



TUESDAY TELEGRAPH NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE April 14, 2026

Pope's Annual Career Fair is TOMORROW!

Pope's Career Fair is **TOMORROW, April 15th** 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
- US Army
- 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
- KSU Comm. & Prof. Ed- Culinary Apprenticeship Program
- Cobb County Public Library- Mountain View Regional
- Datum Tech

Icons: Search magnifying glass, resume, clock, megaphone, briefcase, phone, people talking.

Seniors - Class of 2026

Senior Survey Information

Seniors! The end of the school year, and your high school graduation, are rapidly approaching! As a flurry of activity, AP tests, finals, parties, and more overtake your lives, we counselors want to take a moment to wish you an early congratulations. You've done an amazing job. We are so proud of the **Class of 2026** and can't wait to see the incredible things you will do!

Below are some Counseling-related steps that we need ALL SENIORS to complete along with some reminders about the HOPE/Zell/HOPE Grant Programs. Counselors will be reviewing the survey with seniors during English classes over the next week.

Also, listing scholarship award amounts is optional, but it's always exciting to compile the total scholarship amount of each graduating class to highlight the amazing accomplishments you have achieved each year! We ask that you list all awards you've been **offered** (so, even the awards at colleges you are not attending). We will NOT be publishing any individual student names/awards; only a total amount compiled together for one grand total. Please do NOT list projected HOPE/Zell/Grant amounts, since this will be determined after graduation.

Senior 2026 MUST-DO Check List



Complete your **Required** Naviance "Class of 2026 Graduation Survey" (under **Tasks From My School**).

- Check your post-HS plan.
- Update ALL your college results.
- CHECK "**ATTENDING**" for the college you're attending.
- CHECK "**SEND FINAL TRANSCRIPT**" for the college you're attending and any other institute that needs a final (NCAA, waitlist college, etc.).
- List ALL your awarded scholarships and dollar amounts (excluding HOPE/Zell).
- Provide your post-graduation contact information.
- This is how you request your Final Transcript!
- Deadline - April 24 (we can re-open for adjustments)
- We will send final transcripts AFTER the last day of school.



Apply for HOPE/Zell/HOPE Grant

Two options (we recommend both):

1. FAFSA - www.fafsa.gov (you must submit yearly)
2. GSFAPP - www.gafutures.org (good for 10 years)

**See page 2 for additional HOPE/Zell details!



See Your Counselor

If you have questions and/or are still undecided about what to do after graduation, we can help!



HOPE/Zell/Grant Programs

BASICS

All HOPE programs require the following:

- Students must meet residency/citizenship requirements.
- Males must register for selective service www.sss.gov when they turn 18.
 - Registering for selective services is required by federal law.
- Students must apply through the FAFSA and/or GSFAPP.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

- **HOPE Scholarship** - 3.0 HOPE GPA
 - Varies each year - pays a large portion of tuition to GA public 2- & 4-year colleges
- **Zell Miller Scholarship** - 3.7 HOPE GPA and either 1200 SAT or 25 ACT
 - Pays 100% tuition to University System of GA institutions (public 2/4-year colleges)
 - Must maintain 3.3 in college
- HOPE/Zell both also require 4 courses of "rigor:"
 - ex: AdvAlg+, Chem/Phys/Anat/Astro, Span2+/Fren2+/Germ2+, core DE/APs, & more
 - Full list of courses that count for "rigor" can be found on www.gafutures.org
- A portion of HOPE funds are awarded to students attending private GA colleges.
- **HOPE Grant** - no min GPA out of high school, but must maintain a 2.0 in college
 - Award varies each year (large portion of tuition at TCSG institutions)
 - For certificates/diplomas only
- **HOPE Career Grant** - no min GPA out of high school, but must maintain a 2.0 in college
 - Provides additional funding beyond HOPE Grant to equal 100% tuition!
 - Funds tuition specifically for "high demand" careers
 - Funds certificates/diplomas at technical colleges only
- **Zell Miller Grant** - will fund 100% tuition after earning a 3.5 after each term at technical colleges for certificates/diplomas

SENDING SAT/ACT SCORES FOR ZELL

- Visit <https://tinyurl.com/ZellSATACT> for details on submitting SAT/ACT scores to www.gafutures.org for Zell eligibility.
- Qualifying score must be earned before HS graduation.

HOPE GPA CALCULATION

- HOPE/Zell GPA can ONLY be found at www.gafutures.org.
- **REMINDER!! The HOPE GPA is NOT on Pope transcript!!**
- HOPE GPA weights only core AP/DE classes with 0.5 extra quality point up to a 4.0.
- The HOPE GPA is usually *lower* than both the Pope weighted & unweighted GPAs (but not always) because it is based only on core classes (Engl, math, sci, soc st, and for lang)

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://atlgrad.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 **TOMORROW, April 16 during AO** where all graduation information will be reviewed.

Spring Open House at Paul Mitchell The School Esani

Paul Mitchell's Open House is a great opportunity for students who are exploring career options—especially those interested in cosmetology, esthetics, or the beauty industry—to experience the school firsthand in a fun, welcoming environment.

Event Details:

Date: April 22, 2026

Time: 6:00–8:00 pm

Location: 1003 Mansell Rd, Roswell, GA 30076

During the Open House, students will be able to:

- Tour the campus and learning spaces
- See live demonstrations in hair and skin
- Meet the educators and admissions team
- Learn about program options, financial aid, and career pathways
- Get a feel for what a future in the beauty industry can look like

Paul Mitchell is partnering with Tea Tree for this event, and the **first 25 attendees will receive complimentary Tea Tree products**, along with a fun sustainability-focused experience.

This is a great event for juniors and seniors who may be considering alternative career paths or hands-on learning environments after graduation. [Register today!](#)

Cobb County College Fair TONIGHT

GARN (Greater Atlanta Regional Network), in conjunction with Eastside Christian School, is hosting a college fair **TONIGHT, April 14th (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.

COBB COUNTY COLLEGE FAIR



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



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](#) TONIGHT, 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.

Purdue Preview Presentation

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Come learn more about Purdue University from a
Purdue Admissions Counselor and hear from alums

WHERE: Mimm's Museum of Technology & Art; 5000 Commerce Pkwy
Roswell, GA

WHEN: Tuesday, April 21st from 7:00pm-8:30pm

HOW: Register at:

<https://admissions.purdue.edu/visit/prospective-student-experiences/>

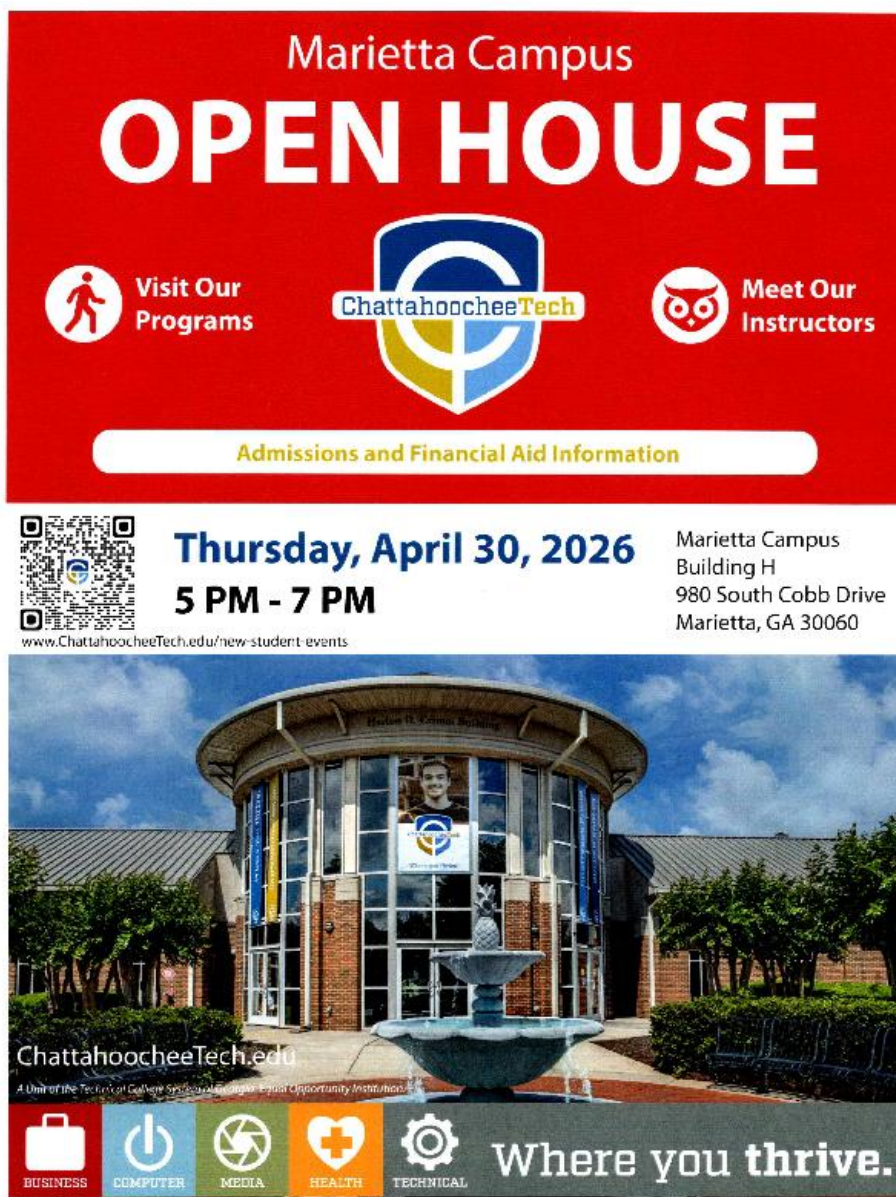


College Guidance Network – Financial Fit and Affordability

On **April 23rd at 7:30 pm** join College Guidance Network's Director of College Counseling Brennan Barnard and Georgia Tech's Vice Provost for Enrollment Management Rick Clark for their live, small-group session which will focus on financial fit and affordability. Register [here](#).

Chattahoochee Technical College Hosts Open House April 30

Chatt Tech's Open House gives 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 available.



The poster features a red background with white and yellow text. At the top, it says "Marietta Campus" and "OPEN HOUSE" in large white letters. Below this is the ChattahoocheeTech logo, a shield with a blue 'C' and a yellow 'T'. To the left of the logo is an icon of a person walking with the text "Visit Our Programs". To the right is an owl icon with the text "Meet Our Instructors". A white banner at the bottom of the red section contains the text "Admissions and Financial Aid Information". Below the red section, there is a QR code on the left, the date and time "Thursday, April 30, 2026 5 PM - 7 PM" in the center, and the location "Marietta Campus Building H 980 South Cobb Drive Marietta, GA 30060" on the right. Below the QR code is the URL "www.ChattahoocheeTech.edu/new-student-events". The bottom half of the poster shows a photograph of a modern building with a large glass entrance and a fountain in front. Below the photo is the website "ChattahoocheeTech.edu" and a tagline "Where you thrive." with icons for Business, Computer, Media, Health, and Technical.

Marietta Campus
OPEN HOUSE

Visit Our Programs

ChattahoocheeTech

Meet Our Instructors

Admissions and Financial Aid Information

Thursday, April 30, 2026
5 PM - 7 PM

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

www.ChattahoocheeTech.edu/new-student-events

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

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Where you thrive.

Fly-In Opportunities at Bowdoin, Dartmouth, and Williams

Explore [Bowdoin College](#), [Dartmouth](#), and/or [Williams College](#) on an all-expenses paid college visit for high-achieving low-income and/or first generation high school seniors. Click on the school links for details including application deadlines and college visit dates. These are wonderful opportunities, and preference is given to those students who would not otherwise be able to afford to visit.

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](#).

Make Your Mark Through MARC

Are you a rising 10th or 11th 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 10th and 11th 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 1st**. 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 10th and 11th 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 and follow the link or contact 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



Georgia Ready Summer Institute

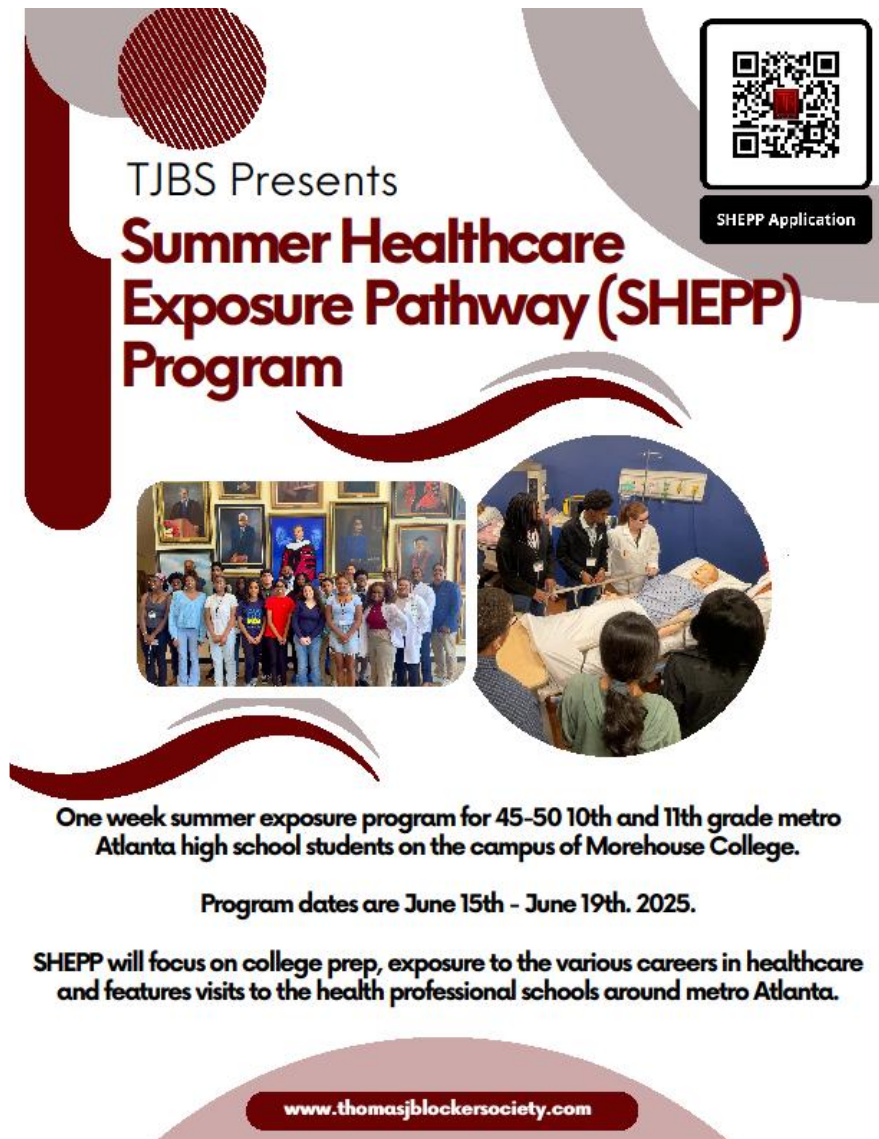


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GEORGIA

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 3rd**, 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 10th and 11th 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 1st**.



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 is 'TJBS Presents Summer Healthcare Exposure Pathway (SHEPP) Program'. Below the title are two circular images: one showing a group of students and staff in a hallway, and another showing students in a hospital setting. At the bottom, there is a red button with 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

Applerouth – Ask the Experts: Advice from College Admissions Officers

Join admissions officers from UGA, Syracuse University, George Washington University, and University of Wisconsin on **May 6th at 7 pm** as they provide insights on:

- **Test-Optional vs. Test-Preferred:** When submitting test scores helps, and when it's better not to.
- **The Role of AI in Applications:** How students can use AI wisely, and what raises red flags with colleges.
- **Fit to Major & Academic Direction:** Why a student's intended major can affect admissions chances and course choices.
- **Early Decision vs. Regular Decision Timing:** When applying early improves odds, and when waiting makes more sense.
- **Extracurricular Impact:** Why meaningful involvement and leadership matter more than long activity lists.
- **What's Changing in 2026:** New trends in policies and priorities families should be watching now.

Engage in a live Q&A to address your specific questions. Register [here](#). Can't Attend Live? Register to receive the recording post-event.

ASK THE EXPERTS

What Matters Most in College Admissions

Advice from admissions officers who review applications at top universities — **including UGA**

📅 Wednesday, May 6 ⌚ 7 PM EST

Secure Your Spot

Get an inside look at how applications are evaluated — and what actually makes a difference in today's admissions landscape.

Meet the Admission Officers



Ashley Templeton
UGA



Carol Lee Conchar
GW University



Laura Robitaille
Wisconsin



Michael McGrath
Syracuse

You'll Learn About:

- **2026 Trends:** What families should know now
- **Test Scores:** When submitting helps—and when it doesn't
- **AI in Applications:** Smart use vs. red flags
- **Fit to Major:** Why academic direction matters
- **Early vs. Regular Decision:** When early helps
- **Extracurriculars:** Depth and leadership over long lists



Register Now

applerouth.com/college-admissions-webinars

Can't make it live? Register anyway and we'll send you the recording.



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 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

Scan the QR code to register today!



EXPANDED LEARNING PROGRAMS at CEISM

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 16th 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. All paper and emailed documents should also be directed to Mrs. Squier.

Pope Counseling Office

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