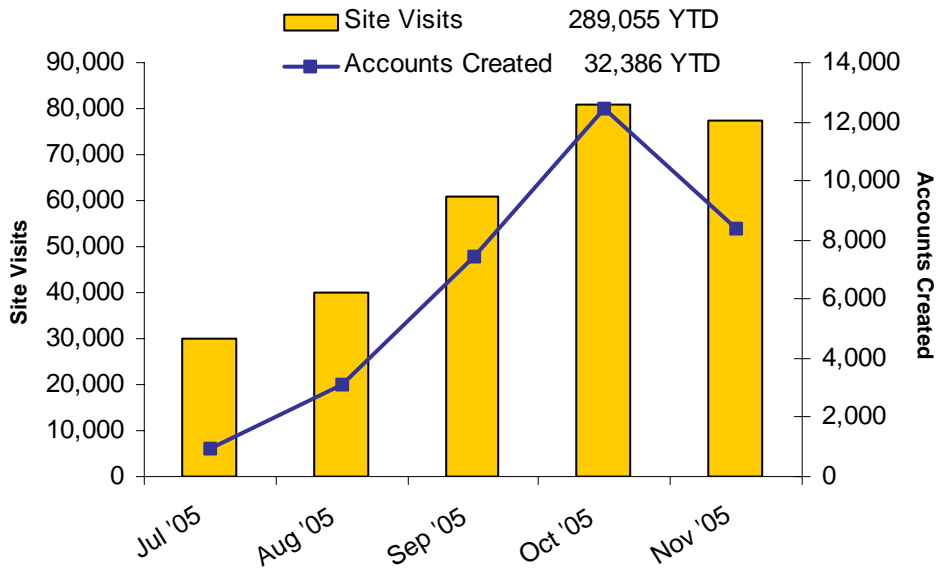
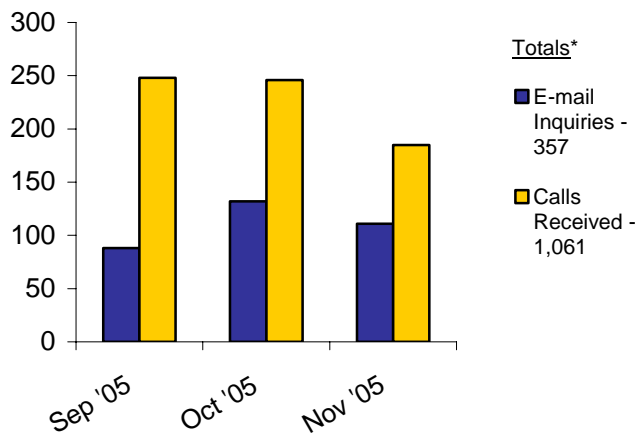


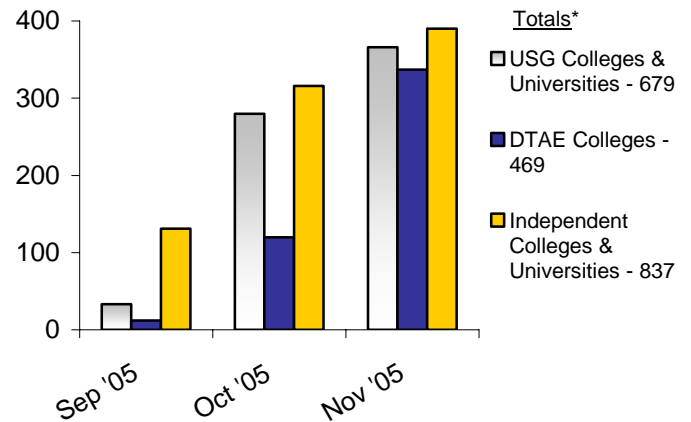
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\*Totals represent 08/05 - present

### Significant Highlights

#### **Georgia Student Financial Aid Applications (GSFAPPS) Goes Live November 15, 2005**

One of the goals of GAcollege411 is to make it easier for students to plan, apply, and pay for college. A new key feature in the 'paying' category that simplifies the financial aid application process is GSFAPPS. Once a student has identified all of the scholarship, grant, or service cancelable loan programs he/she is interested in applying for, a single application including all relevant questions is provided for completion. All fields that can be pre-filled from information contained in the student's My411 Account will be presented for confirmation of accuracy. Once the form is completed and submitted, the student can check the status of the applications through their My411 Account. The new process makes the process much easier and quicker.

#### **GSFC Partners with GPB to Produce Three WebCasts on the New HOPE Scholarship GPA Calculation Process and the GAcollege411 Transcript Exchange**

Now counselors and school administrators can learn more about the upcoming changes to the HOPE Scholarship GPA calculation set to take effect in 2007 without leaving their schools. Utilizing webcast technology and video production expertise provided by Georgia Public Broadcasting, three training sessions are now available for viewing by high school and district level personnel. Training sessions are 30 minutes or less in length and require an Internet connected computer with Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 and Windows Media Player 9.0 installed.

The training session topics are:

- 1) The New HOPE Scholarship GPA Calculation - An Overview
- 2) Data for Transcript Exchange and HOPE Scholarship GPA
- 3) The New HOPE Scholarship GPA Calculation - Step by Step

To access the webcasts go to [GAcollege411.org](http://GAcollege411.org). Select the School Counselor button on the homepage (left navigation bar) and then choose High School Transcript from the bulleted list. You will be provided with additional transcript exchange information plus a link to the Transcript Exchange document library. All of the current documents, presentations, and training sessions are available from this display. This is the place to find the most current and comprehensive information on the HOPE Scholarship GPA calculation process and the transcript exchange. Bookmark this site for quick and frequent access.

#### **All DTAE College Applications are Live on GAcollege411**

In November, all 34 public technical colleges went live with online admissions applications on GAcollege411. DTAE is the first agency to have all of its institutions able to receive applications submitted on the site. "GAcollege411 has significantly enhanced our ability to process new applications," said Ray Mercer of Columbus Technical College. "It's also helping us inform key personnel about new students in special groups, such as veterans and HOPE recipients. Once we integrated the GAcollege411 link to our website, new applicants began using it with ease, with no need for any additional instructions or assistance."

All technical college applications use a common application format in which approximately 95% of the questions are the same. (The format is based on the application used by students applying to the Georgia Virtual Technical College.) Each college can add customized questions to the basic application to meet individual needs. The common format makes it easy for students to apply to multiple colleges with little additional effort. Most of the fields completed from the first application are pre-filled automatically on subsequent applications. This will hold true for fields that are common across applications for the University System and technical colleges as well.

#### **Special Audience Presentations\***

In addition to the agency, board, and conference presentations highlighted for November in the previous Update, a presentation was made at the *Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) GO Alliance Meeting*. Over 40 information sessions were also conducted for students, parents and school personnel across the state.

\*A full schedule of presentations and workshops can be found on the *Events Calendar* listed on [GAcollege411.org](http://GAcollege411.org)