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Counseling Connection

Gibbs High School Counseling Department Newsletter



EPSO Week 2020

GHS recently celebrated EPSO Week!

EPSO Week is a time designed to increase awareness of Early Postsecondary Opportunities that exist for students and to encourage more students to enroll in them.

EPSO awareness is important because of the positive impact these courses can have on a students' future. Research shows that students who participate in EPSO courses are more likely to enroll in and graduate from college.

EPSOs allow students to become familiar with postsecondary expectations and develop the confidence and skills for success — this is particularly important for first generation college-going students.

EPSOs also decrease the time to complete an industry certificate or degree, saving students money.

Talk to your counselor about enrolling in an EPSO class!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

FAFSA is OPEN! -
Complete by 2/1/21

TN Promise Application
Deadline Extended! -
DUE December 1, 2020

Thanksgiving Holiday -
11/25-27/20

End of Year Testing -
11/30-12/17

Ways to earn EPSOs at GHS

- Take AP classes
- Take Dual Enrollment classes
- Take Dual Credit courses
- Earn an Industry Certification through a CTE course



**GIBBS
EAGLES**

Free Tutoring



Expert tutors help you finish your homework, study for tests, and write essays. Use a whiteboard and chat box (with optional audio), share files, even drop off a math problem or essay. You can use five sessions per week, tag and reconnect to your favorite tutors, store your assignments and documents in your virtual locker and go back to review your previous sessions when studying.

All you need is a Knox Co Public Library card to begin!



2021 Governor's School

The Tennessee Governor's Schools are summer programs for rising 11th and 12th grade students currently enrolled in Tennessee's public and private high schools. The programs are academically demanding and draw students who are high achievers. Each Governor's School application outlines specific student eligibility criteria.

You can find more information [here!](#)

Student portions of the application, including all essays, are due to Mrs. Galyon in the counseling office by
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17th.

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**Would you like to speak
with a counselor?**

Student Self-Referral Form
Parent Referral Form

Pre-College Upward Bound

CAPS Outreach Center



The Upward Bound Program is federally funded by the US Department of Education and is designed to provide participants with skills and motivation necessary for successful enrollment in and completion of post-secondary education.

Who Is Eligible to Join Pre-College Upward Bound?-

- Students whose parents/guardians do not have a 4-year college degree.
- Students whose families meet federal income guidelines (low-income).
- Students who have 2.5 and above GPA
- 9th and 10th graders are preferred, 11th graders may be considered during fall semester.
- Students who need program services to meet their academic goals (tutoring and academic advising).

Academic Year

PCUB strives to support students throughout the academic year in order to ensure their success after high school. We provide:

- Weekly check-ins and workshops at school
- Tutoring in any subject
- Academic advising
- College information

Throughout the school year, we also have monthly Saturday sessions geared toward providing academic support for students. These sessions take place on the UTK campus. Transportation and meals are provided for all students for Saturday sessions.

Summer Component

Each summer a 6-week academic summer component is offered on the campus of UTK. During this time, students live on campus (4 weeks) at UTK and take classes from certified teachers that are meant to prepare them for their upcoming academic year. During the summer students get a taste of what it will be like to go to college through taking classes and living in the residence halls. During this time students also have the opportunity to participate in community service projects as well as take the ACT. Transportation and meals are provided throughout the summer. At the end of the summer session, the program takes a 3-day, 2-night cultural enrichment trip!

All our services are free of cost to eligible participants.

Web: pub.utk.edu

[Enrollment Application PDF:](#)

https://pcub.utk.edu/enrollment_applications/
-Fill out and return to a School Counselor @ GHS

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/precollege.upwardbound

Instagram: @PCUB_UTK



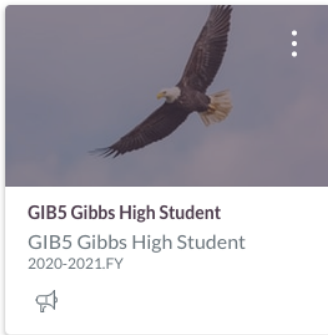
SENIOR SPOT

Scholarships are LIVE!

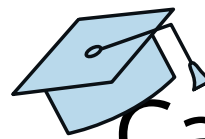
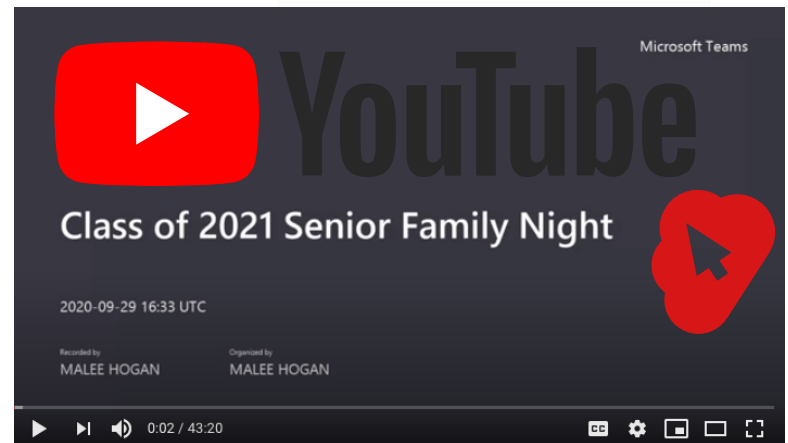
Scholarships

- [Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship - Due Oct. 30](#) ↗
- [Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation Scholarships - Due Oct. 31](#) ↗
- [Mascot Lodge Scholarship - Due Dec. 16](#) 📄
- [Horatio Alger Association Scholarship - Varying Due Dates](#) ↗
- [UT Promise](#) ↗

Check the Senior Folder on Canvas or the GHS website for access to applications!



[GHS Counseling Canvas Page!](#)
[Access your Senior Folder, checklists, and more!](#)



Cap & Gown,
Senior Fees,
& More!

Transcript Requests

Seniors can request a transcript be sent to their institutions of choice by either accessing their Senior Folder on Canvas or following the [link here.](#)



SENIOR SPOT



TENNESSEE Promise

Deadline EXTENDED - December 1

[Click here to
apply today!](#)


*2 free years of Community College
OR trade school at TN School of
Applied Technology

TN Promise Updates

TN Promise applicants recently received an email with lots of important information about the TN Promise process. Check your spam if you did not receive, or if you have not yet applied for TN Promise, apply [here](#) by December 1, 2020.

- [TN Promise Introductory Webinar](#)
- After viewing the webinar, you will be prompted to activate your tnAchieves CONNECT account
- Access and become familiar with the [Class of 2021 Student Handbook](#)
- [Community Service Information](#)
- [Complete the FAFSA prior to February 2, 2021](#)
- Watch the mandatory Spring Webinar once made available by tnAchieves

Need help with the FAFSA?

[Register here for](#) 
FAFSA Line-by-Line

TN Promise students will receive an email from tnAchieves every Monday that will include TN Promise information, tnAchieves updates and other information that is directly related to your TN Promise scholarship and eligibility, so check your email often!

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