique opportunity to learn more about West Point, life as a Cadet, and the application process. In addition, you will also learn about the University of North Georgia ROTC program as well. [Register](#) to reserve your place for this great opportunity!

Event Details:

- **Date: Monday, February 9th**
- Time: 6:30 pm
- Location: University of North Georgia – Gainesville Campus – 3820 Mundy Mill Rd, Building 3 (Student Center, Robinson Ballroom), Oakwood, GA 30566

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

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 questions.

Information about academic advisement opportunities for 9th and 10th grade families will be forthcoming the week of February 23rd. Watch this space and a CTLS email blast for more information.

Freshman and Sophomore Parents/Guardians

Counselors will be going into all 9th and 10th grade science classes between February 6th-11th to help students create/update their Individual Graduation Plans (IGP) and go over important course registration topics and activities. **Parents can view their student's IGP in ParentVUE:**

- 1 – Log into your student's information page
- 2 – Scroll down to Student Information in the left-hand menu
- 3 – Click on Update Student Information
- 4 – Click on Graduation Plan

Remember, **the IGP is just a planning tool, NOT Course Registration!**

All information and resources for students/parents regarding upcoming core and elective course registration is posted on the Pope website: <https://www.cobbk12.org/pope/registration> (check back throughout the month for updates). Be sure to read through the [Registration FAQs](#).

FutureFest 2026!

Pope is looking to take students on a field trip to Future Fest on **Wednesday, February 25th**. This event is a "fair" for high school students interested in learning more about trades or other careers and industries, as listed in the flyer. Students will be able to visit with representatives from many companies, apprenticeship programs, technical colleges, and more to participate in hands on activities and learn about a variety of career options. **Space is limited.** **Students who are interested should scan the QR code to register as soon as possible; this event is first**

come first served! **The deadline to register is February 12th.** Students will miss approximately 3 hours of class time for this field trip (time is TBD).



What is Cobb Future Fest?

Cobb CTAE Future Fest is focused on student exploration of careers. The event features interactive booths led by representatives from business and industry, post-secondary institutions, and Cobb CTAE program. Middle School students will also be able to tour the booths at Clay National Guard Center.

Who should attend?

The recommended audience students who are interested in technology and industry. This could also include any student interested in seeing what careers are available that match their interests.

When:

Wednesday, February 25, 2026, during the school day. Each attending school will be assigned a time to attend. Students who attend will miss a portion of their school day.

Where:

Clay National Guard Center – Located inside Dobbins Air Force Base - 1000 Halsey Ave Bldg. 402, Marietta, GA 30060

Some of the featured industries represented will be:

- Audiovisual Technology & Media
- Automotive
- Construction
- Energy & Power
- Engineering
- Healthcare
- Hospitality
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety & Government

Future Fest Student Registration

If you have a student who you would like to have attend use the link or QR code to have them register.

[FutureFest 2026 Sign Up Form – Fill out form](#)

FutureFest 2026 Sign Up Form



NCAA

Thinking about playing college sports? Make sure you're on track. Sign up today for our virtual NCAA Eligibility Meeting.



Our NCAA representative, Ivorye Long,
will be hosting a family night about:

- NCAA Eligibility Center Registration
- NCAA Academic Requirements
(Divisions I, II, and III)
- Recruiting Best Practices

JOIN US !

February 12, 2026 | 6 pm - 7 pm

Email anna.leathers@cobbk12.org for the link to
attend the virtual meeting

Cobb Virtual Academy – Summer Term Information



SUMMER TERM INFORMATION

NEW SUMMER 2026



NO FINAL EXAM EXEMPTIONS

Early Final Exam opportunities will be offered by request only, once a student completes all coursework.



PERSONAL FITNESS EQUIPMENT IS NOT REQUIRED

Students are not required to use heart rate monitors for weekly workout requirements, so CVA will not distribute equipment.

KEY DATES

MARCH



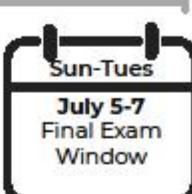
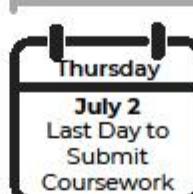
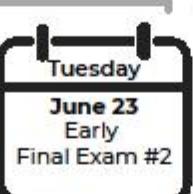
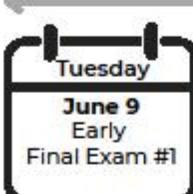
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ScholarTrek College Fair

Hillgrove High School is hosting a college fair for the Cobb County School District on **March 9th**. The event schedule is as follows:

5:00-6:00 pm - College Case Study: *Understanding Selective College Admissions*

6:00-7:30 pm - College Fair

6:45-7:45 pm - Additional College and Financial Aid Workshops

Registration for the event will open on February 6th and a list of participating colleges will be available on March 1st. Hillgrove High School is located at 4165 Luther Ward Rd, Powder Springs, GA.

SPRING 2026
COLLEGE
FAIR

Join us at Hillgrove High School for the Cobb County School District College Fair where you can explore colleges, meet reps, and start planning for life after high school.

March 9th

5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Hillgrove High School

Pre-register online at scholartrek.com/cobb

Meet College Representatives

Financial Aid Workshop

Selective Admissions Workshops

 ScholarTrek

Tips from Tour Guides: Best Questions to Ask on Your Campus Tour

As admission counselors are busy reading applications, campus visit teams are busy preparing for spring visits! Whether you're a sophomore or junior beginning your college search and going on your first tours, or you're an admitted student trying to make your final decision, tour guides and admission staff around the country are ready to welcome you to campus! To get the most out of your tour experience, check out [this blog](#) for great tips from actual tour guides!

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 was **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.

American Bar Association Internship



Applications for the Atlanta Bar Association's Summer Law Internship Program (SLIP) for current juniors and seniors will **open February 6th (at 5 pm) and will close on March 19th**. The Internship Program's mission is to place rising high school seniors and recent graduates in **paid legal internships** so that they can gain first-hand experience in the legal profession. The Program is now entering its 34th straight summer and has offered over 980 paid internships to date.

This is a rigorous, all-in program. Any student selected will need to commit to the entire eight weeks (May 27-July 17). Conflicts for family vacations, sports, camps, etc. are not allowed. To obtain additional information about SLIP, please check the program website at www.abaslip.blogspot.com.

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

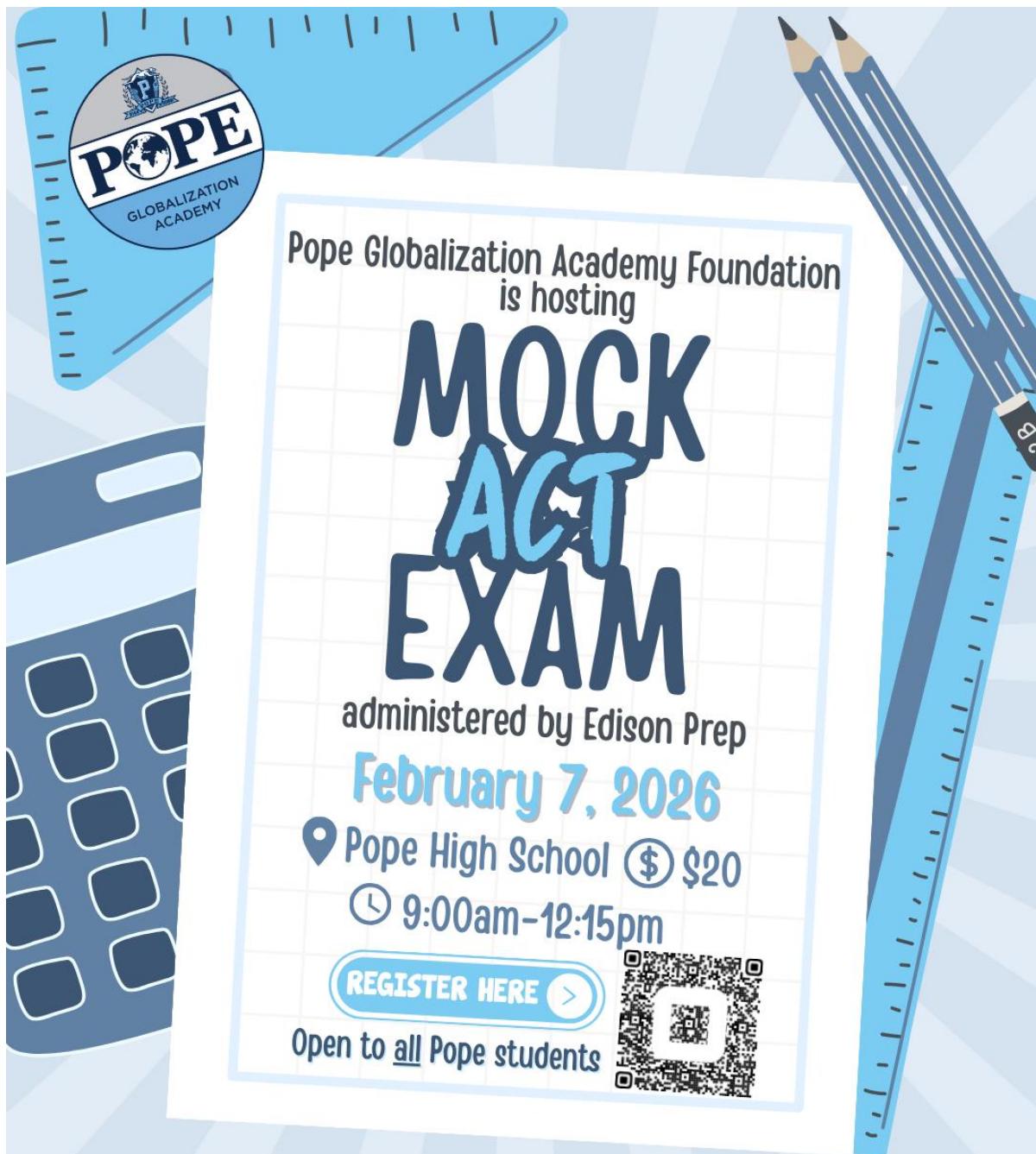
Courses tend to fill quickly. Families can view schedules and apply here:

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

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

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.



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.



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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



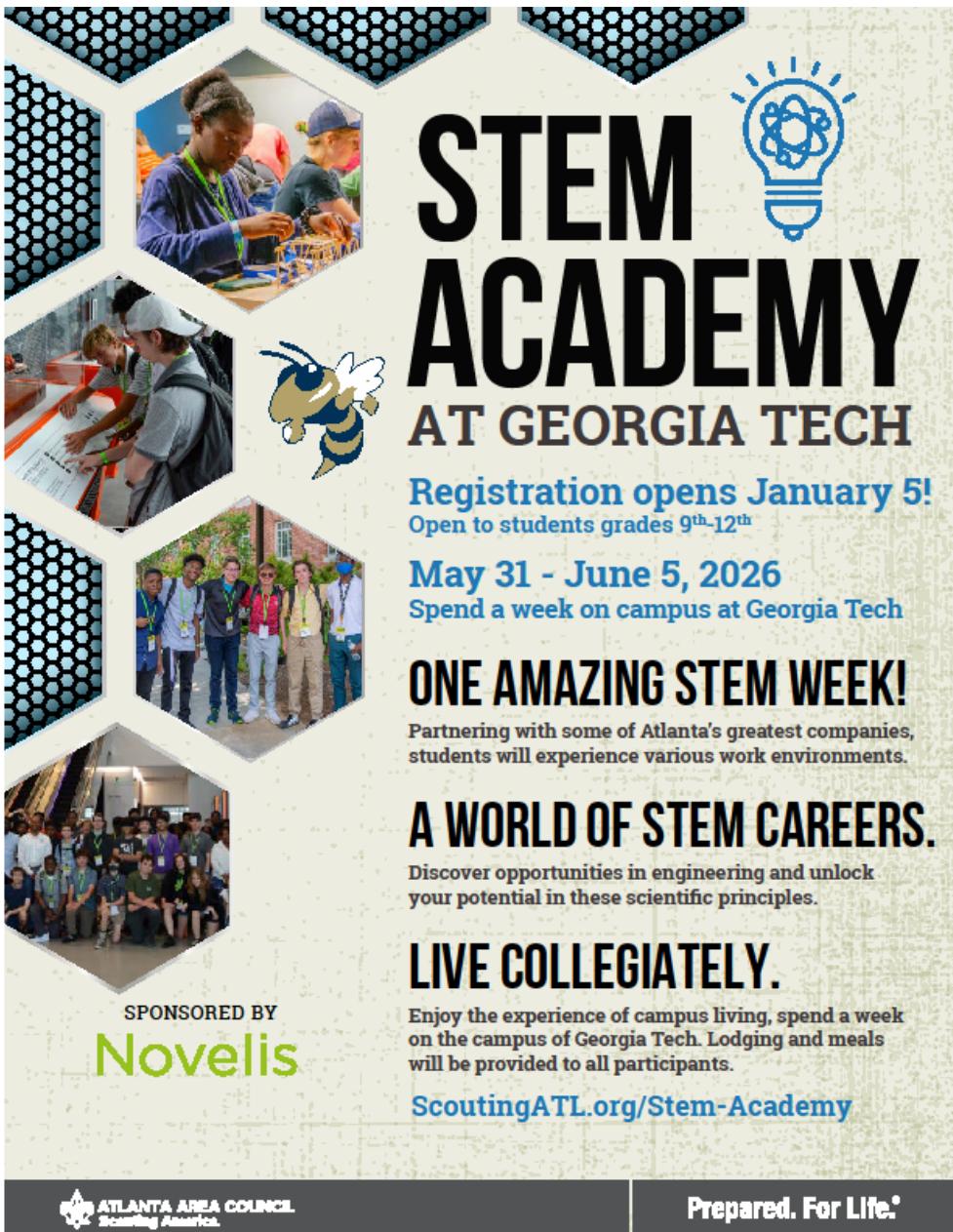
Differences between the tests

**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.

STEM Academy at Georgia Tech May 31-June 5



The flyer features a collage of five hexagonal photos showing students in various STEM activities: a girl working on a project, two boys looking at a display, a group of students outdoors, and a group of students in a room. To the right of the photos, the text reads:

STEM ACADEMY AT GEORGIA TECH

Registration opens January 5!
Open to students grades 9th-12th

May 31 - June 5, 2026
Spend a week on campus at Georgia Tech

ONE AMAZING STEM WEEK!
Partnering with some of Atlanta's greatest companies, students will experience various work environments.

A WORLD OF STEM CAREERS.
Discover opportunities in engineering and unlock your potential in these scientific principles.

LIVE COLLEGIATELY.
Enjoy the experience of campus living, spend a week on the campus of Georgia Tech. Lodging and meals will be provided to all participants.

ScoutingATL.org/Stem-Academy

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Scouting America

Prepared. For Life.

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

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



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.**

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.



The image shows a flyer for the Cancer Pathways Teen Writing Contest. At the top, it features the Cancer Pathways logo with a stylized 'C' and the text 'CANCER PATHWAYS'. Below that is a large, bold title 'TEEN WRITING CONTEST'. The main text on the flyer reads: 'Calling all High School Students! Our 20th Teen Writing Contest'. It highlights the theme as 'Honest - Heartfelt - Unique'. It explains that over 19 years, teenagers have submitted essays about their impact with a cancer diagnosis, either their own, or a loved one's. Each year, they 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. The 'Contest Details' section lists the following: 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. At the bottom, there is a QR code for more information, and the text: '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/>'.

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.

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:

Stand Out College Prep has compiled detailed information on 75+ scholarships specifically for Georgia students, organized by deadline and award amount. Check it out [here](#).

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 cobbeamcfoundationscholarship@cobbeamc.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.

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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