



COLLEGE ACCESS
CHALLENGE G R A N T



***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*

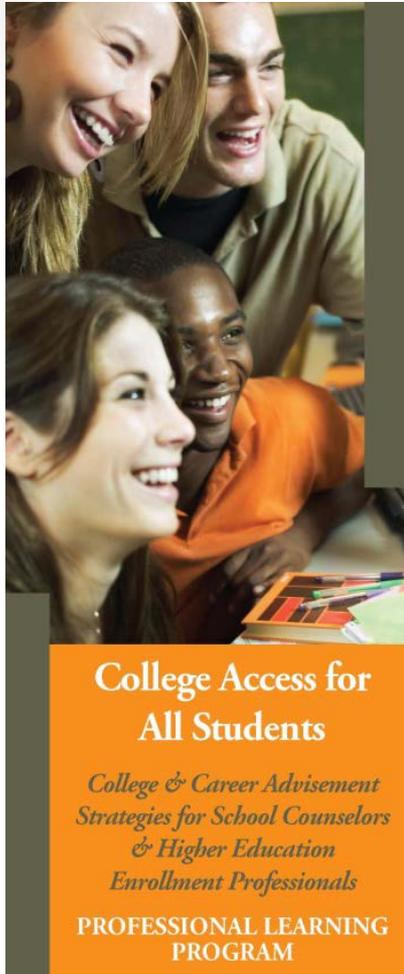


CACG GOALS

- 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)

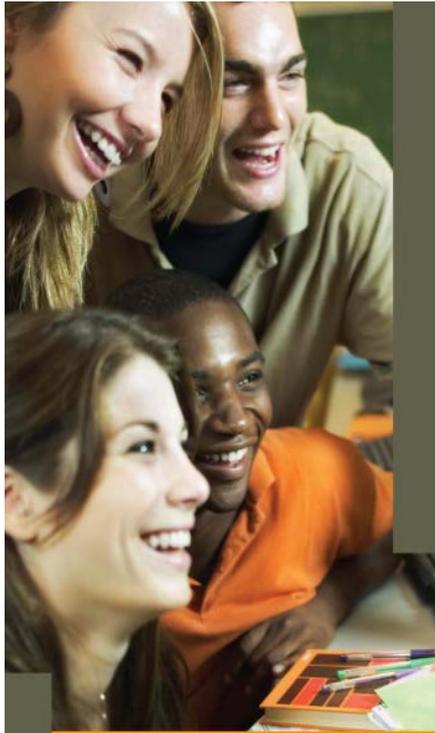
- ASCA National Model
- Facilitator led
- Four *stand-alone* courses
 - 8 weeks per course
 - 4 CEUs/PLUs earned per course
- Optional face-to-face course or hybrid approach



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**](mailto:gcac@usg.edu)
- Registration link: [**http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/ce/programs/onlineofferings/collegeaccess/**](http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/ce/programs/onlineofferings/collegeaccess/)



**College Access for
All Students**

*College & Career Advisement
Strategies for School Counselors
& Higher Education
Enrollment Professionals*

**PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
PROGRAM**



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



University System of Georgia ♦ Technical College System of Georgia
Georgia Independent College Association ♦ Communities in Schools
Georgia Student Finance Commission ♦ Georgia Department of Education
Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education



- The Georgia Apply to College program has the goal of providing all Georgia high school seniors with the opportunity to apply to college using [GAcollge411.org](http://www.usg.edu/apply-to-college).
- 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.



GACollege411

Expand Your Opportunities

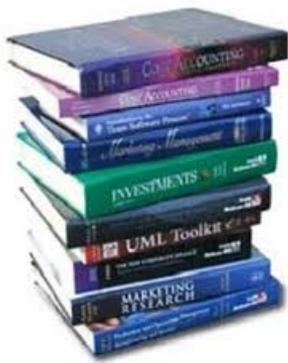
- The College Access Challenge Grant has provided resources to enhance GACollege411. The site offers the following:
 - Career Planning
 - High School Planning
 - College Planning
 - Financial Aid Planning
 - ***Financial Literacy – LIFE SENSE***
 - Resume Builder
 - SAT, COMPASS AND ASSET PREP
 - Info 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 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/>.
-  (Bottom right)
- For more information or to schedule a financial aid presentation, please visit www.GACollege411.org or email clientservices@gsfc.org.





COLLEGE TEXTBOOK GRANTS

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.



Make Your Dream
a Reality

Apply to College

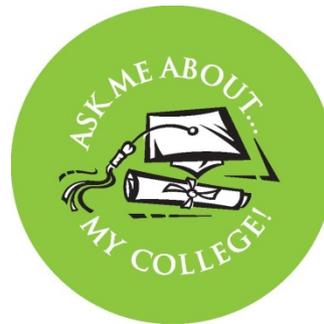
Create a Gacollege411.org account and get started!



- 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>. To order any other free materials to support CACG strategies or for more information on these materials, please email collegeaccessitems@usg.edu.

GATracs

Georgia Transfer Articulation Cooperative Services



YOU . COLLEGE . NOW .

TAKE YOUR EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL. NOW IS THE TIME.

Sign up NOW.
GAcollge411.org
Expand Your Opportunities

- Talk to your Counselors and your Teachers
- Get your parents Connected to the process
- Sign up at GAcollge411.org
- Become a fan of our Facebook page

Check out schools at:
usg.edu and tcsg.edu



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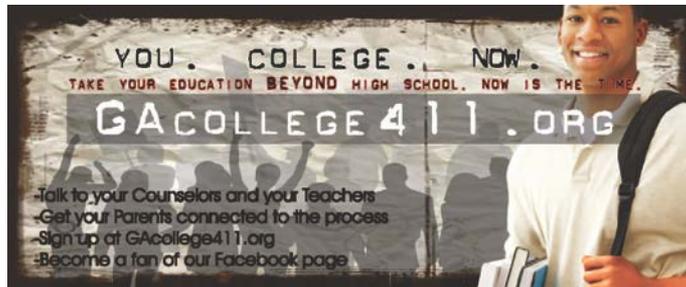
Why Not You?

COLLEGE IS FOR EVERYONE!

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Take the 1st Step to Success

Apply to College

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Make Your Dream a Reality

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MIDDLE SCHOOL CHECKLIST



It's never too early to think about what you want to be when you grow up. The Middle School Checklist introduces the great tools and features available on GAcollege411.org so you can explore the many careers available. Follow the checklist to prepare for high school and your life after high school.

SIXTH GRADE

- Meet with your school counselor to obtain your GAcollege411.org account information. If your school did not create an account for you, create one yourself! Just follow the steps below:
 1. Go to GAcollege411.org
 2. Click on CREATE AN ACCOUNT
 3. Select MIDDLE SCHOOL or JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
 4. Enter your date of birth
 5. Click on FIND and scroll down to find your school (look for the full name of your school)
 6. Select the year of your high school graduation
 7. Use something unique for your account name. It could be your email address, first and last name plus your birthday or school ID number
- During 6th grade, you should take at least one career assessment. These tests can help you get a better idea of what kind of career you might enjoy. You have six assessments to choose from:
 - Career Cluster Survey
 - The Career Key
 - Basic Skills Survey
 - Interest Profiler
 - Work Values Sorter
 - Transferable Skills Checklist
- When you find a career that seems interesting, save it to YOUR PORTFOLIO!

What Are You Going To Do After High School?

Is college in your plans?
Or, are you thinking about a certificate program at a technical school?
Or, maybe you plan to get a job?



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

GSFAPPS Instructions

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

Go to GAcollege411.org
First create a [GAcollege411](http://GAcollege411.org) 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 find to 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 menu for Year of high school graduation
- Type in your E-mail address (if you don't have an E-mail address, you can choose to create a GAcollege411.org email address: accountname@gacollege411.org).
- Enter an Account Name - this is the name that will

HIGH SCHOOL CHECKLIST

The High School Checklist is a great way to stay on track for graduation. This checklist highlights the many tools and features available on GAcollege411.org to help you stay organized and prepare you for life after high school.

NINTH GRADE

- Update YOUR PROFILE within YOUR PORTFOLIO to reflect that you are now a high school student and establish a connection to your High school.
- Visit the CAREER PLANNING tab to explore careers and save three new careers to YOUR PORTFOLIO.
- Meet with your school counselor to go over YOUR PLAN OF STUDY in the HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING section.
- Start thinking about your college major by exploring programs and majors in the COLLEGE PLANNING section.
- Set short-term goals for yourself - academic, career or personal. You can enter them in YOUR PORTFOLIO.
- Check out PREPARE FOR COLLEGE in the COLLEGE PLANNING section to learn about postsecondary options, to help determine the right college, as well as to understand college entrance requirements.
- Use the college savings calculator under FINANCIAL AID PLANNING to help figure out how much you need to save for college.
- Explore extracurricular activities in your school and community and record your participation in YOUR EXPERIENCES AND ACTIVITIES in YOUR PORTFOLIO.
- Learn how your Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated and how you can track your GPA eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship with GEORGIA'S HOPE PROGRAM in the FINANCIAL AID PLANNING section.

TENTH GRADE

- Meet with your school counselor.
- Learn about dual enrollment options for earning and funding college credit while still in high school.
- Take the PSAT in October.
- Talk to your school counselor about the tests you will need for college admissions and take advantage of the FREE test help available in the TEST PREP section of COLLEGE PLANNING.
- Start exploring colleges in Georgia and nationwide to find schools that interest you and save your top choices to YOUR



PAYING FOR COLLEGE

SCHOLARSHIPS

FAFSA

GSFAPPS

GRANTS

LOANS



WANT HOPE?

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

HOPE GRANT

HOPE GED GRANT

2013-2014

HOPE

HELPING OUTSTANDING PUPILS EDUCATIONALLY

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF HOPE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS



- 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



**COLLEGE CONNECTIONS
FOR STUDENT SUCCESS:**
A Focus on Foster Care, Homeless
& Other Disconnected Youth

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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