



## TUESDAY TELEGRAPH NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE March 31, 2026

### Advisement Bell Schedule – Tomorrow

On Wednesday, we will hold Advisement after first period. 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders will complete their course verification, reviewing their 4 core classes and 5 elective choices for the 2026-27 school year, and then complete the online course verification form. They will also hear important information about EOC and AP testing. Seniors will report to their Advisement class and then head to the PAC to hear information about AP testing, and other senior related topics, as well as a guest speaker.

Extended Advisement Schedule		
Period	Time	Minutes
1st Period	8:20 - 9:10	50
Advisement	9:15 - 10:00	45
2nd Period	10:05 - 10:55	50
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

## Seniors - Class of 2026

### Graduation Reminders

The Commencement Ceremony is **May 18 at 7:00 pm** at the Kennesaw State University Convocation Center!

#### Graduation Practice:

- There are **two required graduation practices** for any graduate planning to participate in the commencement ceremony:
  - Wednesday, May 13 at 1:45 pm in the PAC Gym
  - Thursday, May 14 at 12:00 pm in the PAC Gym

#### Tickets:

- All guests must have a ticket. Students recently submitted their ticket requests and confirmation on the amount awarded will be sent out soon.
- Graduation Ticket Requests that were made through the portal will be available to view on the student portal at the beginning of April. Seniors will be notified as soon as we have that information.

All students must have an approved **cap and gown** to wear at the commencement ceremony. If you are still in need of these items, please purchase them ASAP through <https://atgrad.com/>.

#### Commencement Information Guide:

- The Commencement Information Guide and Schedule of Activities is now available on our school website: [Graduation Information](#). Please read through this entire document as it contains critical information regarding graduation requirements and related activities.

#### Graduation Contract:

- All seniors planning to participate in the graduation ceremony must have a [graduation contract](#) signed by the student and parent/guardian. The contract must be returned to the Attendance Office at Pope by May 1.

#### Class Meeting:

- There will be a class meeting for all seniors on **April 16 during AO** where all graduation information will be reviewed.


## Information for All Grades


### Divergent Teams Atlanta Hackathon – Act Fast! Deadline to Register is Friday!

For the second year in a row, Microsoft and CONA Services are sponsoring the **Atlanta 2026 Hackathon for High School Students**, hosted by non-profit, Divergent Teams. This event is open to all High School Students in the state of Georgia. This is a one-day STEM-focused hackathon designed to introduce students to real-world problem-solving, collaboration, and technology in a fun, beginner-friendly environment.


#### Details:


 Date: **Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** (during spring break)

 Time: 8 am - 5 pm

 Location: Microsoft Office, Midtown Atlanta

 Cost: None. Free Entry, Free Food, Great Prizes for 9 winners.

 Eligibility: Open to all high school students—no prior experience required!

 Student Registration (Teams of 4, but everyone must register): [Divergent Teams Atlanta Hackathon 2026](#) Act fast! Registration closes **Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**!

More Info: <https://www.divergenthackathon.org>

#### Why this Hackathon Stands Out:

- **Skill Development:** Hands-on experience with coding, problem-solving, and teamwork. Workshops on AI, cybersecurity, and app development will be available for all levels.
- **Mentorship:** Students will receive guidance from industry professionals to develop their ideas.
- **Networking:** A chance to connect with like-minded peers and industry experts, opening doors to future opportunities.
- **Free Food & Prizes:** A full day of meals is provided, plus exciting prizes for top teams!

### UNC Admissions Coming to Atlanta April 14



The University  
of North Carolina  
at Chapel Hill

Students are invited to an information session being held at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta Perimeter at Villa Christina on **April 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7 pm. UNC Admissions staff will present the Carolina admissions process and students will have the opportunity to ask questions. [RSVP](#) by April 6.

## Cobb County College Fair April 14

# COBB COUNTY COLLEGE FAIR



TUESDAY  
APRIL 14, 2026  
Eastside Christian School,  
Gymnasium  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

GARN (Greater Atlanta Regional Network), in conjunction with Eastside Christian School, is hosting a college fair on **April 14<sup>th</sup> (6-7:30 pm)**; this event is open to ALL Cobb County students. Eastside Christian School is located at 2450 Lower Roswell Rd. Students will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from a variety of colleges and universities, ask questions, and gather information about admissions, programs, and campus life. See the flyer for a list of participating schools.



## Mississippi State University Hosts Panel Series

Mississippi State University invites students to join a virtual panel series where current students, advisors, and alumni will share their experiences with their occupations, and how MSU set them up for success. These sessions are a great way to gain insight, ask questions, and find out how MSU supports students every step of the way.

- [Pre-Health Panel Registration](#) on Tuesday, April 14 at 7 pm
- [Pre-Vet Panel Registration](#) on Tuesday, April 21 at 7 pm
- [Pre-Law Panel Registration](#) on Tuesday, April 28 at 7 pm

Students can register for the event(s) they are interested in using the links above and explore the [website](#) to learn more about the panelists ahead of each event.


## Pope's Annual Career Fair is April 15!

Pope's Career Fair is on **April 15<sup>th</sup> during all lunches from 10:15 am - 1:15 pm**. Make a plan to stop by Main Street during your lunch period to talk to our amazing vendors. Whether you are interested in a summer job or a long-term career, our Career Fair has great options for you! See the flyer for a list of participants.

# CAREER FAIR

## 2026

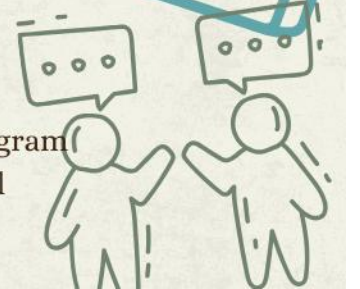
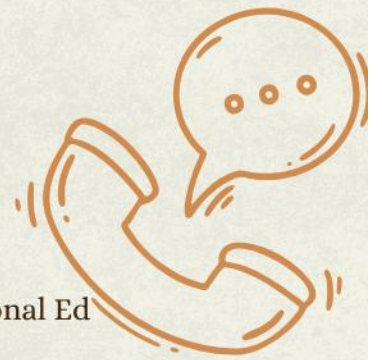


 APRIL 15TH, 2026 | 10:15 AM - 1:15 PM  
 ON MAIN STREET DURING ALL LUNCHES



### WHO WILL BE THERE:

- United Pool Management
- Independent Electrical Contractors
- Elite Lineman Training Institute
- Mechanical Contractors Association
- Paul Mitchell The School Esani
- KSU Hospitality Management Major
- Building Talent Foundation
- SwimAtlanta Pool Management
- Kennesaw State University Community & Professional Ed
- Vector Marketing
- Marine Corps Recruiting
- Dynamo Pool Management
- Ruby-Collins
- GHSA
- Cobb County 911
- Six Flags Over Georgia
- Camp Kingfisher
- Nautix Lifeguards and Maintenance
- Georgia Army National Guard
- Northeast Cobb Family YMCA
- WorkSourceCobb/CobbWorks
- KSU Comm. & Prof. Ed- Culinary Apprenticeship Program
- Cobb County Public Library- Mountain View Regional
- Datum Tech



## Chattahoochee Technical College Hosts Open House April 30

Chatt Tech's Open House offers you the opportunity to learn more about the programs of study offered at the college. You'll also receive information on admission requirements, financial aid, and student services and resources that are offered.



Marietta Campus  
**OPEN HOUSE**

Visit Our Programs    **ChattahoocheeTech**    Meet Our Instructors

Admissions and Financial Aid Information



[www.ChattahoocheeTech.edu/new-student-events](http://www.ChattahoocheeTech.edu/new-student-events)

**Thursday, April 30, 2026**  
**5 PM - 7 PM**

Marietta Campus  
Building H  
980 South Cobb Drive  
Marietta, GA 30060



ChattahoocheeTech.edu  
A Unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, Equal Opportunity Institution

**Where you thrive.**

BUSINESS    COMPUTER    MEDIA    HEALTH    TECHNICAL

## Schoolhouse Offers Free College Admissions Workshops

This April, Schoolhouse is offering free College Admissions Workshops (2-4 weeks) where your students can receive guidance from current college students on their college applications. Schoolhouse workshops are designed to complement the support school counselors already provide. Through the workshops, your students will:

- Learn from current college students from schools such as Harvard, Caltech, UChicago, Yale, and many more. These students have been where your students are now and can answer all their questions.
- Follow a curriculum developed by college experts. Tutors will guide learners through activities and discussions designed by admissions experts at the Coalition for College Access.

- Learn alongside a small group of peers. Each workshop includes no more than 15 students, creating a supportive environment where your students can learn from others.

Students will create their college list, write college essays, and learn about financial aid. Registration is open until **today, March 31<sup>st</sup>**. [Learn more about Schoolhouse here.](#)

### Summer School Options

Sign up for [Summer Personal Fitness](#) (6/1-6/11) and/or [Summer Health](#) (6/15-6/25) at Pope! Payments can be made through [MyPayments Plus](#). Cash or cashier's check will be accepted in the Counseling Office. Pope's website has been updated with other summer school opportunities (CVA and Credit Recovery) and the information can be found [here](#).

### BridgeUp STEM Scholars

BridgeUP STEM is a one-year intensive program for Atlanta-area 9th-11th grade girls who identify as first-generation or low-income. Designed for students with limited coding backgrounds, the program provides a unique opportunity to engage in hands-on computing research activities and prepare for the technology careers of tomorrow. Eligibility requirements, application process, and the link for students to apply can be found here: <https://ncwit.org/program/bridgeup-stem-scholars/>. The deadline to apply is **April 3<sup>rd</sup>**.



INTERESTED IN COMPUTER SCIENCE?

# Become a BridgeUP STEM Scholar at Georgia Tech

Develop computing skills, build confidence, and learn about college and career opportunities in computing in a year-long program at Georgia Tech.

**ncwit+ BRIDGE UP STEM**

Open to low-income and first generation high school students in grades 10-12 as of Fall 2026.

**Summer Coding Class**  
June 1 - 26, 2026  
9 am to 3 pm  
Georgia Tech campus

**Academic Year CS Research Class**  
September 2026 - April 2027

Tuesday Sessions 5:30 - 7:30 pm Georgia Tech Campus	Sunday Sessions 2 - 4:30 pm Virtual Class
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Scan to learn more and apply!



[bit.ly/BridgeUP\\_STEM](https://bit.ly/BridgeUP_STEM)

**Apply by April 3, 2026**

The BridgeUP STEM Program is funded by a generous grant from the Helen Gurley Brown Foundation.

## Make Your Mark Through MARC

Are you a rising 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grader interested in growing your leadership skills? Or a student who cares about housing affordability, protection of greenspace, and other issues facing metro Atlanta? If so, then the region's premier leadership program, Model Atlanta Regional Commission (MARC), could be a great opportunity for you.

MARC is the only program of its kind to involve students in experiential learning in real-world areas affecting life here in metro Atlanta. For more than two decades, it has engaged young people on the latest in transportation, natural resource sustainability, and community development. MARC participants meet once a month for six months as they take part in hands-on activities, behind-the-scenes tours, and thought-provoking discussions with local civic leaders and experts as they develop their own actionable solutions to the challenges facing us. The 2026-2027 [MARC program application](#) is now open to **rising 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students** who are interested in learning how they can act to make metro Atlanta an even better place to call home. The program is free and applications are due by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. See the flyer for more details.



## Calling Metro Atlanta's Teen Leaders

Are you concerned about traffic congestion, air pollution, affordable housing, protection of greenspace or the needs of older adults? Do you want to join other outstanding metro Atlanta teens who are working to bring about change in our community?

If so, Model Atlanta Regional Commission (MARC) is for you! MARC is a free program for rising 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested in taking action to promote change in metro Atlanta.

### Program Dates

- ✘ Saturday, August 8, 2026 - Kick-Off
- ✘ Saturday, September 5, 2026 - All Day Retreat
- ✘ Saturday, October 10, 2026
- ✘ Saturday, November 14, 2026
- ✘ Saturday, December 12, 2026
- ✘ Saturday, January 23, 2027 - Open House
- ✘ Wednesday, March 10, 2027 - ARC Board Presentation  
(Optional for selected participants)

*"MARC challenged me to think critically, collaborate with others, and step into real leadership roles. It gave me a deeper understanding of how regional decisions impact communities and strengthened my confidence in public speaking and teamwork."*

Inaya Ali  
Alpharetta Hig Schools  
MARC Class of 2026

### How to Apply

Visit [atlantaregional.org/marc](http://atlantaregional.org/marc) and follow the link or contact [marc@atlantaregional.org](mailto:marc@atlantaregional.org) if you need a paper version.

**Applications are due by Friday, May 1, 2026 and space is limited.**

Contact Antemil Jorkey at 470.378.1575 or [ajorkey@atlantaregional.org](mailto:ajorkey@atlantaregional.org)



## Georgia Ready Summer Institute

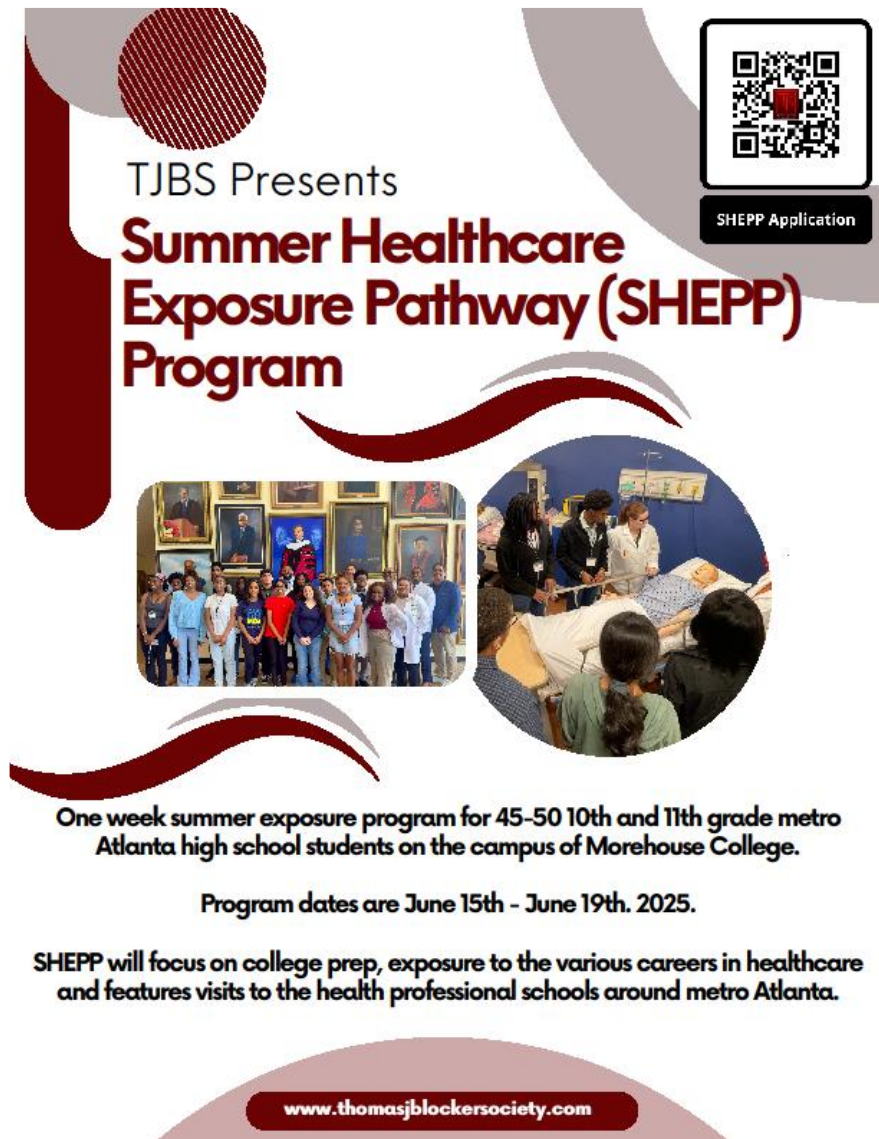


UNIVERSITY OF  
**GEORGIA**

Occurring **July 7-12**, the Georgia Ready Summer Institute (GRSI) is a one-week cohort-based residential program for high-achieving high school students in Georgia who are entering their senior year. With an underlying focus on research and innovation, the Institute will provide students an opportunity to deepen their pre-collegiate credentials through this transformative program. As part of the experience, selected GRSI Scholars will begin exploring connections between their academic interests and career pathways, as well as the impact research and innovation have upon entrepreneurial and commercialization endeavors across the state. Additionally, attendees will get a glimpse of what life as a UGA scholar could be like. Through living in a campus residence hall, eating at the dining facilities, touring the Athens campus and research facilities, they hope that GRSI Scholars leave the Institute UGA ready! For more information and to apply, click [here](#). Applications are due **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, and there is no cost to attend this program.

## Summer Healthcare Exposure Pathway Program

The Summer Health Careers Exposure Pathway Program (SHEPP) is a one-week summer program (**June 15-19**) for current 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who are interested in careers in healthcare. Students will explore different health professions, build college and test-prep skills, and experience life on a college campus while visiting local health professional schools. Scan the QR code in the flyer to complete the application, which is due by May 1<sup>st</sup>.



The flyer features a dark red and white color scheme with decorative wavy lines. At the top right is a QR code with a red square in the center, labeled 'SHEPP Application'. The main title 'Summer Healthcare Exposure Pathway (SHEPP) Program' is in a large, bold, dark red font. Below the title are two circular images: one showing a group of students and staff in a classroom setting, and another showing students in a hospital or clinical setting. At the bottom, there is a dark red rounded rectangle containing the website address.

TJBS Presents  
**Summer Healthcare  
Exposure Pathway (SHEPP)  
Program**

One week summer exposure program for 45-50 10th and 11th grade metro Atlanta high school students on the campus of Morehouse College.

Program dates are June 15th - June 19th, 2025.

SHEPP will focus on college prep, exposure to the various careers in healthcare and features visits to the health professional schools around metro Atlanta.

[www.thomasjblockersociety.com](http://www.thomasjblockersociety.com)

## Electrical Systems and Sustainability Summer Program at Georgia Tech

As outlined in the flyer, this sponsored summer program gives select high school students hands-on exposure to:

- Installing electrical fixtures
- Reading electrical prints
- Understanding core electrical principles
- Exploring facilities management and sustainable systems
- Learning through the RealCareer Electrical Wiring Kit program
- Participating in off-campus visits
- Earning a certificate of completion from Georgia Institute of Technology

The program runs from **July 6-17** and is held primarily on Georgia Tech's Atlanta campus. This is a FULL scholarship (students are only responsible for a \$25 application fee).

This is an incredible opportunity for students interested in engineering, construction, sustainability, skilled trades, or STEM career pathways. The immersive, hands-on structure makes it especially impactful for students who thrive in applied learning environments. [Registration Link](#) Contact [summerpeaks@gatech.edu](mailto:summerpeaks@gatech.edu) with questions.

**ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AND SUSTAINABILITY  
SUMMER PROGRAM**

**JULY 6-17, 2026**

This program, which takes place primarily on Georgia Tech's Atlanta campus, is a Sponsored Summer Opportunity! Select high school students will only be responsible for a \$25 application fee, and they will receive a full scholarship. In this program, students will learn how to install electrical fixtures, read electrical prints, describe electrical principles, and learn about facilities management and sustainable systems.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Experience hands-on learning with the RealCareer Electrical Wiring Kit program
- Embark on off-campus visits
- Earn a certificate of completion from Georgia Institute of Technology

<https://tinyurl.com/SummerESS2026>  
Contact: [summerpeaks@gatech.edu](mailto:summerpeaks@gatech.edu)

Scan the QR code to register today!



**EXPANDED LEARNING PROGRAMS at CEISM**

## Cobb Youth Leadership Applications are Open for Sophomores

Cobb Youth Leadership is a program for *rising juniors* that focuses on developing leadership skills through interactive participation. This selective program is an excellent way for students to serve their community as well as interact with students from schools around the county, and local, state, and national leaders. Students receive information on the responsibility, ethics, and tools for effective leadership, as well as potential career paths after graduation. **The program runs from August 2026 through April 2027** and features monthly meetings which cover different aspects of the Cobb County community such as health, politics, public safety, community service, and arts & culture. More information and the application can be found here: [Cobb Youth Leadership - Cobb Chamber of Commerce](#). **The application deadline is April 17<sup>th</sup>.**

## Camp MAGIK



Camp [MAGIK](#) (Mainly About Grief In Kids), a healing camp for bereaved children and adolescents, is holding its spring 2026 camp at **the Fortson 4-H Camp in Hampton, Georgia April 24-26. Applications are due by April 10<sup>th</sup>.** Free transportation can be arranged if needed. Camp MAGIK provides a fun camp experience for bereaved children and adolescents together with counseling sessions supervised by professional counselors trained in grief and trauma. There is also a retreat available for adults who want to process their own grief with other adults. Camp sessions are **FREE OF CHARGE** to all participants. [Information in English](#) [Information in Spanish](#).

## Rising Juniors – Important Immunization Information

Per the Georgia Department of Public Health, effective July 1, 2021, children 16 years of age and older, who are entering the 11th grade (including new entrants), must have received one booster dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4), unless their initial dose was administered on or after their 16th birthday. Please visit this link: <https://dph.georgia.gov/media/89331/download> for a summary of vaccination requirements by age.

**In accordance with this requirement, all Pope students entering the 11th grade, who will be 16 by August 3, 2026, must submit an updated Certificate of Immunization, on GA Form 3231, to the Pope Counseling Office prior to the start of the 2026-2027 school year. Students, who are not yet 16 by August 3rd will have 30 calendar days from the student's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday to provide the updated Certificate of Immunization.** Students must meet this requirement, or provide acceptable exemption documentation, for them to be/remain enrolled in school. Students requesting to be exempt from Immunization must present a signed, notarized Affidavit of Religious Objection to Immunization, DPH Form 2208.

We prefer that you upload your updated Certificate of Immunization/Affidavit of Religious Objection to Immunization to ParentVUE. Once logged in, you will click on Change My Information → Student Information → Enrollment Documents where you will be able to upload the document. Paper and emailed copies will be accepted as well.

For additional information on immunization schedules, exemptions, and laws governing these requirements, please visit <https://dph.georgia.gov/schoolvaccines>.

Should you have any questions, please contact Lisa Squier in the Counseling Office at 770-578-7903 or [lisa.squier@cobbk12.org](mailto:lisa.squier@cobbk12.org). All paper and emailed documents should also be directed to Mrs. Squier.

## Humanitarian Club Hosts Clothing Drive

It is estimated that about 85 pounds of clothes per person are thrown into the land fields annually, and not everyone knows about local clothing charities. As spring is finally here, people are sure to be preparing to clear out their closets. The Humanitarian Club will be hosting a clothing drive **March 31-April 15**. Instead of throwing your clothes

away, consider donating them to a better cause. There will be boxes near the doorways to collect *gently used clothes* (T-shirts, pants, sweaters, jackets, etc.) which the Humanitarian Club will then deliver to GreenDrop Charities.

## Scholarships

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)!

**HEY TIMBER RIDGE ALUMNI! WIDENER-BEGA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!**



**DUE MARCH 31**

**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 **TODAY, March 31<sup>st</sup>**. For questions, please email [timberidgescholarship@gmail.com](mailto:timberidgescholarship@gmail.com).



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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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](#).



The **PTSA Community Service Scholarship Application** is available! Each scholarship is worth **\$1,000** and there will be up to **TEN winners**! Remember, you must be a member of the Pope PTSA to be considered. If you have not already joined, it's not too late! Sign up [here](#) by the application deadline. Student memberships are only \$10. Not sure if you're a member? Check the directory <https://popeptsa.membershiptoolkit.com/directory> or contact Stephanie Soto ([membership@popeptsa.com](mailto:membership@popeptsa.com)). Seniors who have exhibited outstanding service and volunteerism to Pope, feeder schools, and the community should apply! Click [here](#) to access the application. All applications and recommendations must be electronically submitted by **April 13<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Cochran at [VP1@popeptsa.org](mailto:VP1@popeptsa.org).



The poster features a blue and white color scheme with a circular inset image of a smiling female graduate in a black cap and gown holding two rolled-up diplomas. The background includes faint images of diplomas and a seal.

**Pope High School**  
**PTSA**  
every child, one voice.

## PTSA COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The PTSA Community Service Scholarship Application is now available!

Each scholarship is worth **\$1,000** and we will have **TEN winners** this year!

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- ✓ Student must be a member of Pope PTSA. It's not too late to join - only \$10!
- ✓ Application must be completed online this year.
- ✓ Two recommendations from teachers, coaches, mentors, etc (not relatives) required
- ✓ **Deadline to submit applications and recommendations is April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Winners will be recognized at Honors Night this Spring**

**QUESTIONS?**  
Susan Cochran: [vp1@popeptsa.org](mailto:vp1@popeptsa.org)

←-Application  
Recommendations->

### **Pope Counseling Office**

*The Counseling Office wishes you all a safe and relaxing spring break!*

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