

# GCA High School Newsletter 2015-2016



**Georgia Cyber Academy**

## *November 2015*

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# Highlight: Cool GCA Clubs

Here at GCA we want our students to be involved in all activities. Beta and Book club are two of the many organizations

## Interested in joining Beta Club?

We are a student-centered organization that continually develops and nurtures individuals by providing opportunities and experiences enabling them to demonstrate the ideal of character, achievement, service and leadership in a global community.

If you are interested please watch the link below or kmail Russell Long or Kelley Ergle.

<https://sas.illuminate.com/site/external/jwsdetect/playback.jnlp?psid=2015-08-14.1135.M.C7BC5E3C20B8DE66DC1A4175876435.vcr&sid=559>

## Club Spotlight: GCA Book Club

**Are you looking for a place to find a good book or to talk about characters? Ever need a to simply rant about that one character or event that drove you insane? Well, look no further! The GCA Book club is the place for you. In this friendly environment, all the members gush about our views on the book and vote on the next book to read. We even host livestreams outside of the club if you need some more time to talk about your OTP. Interested? K-mail Mrs. Karen Smith or Mrs. Sara Moody for more information!**

**Meeting Times: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday the of month  
President: Amber W.**

**Sponsors: Mrs. Karen Smith  
Mrs. Sara Moody**

**Website:  
<http://gcabookclub.wix.com/gcabookclub>**





# Teacher Appreciation

A teacher takes  
a *Hand*, opens  
a *Mind* and  
touches a *Heart*

A good teacher can  
*inspire hope*  
ignite the  
*imagination*  
and instill a love of  
*learning*  
-Brad Henry



Everyday is teacher appreciation day. Your teachers, councilor's, and advisors walk the extra mile so you can have a great day here at GCA. Give them a call or send them a kmail, because to see they are loved would make their day. In live class you could say thank you for a wonderful class. I have enjoyed being a student not only in Blackboard, but also in the lms. Thank you for caring. Something along these lines would truly make their day.



KEEP  
CALM

AND

THANK A  
TEACHER



**Teacher  
Appreciation**



# Inspirational Quotes



be the  
**change**  
you wish  
to see in **the**  
**world...**  
-gandhi

Do the difficult things while they are easy and do the great things while they are small. A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.

(Lao Tzu)

The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph.

Thomas Paine

Everyone wants,  
**happiness.**

No one wants,  
**pain.**

But you cant have a  
**rainbow,**  
without a little  
**rain.**

**“ACCEPT  
CHALLENGES,  
SO THAT YOU  
MAY FEEL THE  
EXHILARATION  
OF VICTORY.”**

~ GEORGE S. PATTON



“Laughter is timeless,  
imagination has no age,  
and dreams are forever.”

WALT DISNEY

*Life* is not about waiting  
for the storm to pass,  
it's about learning to  
*Dance*  
in the *Rain*

The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence.

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Confucius

You'll never be brave  
if you don't get hurt.

You'll never learn  
if you don't make  
mistakes.

You'll never be successful  
if you don't encounter  
failure.



YOU MAY NOT ALWAYS  
END UP WHERE YOU  
THOUGHT YOU WERE  
GOING, BUT YOU WILL  
ALWAYS END UP WHERE  
YOU ARE MEANT TO BE.



enjoy the  
little things  
**in life**  
for one day  
you'll look back  
and realize  
they were the  
big things

—Karl Vessagat

## DE/ACCEL

Listen up all high school students! Whether you are a senior or a freshman you could definitely benefit from reading this article! Have you started looking at college? Have you started thinking about how to make the most of high school to prepare for college? Are you looking for a way to test out college classes? I have the answer! Hi, my name is Harley and I am a senior this year at GCA and with this being my seventh year in K12 I'd love to share with you my tips and knowledge. Last year I was enrolled in the ACCEL program and completed eight college classes. Not only did this bring my GPA up from good to outstanding but I got college credit and high school credit at the same time! Let me tell you how it works.

First let me tell you what ACCEL and DE are. DE stands for Dual Enrollment and is an option exclusively for high school students at most colleges. ACCEL is a form of DE but it is a specific program of study. So what's the difference? DE is what the college identifies high school students who enroll in college classes following a pathway or program of study. Your pathway or program could be nursing or mechanics or welding, just to name a few popular ones, and you would be in that program but you would identify as a DE student. ACCEL is a program of study but instead of it following a certain degree it's just basic college core classes that transfer to almost every college or university within the state and most out of state.

When you complete these courses you get double high school credit and full college credit. For example, I took College Algebra 1101 my first semester and by completing one semester of college math I got two semesters of high school credit. Because I also took Pre-Calculus 1101 I got rid of all my high school requirements for math and eliminated that class from my list this year! Also, these college classes will replace your high school classes so instead of juggling all your high school load plus college you just focus on your college and whatever grade you make is put on your high school transcripts as well. Because you're a high school student you don't have to pay for the tuition, it's paid for by the state so you get super cheap college credits and experience early. The only downfall is that you have to pay for all your books on your own. The only exception is for students old enough to receive Pale or other grants.

If you're worried about these credit hours eating at your HOPE when you aren't old enough to receive it, don't worry! These college credit hours don't count towards your HOPE hours at all! So when you graduate high school and head into college you will officially start your first credit hours on the HOPE scholarship with no penalties for previous hours earned under DE/ACCEL.

How do you get into this great stuff? Easy! You just tell your parents, locate a college close enough for you to attend, figure out if they offer DE and a program of study you want or ACCEL, and then you tell Mr. Tim Melvin. Mr. Melvin is the head guy for all things DE and ACCEL in GCA so you have to get in contact with him and then he can direct you further. His contact information is on the GCA High School website and he's a very busy man so be sure to tell him early and give him time to respond. Also, because this is a college course you'd be signing up for you can start any semester so you could even start next semester!

Just a few friendly warnings I'd like to mention though. If you sign up for this you must remember that this is college level. It's not like honors or AP classes in high school and chances are your instructor or professor won't be nearly as caring as your high school teachers so you have to take responsibility for yourself and all your studies and assignments. They don't have time for children so they will treat you like an adult and expect you to act like one. Lastly, this is a permanent thing on your college records. There is no retake or makeup at all. What you make is what you get so be careful and really apply yourself, what you do in DE/ACCEL follows you forever and there is no way to alter it.

Now that I've shared my information I'd just like to say that ACCEL worked out wonderfully for me. By doing all those classes I've freed up my senior year to focus on applying to colleges and scholarships and I've gained new wisdom on how to handle my college life and studies effectively. I hope that you will read this and be inspired to also enroll in DE or ACCEL. And if you do, I wish you all the best and hope you will make all A's!

~Harley S.

## *Whipping up somethin good*

The baking championships have begun! Pull out your mixer, and make some memories.

Four easy steps to make yummy Snicker Cookies!



Step 1.

Get these ingredients ready: Two snicker bars or a bag or mini snickers.

1 silver pan out, pam spray, and a roll of peanut butter cookie roll shown in the picture.



Step 2. Next spray pan with spray.

Then take rapper off of the cookie dough and slice it with a knife. Place snicker on top of the dough and then fold it in, then roll the dough.

Step 3. Next place four balls in a row.

Heat oven to Bake 350F. Then place in oven on top shelf.



Step 4. Wait until golden brown as shown. Then ENJOY!

Music is every where we go. Even if it is background, someone had taken the time to create



## Music in Our Lives



### Delirium (Deluxe)

Ellie Goulding just released this album. The album contains 22 songs.

Aftertaste	We can't move to this
Something in the way you move	Army
Keep on Dancin'	Lost and found
On my mind	Devotion
Around you	Scream it out
Codes	The greatest
Hanging on for life	I do what I love
Love me like you do	Paradise
Don't need nobody	Winner
Don't Panic	Heal

You can check out this album on Spotify or YouTube.



## Poetry and Arts Corner

Growing Up by Olivia V October 20, 2015

Growing up is a weed, dancing through the storm.  
Growing up is advancing with no set form.  
Growing up is blossoming in the spring, ready to feel alive again.  
Growing up is receiving your freedom from the councilmen.  
Growing up is a process that takes time. Do not rush. For full growth will come.  
Growing up sometimes leaves us feeling glum.  
  
Men and women no longer equal like when we were younger.  
In his eyes holds a deeper hunger.  
Some harsh things were said by tongue.  
Statements that cannot be unsung.  
  
Finally, a weed becomes an adult.  
It was no catapult.  
For they have seen the world through a one sided window.  
There is no crescendo.

Happy to experience their own adventures.

Not quite ready for the dentures.  
No longer young and fragile, but wise and strong.  
Your life has been no easy song,  
But you look in the mirror and see a life well lived.  
By no means have you been deprived.  
I thought that little weed dancing through the storm such a long time ago was carefree,  
No doubt in my mind you were. Nothing at the time seemed scary.

November Smiles by Alexis P. Smile...  
smile...smile my sweet November

For your cool breeze sweeps me from  
my feet

From your lovely music to your laugh-  
ing voice

Yes I hear the smiles of November,  
who keeps me near the fire and holds  
me in cheerfulness, come... come my  
sweet November for thanksgiving will  
come my way. Smile... smile...smile my  
sweet November for love and joyful-  
ness is my heart

From tears in my eyes to joy in my soul  
I say smile... smile... for the days of your  
smiles will come and fade away. Love  
and joy is here for Thanksgiving Day.  
Smile... smile... smile my sweet Novem-  
ber for my heart is coming this day.







## November Holidays

When the pilgrims first came to the new world, they settled at Cape Cod Bay. During the first winter, though, over half of the settlers died from the harsh weather and lack of food.

Over time, the Pilgrims met a Native American, Squanto, from the Pawtuxet tribe. Squanto became friends with the Pilgrims and taught them how to grow corn and where to fish and hunt. Corn became an important crop for the Pilgrims and they decided to share a feast with the Native Americans in fall, 1621.

It has been almost 394 years since the first Thanksgiving, and we still celebrate it with our families and friends every year. So, remember to be thankful for the Pilgrims this Thanksgiving. If God hadn't helped them come here and settle, we might not have even been here today.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!



On a bright fall morning, a young girl woke up, already tired before the day had even begun. The girl, Autumn, was consumed by her thoughts. Despite her attempts to think positive, the worry continued to bring her down. By the time Autumn ate breakfast, it looked like she had already suffered from working.

Her mother gave Autumn a concerned look. "Down already?" she asked. Autumn nodded slightly. As she picked up the phone, Autumn's mother looked at Autumn with slight pity. "Well, I hope your day becomes better."

Thanks," Autumn said unenthusiastically, snatching her dog's leash. "Here, Foodles." Excitedly, a Labradoodle rushed down the stairs with glee in each step. With slight envy of her dog, the teen clipped the leash onto Foodle's collar. Without uttering another word, Autumn took her dog to Green Park, leaving her mother to continue the call she had started moments before.

Autumn shivered in the morning breeze, mentally scolding herself for forgetting to bring a thicker sweater. With every step she took, each weary thought grew larger. Her head was drowning in thoughts that made her head ache. It got to the point she collapsed on a nearby bench.

Pondering, she couldn't help but lose track of time. Her thoughts wandered as she looked around the park, seeing all the happy people surrounding her. She couldn't help but to think what her next move would be. Autumn couldn't decide what she wanted to do in her life. The teen rethought options, which only added to her frustration. Exhausted, she hung her head, unable to think straight. "I can't; I just can't," she whined exasperatedly, "I just... Laine?" Autumn lifted her head, only to feel the need to hide.

"HI AUTUMN! I CAN SEE YOU! CAN YOU SEE ME?! HEY, AUTUMN! AUTUMN!" Laine screeched. Seconds later, Laine began charging towards Autumn. "CHANCE, HURRY UP! I THINK AUTUMN MIGHT BE DEAF!!!"

"Laine, learn to shut up!" Chance exclaimed, attempting to cover her mouth. Laine frantically wiggled out of his grasp and screamed for Autumn. Autumn and Chance both glanced at each other, knowing their dear friend wouldn't be quiet until she got what she wanted. Slowly but surely, Autumn walked towards her friends, trying to hide the apparent concern on her face. How did I become friends with them, Autumn thought.

As Autumn approached her friends, Laine's excitement grew radiant on her face. Chance walked over to Autumn, apologizing to her on Laine's behalf while Laine was suffocating Foodles in a tight hug. "So what have you been up to?" Chance asked. Autumn rose her head slightly to face Chance. "Oh nothing, just... decided to take Foodles on a walk," she replied in a cheerless tone.

Chance suddenly gave Autumn a worried look, causing Autumn to hesitantly face away from him. "Hey Autumn," he asked, "Are you okay?"

Autumn hung her head in defeat, knowing Chance had noticed. "Yeah, I'm fine. I'm just a little stressed that's all--"

"WAIT, WHAT?!" Laine abruptly appeared between them, still squeezing Foodles. "OH MY GOSH! AUTUMN HAS STRESSIOTIS?!" Laine yelled. Autumn furiously bit her lip, further shielding her face from her friends.

Chance gave Laine a disapproving look before looking at Autumn again. "You know, if you have any problems, you can tell us. Don't make your mom do it for you."

"Wait, my mom called you?" Autumn asked. Immediately, the memory of that morning struck her, and she was unable to meet their eyes. "I don't know what to do anymore. I mean, between deciding where my life is going and figuring out how to deal with family, I'm going insane. School isn't helping either. I've been thinking and thinking, and I've gotten nowhere so far."

"Well, we OBVIOUSLY have an answer to all of your problems," Laine smiled. She strolled towards Autumn until they were an inch apart. "Don't. Think. At. All." She quickly silenced and surprised Autumn. "The more you think, the more you worry, and the more you worry, the more you can't think properly. It's not the end of the world; I'm sure you can make it. Unless a meteor destroys the earth. Then we won't have a tomorrow."

"What's she's saying," Chance cut in, "is that you should just relax for now. If you want, we can just walk around the park for a while?"

"Or go to the Chinese restaurant that's just a few blocks from here!" Laine squealed. "I heard it has the greatest chow mein ever."

"But I'm pretty sure they don't allow any pets in." Chance responded questionably, motioning towards Autumn's dog.

Abruptly, Laine gasped. "We can disguise him!" Laine replied enthusiastically.

Autumn stared between her two friends. "But what about my homework? My projects? My life?! I have a ton of paperwork to go over, and—" "No, no, no," Laine cut Autumn off. "We're going." With a smirk, Laine finally said, "It's time for you to learn the word 'chill'."

## Contact Us

Would you like to join Student Council? This school club can be challenging, but rewarding. Email us with a brief description of your interest, and a group of our council members will be contacting you further with information for semester two enrollment. If you have questions you would like answered, a team of highly professional members will answer you directly via email. Our council email is [gca.askthecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:gca.askthecouncil@gmail.com)

Do you have Facebook? So do we! If you want to learn more about student council updates send us a friend request. Our name is [GCAHS Student Council](#).

If you are more of a twitter person then that is great as well. Our name on twitter is [@gca\\_stuco](#)



## SPECIAL THANKS

I would like to thank the girls who have come to every newsletter meeting. Without them I would not have this wonderful Newsletter you are reading today. Thank you Ladies for you were a wonderful help!

To my members: Thank you for attending our meetings. I appreciate your submissions. The word choice was lovely, many emotions were evoked while reading, and I can am so thankful for this year together. You are each indivial writers, and I am honored to work alongside you all.

Olivia V. and Aleeah M. bringing you a newsletter that makes you laugh, smile, and learn.