# TUESDAY TELEGRAPH
## NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE
## November 3, 2026

# Seniors - Class of 2027

### Commencement Announced!

Mark your calendars! Graduation will be **Thursday, May 20th at 2:30 pm in the Convocation Center at Kennesaw State University.** More information, including how to request tickets, will be communicated at a later date.

### GEORGIA MATCH

GEORGIA MATCH letters were sent out last month. GEORGIA MATCH is the state's Direct Admission program for high school students. Your letter will have a list of all the Georgia colleges and universities where you qualify for admission based on your HOPE GPA. GEORGIA MATCH information is also available in your www.gafutures.org account, so log-in to see your matches, request information, and "claim your spot" for up to 3 different colleges.

### November is Georgia Apply to College for Free Month!

Take advantage of **Georgia Apply to College Month in November!** HERE is a full list of participating schools (including KSU – use code "Apply to College Month" and Chatt Tech – use code "NOVFREE27). This is a great opportunity to use your GEORGIA MATCH results to identify colleges that you automatically qualify for. And **SAVE THE DATE! On November 17th** Counselors will be on hand during all lunch periods to assist seniors with the application process! More details to follow.

### KSU Presidential Fellows Cohort Program

Kennesaw State University is pleased to announce their new Presidential Fellows Cohort Program, launching officially in the Fall of 2027. This exclusive, four-year experience empowers future leaders to challenge themselves, grow with purpose, and make a meaningful impact. Through hands-on learning and mentorship, Fellows will build self-awareness, strengthen leadership skills, and put their values into action.

Who are they looking for?

Top scholars, preferably students who will be eligible for the Zell Miller scholarship, who have some leadership experience and a recommender who can champion their academic prowess. If you want to learn more, the Honors College is hosting a virtual information session on **November 9th at 6:30 pm**.

REGISTER HERE: https://campus.kennesaw.edu/colleges-departments/honors/events.php

## Scholarship Opportunities

Watch this space for important scholarship information! Various opportunities will be highlighted in the Tuesday Telegraph but thousands of scholarships are also posted in SchooLinks and can be found on the Pope School Counseling website. Later this semester we will be sharing scholarship opportunities where there are guaranteed to be Pope winners! Also, check out this great website to find out which colleges offer free tuition! A couple of scholarships to highlight this week:

The Burger King Foundation believes in empowerment through education and lending a helping hand, when needed. Through the BURGER KING Scholars Program, scholarships will be awarded to offset the cost of attending college or post-secondary vocational/technical school. Recipients are selected through an application process that takes into consideration their grade point average (2.0+), work experience, extracurricular activities, community service, and financial need. Scholarships range from $1,000-$60,000. **Applications are due by December 15th**, however, only the first 30,000 applications received will be considered, so don't delay, and get your application in as soon as possible!

The Ron Brown Scholarship Program honors the legacy of Ronald H. Brown through a selective scholarship program that advances higher education for community-minded and intellectually gifted African Americans. RBSP competitively awards 20 four-year $40,000 scholarships ($10,000 each year) to the most talented and economically-challenged high school seniors who demonstrate a keen interest in public service, community engagement, business entrepreneurship and global citizenship. Recipients may use the renewable scholarships to attend an accredited four-year college or university of their choice within the United States. Ron Brown scholarships are not limited to any specific field or career objective and may be used to pursue any academic discipline. Applicants for the Ron Brown Scholarship MUST be **Black/African American, US citizens or permanent residents, and a current high school senior at the time** of their application. To apply click here: 2027 Scholarship Application. **Applications are due December 1st.**

# Information for All Grades

## PSAT Results Available Later this Week

If your student took the PSAT at Pope on October 15th, **score reports should be released electronically to students this Thursday, November 5th.** If your student shared their cell number when logging in to Bluebook to take the PSAT the day of testing, they should receive a text notification on November 5th that their score report is available. If your student does not receive this text, they can access their score report directly through the BigFutures School mobile app or by logging into their College Board account.

If there are any issues with accessing score reports, you or your student can contact their Pope school counselor for help.

### PSAT Meeting

Parents and/or students wanting more information about how to get the most out of their PSAT result should join us for a meeting in the **PAC on Monday, November 9th starting at 7:00 pm.**

### Sophomore Meeting

After we discuss the PSAT, there will be additional information shared specifically for our sophomore families about our new College and Career Exploration platform called SchooLinks, post-secondary options, dual enrollment, striving for balance in high school, and upcoming advisement opportunities for 9th and 10th grade families.

## Scholarship Opportunities for Juniors

Scholarships are available for Juniors and other grade levels too! They're not just for seniors so it's never too early to start looking for money! One scholarship to highlight this week is for JUNIORS:

The Coolidge Scholarship is a full-ride, four-year, merit scholarship that recipients may use for undergraduate study at any accredited college or university in the United States. Any high school junior who plans to enroll in college in the fall of 2028 is eligible to apply. Winners may use the scholarship to pursue any academic major. The application requires that candidates read President Coolidge's Autobiography and a few other readings and then write three essays. Students are encouraged to begin the application early. The submission deadline is **December 1st.**

## Sign up for your Junior Advisement Appointment!

During Junior year, families and students are invited to meet with their counselor for an individual 30-minute advisement session regarding remaining graduation requirements and post-secondary plans. Please click on the link next to your assigned alpha counselor to take you directly to a Bookings page and follow the instructions. **We encourage you to book a time that coincides with your student's lunch or maybe an elective period if possible.** Students will be responsible for making up any work that is missed. We look forward to meeting with you. If you missed the Junior Parent Meeting, you can find the presentation at **www.popeschoolcounseling.com/11th-grade/**. **As a reminder, please bring a copy of your student's Social Security card to the meeting. This will be helpful in allowing you and your student to gain access to their personal HOPE Scholarship information. Additionally, please be sure to park in a VISITOR parking spot or there is a risk that you will get a ticket if you park in a student/teacher parking spot.**

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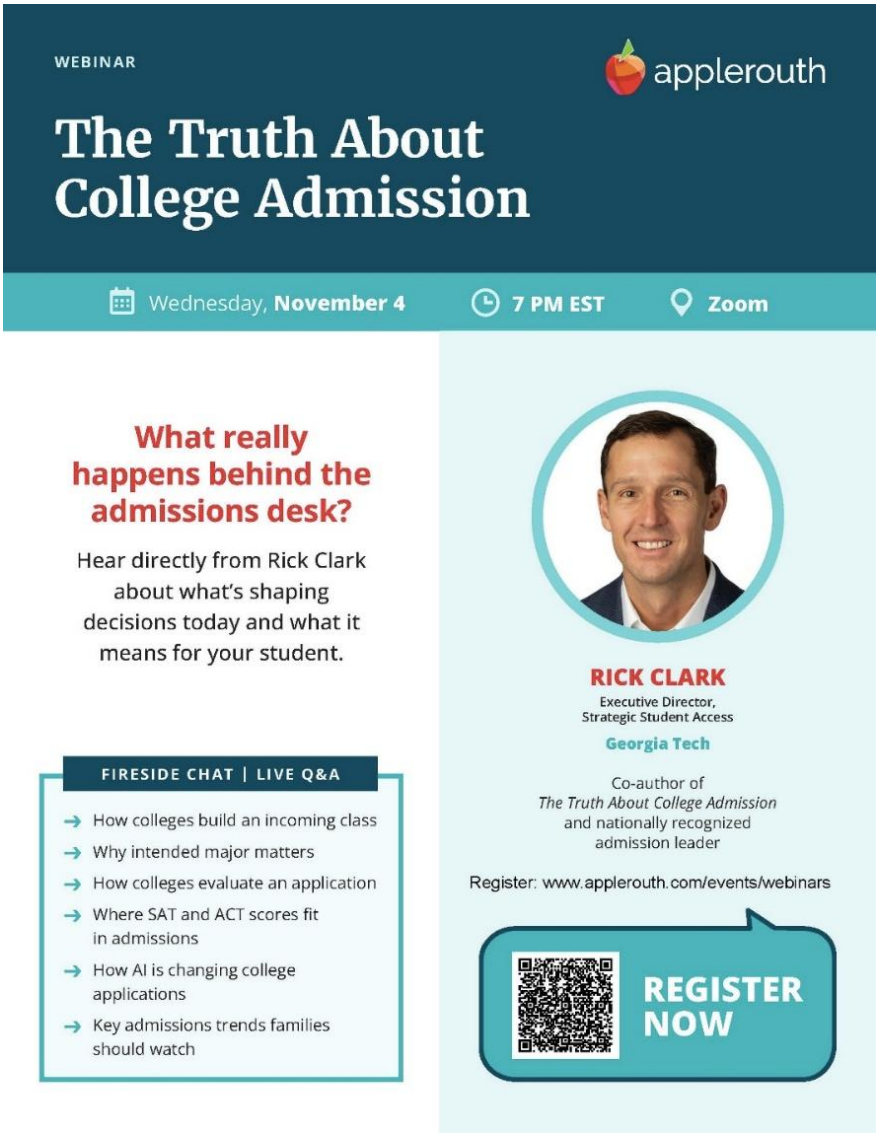
## The Truth about College Admission

**Tomorrow, November 4th at 7** pm, Applerouth is hosting their annual webinar with Rick Clark, Executive Director of Strategic Student Access from Georgia Tech, entitled "The Truth about College Admission". Get honest, insider insight into what colleges really look for in applicants, plus practical tips to help stand out in a competitive admissions landscape.

Topics include:
- The evolving role of SAT and ACT scores
- The use of AI in the admissions process
- Building a strong and balanced college list

- What colleges value inside and outside the classroom
- Essays, extracurriculars, and other key application components
- Emerging trends and predictions in admissions

Whether you're a student, parent, counselor, or educator, this session is packed with valuable information, and ends with a live Q&A to get your questions answered. Register online. If you can't attend live, register anyway and a recording will be sent to you.




## Georgia Gwinnett College Preview Day

On **Saturday November 14th from 9 am to 1 pm,** high schoolers will have the opportunity to explore Georgia Gwinnett's beautiful campus, talk to Financial Aid, eat in the dining hall, and learn about different majors. This is the perfect chance to get all your questions answered and see how GGC can help you reach your goals. If interested, register at https://www.ggc.edu/preview.




## Engineering Day at University of Alabama

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The University of Alabama Lee J. Styslinger Jr. College of Engineering is hosting E-Day on **Friday, March 12, 2027**, **from 8 am to 1 pm**. This open house event provides middle and high school students with the chance to learn more about majors and career opportunities available in engineering and computer science. Students will also receive information about admissions, housing, financial aid and other college readiness topics. Students should register by visiting eng.ua.edu/e-day. **The priority registration deadline is December 15th**. For questions or more information, please contact the Engineering Welcome Center at welcome@eng.ua.edu or 205-348-1596.

## Clemson Career Workshop for Sophomores

**The Clemson Career Workshop (CCW)** is a two-year college preparation and Clemson recruitment program for high-achieving 10th-grade students nationwide. Each year approximately **50 students** who are interested in learning more about Clemson while preparing for the college admissions process are selected.

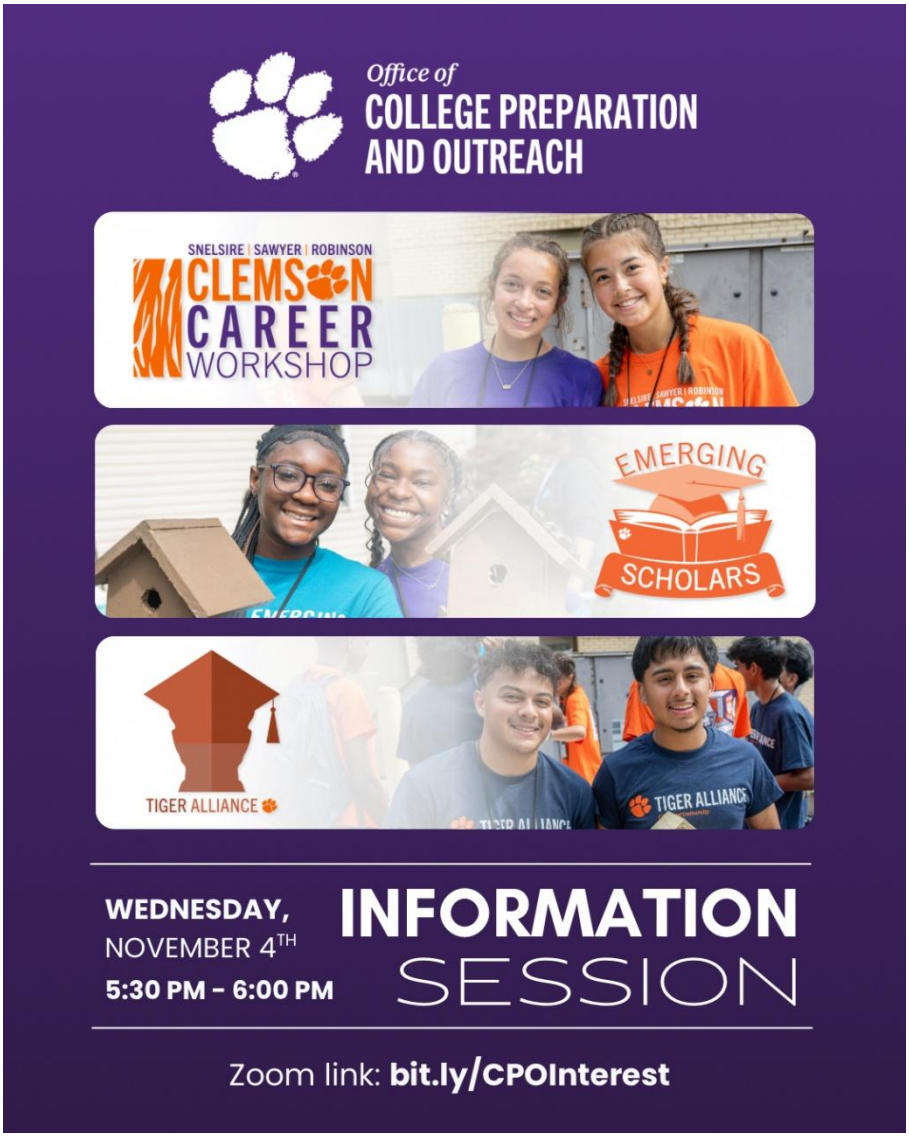
Students begin with a week-long residential experience at Clemson during the summer before their junior year. The tentative Summer 2027 experience is scheduled for **June 20–25**. Students then remain connected to Clemson

through academic-year programming, a second summer experience, and continued support through high school graduation.

Through CCW, students have opportunities to explore academic and career interests, experience college life, prepare for the admissions process, and build relationships with Clemson faculty, staff, resources, and peers from across the country.

There is no application fee. Accepted students are responsible for a registration fee and transportation to and from Clemson. Once on campus, CCW covers lodging, meals, programming, and program-related field trips. The application is open until January 1st.

Want more details? See the flyer for an upcoming **Info Session TOMORROW, November 4th**.




## TeenLife's Guide to Your Future in Business and Entrepreneurship

The 2027 Guide to Your Future in Business & Entrepreneurship just launched, and it's an update worth putting in front of every student who's ever thought about starting something, studying business, or figuring out what they can do with a business degree. The guide covers the fastest-growing business roles and what they pay, a look at entrepreneurship from side hustles to funded startups, mentorship and program opportunities across industries, and

dedicated resources for students trying to jumpstart their careers. It's free, it's new, and it's the kind of resource students will actually use.

Know a student with a business idea? This one's for them! TeenLife just launched the Future Founders Pitch Competition, and submissions are open! Any current 9th-12th grader can enter, whether they have an idea they've never acted on or a side hustle already running. All it takes is a 90 to 120 second elevator pitch video and a 350-word executive summary. Winners get a $100 gift card, a published spotlight in the Your Future in Business & Entrepreneurship Guide, and their pitch reviewed by former Stanford and Columbia Admissions Officers. Finalists get a certificate worth adding to any college application. **Deadline is November 15th**. View competition details →

## Two More TeenLife Guides!

Both the Your Future in the Arts and Guide to Pathways for Teens guides just got full updates for 2027, and both are worth putting in front of students who are still figuring out what comes next.

- The **Arts** guide covers 230+ specific roles across visual arts, film, music, gaming, and live performance, with real salary data, portfolio advice, and a scholarship section.
- The **Pathways** guide is built for students weighing every option after graduation — trade school, gap year, military, certifications, four-year degree — with honest breakdowns and real stories from students who went each route.

### TeenLife's LIVE Pathways for Teens – Virtual Fair

This virtual fair on **November 12th at 6 pm** covers gap years, language immersion, service programs, alternative schooling and more. Register to join this free event.

## Pope's Dual Enrollment Program

The Dual Enrollment presentation has been posted on our website. REMEMBER, parent AND student must complete the test and attendance log found at the end of the presentation if you plan to take dual enrollment classes next school year (or over the summer!). If you have any questions, please reach out to your counselor!

## Pope School Counseling Website

Have you visited the Pope School Counseling website? You can find lots of useful information including grade specific presentations, tutoring help, personal support, ACT/SAT/CLT testing information, scholarship and financial aid resources, the weekly Tuesday Telegraphs from this school year, and so much more!

