



Senior Information Night Class of 2026

INNOVATION ACADEMY COUNSELING

IA Counseling Updates

Senior Group Meetings August 25th - September 3rd



Schedule an Appointment:

Ms. Jackson

Ms. Potts

Ms. Butler

Ms. Chilson

Ms. Moran



**STUDENTS WITH
LAST NAMES A - E**

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[BOOK AN
APPOINTMENT](#)

**STUDENTS WITH
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**COUNSELING DEPT
CHAIR/ PROGRAMMING**

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Student Support Team

- Kimberly Jackson (A – E)
- Rachel Potts (F – L)
- Lauren Butler (M - R)
- Elizabeth Chilson (S – Z)
- Wanda Moran (Dept Chair/Counseling Programming)
- Niki McKenzie (College & Career Advisor)
- Melissa Balser (MTSS/Grad Coach)
- Brady Varga (Social Worker)
- Beth Hudec (IST)
- Robert Shultz (School Psychologist)
- Allison Herndon (504/RTI)
- Samantha Feldschneider (Registrar)
- Gina Danner & Bev Shiotelis (Virtual Support)
- Alexis Durham & Patrick Haley (Summit Counselors)



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30-minute group meetings with the counseling team

Discuss College Application Status

HOPE GPA Info

Graduation Status Check

Bridge Bill

If you are not applying through Common App, Coalition, SENDedu or Common Black College App you will have to request your transcript through

ScribOrder <https://fultonga.scriborder.com/>



Graduation Requirements

Students must earn 23 credits in order to graduate from high school:

Area of Study	Units Required
English/Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Social Studies	3
CTAE and/or World Language/Latin/Fine Arts	3
Health/Physical Education	1
Electives	4
Total	23





Track Your Status

ENGLISH 4 UNITS		MATHEMATICS 4 UNITS		SCIENCE 4 UNITS		SOCIAL STUDIES 3 UNITS		HEALTH/PE 1 UNIT		ELECTIVES 4 UNITS OR MORE	
9 th Lit A (H)		Algebra I A Acc Alg/Geo A		Biology A Biology H A		World History A		Health			
9 th Lit B (H)		Algebra I B Acc Alg/Geo B		Biology B Biology H B		World History B		Personal Fitness			
10 th Lit A AP Seminar A World Lit A		Geometry A Acc Geo/Alg II A Advanced Algebra A		Phy Science (H) Physics A		US History A		WORLD LANG/ CTAE/FINE ARTS 3 UNITS			
10 th Lit B AP Seminar B World Lit B		Geometry B Acc Geo/Alg II B Advanced Algebra B		Phy Science (H) Physics B		US History B		World Language Credit 1 AB			
11 th American Lit AP Lang A		Algebra II A Advanced Algebra A Pre Cal A (AP) Enhanced Advanced Algebra/AP PreCal A		Chemistry A (H) Enviro Sci A (AP) Earth Systems A		Personal Finance and Economics		World Language Credit 2 AB			
11 th American Lit AP Lang B		Algebra II B Advanced Algebra B PreCal B (AP)		Chemistry B (H) Enviro Sci B (AP) Earth Systems B		American Gov AP Govt AB		World Language Credit 3 AB Any Fine Arts Any CTAE course		IA Required Research Class *Pass both semesters	

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- Check transcripts after every semester for accuracy-Infinite Campus
- [HOPE Rigor \(four courses\)](#)



		Enhanced Advanced Algebra/AP PreCal B								
Multi Lit A AP Lit A Dramatic Writing A Advanced Comp A		PreCal A (AP) Calculus A AMDM A AP Calc AB or BC		4 th Science						
Multi Lit B AP Lit B Dramatic Writing B Advanced Comp B		PreCal B (AP) Calculus B AMDM B AP Calc AB or BC		4 th Science						

Calculating Your GPA

- Core vs. Cumulative
- Weighted vs. Unweighted
- HOPE GPA – www.gafutures.org
- Report cumulative weighted GPA, unless application tells you different
- Fulton County does not rank students



Applying to College—GPA

- The GPA used for college admission is calculated by the college NOT by IA or Fulton County
- Always report the **weighted numerical average** listed on your transcript for all applications and scholarships
- Colleges Admissions will recalculate and determine what your GPA is *Contact the college to inquire about how they determine your GPA*
- *Do not recalculate to a 4.0 GPA scale*



Applying to College

- STEP 1: Research colleges and schedule campus tours – Academic, scholarships, freshman index, deadlines and test requirements. IA Visits
- STEP 2: Complete applications to the colleges. Make sure you track your application and materials status. www.commonapp.org
- STEP 3: Order your SAT/ACT to be sent from the testing website if applicable. ***This is the STUDENTS responsibility. Counselors cannot send test scores.***
- STEP 4: Request teacher (if required) at least 15 days before the deadline. Weekends and holidays are not included. Majority of these requests are electronic
- STEP 5: Request transcript if not applying through Common App or ScribOrder. Please request 10 business days prior to the deadline (continue to check your college student portal to ensure all schools have received your documents)
- STEP 6: Request Mid-Year Report if applicable – January
- STEP 7: Request Final Transcript – May Senior Exit Activities



Applying to College—Admissions

- Rolling Admissions
- Early Action/Admission Non-binding
- Early Decision – Binding
- Regular Decision

➤ DEADLINES WILL NOT BE EXTENDED

- UGA EA deadline is October 15th
- GT EA deadline is October 15th
- GSU Honors College and Priority deadline is November 15th



Requesting Transcripts

- Counselors will begin sending transcripts on September 8th
- If you are applying through Common App, Coalition, SENDedu and Common Black College Application you do not have to request your transcript to be sent to colleges
- If you are not applying through above application portals, please request your transcript to be sent through Scriborder <https://fultonga.scriborder.com>
- Requests can take up to 3-5 business days
- Please check your college portal to ensure your transcript was delivered



Alternative Routes



Gap Year

Travel Abroad

Mission

Peace Corps



Trade

Construction

HVAC

Mechanic



Military

ASVAB Test



Certificate Programs

Cosmetology

Medical or Dental Assistant

MRS. MCKENZIE- COLLEGE AND CAREER ADVISOR

FLIGHT SCHOOL (115) MONDAY- FRIDAY

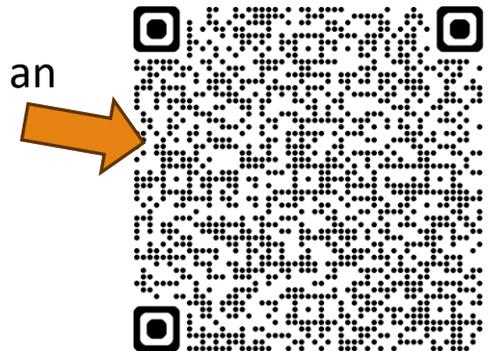
How does Mrs. McKenzie support you?

- Coordinates **College Visits and Fairs @ IA,**
- Provides student assistance with the **college application process**(Common App, FAFSA, essays, etc.),
- Assists students with **all post-secondary options**-trade school, employment opportunity, military track,
- Researches and shares **scholarship** information,
- Promotes college commitments in the spring ,
- Provides general support for the counseling department.

Reminders:

- **Book an appointment** to help with upcoming applications, essays and scholarships,
- Follow the College and Career Center [@ia.college.career](#),
- Follow our College Commitments at [@ia_seniors](#).

Students can Book an Appointment





Seniors ! You are invited to sign up for our College Readiness Bootcamp on 8/29 from 9am-1pm. **(Flex Friday)**

University and college admissions reps will answer your questions about the college application process. The following schools will host workshops:



Sign up at event.fcsia.com by 8/27 for specific sessions!

*The Greater Atlanta Regional Network-Sponsored by GARN

COLLEGE VISITS @IA

- University of Georgia -8/25
- Colgate University-8/26
- Rice University-8/26
- Elon University- 8/27
- Wofford College-8/28
- Georgia Tech-9/3
- Syracuse University-9/8
- Rutgers University- 9/9
- Hofstra University- 9/9
- New York University-9/16
- University of Kentucky- 9/10
- University of Vermont-9/17
- Mercer University- 9/29



University of Alabama at Birmingham-10/6

Excellent opportunity for students to speak with college admission representatives. **Specific Times and Registration link in Canvas.**

Teacher permission required to attend. Contact Mrs. McKenzie if you have questions.



Deadline To Register 9/15/2025

Fall ASVAB Testing at IA- 9/18/2025

Did you know that the ASVAB test is not just for military placement? It also helps students explore their career interest.

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is a test that measures your current abilities and predicts future academic and occupational success.

The test is open to **sophomores, juniors and seniors.** If you are interested in registering for this test, please go to your student Canvas and click on the link. (mckenzien1@fultonschools.org).

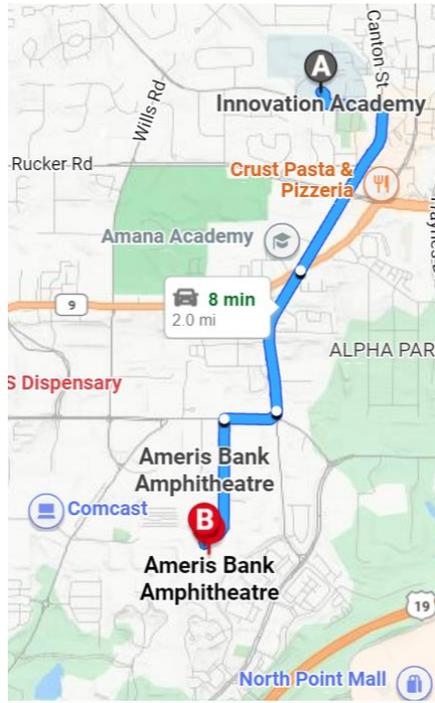


Upcoming College and Career Center Events

Graduation Venue and Date

AMERIS BANK AMPHITHEATER:

2200 ENCORE PARKWAY, ALPHARETTA, GA 30009.



DATE CONFIRMED IN JANUARY BUT WILL OCCUR THE WEEK OF MAY 18TH



May 2026

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Graduation Regalia

CAP AND GOWN

NO ALTERATION TO YOUR CAP AND GOWN WHEN YOU RECEIVE IT IN APRIL (DATE TBD)

IF YOU ALTER YOUR GRADUATION REGALIA, YOU WILL HAVE TO PURCHASE ANOTHER CAP AND GOWN.

CORDS AND PINS

WE WILL COMMUNICATE ABOUT CORDS AND PINS FOR CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS LATER IN THE SEMESTER.

ONLY CORDS AND PINS APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL MAY BE WORN AT GRADUATION.

Senior Dues

GRADUATION FEE

- Your Senior Fee includes cap/gown/tassel, diploma cover, program, venue fees, 10 graduation tickets
- Graduation fee:
- \$200+ OSP Convenience fee until September 30th
- \$210+ OSP Convenience fee October 1st- November 30th
- \$220+ OSP Convenience fee after December 1st

HOW TO PAY THE FEE?

- Please pay the fee using the link on OSP:
- [Graduation Fee Class of 2026](#)
- Once the fee is paid, please fill out the Graduation Order form to input your measurements for Herff-Jones, our vendor for the graduation regalia:
- <https://forms.office.com/r/LfNU6dNzj7>

*Families requiring financial support can reach out to Brady Varga - School Social Worker
vargab@fultonschools.org*

*****All formal senior portraits for the yearbook must be taken by Cady Studios*****



Important Yearbook Deadlines

Senior Portraits – schedule to take your pictures at a Cady Studio location (there is one super close to school!)

Only one date will be available at IA (stay tuned to Canvas for more info) so please plan to take your pics in studio.



All senior portraits are due by Monday, November 3rd to be featured in the 2026 yearbook. This is a hard deadline, so plan ahead!

Senior ads due by 11/11 - you and your parent can create these on jostens.com

IA Student Canvas Senior Module



Innovation Academy Student Tem...

Innovation Academy Student T...

Upcoming due dates:

Record your name: 8/22

Graduation fee: 9/30

Graduation order form: 9/30

Recommendation Letter Request & Brag Sheet

➤ Give your recommenders at least 15 days lead time.

Schedule your senior meeting with counseling team: 8/15



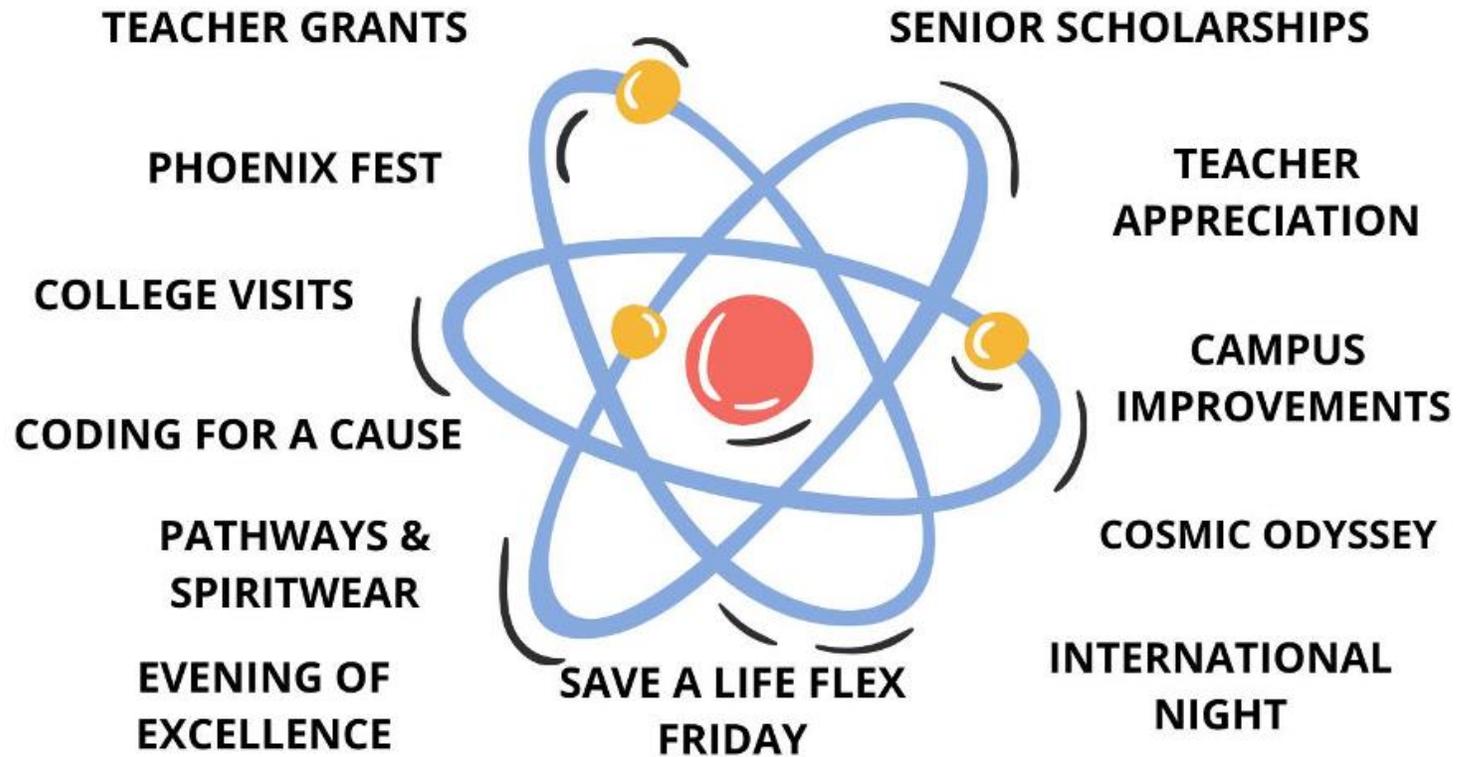


INNOVATION ACADEMY PTSO, INC.

MISSION STATEMENT

INNOVATION ACADEMY PTSO, INC. IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND PARENTS TO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD AND VALUED. OUR MISSION IS TO INSTILL A CULTURE BASED ON A LOVE OF LEARNING, DIVERSITY OF THOUGHT, AND SOLID STEM FOUNDATION THAT SEEKS TO SERVE EVERY CHILD.

WHAT DOES THE PTSO FUND?



WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN THE PTSO?

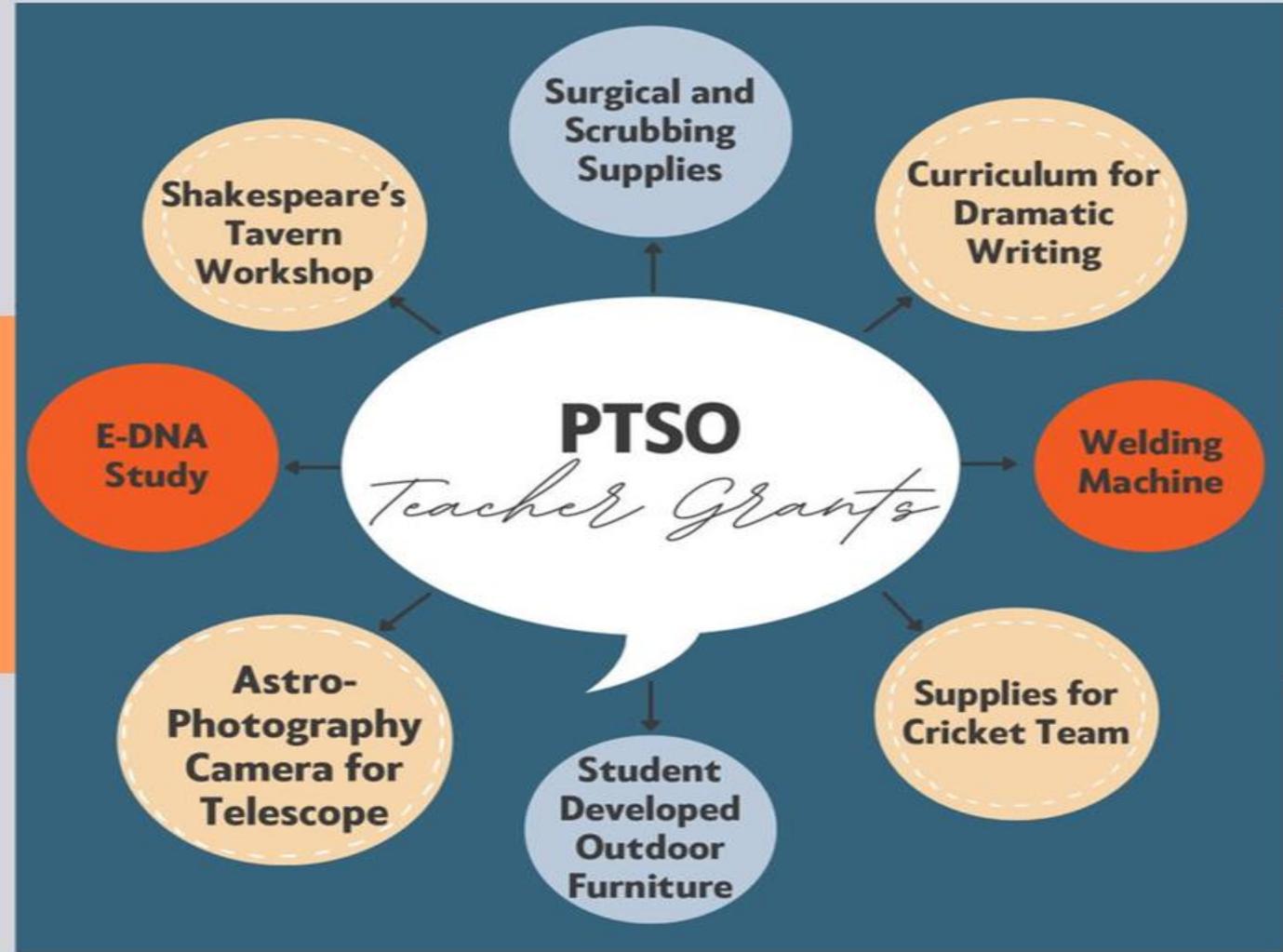
THE PTSO PAYS FOR SUPPLIES AND EXPERIENCES OUTSIDE OF WHAT THE SCHOOL IS GIVEN BY THE COUNTY BUDGET.

WE PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL \$15,000 - \$20,000 FOR THE SUPER FLEX FRIDAY PROJECTS. Without our support, these opportunities would not be available.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS ARE THE SINGLE BIGGEST MEANS OF OUR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO THE SCHOOL. By joining, you are directly funding the educational opportunities to your student!

DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

\$25,000 AWARDED IN TEACHER GRANTS IN 2023/24



TEACHER GRANT PHOTOS

AUBURN ENGINEERING TRIP WITH MS. TAYLOR

A group of students
toured The Samuel
Ginn College of
Engineering at
Auburn University.
The tour was followed
A Q&A with current
Engineering students!

This opportunity
allowed students to
see college programs
for engineering
outside of Georgia.

PTSO TEACHER GRANT RECIPIENT



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PATHWAY DECLARATION & PHOENIX FEST



PTSO SUPPORTS SUPER FLEX FRIDAYS



Cosmic
Odyssey

OCTOBER 20, 2023





**BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS
AVAILABLE**



**KROGER REWARDS -
ENROLL WITH
“IA PTSO, Inc.” as
Community Rewards**



**CORPORATE
MATCHING**



**SUPPLY DONATIONS -
AMAZON WISHLIST IN
NEWSLETTER**



**DONATE GIFT CARDS
TO PTSO FOR
SUPPLIES**

OTHER DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

HOW TO JOIN AND VOLUNTEER

GO TO [IAPTSO.ORG](https://iaptso.org) to
learn about
Membership Levels,
meet the Executive
Board, and volunteer

- Create a Membership Profile at iaptso.org
- Become a member, shop for spiritwear & sign up to volunteer!
- We have a variety of giving levels, from \$25 - \$1000.



iaptso.org

IAPTSO SENIOR CELEBRATION DUES

\$85 PER SENIOR

INCLUDES:

**CLASS OF 2026 T-SHIRT
CUSTOM SENIOR SWAG
MONTHLY SENIOR TREATS
SENIOR LUNCH**



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**CONSIDER
DONATING MORE
THAN \$85 TO
HELP FUND ALL
SENIORS**

**SENIOR CELEBRATION DUES ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 25TH
ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL SENIORSUPPORT@IAPTSO.ORG**

PTSO

Senior Celebration Dues

VISIT THE PTSO ONLINE STORE TO PAY YOUR DUES!

[INNOVATION ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL PTSO, INC. - SENIOR NEWS](#)

SENIOR T-SHIRT DESIGN

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

SENIORS

Innovation Academy High School

CLASS OF 2025



T-SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION

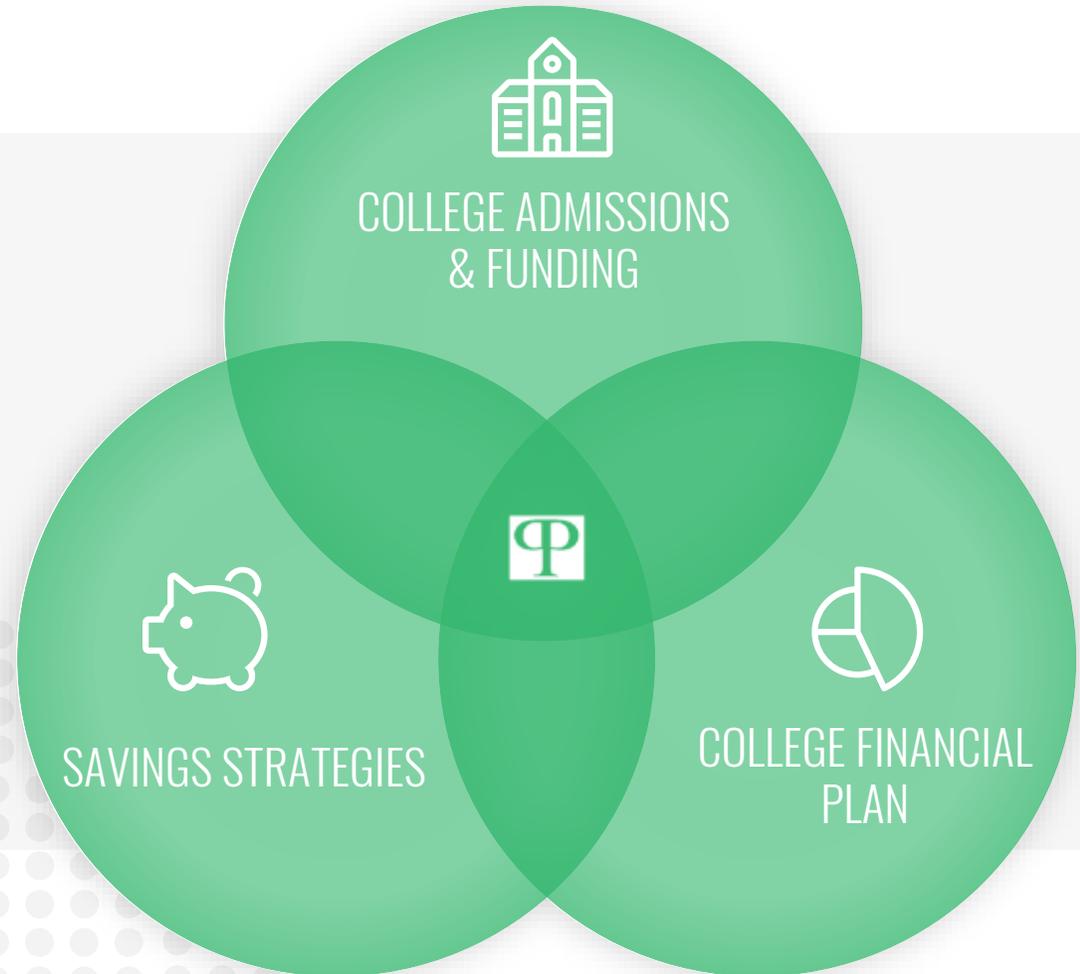
Please send your 2025 T-shirt design to:
seniordeliverables@iaptso.org
Thank you!

T-shirt design contest is due August 22nd!

The Peachtree Difference

A COMPLETE & COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION

- › Founded 2009
- › Admissions Team & Financial Aid
- › College Funding & Financial Planning
- › Unique & specialized process
- › Partner In Education



ACHIEVING COLLEGE DREAMS=F.A.C.T.S.



Financial Fit

Don't Overpay or Go Broke



Academic Fit

Find the Right School



Career Fit

Begin with the End in Mind



Timeline Fit

Don't Miss Key Deadlines



Social Fit

It is more important than you think



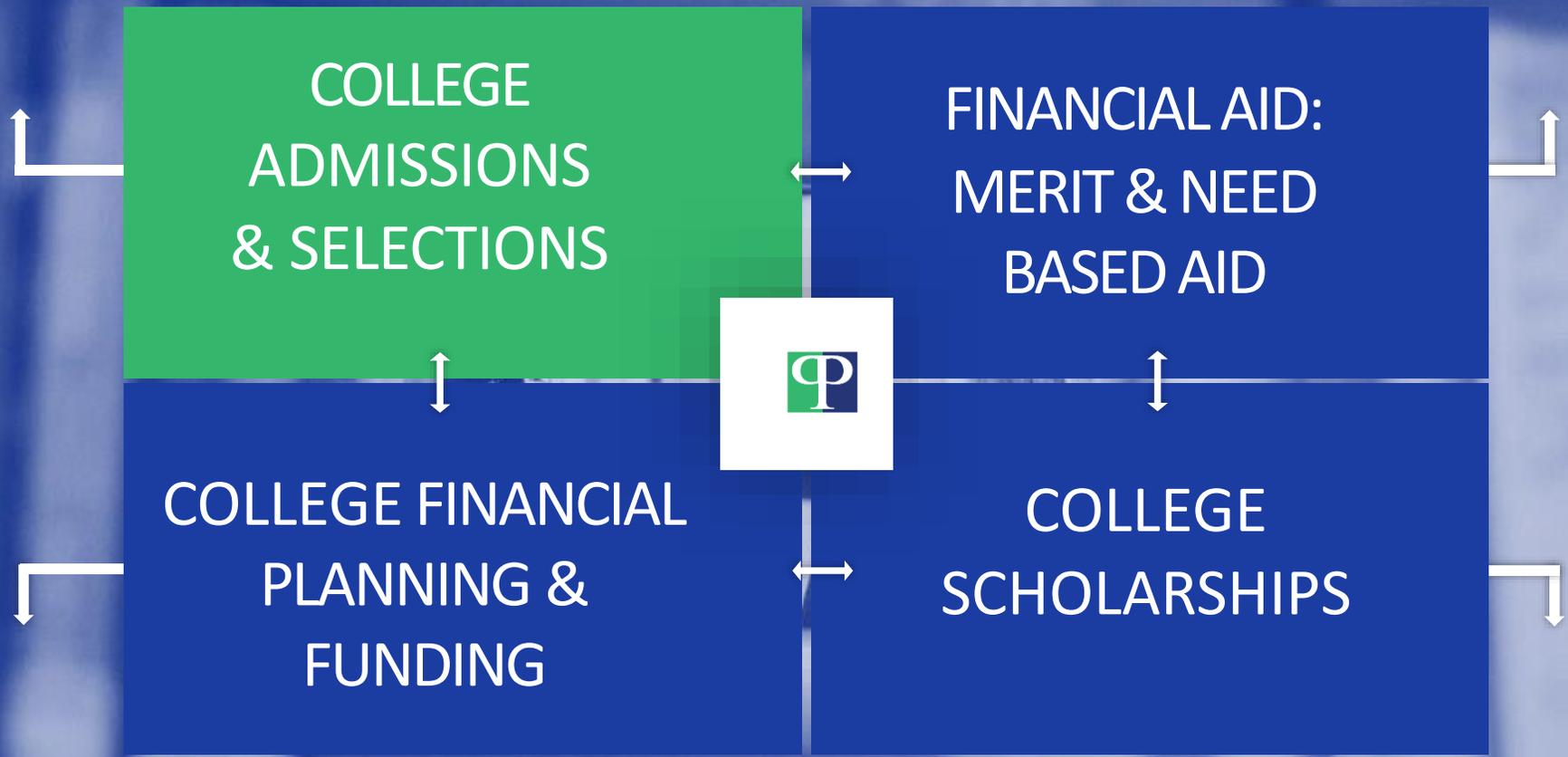
Parents

Know Your Role



Students

Journey Not Decision



COLLEGE 101:

The 5 Critical Steps to a Successful College Plan

DATES: August 27th, 28th & 29th
TIME: @12pm and @7pm (virtual)

- ✓ Learn the current cost of college & the best strategies to pay
- ✓ Breakdown the components of "the right college fit for your student (academically, socially, financially)
- ✓ Understand how to maximize scholarships and Grants: Institutional, Hope & Zell Miller
- ✓ What should you be doing to secure the most amount of FAFSA award possible?

REGISTER TODAY:
bit.ly/5_critical_steps_2024_innovation





PEACHTREE
COLLEGE PLANNING

SCHEDULE YOUR
FREE 20 MINUTE
COLLEGE PLANNING
STRATEGY CALL



ABOUT US



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Founder, Peachtree FG and CP
Partner, Find The Right College
Founder, The College Financial Guy



FITZ TOTTEN

Founder— Find the Right College
Former Vanderbilt, St. Lawrence University &
Duke Law School Admissions



DAWN PATTERSON

Director of Operations, Client Service
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PTA Chair, Mom



DEBBIE PORCHER

Lead High School Coordinator, Mom
of 3 college grads

College Dream Builder Admissions Team™: Shannon, Holly, Nicole and Ryan
