

How prepared are your students for what's to come? Have you been sure to stress the importance of a plan? Some of our young employees have voiced opinions about their lack of desire to attend a four-year university directly following high school. In actuality, college *isn't* for everyone. While we would love for them to all immediately continue their educational career, we should also make them aware of the other beneficial opportunities available to them.

GPP strives to equip our future graduates with information such as this through the monthly Life Skills sessions that helps to set this program a part from any other. See following page to find some options to introduce to those students who are unsure of their future plans.



"The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers." —Ralph Nader

After graduation, 2015-2016 UGA Student Government President **Johnelle Simpson** joined the GPP family in Athens to help at risk students finish high school while gaining real life and career skills. Simpson was present at last year's Leadership Adventure Weekend where he spoke to our students about leadership and following their passion. Some people really are meant to lead and we are pleased to have him on the team.



Valdosta is the newest city to sign on with GPP. This year they have eight Valdosta High School juniors and seniors working in the program! [Click here to see the September issue of Georgia Cities](#) where President and CEO Mike Beatty explains what the program could do for communities.



City Manager Larry Hanson and Councilmember Vivian Miller-Cody with eight VHS students in the program.

Post-Secondary Options



This free, one year program offers up to 31 transferrable college credits. In addition to professional training, participants earn an average starting salary of \$18.00 per hour! Click the logo above for more details.



Many students are unaware of the educational benefits they can gain from the U.S. Military. Click the logo above to find out how to get assistance with GI Bill, College Fund, VEAP, Top-Up and other VA education benefits programs.

Technical and Junior Colleges

These schools give students an opportunity to obtain Associates Degree in as little as 2 years. Upon completion, students are ready to enter the job market with the training and certifications needed. Some local options include: Atlanta Metropolitan College, Atlanta Technical College, Brown College of Court Reporting and Medical Transcription, Brown Mackie College-Atlanta.

In addition to four-year universities and technical institutes, there are a number of different educational avenues available to high school graduates.

AmeriCorps has a number of state programs available for graduates. The 10 month programs allows students the possibility to travel, lead, and be a part of a team. Members receive money to live on, three meals a day, and a roof over their head. They also can earn up to 5,000 towards furthering their education. Click the logo below for more info.



Don't forget to reach out to your site coordinators for the GeorgiaBest grading rubrics. This way, you can follow along and be sure your students are eligible for certification at the end of the school-year.