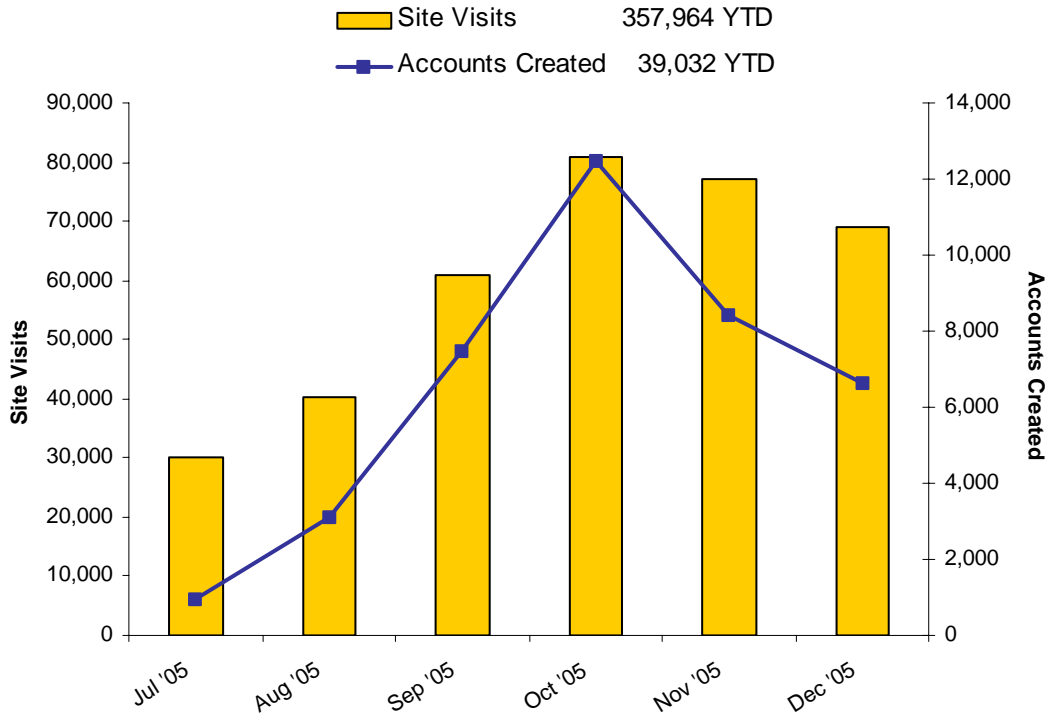
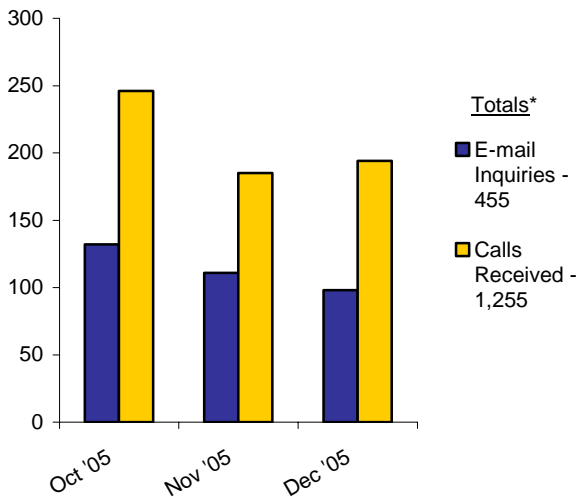


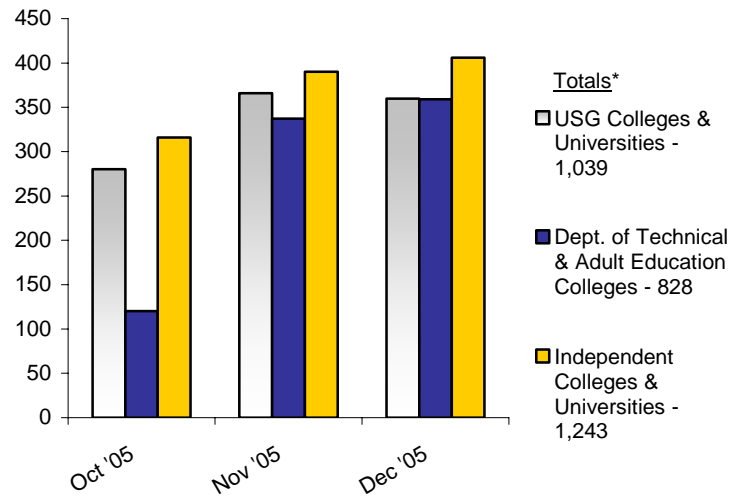
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**Significant Highlights**

**Counselors-in-Residence Join GAcollege411**

In December, the Georgia Student Finance Commission completed counselor-in-residence interviews and invited two high school counselors to join the GAcollege411 project through June. During their tenure with GSFC, the counselors-in-residence will develop training materials and delivery schedules for counselor training sessions, and they will offer their expertise to support enhancements and improvements of the site. They will be ambassadors for the program, interacting with college and school personnel, community groups, parents, and many other constituencies. We are very pleased to introduce them in this update and will provide information throughout the spring regarding training session development and implementation.

**Teresa Perez** was formerly with Dade County (Florida) Public Schools, where she served as a high school college advisor and as a guidance counselor. She is currently a guidance counselor with Muscogee County Schools, where she will return after her assignment with GAcollege411. Teresa brings with her the ability to work with non-English-speaking students from various countries as well as her experience working with various at-risk youth programs. She is active in both professional and community organizations. Teresa has a Bachelor's degree in Human Services and a Master's degree in Guidance Counseling from St. Thomas University in Miami. "I am very excited to be working with GSFC because it's a great opportunity to expand a program (GAcollege411) that can assist so many in very important ways."

**Judy Rangel** is currently a counselor with Carrolton City Schools. Previously she has served the Buford City School System and as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher with Cobb County Schools. Judy has created and directed several innovative programs throughout her tenure, the most recent being a series of high school success workshops for parents and students. She is an active member of her community and has affiliations with many professional organizations. Judy has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Clemson University; a Master's of Education in School Counseling from Georgia State University (GSU); and a Specialist of Education in School Counseling from GSU. "I believe in the potential of Georgia's students and I believe in GAcollege411! I cherish the opportunity to visit various regions of our state to deliver the GAcollege411 program."

Teresa and Judy truly make fine additions to the GAcollege411 initiative and will both make important contributions to the program in the months ahead.

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**Transcript Exchange Workbooks Mailed to High Schools**

Recently the *GAcollege411 Transcript Exchange Pre-Installation Workbook For High Schools* was mailed to all Georgia high schools. The workbook contains vital, detailed information about the changes coming to the HOPE Scholarship program in 2007 and what those changes will require of schools.

With over 550 public and private high schools, more than 25 different Student Information Systems, and approximately 248 state working days remaining in 2006, it is imperative that schools begin preparing for this

process. The workbook contains exercises that will help schools identify the data required for the HOPE Scholarship GPA calculation and to get ready to work with Georgia Student Finance Commission's Transcript Exchange Software Installation team. It is important that school personnel read all of the available materials and complete the exercises in the workbook, as this will ensure a smooth transition to the new GPA calculation method.

Historical and recent documents about HOPE legislation and the Transcript Exchange process are maintained in the Transcript Exchange Document Library on the GAcollege411 website. Schools may download the workbook and future updates in electronic form by visiting the library. This information may be found in the School Counselor's section of GAcollege411 by accessing "High School Transcripts," and following the link to the library.

**Special Audience Presentations and Promotions**

**Applying for College** postcard mailed to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students – January

A full schedule of presentations and workshops can be found on the *Events Calendar* listed on GAcollege411.org.