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Georgia Student Finance Commission and Georgia Career Information Center Announce Strategic Agreement

Educational Leaders Launch Collaboration to Develop New Website

ATLANTA, GA, [April 16, 2014] – The Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC), the state agency that administers **GAcollege411.org**, a free resource that assists students prepare, apply and pay for college, and Georgia Career Information Center (GCIC), a division of Georgia State University that provides career and educational information to students and adults through its website, announced a strategic agreement to develop a new, more powerful resource to assist Georgians from elementary school through adulthood explore and expand their educational and career opportunities.

"This is an exciting time for the state, its teachers, administrators and students of all ages. By working with GCIC, we are taking the best of both worlds and creating a website that will deliver the tools, resources and information our education community needs to be successful," said Tracy Ireland, President of GSFC.

Kevin Gaw, senior director of University Career Services at Georgia State, believes the new website will be a key resource to advance education and career planning in Georgia. "Whether it is an elementary or middle school student exploring career opportunities for the first time, a high school student searching for financial aid information, a college student researching transfer or career options, a teacher compiling reports to fulfill BRIDGE Act requirements or an adult considering a new career or degree, this website will meet their needs," Gaw said.

To learn more about GSFC, visit gsfc.org or GAcollege411.org. For more information about GCIC, visit gcic.peachnet.edu.

About GSFC

GSFC is the name traditionally used to refer to the Georgia Student Finance Commission and its companion student finance entities – the Georgia Student Finance Authority (GSFA) and the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation (GHEAC). GSFC is the state agency that administers the HOPE Scholarship and Grant Program as well as other state- and lottery- funded scholarships and grants. GSFC also provides educational services such as free financial aid consultation, default management and financial literacy to elementary, middle and high schools, and colleges and universities across the state.

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About GCIC

GCIC operates the Georgia Career Information System (GCIS). Working with education and labor market professionals, GCIS contains assessments, explorations, and search strategies as well as the most comprehensive and accurate state and national occupational and educational information. GCIS provides Georgia's students and adult learners with vital career information. GCIS is used in Georgia's elementary, middle, and high schools, colleges and universities, and technical colleges.