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Hundreds of students attend the Georgia Student Finance Commission's second annual "College, Yes You Can" Day at the Capitol

ATLANTA – For the second year, the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) hosted its Annual "College, Yes You Can" Day at the Capitol on January 11, 2010. More than 460 students, representing 17 schools from across the state of Georgia, received assistance with exploring career and post-secondary opportunities.

During the event, students spoke with financial aid and college admissions experts, learned about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), heard about how HOPE GPA's are calculated, created accounts on www.GAcollge411.org, completed online applications to Georgia colleges and universities. In addition, a student from Meadowcreek High School in Gwinnett County won a \$500 scholarship to be used at an accredited post-secondary institution.

State Superintendent of Schools Kathy Cox delivered a motivating speech on the importance of continuing education as this year's keynote speaker. In addition, Andrew Ross Sheppard, Zachary Smith and Michelle Lank, college students, shared the importance of planning for college and taking advantage of all the services offered by the state of Georgia to help them fulfill their dreams of higher education.

"We wanted the students to know that there are a variety of options to prepare them for life after high school. The future success of our young people depends on their access to a wide range of quality higher education opportunities. GSFC connects Georgians to these resources and services that will ensure a well educated and highly trained world class workforce," said Tim Connell, president of the Georgia Student Finance Commission.

Visit www.gsfc.org or www.GAcollge411.org today for more information on scholarships and grants, financial aid options, college and career planning and more.

View Photo 1: Regina Venson (center) of the Georgia Student Finance Commission speaking with students about the importance of filling out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for federal student financial aid. (Photo credit: Gary Meek/Gary W. Meek Photography, Inc.)

View Photo 2: Thomas Meunier of the Georgia Student Finance Commission sharing information with students about [GAcollge411.org](http://www.GAcollge411.org), a one-stop shop for all information regarding state scholarships, grants, loans and other educational and financial services. (Photo credit: Gary Meek/Gary W. Meek Photography, Inc.)

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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).

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