



# Senior Information Night Class of 2025

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INNOVATION ACADEMY COUNSELING

# Agenda

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- Counselor Caseloads
- Graduation Requirements
- Calculating Your GPA
- SAT/ACT
- Applying to College
- Requesting Transcripts
- Additional Post-Secondary Options
- Financial Aid – HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarships (GSFC)
- Peachtree College Planning
- PTSO Announcements
- Senior Meetings



# Meet the FCS Innovation Academy Counseling Team



## Counselor

**Kimberly Jackson**

STUDENTS WITH  
LAST NAMES A - E



## Counselor

**Rachel Potts**

STUDENTS WITH  
LAST NAMES F - L



## Counselor

**Lauren Butler**

STUDENTS WITH  
LAST NAMES M - R



## Head Counselor

**Wanda Moran**

STUDENTS WITH  
LAST NAMES S - Z

# Counseling Team Introductions

INNOVATION ACADEMY

# Student Support Team

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- Kimberly Jackson (A – E)
- Rachel Potts (F – L)
- Lauren Butler (M - R)
- Wanda Moran (S – Z)
- Niki McKenzie (College & Career Advisor)
- Mel Balser (Grad Coach)
- Chelsea Depa (IST)
- Robert Shultz (School Psychologist)
- Allison Herndon (504/RTI)
- Brooke Jarabek (Registrar)
- Brady Varga (Social Worker)
- Alexis Durham (Summit Counselor)
- Gina Danner (Virtual Mom)
- Bev Shiotelis (Virtual Support)



# Graduation Requirements

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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
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>





# 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 <sup>th</sup> Lit A (H)		Algebra I A Acc Alg/Geo A		Biology A Biology H A		World History A		Health		
	9 <sup>th</sup> Lit B (H)		Algebra I B Acc Alg/Geo B		Biology B Biology H B		World History B		Personal Fitness		
	10 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Science					

# Calculating Your GPA

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





To View  
Upcoming Dates  
and Register for  
the SAT



<http://www.collegeboard.org/>

To View  
Upcoming Dates  
and Register for  
the ACT



[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

# Test Prep Resources

Khan Academy



Applerouth



Counseling Website



SAT Website



ACT Website



## SAT and ACT

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING AND RESOURCES



# Applying to College

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- 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](http://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 on 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

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

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## ➤ DEADLINES WILL NOT BE EXTENDED

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



# Applying to College—GPA

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- 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 determine 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*



# Student Athletes -NCAA Clearinghouse

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- College Athletes
- Register with NCAA Clearinghouse  
[www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)
- Send ACT/SAT scores to clearinghouse. *IA cannot send test scores*
- Request your transcript to be sent through ScribOrder  
<https://fultonga.scriborder.com>
- You are responsible for reviewing and knowing the NCAA requirements as these may differ from the Fulton County graduation requirements
- *Fulton County Credit Recovery (FVCR/FCCR) or Georgia Credit Recovery (GVCR) courses are not NCAA approved*



# Senior Fast Facts



Question	Answer
What is the Senior Class Size?	420
What is the IA HS CEEB Code?	110387
How do I report my GPA?	Report the numeric GPA listed on your Innovation Academy transcript. Student GPAs are weighted and are on a 100-point scale. If you are applying to UGA, they want to see your unweighted GPA. You will find this on your unofficial transcript located on Infinite Campus. UGA usually provides a way for Fulton County students to upload their unofficial unweighted transcripts separately.
What is my class rank?	Fulton County Schools does NOT rank their students.

# Senior Fast Facts...continued



How do I request my official IA transcript to be sent to my college/scholarship/or specific address?	If you are applying through Common App, Coalition App, or Common Black Application, your counselor will upload your official transcript into that application portal. If you are applying through a different application platform, request your transcript using ScribOrder.
Help! I need an Unofficial copy of my transcript!	<p>There are a few ways to obtain an Unofficial Transcript:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Access via Infinite Campus<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Log in to ClassLink</li><li>b. Select IC</li><li>c. Select 'Documents' on the left-hand menu</li><li>d. Scroll to the bottom and select 'Unofficial IA Transcript'</li></ol></li><li>2. You can request a transcript to be sent to yourself through ScribOrder (<a href="https://fultonga.scriborder.com/">https://fultonga.scriborder.com/</a>)</li><li>3. Access the Infinite Campus app<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Log-in to the Infinite Campus app</li><li>b. Click on the 3 lines at the top left hand corner</li><li>c. Click on documents</li><li>d. Click on unofficial transcript</li></ol></li></ol>
How do I request my SAT/ACT/AP scores to be sent to my college?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visit the <a href="http://www.CollegeBoard.org">www.CollegeBoard.org</a> to send your SAT/AP scores to colleges</li><li>• Visit <a href="http://www.ACT.org">www.ACT.org</a> to send your ACT scores to colleges</li><li>• <b>Counselors are a third party and cannot send your SAT/ACT/AP scores for you.</b></li></ul>

# Requesting Transcripts

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- Counselors will begin sending transcripts on September 1st
- 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) TUESDAY-THURSDAY

### 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

### Reminders:

- **Book an appointment** to help with upcoming applications
- College admission panel on **8/30(Flex Friday)**
- Register you and your parent for our **college fair** on **9/12**
- Sign up for college visits in Classlink/Naviance
- Follow the College and Career Center @ia.college.career
- Follow our College Commitments at @ia\_seniors





# ABOUT US



**STUART CANZERI**

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  
and Business Partnerships, Partner  
PTA Chair, Mom



**DEBBIE PORCHER**

Lead High School Coordinator, Mom  
of 3 college grads

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

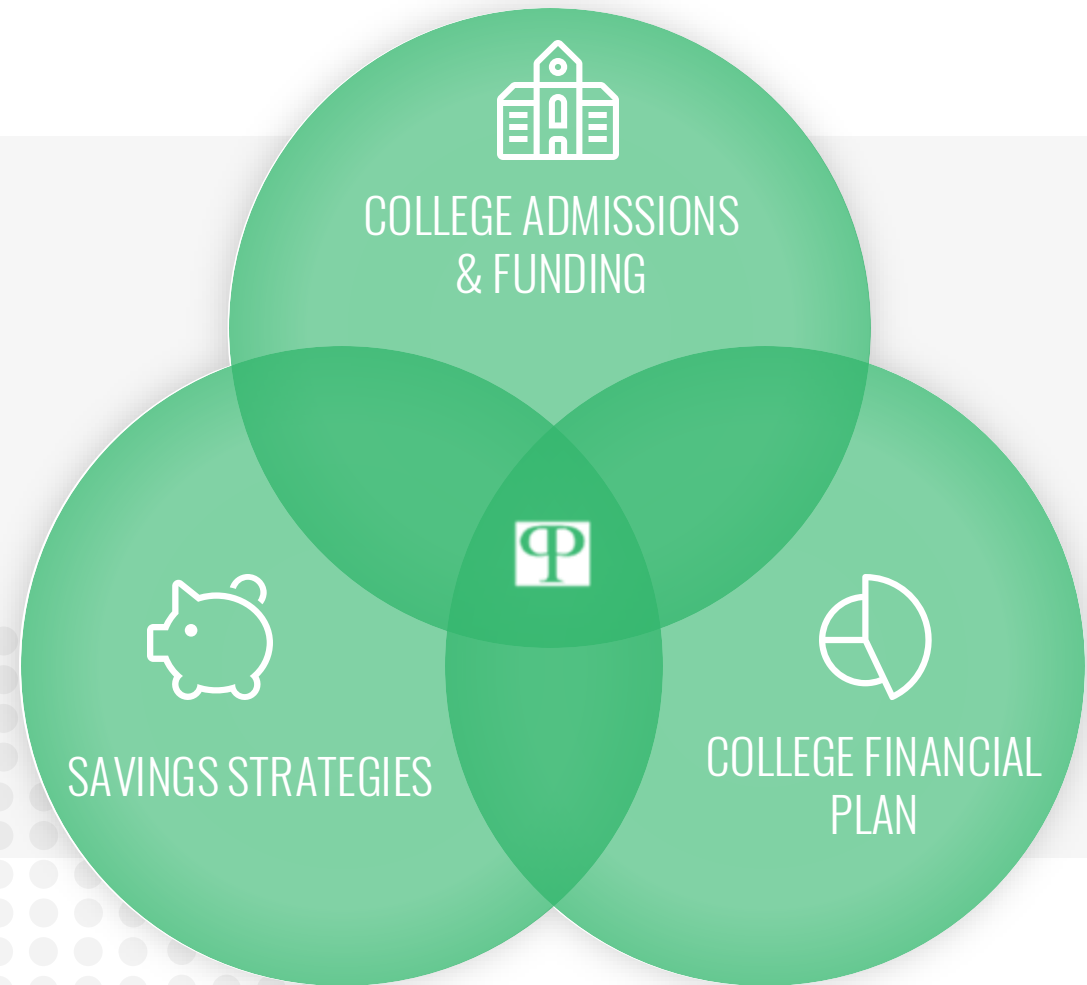
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# The Peachtree Difference

## A COMPLETE & COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION

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- › 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

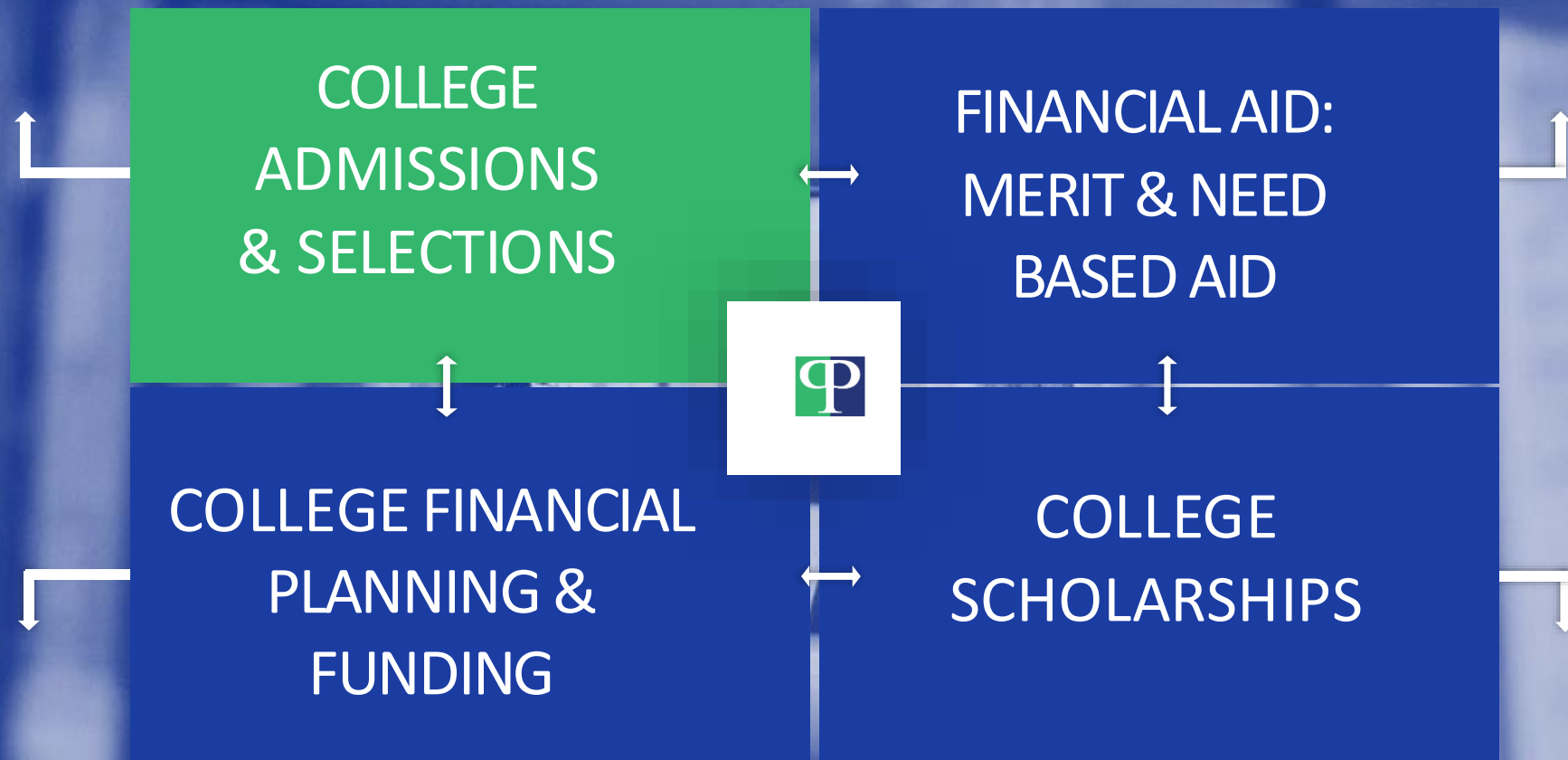
Know Your Role



## 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](https://bit.ly/5_critical_steps_2024_innovation)





PEACHTREE  
COLLEGE PLANNING

SCHEDULE YOUR  
**FREE** 20 MINUTE  
COLLEGE PLANNING  
STRATEGY CALL

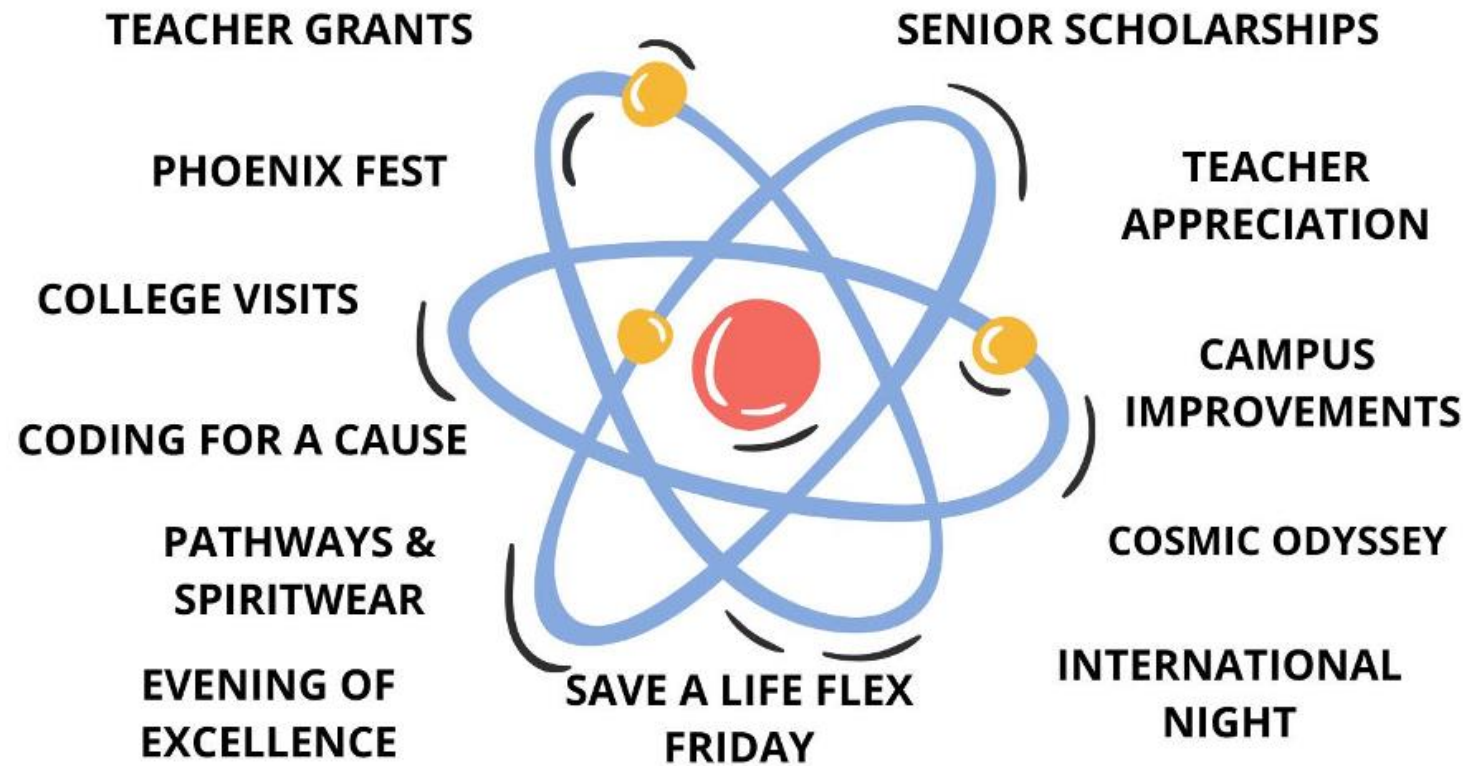


# **INNOVATION ACADEMY PTSO, INC.**

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.**

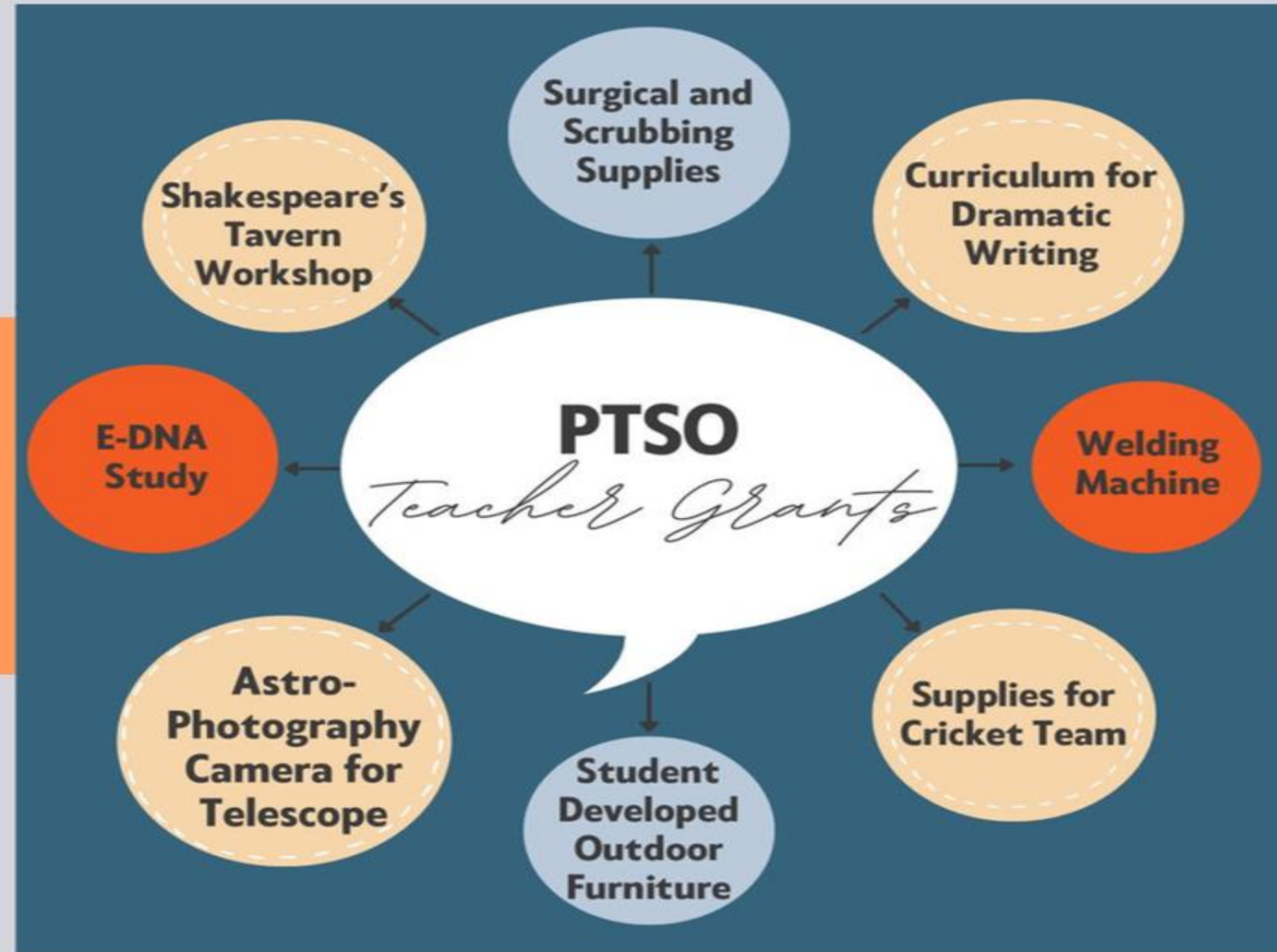
**WE PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL \$15,000 - \$20,000 FOR THE SUPER FLEX FRIDAY PROJECTS. Without our support, these opportunities would not be available.**

**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





**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**



# SENIOR CELEBRATION DUES

**PTSO SENIOR CELEBRATION DUES**

**\$85 PER STUDENT**

Class of 2025 Senior T-shirt

Special Senior Swag

Monthly Senior Treats

Senior Lunch

Dunk Tank Tickets (6 tries) at Phoenix Fest

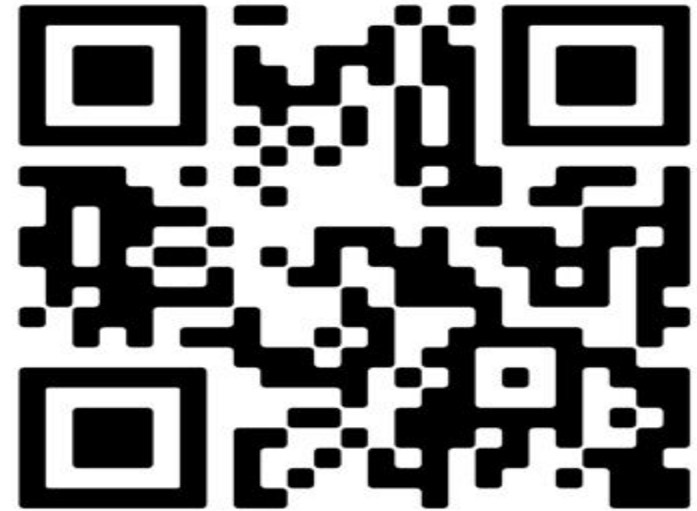
**\*sink your favorite admin or teacher\***



**2025**

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

Senior Celebration Dues are due on September 13th!  
Any questions email [seniorsupport@iaptso.org](mailto:seniorsupport@iaptso.org)



# 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](mailto:seniordeliverables@iaptso.org)  
Thank you!

**T-shirt design contest is due August 22nd!**

# 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](https://iaptso.org)
- Become a member, shop for spiritwear & sign up to volunteer!
- We have a variety of giving levels, from \$25 - \$1000.



[iaptso.org](https://iaptso.org)

# SAVE THE DATE

Senior Meetings Begin August 19th-September 26th.

Scan the QR Code below to Schedule an Appointment:

Ms. Jackson



Ms. Potts



Ms. Butler



Ms. Moran



A-E

F-L

M-R

S-Z