

11th + 12th Grade Family Presentation

Taran Smith

Wendy Bucaj

Kell High School

Open House – August 19, 2025



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<https://www.cobbk12.org/kell/page/47041/counseling-department>

Counseling Staff	Book an Appointment	Responsibilities
Delbert Green	Meet with Mr. Green	Student Last Names A - D
Holly Von Lanken	Meet with Ms. Von Lanken	Department Leader Student Last Names E - K

Kell Class of 2026
HS Counselor

Kell Class of 2027
HS Counselor

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School Counselors



Del Green
Last Names A - D



Holly Von Lanken
Last Names E - K



Taran Smith
Last Names L - Rh



Wendy Bucaj
Last Names Ri - Z

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Junior Advisement


- Starting in October to the end of the Semester
- 30-minute individual meetings with Counselors to discuss remainder of high school, post-secondary plans, and to update their Individualized Graduation Plan (IGP).
- Be on the lookout next month for communication regarding Junior Advisement appointments.
- Optional for parents to attend, email counselor or inform student of desire to attend.

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Want more information about Dual Enrollment?

- Plan to attend the following Information Sessions
- CCSD Dual Enrollment Summit - August 28th at 6pm at the Cobb Civic Center
- Kell DE Information Session – September 11th at 5:30pm in the Kell Theater
- More information on the DE website – www.tinyurl.com/KellDE

100% PAID COLLEGE TUITION, MANDATORY FEES, & BOOKS!
LEARN MORE AT THE
DUAL ENROLLMENT SUMMIT
SAVE THE DATE

WHEN
AUGUST 28TH
6:00 - 8:00 PM

WHAT
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- To earn college credit
- Receive free tuition and books
- Traditional and CTAE Courses

INFORMATIVE GENERAL SESSIONS

- General presentation
- With a high school counselor
- With a choice of college representatives


COBB COUNTY CIVIC CENTER
545 SOUTH MARBETTA PKWY SE, MARBETTA, GA

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM
CHATTahoochee
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

6:35 PM - 6:55 PM
GENERAL SESSION
KENNESAW STATE
UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES ON SITE

 CHATTahoochee
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

 KENNESAW STATE
UNIVERSITY

 **GHC**
Georgia Highlands College

 **GT** Georgia Tech.

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Post-Secondary Options

- Apprenticeships and Job Training
- Military
- Specialty Schools
- 2-Year and/or Technical College
- 4-Year College/University
- Other/Gap

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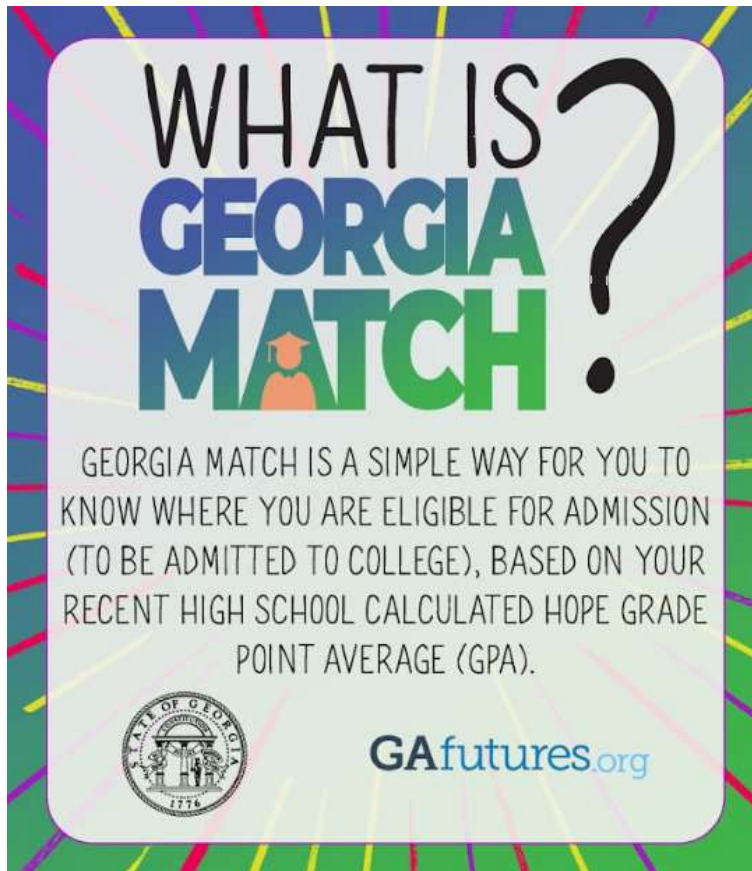
Military and Military Academies

Military Branch	Website	Academy
Army 	www.army.mil	U.S. Military Academy West Point, NY
Marine Corps 	www.marines.mil	
Navy 	www.navy.mil	U.S. Naval Academy Annapolis, MD
Air Force 	www.airforce.mil	U.S. Air Force Academy Colorado Springs, CO
Space Force 	www.spaceforce.mil	
Coast Guard 	www.uscg.mil	U.S. Coast Guard Academy New London, CT

- Speak with a recruiter to learn about opportunities available in the military
- Excellent scholarships are available for students who pursue ROTC in college
- Take the ASVAB for career placement and branch eligibility
- Military academy appointments are highly competitive, and students accepted attend completely FREE

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GEORGIA MATCH



- GEORGIA MATCH is a simple way for you to know where you are eligible for admission (to be admitted to college), based on your high school calculated HOPE grade point average (GPA) through 11th grade.
- Note: GEORGIA MATCH works with public and private accredited high schools in Georgia only.
- A senior's GEORGIA MATCH colleges are found on one's [GAfutures Student Dashboard](#).

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Requirements aren't the same...

High School Graduation

- Determined by GA Department of Ed (DOE)
- **Tracked by you**, your teachers, and your school counselor
- Are needed before you earn a diploma – you graduate if you earn the minimum
- Includes **23** required credits in specific areas

College Admission

- Determined by the individual college
- **Tracked by you** – it is your responsibility to find out what the school wants
- Are needed before you can be accepted – **you may not be accepted with just the minimum**
- Includes SAT, ACT, Accuplacer

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College Entrance Exams

University System of Georgia Required for Class of 2026

ACT

- Register www.actstudent.org
- Free online practice: ACT Academy

SAT

- Register www.sat.org
- Free online practice: Khan Academy
- Online ONLY
- Kell School Day SAT Seniors Only Oct 22, 2025-register mypaymentsplus.com

Students who receive Free and/or Reduced Lunch qualify for fee waivers.

Please contact your school counselor!

Kell SAT Prep Program

- SAT Review will be after school for 1.5 hours
 - Sept 9, 11, 16, 18, and 30; Oct 2, 7, and 9
- \$100 for the 8 sessions, pay on Mypaymentsplus.com (registration limited to 22)

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Paying for College (Financial Aid)

- Scholarships
 - **Do not** have to be repaid.
- Federal Student Grants
 - Exceptional financial need and who have not earned a bachelor's or graduate degree
 - **Do not** have to be repaid.
- Federal Work-study
 - *Provides part-time paid jobs for students with financial need.*
- Loans (Federal & Private)
 - **Do** have to be repaid and typically include the amount borrowed plus interest.

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JOIN US

for a

Parent Workshop

with

—THE— COLLEGE FUNDING COACH®

**Little-Known Secrets of
Paying for College**

Kell High School

October 7th

7 PM



zoom

[Click Here to Reserve Your Seat](#)

Or visit us at

TheCollegeFundingCoach.org

“On average, tuition tends to increase about 8% per year. An 8% college inflation rate means that the cost of college doubles about every nine years.” (Finaid.org) Planning for these expenses has become essential. Some families have children attending college next year and others have years to plan, but the fears of tackling these monumental and rising costs are the same. The College Funding Coach® is here to help families figure out HOW to pay for it and still retire one day.



Very informative talk! Thanks! I just realized that there are many resources I am not aware of! - Milly K.

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Paying for College – HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship

HOPE Scholarship

Basic eligibility requirements:

- Graduate high school with a minimum 3.0 calculated HOPE GPA
- Earn a minimum of four (4) full rigor credits from the [Academic Rigor Course List](#)
- Meet U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements

Zell Miller Scholarship

Basic eligibility requirements:

- Graduate with a minimum 3.7 calculated HOPE GPA
- Earn a minimum of four (4) full rigor credits from the [Academic Rigor Course List](#)
- Earn a qualifying test score on a single administration of the ACT or SAT prior to high school graduation.
- Current Test Score Requirements:
 - **SAT: 1200**
 - **ACT: TBD** equivalent ACT composite score determined on January 15th

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SEPTEMBER Scholarships

SEPTEMBER GA SCHOLARSHIPS

Due 9/2 [Georgia Securities Association Scholarship](#)
Georgia Securities Association Scholarship provides financial assistance to members of the Georgia Securities Association (GSA) and their families who are interested in attending college or graduate school in any state. Amount Varies.

Due 9/20 [Dark and Light Scholarship](#)
Seeks to help first-generation, BIPOC students from Georgia so they can continue their education and achieve their dreams. Any high school senior from Georgia who is BIPOC and will be a first-generation college student may apply for this scholarship. Amount: \$500

Due 9/15 [Gates Scholarship](#)
Highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding, minority, high school seniors from low-income households. Amount: full cost of attendance that is not already covered.

Due 9/30 [Coca-Cola Scholars Program](#)
Achievement-based scholarship awarded to students who are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. Amount: \$20,000

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Due 9/30 [QuestBridge College Match](#)
Supports high-achieving students from low-income backgrounds on their path to a top college.
Amount: a full four-year scholarship that covers tuition, housing, food, and other expenses.

EARLY SEPTEMBER DEADLINES

Due 9/1 [Andrew S. Mathers Scholarship](#)
Amount: \$1,000

Due 9/1 [Netfloor USA Access Flooring Scholarship](#)
Amount: \$1,000 with 2 awards available

Due 9/1 [Be Bold Scholarship](#)
Amount: \$25,000

Due 9/1 [Sloane Stephens Doc & Glo Scholarship](#)
Amount: \$2,500 with 6 awards available

Due 9/1 [Greetly Computer Science Scholarship](#)
Amount: \$1,000

Due 9/10 [10x Digital Marketing Scholarship](#)
Amount: \$4,000

ADDITIONAL SEPTEMBER SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Due 9/30 [Cochlear Scholarships](#)
Amount: \$8,000 with 6 awards available

Due 9/30 [Mediation & Conversations Scholarship](#)
Amount: \$1,000

Due 9/30 [Don't Text and Drive Scholarship](#)
Amount: \$1,000

Due 9/30 [Sallie Mae Scholarship](#)
Amount: \$2,000

STUDENTS MAY ACCESS ADDITIONAL MONTHLY SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES AND MORE DETAILED INFORMATION BY VISITING THE KELL HIGH SCHOOL ELECTRONIC SCHOLARSHIP EXCEL DATABASE ONLINE
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/KELLSCHOLARSHIPS2026](https://tinyurl.com/kellscholarships2026)

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Paying for College – HOPE/Zell Miller Grants

- HOPE Grant: Available to Georgia residents who are working towards a certificate or diploma at an eligible Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) **or** *Select 5 access University System of Georgia Institutions.
- HOPE Career Grant: Available to HOPE Grant-qualified students who enroll in select majors specifically aligned with industries in which there are more jobs available in Georgia than there are skilled workers to fill them. These industries have been identified as strategically important to the state's economic growth.
- Zell Miller Grant: Available to Georgia residents who are working towards a certificate or diploma at a Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) **or** *Select 5 access University System of Georgia Institutions.

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Paying for College – HOPE Program FAQ

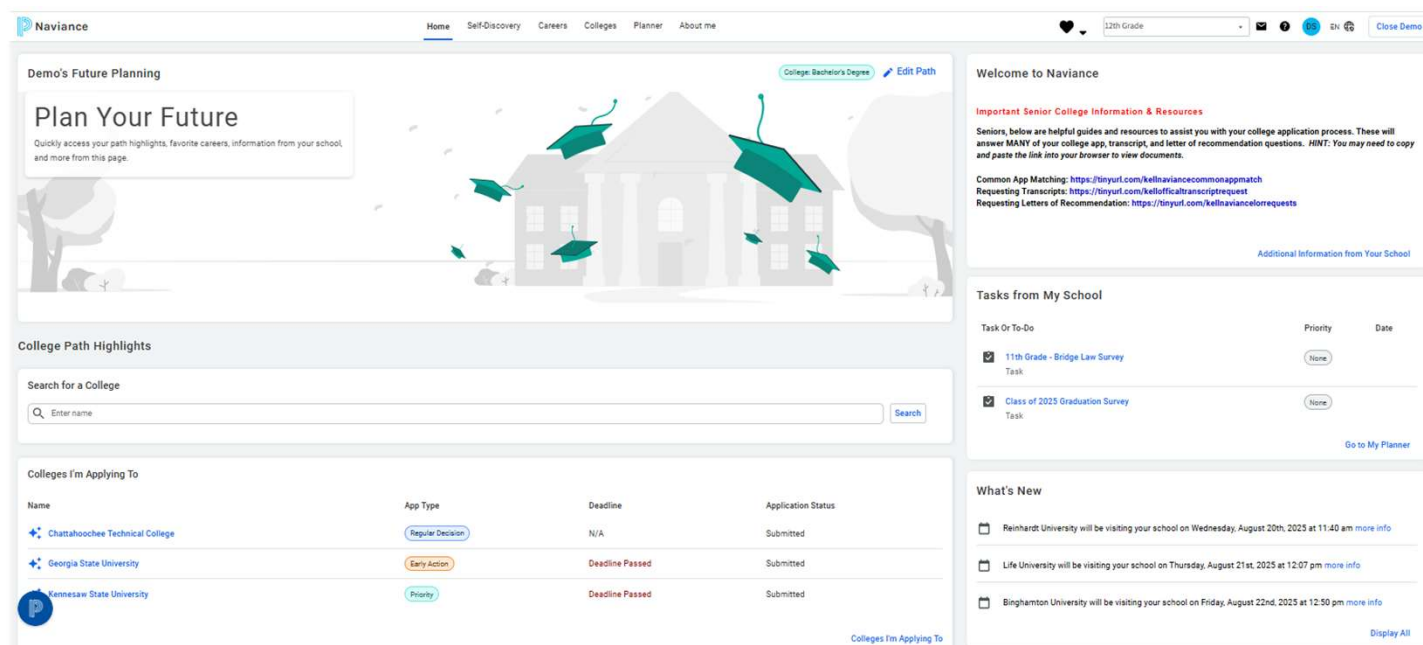
- **How to apply for the HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship or Grant?**
 - Complete the FAFSA (Annually) or
 - Complete the GSFAPP (Valid for 10 years)
- **What's my HOPE GPA?**
 - Viewable from the **Your HOPE GPA** tab from logging in to your GA Futures profile
 - Not the same as your CCSD weighted or unweighted GPA
- *It is recommended to frequent the GAFutures website for the most up-to-date and official information about the HOPE program.*

Your Social Security Number (SSN) must be on file in the Cobb County student record system in order to receive any HOPE/Zell Miller funds!

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Naviance

Naviance is a **delivery system** and college/career search engine, but it also how we communicate with YOU and your parents, throughout the year.



The screenshot shows the Naviance website interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Self-Discovery, Careers, Colleges, Planner, and About me. A user profile dropdown shows '12th Grade' and a 'Close Demo' button. The main content area is titled 'Demo's Future Planning' and 'Plan Your Future', with a subtext: 'Quickly access your path highlights, favorite careers, information from your school, and more from this page.' Below this is a 'College Path Highlights' section with a search bar and a 'Search' button. The 'Colleges I'm Applying To' section displays a table with columns for Name, App Type, Deadline, and Application Status. The table lists three colleges: Chattanooga Technical College (Regular Decision, N/A, Submitted), Georgia State University (Early Action, Deadline Passed, Submitted), and Kennesaw State University (Priority, Deadline Passed, Submitted). The right sidebar contains a 'Welcome to Naviance' message, 'Important Senior College Information & Resources' with links for Common App Matching, Requesting Transcripts, and Requesting Letters of Recommendation, and a 'Tasks from My School' section with a table of tasks: '11th Grade - Bridge Law Survey' and 'Class of 2025 Graduation Survey'. The 'What's New' section lists upcoming university visits: Reinhardt University (Wednesday, August 20th, 2025 at 11:40 am), Life University (Thursday, August 21st, 2025 at 12:07 pm), and Binghamton University (Friday, August 22nd, 2025 at 12:50 pm).

Name	App Type	Deadline	Application Status
Chattanooga Technical College	Regular Decision	N/A	Submitted
Georgia State University	Early Action	Deadline Passed	Submitted
Kennesaw State University	Priority	Deadline Passed	Submitted

Task Or To-Do	Priority	Date
11th Grade - Bridge Law Survey	None	
Class of 2025 Graduation Survey	None	

What's New
Reinhardt University will be visiting your school on Wednesday, August 20th, 2025 at 11:40 am more info
Life University will be visiting your school on Thursday, August 21st, 2025 at 12:07 pm more info
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Important Senior College Information & Resources

Helpful guides and resources to assist you with your college application process. These will answer MANY of your college app, transcript, and letter of recommendation questions.

- Common App Matching: <https://tinyurl.com/kellnaviancecommonappmatch>
- Requesting Transcripts: <https://tinyurl.com/kellofficaltranscriptrequest>
- Requesting Letters of Recommendation: <https://tinyurl.com/kellnaviancelorrequests>



COMMON APP ACCOUNT
Naviance MATCHING
Follow the 13 steps in sequence below to match your accounts.

GO TO WWW.COMMONAPP.ORG AND CREATE AN ACCOUNT
Before you can match your Common App account in Naviance Student, you'll need to set up your Common App account.



Official Transcript Request
Student Reference Guide

Required Steps to Request Official Transcript

Step #1 Log into Naviance

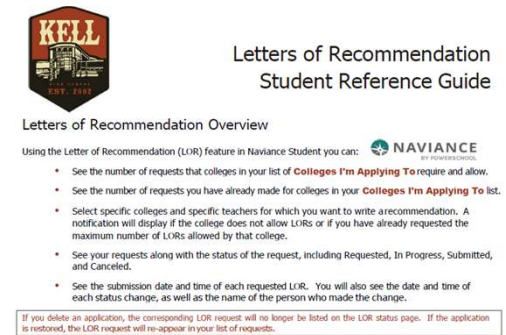
Navigate to Naviance using your device's internet browser <https://id.naviance.com/>

- Click the **Sign in with Clever** blue button.
- Click the **Sign in with SAML** top button.
- Enter your Cobb County School District student email address first.last@students.cobbk12.org and enter your password.

Steps #2 Add Colleges You are Apply To

1. From Naviance dashboard, Navigate to the **Colleges** menu.
2. From the Research Colleges section menu, choose **Colleges I'm Thinking About**.

3. Click **+ Add Colleges to List**.



Letters of Recommendation
Student Reference Guide

Letters of Recommendation Overview

Using the Letter of Recommendation (LOR) feature in Naviance Student you can:

- See the number of requests that colleges in your list of **Colleges I'm Applying To** require and allow.
- See the number of requests you have already made for colleges in your **Colleges I'm Applying To** list.
- Select specific colleges and specific teachers for which you want to write a recommendation. A notification will display if the college does not allow LORs or if you have already requested the maximum number of LORs allowed by that college.
- See your requests along with the status of the request, including Requested, In Progress, Submitted, and Canceled.
- See the submission date and time of each requested LOR. You will also see the date and time of each status change, as well as the name of the person who made the change.

If you delete an application, the corresponding LOR request will no longer be listed on the LOR status page. If the application is restored, the LOR request will re-appear in your list of requests.

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Upcoming College Fair

Date: Monday, September 8th

Time: 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Location: Walton High School

Registration Link: <https://www.scholartrek.com/cobb>

Date: Saturday, September 13th

Time: 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Kennesaw Mountain High School

Registration Link: <https://www.scholartrek.com/cobb>

College & Career Fair Schedule

- Event Check-In Begins
- College Case Study Workshop: *Understanding Selective College Admissions*
- College & Career Fair
- Additional College and Career Workshops



SAVE THE DATES!
COLLEGE & CAREER FAIRS

Monday, September 8th Walton High School	Saturday, September 13th Kennesaw Mountain High School
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Open to all Cobb Students & Families!
Find out more at:
www.scholartrek.com/cobb



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UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS

AUG. 20



AUG. 21



AUG. 22



AUG. 26



AUG 26



AUG. 27



Pre-Registration
Required

AUG. 28



AUG. 29



OGLETHORPE

SEP. 3



Pre-Registration
Required

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Helpful Websites for Senior Year

- ACT: <https://www.act.org/>
- Big Future: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- Cobb County School District: <https://www.cobbk12.org/>
- Common App: <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- Common Black College App: <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>
- FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- GAFutures: <https://www.gafutures.org/>
- SAT (Collegeboard): <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

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NOT ASSIGNED A LASSO? COME TO OUR OPTIONAL WORKSHOP!

COUNSELING



LASSO

Dual Enrollment (DE) Support

Need help with DE? We'll help you with your questions and guide you through the enrollment process.

Resume Building

Get one-on-one help creating and editing your resume in Naviance so it stands out!

Senior College Transition

Ready for college? We'll help you with college and scholarship essays, applications, and submitting transcripts and recommendations.

◆ **Date : Tuesdays & Thursdays**

◆ **Time : Start At 8:20 AM to 9:05 AM**

◆ **Location : Counseling Conference Room**

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Kell Counseling Needs Assessment



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Other Sessions at Open House

7:00 – 7:25pm

- 9th & 10th Grades Parent Meeting with Counseling Department - Theater
- Special Education Info Session – Cafeteria

7:30 – 7:55pm

- NCAA Compliance Info Session – Media Center
- Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment – Cafeteria

7:00 – 7:55pm

- Drop-In FAFSA/College Application Q+A – Media Center

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