



Special Photo

Truett McConnell freshman guard E.J. Smith, a former Cambridge High standout, takes a shot in a game earlier this season.

Cambridge grad and TMU standout named to AAC's All-Freshmen team

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Former Cambridge High basketball standout E.J. Smith, who is in his first season at Truett McConnell University in Cleveland, Georgia, was named to the Appalachian Athletic Conference All-Freshmen team. According to a Feb. 27 news release, the freshman

guard is one of three Bears to receive the conference's postseason honors. Junior forward Enoch Franky was chosen to the All-Conference first team and All-Defensive squad, and freshman guard Ty Briscoe joined Smith earned on the All-Freshmen team. Smith averaged 6.44 points and 1.11 assists a game and led Truett McConnell in

steals per game (1.07) and 3-point field goal percentage (32.7%). He scored a season-high 16 points against Kentucky Christian in January. "E.J. displayed a tireless work ethic and selfless attitude from day one," Bears head coach Jon Yeh said in the release. "His shoot(ing) ability earned him playing time, but then this overall game flourished as he gained

confidence. He was both a capable defender (second on the team in total steals) and a solid decision maker (1.6 to 1 assist-to-turnover ratio)." Truett McConnell (9-19 overall, 5-15 conference) ended its season with an 88-79 loss to Montreat (North Carolina) in the conference tournament's play-in game Feb. 20.

Roswell cancels and postpones numerous upcoming city events

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The city of Roswell has decided to cancel or postpone many large city events that traditionally take place during the spring and summer months. The city said the cancellations and postponements are continued efforts to safeguard the health and safety of the Roswell community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Memorial Day Celebration, Riverside Sounds Concert Series and the Lavender Festival are all cancelled. Alive in Roswell will be postponed until

July 15. The city will reassess the decision to hold July's event on April 30. Food Truck Fridays, the 4th of July Celebration and BBQ and Bluegrass at Barrington Hall and the End of Summer Celebration are also all on hold and will be reassessed by April 30. Roswell says its decision to cancel or postpone these events was made out of an abundance of caution for the public, sponsors and vendors, and city staff and volunteers who organize and work the events. The city is continuing to follow state and local public health guidelines, as well as adhering to CDC guidance regarding special events.

14 Fulton schools named AP Honor Schools by state Dept. of Education

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14 high schools in the Fulton County Schools district were named Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Schools by the Georgia Department of Education when it released its list Feb. 24. Fulton's number of schools lauded was only one less than the class of 2019. Statewide, 244 schools were honored, down from 255 the previous year. In 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all AP exams were taken online in an abbreviated format.

Based on how schools' students fared on AP exams, the department started recognizing AP Honor Schools in 2008. The honor began with three categories: AP Access and Support Schools, AP Challenge Schools and AP Merit Schools. The AP STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and AP STEM Achievement categories were added in 2011, and the AP Humanities category debuted in 2015.

Last year two new categories were added: AP Humanities Achievement and AP Expansion Schools. The AP Merit Schools category was renamed AP Schools of Distinction.

Fulton's recognized schools and their categories were as follows:

- ♦ **AP Access and Support Schools:** North Springs
- ♦ **AP Challenge Schools:** Hapeville
- ♦ **AP Schools of Dis-**

inction: Alpharetta, Cambridge, Centennial, Chattahoochee, Johns Creek, Milton, North Springs, Northview, Riverwood and Roswell

♦ **AP Expansion Schools:** none

♦ **AP Humanities Schools:** Alpharetta, Cambridge, Centennial, Chattahoochee, Johns Creek, Milton, North Springs, Northview, Riverwood and Roswell

♦ **AP Humanities Achievement Schools:** Alpharetta, Cambridge, Centennial, Chattahoochee, Johns Creek, Milton, North Springs, Northview, Riverwood and Roswell

♦ **AP STEM Schools:** Alpharetta, Banneker, Cambridge, Centennial, Chattahoochee, Creekside, Johns Creek, Milton, North Springs, Northview, Riverwood, Roswell and Westlake

♦ **AP STEM Achievement Schools:** Alpharetta, Cambridge, Centennial, Chattahoochee, Johns Creek, Milton, Northview, Riverwood and Roswell

On the statewide level, Georgia's public-school class of 2020 has the 17th-highest AP pass rate in the country (the same as the class of 2019), according to data released by the College Board.

"I'm so proud of the class of 2020 for their continued accomplishments, and extremely pleased to see that Georgia's students maintained their strong performance on AP exams even given the impact of

the COVID-19 pandemic in their final year," State School Superintendent Richard Woods said in a news release. "In a challenging time for schools and students, this is good news as we continue our work to expand advanced learning opportunities to all students."

The percentage of students earning a 3 or higher on an AP exam was 23.2% for Georgia's class of 2020, the same as the class of 2019. Georgia students recorded stronger AP performance than most Southern states, scoring higher than their peers in Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia.

The percentage of low-income AP test-takers who scored 3 or higher increased in Georgia for the second straight year, jumping from 43.7% for the class of 2019 to 49.4% for the class of 2020. This figure is based on the performance of students who used an AP exam fee reduction, which states look to as a marker of equitable participation for low-income students.

Overall, 38.5% of Georgia's class of 2020 took an AP exam while in high school. This is a slight drop compared to the class of 2019 — of those students, 40.5% took at least one AP exam. The national participation rate decreased slightly as well, from 39.9 to 38.3%.

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colorectal cancer screening. According to Clinical Oncology News, delays in colorectal cancer screenings during the pandemic will equate to a 12% increase in cancer deaths over the next five years.

As an ambassador, he's asking everyone to get a colonoscopy when they turn 50 or even 45.

"Unfortunately, getting a colonoscopy is really the main way to check for colon cancer, and it's not very fun. You have to do a lot

of prep," he said. "Getting the colonoscopy is not just an easy blood test or something like that you can do, so a lot of people put it off. I understand that, and don't know if I would have done it right at 50."

"But hopefully, when people hear some of the stories and hear, 'Hey, I know this guy who has ... (colon cancer). He had no other symptoms, and it's a really easy thing to go undiagnosed.' Hopefully they'll hear my story and see a doctor, and if they're having any symptoms, at least follow up on the symptoms and hopefully catch it if they have it, catch it early."

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the applicant entities' total number of employees and

average monthly payroll.

As a result of these false statements, lenders issued over \$3.5 million in PPP loans to these various entities. Swope and the others then allegedly used the

fraudulently obtained funds for unauthorized expenditures including luxury clothing, restaurants, personal rent, hotels and vacation rentals. Both women were indicted on Feb. 24.

THE CITY OF ROSWELL SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITS 2020 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT

The City of Roswell is seeking public comment on its 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER is an annual report that must be submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and describes the use of the City's entitlement funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The draft plan will be available to the public starting on Friday March 12, 2021. Due to closures related to the COVID pandemic, the City will not be posting hard copies at the Roswell Public Library, East Roswell Public Library, or the Roswell Housing Authority. However, hard copies will be available for review at Roswell City Hall, 38 Hill Street, Suite 115, Roswell, GA 30075, and an electronic copy will be posted on the City of Roswell's website, www.roswellgov.com. Public comments may be submitted by email to CDBG@roswellgov.com or in writing at suite 130 in City Hall. All public comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday March 29, 2021.

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Fulton County Seeks Citizen Comments on the following: Draft Action Plan for FY 2021 Substantial Amendment to Action Plan for FY 2020

Feedback is needed on the Draft Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2021 and a substantial amendment to the Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2020 for the following three federal programs: Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and the Emergency Solutions Grant.

For FY 2021, Fulton County will receive a total of \$2,203,063 from HUD under three formula programs - CDBG, HOME, and ESG. These funds will be used for a variety of eligible activities and services that will benefit Fulton County citizens, with the exception of those citizens residing within the city limits of Atlanta, Roswell, South Fulton and Sandy Springs.

The public is invited to comment on the Draft Annual Action Plan for FY2021 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs and on the proposed use of CDBG funds for FY 2020 during a virtual hearing. The virtual hearing will be held on **April 1, 2021 at 6 PM** via Zoom.

To participate, click the link below to join the ZOOM meeting

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The County encourages all interested parties to participate in the hearing, to review the draft document and to submit written comments no later than 5:00 PM(EST) April 13, 2021. All written comments should be emailed to communityfeedback@fultoncountyga.gov. The final version, with citizen comments, will be submitted to HUD by April 30, 2021.

The draft FY 2021 Annual Action Plan and FY 2020 Substantial Amendment is available for review at:

Fulton County Government Website: <https://www.fultoncountyga.gov/inside-fulton-county/fulton-county-departments/community-development>

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