RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES
COLLEGE ACCESS CHALLENGE GRANT

• Grant Implementation led by The University System of Georgia on behalf of the Governor’s Office.

• Grant Partners Include:
  1. Technical College System of Georgia
  2. Georgia Department of Education
  3. Georgia Student Finance Commission
  4. Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education
  5. Communities in Schools of Georgia
  6. Southern Regional Education Board
CACG GOALS

1) To increase the number of underrepresented students who graduate from Georgia high schools ready, supported and motivated to go into postsecondary education.

2) To increase the number of underrepresented students enrolled and persisting in postsecondary education.

3) To increase the college degree attainment of low-income adults with some college credits but no degree.
Georgia College Access Courses

• The Georgia College Access Courses were developed to provide high quality, online professional learning for certified middle grade and high school counselors and postsecondary enrollment professionals.

• For more information, please visit http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/ce/programs/onlineofferings/collegeaccess/
Georgia College Access Courses Content Development

- **Culture Course** - Building a College-Going Culture for All Students
- **Planning Course** - College, Career, and Academic Planning
- **Fiscal Course** - Financial Aid and College Applications
- **Middle Grades Course** - College and Career Counseling in the Middle Grades
Georgia College Access Courses (GCAC)

- ASCA National Model
- Facilitator led
- Four stand-alone courses
  - 8 weeks per course
  - 4 CEUs/PLUs earned per course
- Optional face-to-face course or hybrid approach
GEORGIA COLLEGE ACCESS
COURSES

Register Online Now for Summer Session – June and/or Fall Session – September!

- Registration fee reimbursed after completion of each course ($100).
- Stipend of $500 awarded to participant for completion of 3 of 4 courses.
- For additional information contact gcac@usg.edu

Registration link: http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/ce/programs/onlineofferings/collegeaccess/
GCAC External Evaluation

- 2014 online survey of more than 169 enrollees in 7 states
- Preliminary Findings:
  - 77% of counselors implemented Action Plan completed during course
  - 85% would recommend the training to their colleagues
  - 92% of counselors report they changed their practice as a result
  - 79% use course resources following completion
The Georgia Apply to College program has the goal of providing all Georgia high school seniors with the opportunity to apply to college using GAcollege411.org.

Please confirm participation to be listed on the site.

For more information, please visit http://www.usg.edu/apply-to-college,

email gacw@usg.edu or
call 404-962-3110.
The College Access Challenge Grant has provided resources to enhance GAcollege411. The site offers the following:

- Career Planning
- High School Planning
- College Planning
- Financial Aid Planning
- **Financial Literacy – LIFE SENSE**
- Resume Builder
- SAT, COMPASS AND ASSET PREP
- Info for Adult Learners and Military

For more information or to schedule a GACollege411 presentation or training for your staff or students, please visit [www.GACollege411.org](http://www.GACollege411.org) or email clientservices@gsfc.org.
The College Access Challenge Grant has provided resources to assist Georgia Student Finance Commission’s completion of Financial Aid, FAFSA Events and College Goal Georgia Events.

List of events at http://collegegoalga.com/.

For more information or to schedule a financial aid presentation, please visit www.GACollege411.org or email clientservices@gsfc.org.
Book Grants to dual enrollment students in Early College, GED Dual Enrollment programs and other students utilizing Accel, Move on When Ready and Hope Grant funding to take dual enrollment college classes are able to fund college textbook costs not covered through Georgia’s dual enrollment funding.

Schools with low income students currently enrolled in these programs can contact the appropriate program directors: Early College – Dawn Cooper (dawn.cooper@usg.edu), Hope Grant/MOWR – Dianne Lassai Barker (dbarker@tcsg.edu) and GED Dual Enrollment – Carla DeBose (CDeBose@tcsg.edu) for more information.
NEAR PEER PROGRAM

• The Near Peer Program provides college coaches/mentors for “high-need” high school students to help ensure they receive the services needed to successfully apply to and enroll in a postsecondary institution.

• For more information on this strategy, please email sheila.jones@usg.edu.

• The following USG institutions have Near Peer Programs

• Georgia Regents University - Augusta
• Atlanta Metropolitan College - Atlanta
• University of North Georgia - Gainesville
• Dalton State College - Dalton
• University of Georgia - Athens
• Fort Valley State University - Fort Valley
• Georgia Tech - Atlanta

• Albany State University - Albany
• Georgia Southwestern State University - Americus
• The Georgia Transfer Articulation Portal will provide a one stop portal where students can find information on how to transfer and articulate courses and credits within and between the University System of Georgia and Technical College System of Georgia.

• The portal will contain the information institutions have about which courses articulate between institutions and make that information transparent to students.

• For more information, email daphene.blackmon@usg.edu.
• The **CACG Public Awareness Campaign** supports all grant strategies by providing tools to promote the availability of resources.

• Materials that have been developed include but are not limited to logos, videos, banners, flyers, buttons and billboards.

• To view college access videos, please visit [http://vimeo.com/7597084](http://vimeo.com/7597084). To order any other free materials to support CACG strategies or for more information on these materials, please email [collegeaccessitems@usg.edu](mailto:collegeaccessitems@usg.edu).
What Are You Going To Do After High School?

Is college in your plans?

Or, are you thinking about a certification program at a technical school?

Or, maybe you plan to get a job?

You can find information to help with any of these options:

GSFAPPS

Instructions

GO TO "GSFAPPS" TO APPLY FOR MOST STATE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAMS (INCLUDING HOPE)

Go to GAcollege411.org

First create a GAcollege411 account by clicking on "Create an Account" at the top right of the homepage.

SET UP YOUR PROFILE

STEP 1 of 3 - Who Are You?

- Click on "GO" next to the appropriate choice (Middle or Junior High School Student; High School Student; College Student, Adult or Parent)

STEP 2 of 3

- Use pull down menus for your month and day of birth and type in the 4-digit year. Type in your full school name or choose from the list of schools already in the database.

- Click Next at the bottom of the page.

Please note: If you are not asked to enter your date of birth you will need to add it to your Profile.

STEP 3 of 3

- Type in your name

- Use pull down menus for Year of high school graduation

- Type in your e-mail address. If you do not have an e-mail address you can choose to create a GAcollege411.org e-mail address: accounts@GAcollege411.org.

- Enter an Account Name - this is the name that will appear in your profile.

WANT HOPE?

HOPE Scholarship

ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

HOPE Grant

HOPE GED Grant

2013-2014

HOPE

HELPING OUTSTANDING PUPILS EDUCATIONALLY

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF HOPE
The Community Engagement Strategy is promoting the importance of a postsecondary education among underrepresented persons throughout the state through robust community events. This strategy enables community groups to assist local educators and students by providing resources and information and sponsoring events. For more information on community engagement events, please contact creynolds@cisgeorgia.org.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT and COLLEGE ACCESS PARTNERS
Low-income adults who have "stopped out" are in danger of not completing degrees.

The College Access Challenge Grant provides clear information for transfer and dual enrollment students about which courses and programs will transfer within Georgia's public higher education system.

Program Summary

The College Access Challenge Grant program seeks to increase postsecondary degree attainment of prekindergarten to grade 12 students traditionally underrepresented in higher education. These students include first-time freshmen, transfer students, adults returning to college, and the military. It also works to increase degree attainment of Georgia's low income adults with some college credit but no degree.

The College Access Challenge Grant program emphasizes performance, partnerships, and the overall value to higher education as part of its metrics for success.
DISCONNECTED YOUTH PARTNERS & STRATEGIES

SAVE THE DATE:
February 18-19, 2015
(TENTATIVE 2015 CONFERENCE DATE!)
COMMUNITY RESOURCE STRATEGY

• Please invite us to come to your district, school and community and share our resources promoting college access and success with your community partners, parents and students *(especially seniors!!)*

• Target Communities include:
  • Rural Georgia
  • High-Need Metro-Atlanta

• Other focus areas include:
  • Foster Youth
  • Homeless Youth
  • Teen Parents
  • Juvenile Justice youth or offspring
  • High-Need Minority Males
  • Migrant & Refugee Youth

• Contact *dawn.cooper@usg.edu* for presentations.
NEXT STEPS...

• Assess needs of your schools and your students
• Review the CACG resources that may assist with meeting needs
• Collect information on how to get started
• Reach out to the resource contact if you need assistance
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