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**The Georgia Student Finance Commission to Host Second Annual
“College, Yes You Can” Day at the Capitol**
State School Superintendent Kathy Cox as guest speaker

ATLANTA – Transitioning from high school to college can be an intimidating process for most students and their parents. There are many things that can be done to prepare ahead of time so that the transition to college is a smooth one. On Monday, January 11, 2010, the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) will host its Second Annual “College, Yes You Can” Day at the State Capitol to offer students various options that will help them expand their opportunities beyond high school.

Over 500 high school students representing 23 schools from across the state of Georgia are expected to attend. While at the Capitol, they will receive assistance with our web portal, www.GAcollege411.org to explore career and post-secondary opportunities. Students will have the ability to create accounts, complete online applications to Georgia colleges and universities and speak with financial aid and college admissions experts. In addition, all high school students in attendance will have a chance to win a \$500 scholarship to be used at an accredited post-secondary institution.

“The future success of our young people depends on their access to a wide range of quality higher education opportunities. Accessibility to these opportunities will ensure a well educated and highly trained world class workforce,” said Tim Connell, president of the Georgia Student Finance Commission. “We want students to walk away from ‘College, Yes You Can’ Day with all the information they need to help them move towards pursuing a post-secondary education.”

This year’s guest speaker will be State Superintendent of Schools Kathy Cox. As State Superintendent, one of Cox’s goals has been to ensure that all students in Georgia achieve at high levels, regardless of their background, situation or location.

“It is important for students, parents and counselors to be aware of the many opportunities that exist to help students plan for post-secondary education,” said State Superintendent of Schools Kathy Cox. “‘College, Yes You Can’ Day will be a great chance for high school students, their parents and counselors to learn about the many great resources available to help make their college dreams into realities.”

The event is free of charge and open to the public. High school and college students, counselors, and educators are encouraged to attend.

- WHAT:** Second Annual College, Yes You Can Day at the Capitol
- WHO:** Georgia Student Finance Commission, students, high school counselors, financial aid officers and legislators
- WHEN:** Monday, January 11, 2010
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., **Program begins at 10:00 a.m.**
- WHERE:** Georgia State Capitol
206 Washington Street, South Wing
Atlanta, GA 30334

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About the Georgia Student Finance Commission

Since 1965 the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) has provided more than \$9 billion in financial aid to help over three million Georgians achieve their dreams of higher education. GSFC funds and services 15 different low-interest education loan programs including Stafford and PLUS loans, consolidation loans, and state service cancelable loans. GSFC also administers multiple scholarship and grant programs, including the nationally acclaimed HOPE Scholarship and Grant Program. Additional information about GSFC products and services is available at www.gsfc.org or (800) 505-GSFC (4732).