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# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

## THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING

The 2020 Presidential Election is one of the most crucial elections in recent history. There are three crises amongst America including Voter suppression, systemic racism, and COVID-19. Student voters are vital because they can determine and influence how these crises are handled. Millennial and Gen Z voters make up over a third of the electorate!

American citizens that are over the age of 18 have the right to vote in the federal and state elections. Many people believe that their vote does not count, but it does and it is an important part of our democratic process. We are at a time where we need to use our voice by voting. Voting is exercising your citizen power!



Election Day is  
November 3, 2020

It is important to understand how you register to vote. A vote goes beyond who will be president, your vote is your voice on many topics including education, employment, healthcare and much more. Below demonstrates how to register to vote in Georgia! Let your voice be heard.

## Everything you need to know for November 3rd!



### Locate your polling place-

Search your address for a polling center near you [here](https://www.vote.org/polling-place-locator/).  
<https://www.vote.org/polling-place-locator/>



### Locate a Dropbox-

Where is your ballot dropbox, search by your location  
<https://www.vote.org/dropbox-locator/>



### Get your ballot information-

Want to see what's on your ballot?  
<https://www.vote.org/ballot-information/>



### Check if you are registered-

You have to be registered before you vote!  
<https://www.vote.org/am-i-registered-to-vote/>



### Go make your voice heard-

Go to your polling center and cast your vote, and make sure to bring a valid ID like a driver's license.



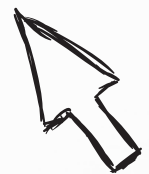
### Get Election Reminders -

Never miss an election again with text, email and mail reminders!  
<https://www.vote.org/election-reminders/>



### Pledge to Register-

Are you too young to vote? When you pledge to register you will get a text reminder on your 18th birthday!  
<https://www.vote.org/pledge-to-register/>



# Thanksgiving History



When we think of Thanksgiving, we think of this moment as an opportunity to show our thankfulness to life. We give thanks to good relationships, opportunities and accomplishments, our health and to the food provided, of course. The history of this holiday often gets overlooked. As it happens, Thanksgiving is a story of many parts, Take a look at these interesting facts you may have not known about Thanksgiving.

- *Sarah Josepha Hale is the reason this holiday exists. She lobbied Congress for many years until they decided Thanksgiving would become an official holiday. In 1863, President Lincoln declared it a national holiday.*
- *Did you know Thanksgiving could have originally been celebrated in Mid-October! There is no precise historical information of the actual first Thanksgiving.*
- *President Franklin D, Roosevelt changed the date of Thanksgiving in 1939 to one week earlier. He had hopes of extending holiday shopping to boost the economy through the crippling depression.*

## Decolonizing Thanksgiving-

A great way to honor Indigenous people who were here before us is to research who occupied the land you live in now! Go to <https://native-land.ca>, and find out which native people group was in your area. You can then research who they are, their culture, and even go to their visitor center or donate!

# Fall Events

## **Trivia Night-**

Trivia Nights will begin this month and will be held one Saturday each month. This is a way for students to connect with each other virtually and use CrowdPurr to play Trivia. Students from all three programs are invited.

## **Upward Bound Virtual Talent Show-**

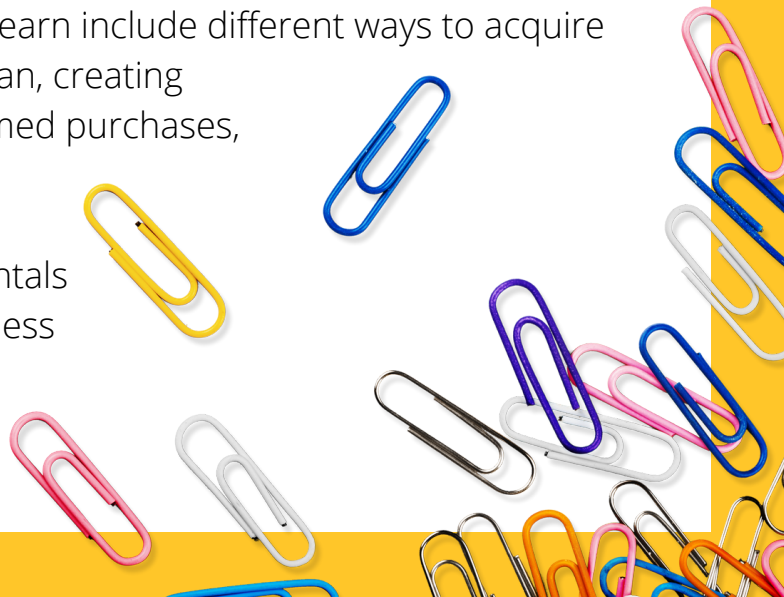
This is a time for you to show off your talents! Let the KSU TRIO fam see all your cool talents: singing, art, poetry, imitation- we wanna see! 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive a gift card prize. All submissions are due to your advisor no later than November 20, 2020, but the virtual event will take place on December 11, 2020.

## **Kaplan (English/Writing/Math/Science) Foundation Workshops-**

Make sure you are logging onto the Kaplan workshops on Saturday Mornings! This is a great way to expand your classroom knowledge in English, Writing, Math, and Science.

## **EVERFI Financial Literacy Education Program-**

Created by the rapper, 21 Savage, the state-of-the-art virtual program teaches you how to make wise financial decisions to promote financial well-being over your lifetime. A snapshot of what you will learn includes different ways to acquire income, develop a savings and investing plan, creating a budget, tracking expenses, making informed purchases, monitor, and protect your money, and navigate financial institutions and financial products. You will also learn the fundamentals of entrepreneurship, from creating a business plan to performing market research.





# TRIO Students of the Month



**Aniaya Grace,  
Upward Bound Math  
Science**

Aniaya, a Junior that recently transferred from East Paulding High School to Treasure Coast High School, has gone above and beyond to make sure she is on track with her grades. She checks in multiple times a week with the advisor, works with her teachers and school counselors to get information, and has continually kept her grades above B average for the past month. Aniaya is also a part of the Kaplan pilot program and has not missed 1 class.. Aniaya reaches out when she needs help and stays in communication with staff.



**Omar Rodriguez-  
Segura  
Polk Upward  
Bound**

Omar, a 9th grader at Cedartown High School and has been participating each Saturday in the Kaplan Workshops learning key strategies for success in Math, reading, and writing. This month, Omar used those skills and strategies and was the first in his math class to complete a difficult exam and earned a 100%! Congratulations to Omar on this awesome achievement and proof of his hard work so far this semester!



**Rachel Cooper,  
Hiram Upward  
Bound**

Rachel, a senior at Hiram High School, has been a dedicated and driven student this month. She continues to work hard towards her goals and never gives up when things get tough. She is a great representation of self-motivation and always puts forward her best efforts. Rachel has been with the program for 4 years with perfect attendance every year including summer academy while balancing band, soccer and other various clubs and activities.