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Professional Center Accounts

Do you have your Professional Center account set up? Did you know you can monitor your student's accounts and find out what assessments they have completed, if they've submitted an admissions application and much more? You'll also need a Professional Center account to send transcripts to colleges. If you haven't set up your account, please contact Sarah Baumhoff at sarahb@gafc.org for additional information. Please note, if you were still using your Counselor Center account it has been deactivated and you must use the Professional Center.

We're on Facebook and Twitter

GAcollege411 is now on Facebook and Twitter. You can become a fan and follow our postings.

We'll be highlighting different events taking place during the month as well as offering college planning tips.



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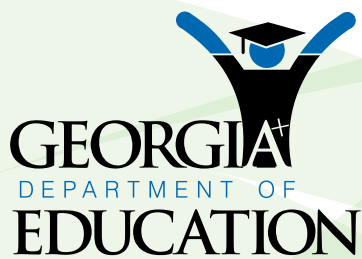
Be sure and check out our trivia contest on Facebook and win a GAcollege411 Prize Pack! We hope you'll encourage your students to be a fan of GAcollege411 on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!

School of the Month

Are you using GAcollege411 in a unique way at your school? If so, we want to hear about it. We will be featuring a school on the GAcollege411 home page each month. For your school to be featured, we want to know how you are using GAcollege411. If you'd like to nominate your school, please visit the following link:

[School of the Month](#)

We will be combining all the information about how you are using the site to share with other counselors and educators across the state as some of the best practices for using GAcollege411.



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Supporting COUNSELORS at their work

What is 'Supporting Counselors at Their Work'?

The Georgia Department of Education, in collaboration with First District, Middle Georgia and Pioneer RESAs, is sponsoring a one day drive-in session entitled Supporting Counselors at Their Work. Designed for high school and middle school counselors and their principals, Supporting Counselors at Their Work will offer the latest information and professional learning necessary to implement quality education and career guidance for all students in middle and high school.

When and where will the sessions be held?

- Registration and breakfast for ALL sessions will begin at 7:45 a.m. The sessions conclude at 4:00 p.m.

NORTH (RESAs: Metro, Northwest, North, Pioneer, West Georgia and Northeast)

- The one-day workshop for the Metro RESA area will be held on Monday, April 19, 2010 at the Gainesville Civic Center in Gainesville, GA.
- The one-day workshop for the Northwest, North, Pioneer, West Georgia and Northeast RESA areas will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at the Arbor Connection in Douglasville, GA.

CENTRAL (RESAs: Griffin, Chattahoochee-Flint, Middle Georgia, Oconee, and CSRA)

- The one-day workshop for the Griffin and Chattahoochee-Flint RESA areas will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at the Anderson Conference Center in Macon, GA.
- The one-day workshop for the Middle Georgia, Oconee, CSRA RESA areas will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2010, at the Anderson Conference Center in Macon GA.

SOUTH (RESAs: Southwest Georgia, Heart of Georgia, Coastal Plains, First District, and Okefenokee)

- The one-day workshop for the Southwest Georgia, Heart of Georgia, and Coastal Plains RESA areas will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at the UGA Campus Conference Center in Tifton, GA.
- The one-day workshop for the Middle Georgia, Oconee, Central Savannah RESA areas will be held on Thursday, April 29, 2010 at the East Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah, GA.

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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17
7:00 PM ON GPB ATLANTA'S CHANNEL 8**

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Who should attend?

- Because of limited space and funds, the Georgia Department of Education invites one counselor and one principal from each middle and high school to attend the session in the assigned RESA area. The attending counselor and principal should plan to share the session information with the school's additional counselors and administrators.

What are the costs or incentives?

- There is no workshop cost or registration fee.
- If the counselor and the principal attend the workshop, their school will receive a \$100 incentive grant to help cover travel costs for the workshop.
- Continental breakfast as well as lunch will be provided to each participant at no charge.

How may counselors and principals register?

- NORTH - Register on-line at Pioneer RESA at www.pioneerresa.org / 706-865-6748 for questions. DEADLINE April 12, 2010
- CENTRAL - Register on-line with Middle Georgia RESA at www.mgresa.org / 478-475-8626 for questions. DEADLINE April 2, 2010
- SOUTH - Register on-line with First District RESA at www.fдреса.org / 912-842-5000 for questions. DEADLINE April 2, 2010

Topics will include:

- The Professional School Counselor's Role
- Counselor/Principal Relationships
- Dual Enrollment
- CTAE Assessment
- The Fourth Science
- Teachers-As-Advisors
- GAcollge 411
- Transitions
- Programs of Study

Third Annual Georgia Apply to College Week to be Held November 8-12, 2010

Plans are currently underway for the third annual Georgia Apply to College Week (GACW) to be held the second week of November. All Georgia high schools are encouraged to visit the GACW website (www.usg.edu/apply-to-college) to learn more about GACW and to apply to participate in this exciting opportunity.

GACW, an event sponsored by the Georgia Department of Education, Communities in Schools, the Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges, the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the Technical College System of Georgia and the University System of Georgia, is designed to provide Georgia high school seniors with the opportunity to apply to college using GAcollege411, with a focus on providing assistance to first generation and underrepresented students. The event provides high schools with the opportunity to set aside a day when applying to college can be the focus for their seniors. Prior to the event, students from the participating high schools complete activities designed to help them research and get excited about college. During GACW, those students receive hands-on assistance from specially trained college and community volunteers as they complete and submit their application(s) for admission.

The feedback received in response to the 2008 and 2009 events has been overwhelmingly positive from participating students, high school counselors and graduation coaches, as well as from the college and community volunteers who provided assistance during the event. Plans include continuing to expand the number of high schools participating in GACW in 2010.

Closing Thoughts

It is almost Spring and we know that you are extremely busy during this time of year. Please accept our thanks and appreciation for all that you do to help Georgia students. If there is anything we can do to assist you, please don't hesitate to contact us!

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