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C5 Georgia College-Bound

From Duke University to the Savannah College of Art & Design's Savannah campus, 4th-year C5 students had the opportunity to visit the campuses of some of the top universities in the Southeast through two "Road to College" tour opportunities.

During the months of June and July, 4th-year students visited nearly 20 colleges. Share your alma mater with [C5 Georgia](#) in support of our college curriculum.

**ACT NOW! Summit
Community-Focused**

2011 Annual Golf Tournament



Join us for the 6th Annual C5 Coca-Cola Golf Classic on Monday, October 24 and Tuesday, October 25 at the historic East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta. All Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsorships include opportunities to play in the tournament on one of the dates, special tournament gifts for all players, a buffet reception, live and silent auctions and as always, a lot of fun and camaraderie. The tournament is the single largest fundraising event supporting C5 program. All participants playing on either tournament date are invited to a special dinner reception and auction on Monday evening following play.

Last year's golf tournament was a sell-out, so be sure to register by August 31.

Support the C5 golf tournament. For more information on sponsorship or to register for the event contact Stephanied@c5georgia.org or visit c5golf.eventbrite.com.

A Well-deserved Celebration for Class of 2011

During the second week in June, 51 5th-year C5 Georgia students convened at Oglethorpe University for the 2011 ACT NOW! Summit. During the Spring 2011 semester, 5th-year students formed committees to plan each of the ACT NOW! Summit days' presentations and activities.

The 2011 summit focused on youth recreation issues. Subjects included education, social awareness, physical health, mental health and crime and safety. On August 30, the C5 Georgia students are going to present their social advocacy efforts to the Atlanta City Council.

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C5 Georgia alumni looked forward to the May 12 ceremony that celebrated their completion of the five-year leadership program on the steps of the Coca-Cola headquarters. Students photographed include Chandler Lewis, one of the event's student emcees.

On May 12, C5 Georgia students, staff and stakeholders filled Coca-Cola's Goizueta Auditorium to celebrate 48 budding community leaders' completion of the five-year program. During the GDF SUEZ Energy Resources-sponsored event, C5 Georgia Executive Director Jeff Cohen announced that each of the members of the class of 2011 would graduate high school this spring and had been accepted into college, despite their humble beginnings.

C5 Georgia students come from homes with \$10,000 of annual income per household member, are potential first-generation college graduates or come from risk-filled communities. The Department of Education released the 2010 Atlanta graduation rate at 66.3 percent and young people from lower-income homes traditionally have a drop-out rate six times that of students from higher-income households. C5 Georgia's class of 2011 not only had a college acceptance rate of 100 percent, but 5 of the 48 received full-scholarship offers to institutions including Stanford University and the U.S. Military Academy (West Point). To date, the first two C5 Georgia graduating classes have earned more than \$2.25 million in scholarships.

During the May 12 ceremony, nine students received college scholarships. Honorees included Vy Tran, Christi Moore, Ajai Scott, Vesselina Kotzeva, Kayla Parchia, Shobana Ramasamy, Julia Ngai, Jacky Kwong and Clifford Banks.

Vy said, "I will be going to Stanford University this fall and I will be going on a full scholarship through the Questbridge [matching program]. I don't think I would have gotten that if it weren't for C5 Georgia motivating me. Finances were the big issue, but my community involvement is so strong. I feel that that is one of the reasons I was selected [for the scholarship]."

As Jay Bell of GDF SUEZ Energy Resources presented Vy with the Presenting Sponsor GDF SUEZ Energy Resources Award during the May 12 ceremony. Bell said, "Every time I meet the young [C5 Georgia] adults I realize that this is why we decided to do it [support C5 Georgia], because we get to see the results of these unbelievable students."

C5 Georgia Director of Development Rebecca DeYarman said of GDF SUEZ Energy Resources' involvement, "GDF SUEZ Energy Resources' continued support over the years has made events like the class of 2011's ceremony possible. The company shares our commitment to serving high-potential students in need of our support. Our board, staff and students are all greatly appreciative of their involvement."

The Live to Lead graduation event was featured on 11Alive's Midtown, Downtown, Virginia-Highlands, Kirkwood, Grant Park and Old Fourth Ward ["Where You Are" webpages](#).

Tune in to 11Alive to catch C5 Georgia

Donna Lowry meets with C5 Georgia student and staff



In one emotional fell swoop, 11Alive had one tremendously uplifting story on deck. Donna Lowry visited the home of second-year student Leah and her mother as Leah packed for summer camp and three weeks later Lowry made the 2-hour drive to the C5 Georgia camp to see Leah's transformation.

During the home visit, Leah's mother spoke of the improvement teachers have noticed in Leah's performance at school as well as the maturity she has seen since her first-year camp experience with C5 Georgia, which focuses on learning to "lead myself".

When Lowry visited camp three short weeks later, Leah showed evidence that she was learning to "lead others", which is the focus of the second-year camp, by leading a group of staff, students and the 11Alive crew on a tour of the camp.

Watch for the 2-part 11Alive segment in late-July or early-August and in the meantime visit C5 Georgia's partnering [PR firm](#) Write2Market's blog to read more about the first filming session.

Ni Hao! C5 Georgia students prepare for China

Onn July 10, six C5 Georgia students, one alum and Executive Director of C5 Georgia Jeff Cohen departed for China.

This was the first year C5 Georgia sent students to China and the trip was conducted in conjunction with Kennesaw State University and the Confucius Institute.

During their visit, students experienced local cuisine, culture and learned about the language. The students enjoyed sightseeing in Yangzhou, a tour of the Great Wall of China and a cruise along the Huangpu River. Additionally, students had the opportunity to converse with professionals working and living in China as they met Atlanta-based Coca-Cola representatives during the tour.

C5 Georgia's Class of 2010: Where are they now?

In May 2010 C5 Georgia's first graduating class completed the leadership program and all wondered what the students would achieve as alumni. In the year following their completion of the program, the class of 2010 has already shown their continued commitment to community involvement and the C5 Georgia program.

The class of 2010 has formed an alumni association and started a college scholarship fund for future graduates of the C5 Georgia program. Vesselina Kotzeva was honored May 12 as the first recipient of the C5 Georgia Alumni Award.

Several of the alumni also showed their commitment to C5 Georgia by returning to the program as camp counselors. Georgia State student Alexander Terrell, Georgia Southwestern student Danielle Mullings and College of Wooster student Deja Moss are current C5 Georgia counselors.

11Alive's Donna Lowry interviewed Deja during Lowry's camp visit earlier this summer. Watch for the two-part segment on 11Alive later this summer. Support future alumni by [donating to C5 Georgia](#) today.

Jeff Cohen, Executive Director
C5 Georgia

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