



TUESDAY TELEGRAPH NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE February 10, 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 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 Once a ticket is scanned for entry to the venue, it is no longer valid and cannot be re-used for further entry or re-entry.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.

Microsoft Discovery Program

The Microsoft Discovery Program is a 4-week **paid Summer Internship for graduating Seniors**. Click the link below for the application to this great opportunity through Microsoft. Available for any graduating senior who's interested in technology/STEM and is planning to pursue a bachelor's degree in the Fall of 2026. Learn core computer science concepts, practice career readiness skills, receive mentorship from Microsoft employees, gain hands-on project experience and more. Students must be available to work full-time onsite for four consecutive weeks (July 6-31, 2026). Students must have completed pre-calculus or the equivalent.

<https://apply.careers.microsoft.com/careers/job/1970393556658319?domain=microsoft.com&hl=en>

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!



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

Join us TOMORROW, Wednesday, 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 Plans
- HOPE Scholarship requirements
- Course selection considerations (balance vs. rigor / how do I fit it all in?)

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

Note that Counselors have been going into all 9th and 10th grade science classes between **February 6th-11th** to help students create/update their Individual Graduation Plans (IGPs) 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!**

If you are unable to attend tomorrow night's event, the presentation will be posted later this week on the [Pope Course Registration](#) page.

Advisement Nights for CURRENT 9th and 10th Grade Families

Should you have questions about your 9th or 10th grade student's course selection/planning for the upcoming year and beyond, you can sign up to attend one of our **Course Registration Advisement Evenings on February 23rd or February 24th**. This event is structured as a "round robin" where you can visit with academic, elective, and counseling department reps in the Learning Commons during a 30-minute time slot. You speak with whomever you wish depending on what your questions may be (i.e. differences between on-level, honors, AP, elective course choices, how to help your student have balance, etc.). Counselors will also be in attendance to answer "big picture" questions based on your student's academic progress and college/career goals. We encourage your student to attend as they will benefit from these discussions. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND! No drop-ins! This Thursday (2/12) a CTLS blast will be sent at 9 am so you can sign up for a 30-minute time slot between 4:00 and 7:00 pm on Monday February 23rd or Tuesday, February 24th.**

Sources of Strength Spirit Week This Week!

This week we are celebrating positivity, connection, and community—because **Sources of Strength** is hosting a **Spirit 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.

POPE HS SOURCES OF STRENGTH

SPIRIT WEEK

FEBRUARY 9-13

Monday:
Self Care Day
Pajama Day

Tuesday:
Twin Day
Match with a Positive Friend

Wednesday:
Wheel Day
Dress as a color on the wheel

Thursday:
Bright Future
Wear College/Career gear

Friday:
Physical Health
Wear your favorite jersey

NCAA

Thinking about playing college sports? Make sure you're on track. **Sign up today for our virtual NCAA Eligibility Meeting this Thursday, February 12th at 6 pm.**



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

CVA has published important information about the summer class schedule. Refer to the flyer for all of the details.



SUMMER TERM INFORMATION

NEW SUMMER 2026



NO FINAL EXAM EXEMPTIONS

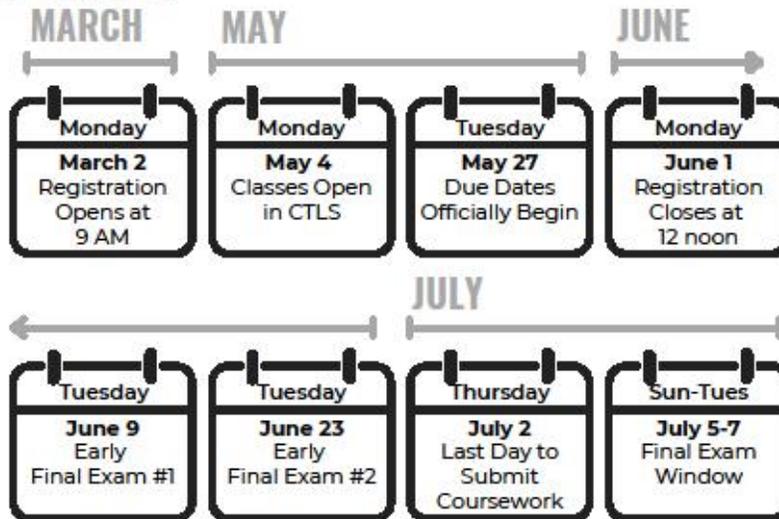
Early Final Exam opportunities will be offered by request only, once a student completes all coursework.



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



Cobb Virtual Academy. Class. Virtually. Anywhere.



cobbvirtualacademy@cobbk12.org



www.cobbvirtualacademy.org



678-581-6791

ScholarTrek College Fair

Hillgrove High School is hosting a college fair for the Cobb County School District on **March 9th**. Students will have the opportunity to connect with a wide range of colleges and universities and explore post-secondary options. The fair is hosted at Hillgrove but all CCSD students are welcome! 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 is [open](#). Additional details, including participating schools and a more detailed timeline for the evening, will be shared and updated regularly as the event date nears. **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!

Grady Hospital's Teen Experience and Leadership Program

Grady Hospital's Teen Experience and Leadership Program (TELP) offers a 7-week, hands-on, summer program for students aged 14 to 19 who have completed 9th grade and want to learn about healthcare careers. TELP participants gain experience through clinical and non-clinical rotations, interactive labs, workshops, and mentorship.

- Real-world experience in healthcare settings
- Leadership skills you can use for life

- Opportunities to discover new career paths
- Connections with mentors and peers who share your interests

Whether your student dreams of being a physician, nurse, researcher, administrator, or public health advocate, TELP helps students discover their strengths and take their first steps as healthcare leaders.

Click [here](#) to learn more, and see the flyer for more information. **Act fast, applications are due February 20th!**

Grady

Teen Experience and Leadership Program (TELP) Your Pathway to Healthcare Leadership

Are you a rising 10th grader through a graduating senior?
Join a 7-week, hands-on healthcare experience featuring interactive workshops, professional networking, and career exploration from direct patient care to the behind-the-scenes operations that keep a hospital running.

Requirements

To be a TELP Leader, you must actively participate in the following required experiences:

- **Experience** real healthcare professionals
- **Participate** through Virtual Learning Labs
- **Engage** in impact through community engagement

Application Checklist

Progression to the next phase is based on completing all requirements and meeting posted deadlines.

STEP 1

Submit Application

(All required documents and questions completed)
DEADLINE **FRI, FEB 20, 2026 | 11:59pm**

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STEP 2

Complete YouScience Career Assessment

DEADLINE **SUN, MAR 8, 2026 | 11:59pm**

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STEP 3

Interview Process

DEADLINE **FRI, MAR 27, 2026 | 11:59pm**

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FINAL SELECTION

Will take place after completion of all three phases
APPLICANTS NOTIFIED **FRI, APR 3, 2026**

APPLY NOW

Visit
<https://bit.ly/4sDDnTo>

Have Questions?
Join a Virtual
Open House!

From January 16 - February 20 Only!

Tuesdays & Thursdays

6 PM - 7 PM & 12 PM - 1 PM

Join Here: us06web.zoom.us/j/81148117682

SCAN ME!

Dual Enrollment – Important Updates Starting this Summer

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 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.

NEW requirements starting with the 2026 summer term:

- Students must meet Citizenship requirements
- Students must also meet Georgia Residency requirements
- Students whose parents are serving in the military and stationed in Georgia may qualify for residency
- The postsecondary institution the student attends will determine the residency requirements
- The funding application will require your social security number
- The revised regulations are posted on gsfc.georgia.gov.

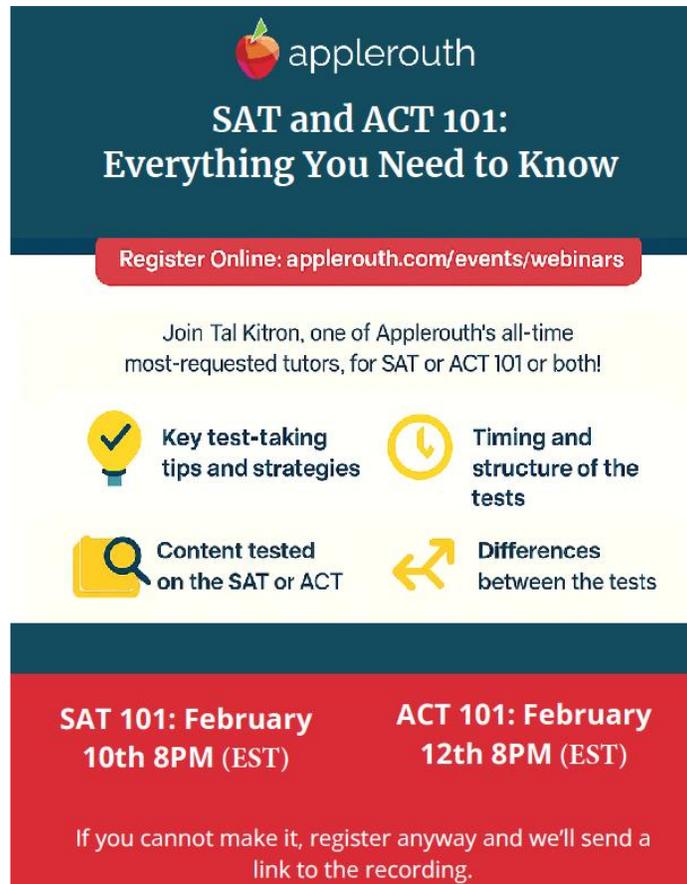
If you have any questions, reach out to your counselor.

Schoolhouse Offers Free SAT Tutoring

Schoolhouse.World has partnered with College Board to offer free, SAT tutoring to all test takers. Through extensive research, they have found that students who learn in small groups, trained by peer tutors made prep feel more motivating and more supportive. Many of these learners later returned as tutors themselves, helping the next group of students succeed. [Join an SAT Bootcamp](#) today!

Free SAT & ACT Workshops with Applerouth THIS WEEK

One of Applerouth's top tutors is hosting **free** SAT and ACT workshops **this Tuesday and Thursday**. 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.



The flyer features the Applerouth logo at the top, which consists of a red apple icon with a green leaf and the word "applerouth" in a white sans-serif font. Below the logo, the title "SAT and ACT 101: Everything You Need to Know" is written in a large, white, bold font. A red button with white text says "Register Online: applerouth.com/events/webinars". The main body of the flyer is light yellow and contains the text "Join Tal Kitron, one of Applerouth's all-time most-requested tutors, for SAT or ACT 101 or both!". Below this are four icons with corresponding text: a lightbulb icon for "Key test-taking tips and strategies", a clock icon for "Timing and structure of the tests", a magnifying glass icon for "Content tested on the SAT or ACT", and a double-headed arrow icon for "Differences between the tests". At the bottom, a red banner contains two columns of text: "SAT 101: February 10th 8PM (EST)" and "ACT 101: February 12th 8PM (EST)". At the very bottom, in white text on a red background, it says "If you cannot make it, register anyway and we'll send a link to the recording."

The Real Deal on APs and College Admissions with Applerouth

AP courses and exams continue to play an important role in college admissions — but how colleges evaluate them is evolving. Join Applerouth on **March 4th at 7:00 pm** for The Real Deal on APs & College Admissions, a free, expert-led webinar where admissions leaders from Northeastern University, University of Virginia, University of Notre Dame, plus former admissions officers from Yale and Stanford, will explain how AP coursework and exam results factor into admissions and how families can make smart, balanced choices. Register at: applerouth.com/aps-and-college-admissions-webinar. Can't Make it Live? Register anyway and a recording will be sent to you. See the flyer for more information.



Advice from Current & Former Admissions Officers

Why AP Choices Matter — and Why Some Students Benefit More Than Others

📅 Wednesday, March 4 ⌚ 7pm ET



NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

GUIDEWELL GLOBAL
Former Yale Admissions

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

ESM PREP
Former Stanford Admissions

Secure your spot now.

What You'll Learn

- How Colleges Evaluate APs
- Strategic AP Course Planning
- Smart AP Exam Strategy
- Balancing Rigor Without Overload

Live Q&A included—get your questions answered!



Can't Make it Live?

Register anyway and we'll send you the recording.

applerouth.com/aps-and-college-admissions-webinar



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 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.

STEM Academy at Georgia Tech May 31-June 5

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.

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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

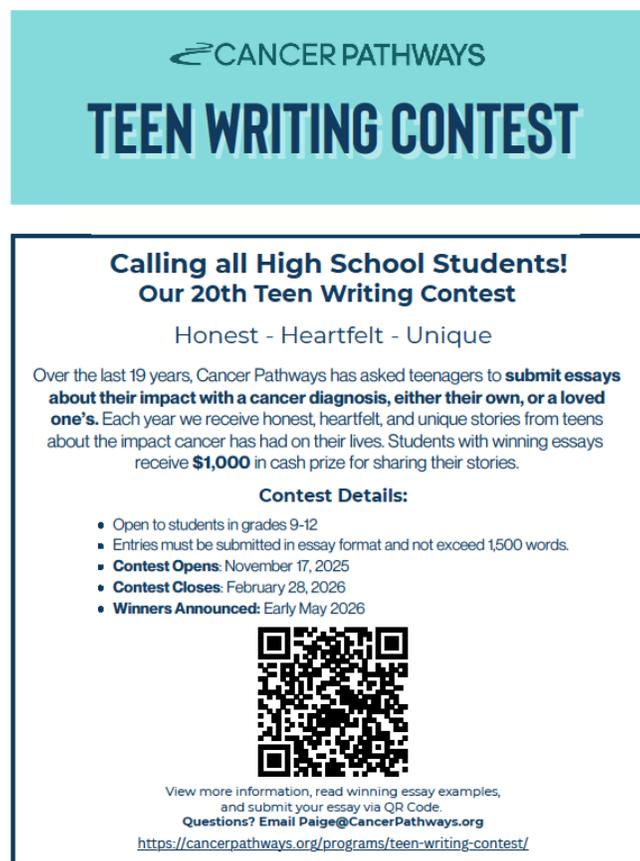
Includes: Lodging, meals, swag, as well as networking opportunities

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.



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/>

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)!

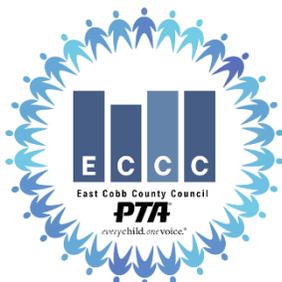
Stand Out College Prep has compiled detailed information on 75+ scholarships specifically for Georgia students, organized by deadline and award amount. Check it out [here](#).

New this Week:
Guaranteed to have a Pope Winner!



The **East Cobb Lions Club Memorial Scholarship** fund was created to honor the dedication and years of service to the community by East Cobb Lions members who are no longer with us. Scholarships up to **\$1,000** each will be awarded to graduating high school seniors from among the East Cobb High Schools – including Pope! The scholarship may be used **only at Georgia colleges/universities (no out of state schools)**. Applications can be found [here](#) and are **due to the Counseling Office by March 23rd**.

New this Week:
Guaranteed to have a Pope Winner!



Each spring the East Cobb County Council (ECCC) of PTAs awards one **\$1,000 scholarship** to a graduating senior from each of the six ECCC high schools. The scholarship, known as the Margie Hatfield Scholarship, honors the dedication and years of service given by Mrs. Hatfield to the youth of the Council. In recognition of her volunteer involvement, the Margie Hatfield Scholarship Fund awards deserving seniors who have made significant contributions to the community. The deadline to [submit an application](#) is **March 24th**. Applicants must be a member of their high school's PTSA.

New this Week:
Guaranteed to have a Pope Winner!



passion and goals.

The **Kate Belle Jones Memorial Scholarship** is accepting applications and there will be **TWO recipients who will EACH be awarded \$3,000**, payable toward continuing education! Kate Belle was a 2021 Pope graduate who tragically lost her life in December of 2021. Kate Belle impacted her community through service and steadfast commitment to her passion and goals. This scholarship was established in her memory and to celebrate graduating seniors who also possess these values. The recipients should demonstrate a love and commitment to their school and community and exemplify a passion for creating a better world. **Applications are due by April 11th**. Seniors need to have attended **Tritt Elementary School to be considered**. Applications can be accessed by scanning the QR code or by going to [this link](#).



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. **Applications** are due **February 20th**. Winners will be notified by the end of May. For questions, please email cobbemcfoundationsscholarship@cobbemc.com

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. We've also just added a GREAT website that will help students [BUILD A RESUME!](#)

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