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Subject: Enhancement to **GAfutures.org**

Dear Colleague:

In our ongoing efforts to provide effective tools and information to help students access postsecondary education, the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) has developed several new features and functions on GAfutures.org that are scheduled to be available by Friday, March 10, 2017.

FAFSA Completion Information

Increasing completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a key initiative in Georgia and nationwide. For the past eight years, GSFC has actively promoted the importance of FAFSA completion through College Goal Georgia events across the state. To further assist these efforts, GAfutures now features more comprehensive and easily accessible FAFSA completion information for the students at your school. You can use this information to assist your students in completing FAFSAs and to monitor their progress.

Highlights of the enhanced FAFSA information include:

- Easier access to FAFSA completion data including year over year completion comparisons.
- Two FAFSA Data Views
 - FSA (Federal Student Aid) Data Only – FAFSA completion information whether or not your high school has submitted transcripts to GSFC.
 - FSA & Transcript Data – FAFSA data corresponding to student transcripts received by GSFC from your high school.
- User-friendly interface with completion charts and lists of schools with high FAFSA completion statewide.
- High school counselors can view student level data in STARS, including the reason a submitted FAFSA is not complete (e.g., missing student signature).

Note: If your school has not submitted a FAFSA Participation Agreement to GSFC, your STARS District Administrator (DA) and Institution Administrator (IA) will be prompted to review their profile when signing in to GAfutures. When the DA or IA reviews the profile, he or she will be prompted to accept the terms of use and agreements. Once accepted, the DA or IA will be able to grant Institution Users access to view student level FAFSA data in STARS.

View My Transcript

High school students requesting a transcript be sent to a participating college can now view their unofficial transcript on GAFutures. In order for this feature to be available through a student's My GAFutures account, the high school must have uploaded the student's transcript.

Scholarship and Postsecondary Refresh

The GAFutures scholarship search and postsecondary institution database has been updated with the most current version of information available.

We hope these enhancements provide increased usability and satisfaction with GAFutures.org. As always, we welcome your feedback and input. If you have questions about these changes or others regarding GAFutures.org, please contact Tavis Caldwell at 404.985.4149 or tavisc@gsfc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shawn Ryan', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Shawn Ryan