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Karri Blalock, '22, biology

One thing that has made my experience at GGC special is that my husband and daughter both attended school with me and we all were/are part of the School of Education.

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Never Too Old for an Education

Science has always been a passion for Karri. Karri began her career by obtaining a diploma in surgical technology in 1996 and became a stay-at-home mom in 1997. When her children reached school age, she returned to school and obtained her AAS in Veterinary Technology. After 13 years working in research at Yerkes National Primate Research Center as a Registered Veterinary Technician, Karri began to rethink her career path so she applied to GGC in the Summer of 2017. Karri's journey may be long, but she has proven that you're never too old for an education. Karri will graduate with a BS in biology with a teacher certificate and a minor in sociology in the Fall of 2022. However, her journey won't end there. Her goal is to become an AP biology teacher while working toward her master's then a doctorate degree.

Academic Enhancement Center to Offer In-Person Tutoring

Summer 2021 tutoring schedule

Georgia Gwinnett College's [Academic Enhancement Center \(AEC\)](#) offers free tutorial support to all students currently taking classes at the college. This summer, there will be tutoring in person, on campus and online in many subjects including math, science, information technology, business and writing.

All on-campus, tutorial sessions will be held by appointment only with students meeting individually with tutors. Sessions will last 45 minutes.

Availability includes:

- Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., (in-person)
- Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., (online)
- Friday, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., (online only)
- Saturday-Sunday: 24-hour online support facilitated by the AEC's online vendor.

*Note: Last in-person tutoring session occurs one hour before closing.

For more information on health and safety guidelines on campus, please visit [GGC Public Safety](#).

Students may schedule an appointment by calling the AEC at 678-407-5191.

If you have any questions, please email [Renee Hayes](#), director of AEC, [Donna Ly](#), AEC math coordinator, or [Thomas "Buddy" Shay](#), AEC writing coordinator.



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SPARC

SUMMER PREPARATORY ACADEMIC RESOURCE CAMPS

SPARC: Summer Preparatory Academic Resource Camps for Summer 2021

The SPARC camps consist of two hour-long sessions, with a half-hour for social gathering.

- Get to know a faculty member and advisor
- Learn about your major or focus area, including: Business, education, health professions, humanities and arts, social sciences, and STEM (science, technology and math)
- Dates for the SPARC camps available in June and July on GGC campus.

Sign up for a SPARC camp session TODAY at <https://bit.ly/RegisterforSPARC> or scan QR code.



Free SPARC backpacks and t-shirts while supplies last for SPARC participants!

Contact LearningCommunities@ggc.edu for assistance or more information.

A List of Reminders and Resources to Help you Prepare for Fall Semester

Attention First-Year and Sophomore Students

LIFT: Launching and Inspiring your First-Year Transition

RISE: Re-Imagining your Sophomore-Year Experience

- Have you registered for Fall classes? It's not too late. Contact your mentor or the Student Success Advising Center at SESadvising@ggc.edu.
- Consider joining a living-learning community in the Fall. For example, if you need to take English 1101 and are interested in learning more of the Spanish language with other students who have similar interests then you may be eligible to live in a Spanish Language Living-Learning Community space. Email LearningCommunities@ggc.edu for more information or visit [Learning Communities](#).
- Learn more about your chosen major and career.
 - Take the [Focus 2 Career](#) assessment to learn more about your work interest, values, skills, personality and leisure interests.
 - Use [What Can I Do With This Major?](#) Learn more about your career options and additional tips to guide your Success into preparing for your field of interest.
 - Research volunteer opportunities that will not only allow you the opportunity to give back, but will help you develop key skills you will need in the workplace.



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Attention Juniors

JUMP: Junior-Year Upward Momentum Program

- Have you registered for Fall classes? It's not too late. Contact your mentor or the Student Success Advising Center at SESadvising@ggc.edu
- Do you plan to graduate in Fall 2021 or Spring 2022? If so, visit [Apply to Graduate](#) to apply for graduation and view other important information related to your big day!
- Are you career ready? Here are some things you can do to showcase your skills and accomplishments and explore your chosen career.
 - Start preparing your professional social media accounts now. Establish a [Handshake](#) profile and create [LinkedIn](#) and ClawLink accounts to showcase your courses, skills, and accomplishments to your future network.
 - Use [Candid Career](#) to view brief videos of real professionals that discuss their job duties, what they love and find challenging about their job, and tips for you as student entering the field.
 - Conduct a job shadow to see what a "day in the life" of your chosen career would be like.



Attention Seniors

SOAR: Senior-Year Optimized for Achieving Results

- Have you registered for Fall classes? It's not too late. Contact your mentor or the Student Success Advising Center SESadvising@ggc.edu.
- Do you plan to graduate in Fall 2021? If so, visit [Apply to Graduate](#) to apply for graduation and view other important information related to your big day!
- Are you career ready? Here are some things you can do to showcase your skills and accomplishments and prepare for your job search.
 - Finalize your resume, cover letter, and reference list and activate your career search by identifying open full-time and internship opportunities related to your interests and skills.
 - Search for open opportunities in [LinkedIn](#) and ClawLink.
 - Practice your interviewing with [Big Interview](#) to identify your strengths and weaknesses with interviewing.



Check your financial aid now

Don't forget to review your financial aid status and account balance for Fall. You can view your eligibility and account balance in [Banner](#).

FAFSA for 2021-22 is available to be completed. Start early and check frequently.

For more information visit the [Student Success Advising Center](#) or e-mail us at sesadvising@ggc.edu.

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