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
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.
CACG STRATEGIES

- Apply to College
- Counselor Training and Tools
- GACollege411
- FAFSA Events
- College Textbook Grants
- Near Peer Program
- Adult Learners Consortium
- GATRACS
- Military Outreach
- Public Awareness Resources
- Motivational Modules
- Community Engagement Events
- DOE Individual Graduation Plan
CACG BIG WINS

• GAcollege411accounts have almost doubled!
• FAFSAs filed have almost doubled — for a 182% increase!
• College applications through GAcollege411 online have risen 65%!
• Public higher education enrollment has reached new records!
  • 311,442 USG students
  • 197,059 TCSG students
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.

Program has been extended! Apply today!!

For more information, please visit http://www.usg.edu/apply-to-college, email gacw@usg.edu or call 404-962-3110.
COUNSELOR TRAINING MODULES

• The **College Access: Creating a College-Going Culture Modules** 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://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/collegeaccess.html](http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/collegeaccess.html).
COUNSELOR TRAINING MODULES

Special Summer Cohort
Register Online Now!

• Start Date – July 9th – Modules 2 & 3 offered concurrently (can be taken out of sequence).
  • Module 2 – career planning, academic planning, college choice
  • Module 3 – Financial Literacy, Financial Aid, Admission Tests/Processes
• Registration fee reimbursed after completion of each module ($100).
• Special ‘summer’ stipend of $300 awarded to participant for completion of each module.
The College Access Challenge Grant has provided resources to enhance GAcollege411 as well as Georgia Student Finance Commission’s **Financial Aid and FAFSA Events**.

- For more information or to schedule a financial aid presentation, please visit [www.GACollege411.org](http://www.GACollege411.org) or email clientservices@gsfc.org.
COLLEGE TEXTBOOK GRANTS

Book Grants to dual enrollment students in Early College, Move on When Ready, and GED Dual Enrollment programs are available 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 – Sheila Caldwell (scaldwell@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 Adult Learning Consortium is designed to assist in improving adult learner-focused services, programs and outreach to Georgia adults who are interested in completing college.

The Georgia ONmyLINE website provides access to several courses and degree programs that are well suited for adult learners.

For more information, please visit www.discoveryourgoal.net.
• 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, Technical College System of Georgia, and dual enrollment.

• The portal will contain the information institutions have about which courses articulate between institutions and make that information transparent to students. It is scheduled to launch this spring.

• For more information, email daphene.blackmon@usg.edu.
• The Military Outreach Strategy was developed to create military friendly campuses throughout the system and attract, retain and graduate military members, veterans and their families.

• The Military Resource Centers established will serve as the hub for the military student and family members to ask questions, get information, and experience the experience of being with other military students.

• For more information, email militaryoutreach@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 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!

GSFAPPS Instructions

USE 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 A-D year. Type in your full school name or choose first to choose from the list of schools available in your area.

STEP 3 of 3

• Type in your name

• Type in your E-mail address (if you don’t have an e-mail address, you can choose to create a GACollege411.org

Paying For College

Student Loan and Financial Aid Information
• 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.
MOTIVATIONAL MODULES

- The Motivational Modules, are a comprehensive resource containing critical messages that schools and communities can instill in the minds of the students and parents regarding the accessibility and importance of college and careers.
- The underlying message of the modules is that college is desirable and obtainable to any student to obtain a better quality of life…but you have to go after it yourself.
- For more information and training on how to use the modules http://www.gsfc.org/main/publishing/volunteer_resource/index.cfm.
It’s for real.

• Over a lifetime a college graduate earns over $1 million more than a person with a high school diploma.
What kind of paycheck would you like to take home?

High School Dropout

$6.55 \times 40 \text{ hrs./wk.} = $262.00

$262.00 \times 52 \text{ wks./yr.} = $13,624
DOE Individual Graduation Plan

• CACG provides additional resources for the Georgia Department of Education promotion and training for Counselors and Career Technical and Agricultural Education Directors on the advisement mandated by the BRIDGE Act.

• For more information on this strategy, please contact espann@doe.k12.ga.us.
COMMUNITY RESOURCE STRATEGY

• Please invite us to come speak to your district, school and community partners about one or all of our resources.

• Please invite us to come speak directly with your students (especially seniors!!) for any events you are planning promoting college access and success.
NEXT STEPS...
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• Assess needs of your schools and your students
• Review 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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OR to get CACG Outreach materials:

CollegeAccessItems@usg.edu