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## **College Goal Georgia Helps Students Get Cash for College** *Annual initiative assists students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*

**ATLANTA, GA, [January 8, 2016]**—Financial aid experts will be available to help college bound students and their families complete the FAFSA at this year’s College Goal Georgia (CGG) events to be held at 48 locations throughout the state in February and March. Filling out the FAFSA is the first critical step in applying for federal and state grants, loans and scholarships to help pay for college. Last year, financial aid professionals assisted more than 1,000 students and their families apply for student aid through CGG events.

CGG, part of the national College Goal Sunday<sup>SM</sup> initiative, is sponsored by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC). CGG events are FREE and provide assistance to students (high school seniors, returning college students and adult learners) completing the FAFSA with an emphasis on helping low-income, first-generation families. The federal government requires a FAFSA from all students seeking financial aid for college.

“GSFC wants to ensure completing the FAFSA is not a barrier to attending college for anyone, especially students from under-represented communities,” said Tricia Chastain, president of GSFC. “Increasing FAFSA completion in Georgia is key to more students continuing their education beyond high school.”

This year, students attending a CGG event can enter to win an iPad Air and gift cards will be raffled off to participating families at each event. To learn more about CGG and this year’s events including locations and times, visit [collegegoalga.com](http://collegegoalga.com).

The College Goal Sunday program was created by the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association with funding from Lilly Endowment, Inc., and with supplemental support from Lumina Foundation for Education. Currently, College Goal Sunday events are being held in 40 states and the District of Columbia and are funded in part by the National College Access Network.

### **About the Georgia Student Finance Commission**

*GSFC is the state agency that administers the HOPE Scholarship and Grant Program as well as other state- and lottery- funded financial aid programs. GSFC also manages the career and college preparation website, GCollege411.org and provides educational services such as free financial aid consultation, and financial literacy to elementary, middle and high schools, and postsecondary institutions across the state. Additional information about GSFC programs and services is available at [www.gsfc.org](http://www.gsfc.org) or [www.GCollege411.org](http://www.GCollege411.org) or 800.505.GSFC (4732).*

**Dates, Times and Locations for 2016 College Goal Georgia Events**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>City</u>
Decatur High School	Tuesday, February 2	6 – 8 p.m.	Decatur
Creekside High School	Wednesday, February 3	6 – 8 p.m.	Fairburn
Banneker High School	Thursday, February 4	6 – 8 p.m.	East Point
Gwinnett Online Campus High School	Thursday, February 4	1 – 3 p.m.	Lawrenceville
Almon C. Hill Education Center	Saturday, February 6	12 – 5 p.m.	Cumming
Savannah Civic Center	Saturday, February 6	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Savannah
Rockdale Career Academy	Sunday, February 7	1 – 3 p.m.	Conyers
North Atlanta High School	Wednesday, February 10	TBA	Atlanta
East Georgia State College-Augusta-Galloway Hall	Thursday, February 18	5 – 7 p.m.	Augusta
Liberty College and Career Academy	Saturday, February 20	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Hinesville
Point University – Savannah	Monday, February 22	2 – 5 p.m.	McDonough
Mill Creek High School	Tuesday, February 23	6:30 – 8 p.m.	Hoschton
Point University – Peachtree City	Tuesday, February 23	2 – 5 p.m.	Peachtree City
Henry W. Grady High School	Wednesday, February 24	5 – 8 p.m.	Atlanta
Point University – Lindbergh	Wednesday, February 24	2 – 5 p.m.	Atlanta
Colquitt County High School	Thursday, February 25	5 – 7 p.m.	Norman Park
Miller Grove High School	Thursday, February 25	6 – 8 p.m.	Lithonia
Point University – McDonough	Friday, February 26	2 – 5 p.m.	Savannah
East Georgia State College – Swainsboro	Saturday, February 27	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Swainsboro
Meadowcreek High School	Saturday, February 27	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Norcross
Point University – West Point	Saturday, February 27	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	West Point
South Gwinnett High School	Saturday, February 27	9 – 11 a.m.	Snellville
Winder-Barrow High School	Saturday, February 27	9 – 11 a.m.	Winder
Clayton Library	Sunday, February 28	1 – 4 p.m.	Swainsboro
University of Georgia – Miller Learning Center	Sunday, February 28	12 – 2 p.m.	Athens
Glynn Academy High School	Thursday, March 3	2 – 7 p.m.	Brunswick
Berkmar High School	Saturday, March 5	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Lilburn
Irwin County High School	Monday, March 7	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Ocilla
Brunswick High School	Tuesday, March 8	5 – 7 p.m.	Brunswick
Middle Georgia State College – Cochran	Tuesday, March 8	9 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Cochran
Middle Georgia State College – Macon	Tuesday, March 8	9 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Macon
Middle Georgia State College – Warner Robbins	Tuesday, March 8	5:30 – 7 p.m.	Warner Robbins
Middle Georgia State College – Eastman	Wednesday, March 9	5 – 7 p.m.	Eastman
Middle Georgia State College – Dublin	Thursday, March 10	5 – 7 p.m.	Dublin

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Middle Georgia State College – Macon	Thursday, March 10	9 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Macon
Middle Georgia State College – Warner Robbins	Thursday, March 10	5:30 – 7 p.m.	Warner Robbins
Rutland High School	Thursday, March 10	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Macon
Wheeler County High School	Thursday, March 10	2-5 p.m.	Alamo
College of Coastal Georgia – Camden	Monday, March 14	6 – 8 p.m.	Camden
Darton College – Albany	Tuesday, March 15	3 – 7 p.m.	Albany
Madison County High School	Tuesday, March 15	6 – 8 p.m.	Danielsville
Berrien High School	Wednesday, March 16	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Nashville
Mount De Sales Academy	Wednesday, March 16	11 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Macon
Howard High School	Friday, March 18	11 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Macon
College of Coastal Georgia – Main Campus	Tuesday, March 22	6 – 8 p.m.	Brunswick
Darton College – Cordele	Tuesday, March 22	3 – 6 p.m.	Cordele
Brooks County High School	Thursday, March 24	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Quitman
Clayton Library	Saturday, March 26	1 – 4 p.m.	Statesboro
East Georgia State College – Statesboro	Saturday, March 26	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Statesboro
Dalton State College	Thursday, March 31	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Dalton