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## **Wave Bound a college entrance preparation workshops seeks middle and high school students**

*Program focuses on preparing ethnically diverse and under-represented middle and high school students for the college entrance process.*

**ATLANTA** (February 7, 2009) – RIPPLE institute announces a call for applications for its Wave Bound college entrance program Spring 2009 class. RIPPLE institute inc. realized that there are many students in the Metro Atlanta and DeKalb County area that wanted to go to college but didn't have a structured, low cost program to help prepare them to get there. **Wave Bound is free to all 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students** in part due to our partnership with Kaplan and DeKalb County Commissioner Lee May.

Wave Bound offers its participants information pertaining to the college process. This information will include standardized tests, financial aid, choosing a college, an overview of what engineering is, and a panel to answer any questions. Students at all score-levels will benefit from the targeted, personalized approach at Wave Bound, such as concrete ways to achieve their dreams, bring joy and meaning to their chosen careers while maintaining high standards of excellence.

We will be offering the following practice exams at DeKalb County, Manuel J. Maloof Center Auditorium 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, GA 30030:

**Grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> the practice PSAT will be held at 9 AM - 2PM March 7, 2009.**  
**Follow up seminar discussing the exam results at 9 AM March 21, 2009, parents are encouraged to attend.**

**Grades 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> the practice ACT/SAT Combo Test will be held at 9 AM - 2PM April 4, 2009.**  
**Follow up seminar discussing the exam results at 9 AM April 18, 2009, parents are encouraged to attend.**

### **How to Apply**

DeKalb county residents can contact their local public school counselors for a copy of the registration applications or visit [www.rippleinc.org](http://www.rippleinc.org) for registration applications and more information about Wave Bound. Onsite registration is also available but seating is limited.

## **DIRECTIONS to Manuel J. Maloof Center Auditorium (1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, GA 30030)**

**On Saturdays: Free parking is available behind Manuel J. Maloof Center in the employee parking lot or on side of the building on Commerce Drive.**

### **From the MARTA rail line:**

Go to Decatur Station (E-6). Take west exit towards Swanton Way and walk one block to 1300 Commerce Drive.

### **From 1-285 Southbound: (Stone Mountain, Snellville, Athens, Conyers)**

Take Stone Mountain Freeway (US 78) west (Exit 39A). About ½ mile after divided highway ends and becomes Scott Blvd. Bear left onto Church Street. Continue on Church Street about two miles. Turn right onto Commerce Drive.

### **From 1-285 Northbound: (College Park, Fayetteville, Henry Co., Airport)**

Get off at Covington Highway (US 278) (Exit 43) and turn left. Continue through downtown Avondale Estates (where Covington Highway becomes Main Street) past the Avondale MARTA station. Turn right onto E. Trinity Place and Travel approximately ½ mile. Turn right onto Commerce Drive.

### **From 1-85:**

Get off at Clairmont Road Exit (91) and go south on Clairmont about 4 ½ miles until it dead-ends at the Old Courthouse. Turn right onto E. Ponce de Leon Avenue, go one block and turn left onto Commerce Drive.

### **From North: (Chamblee, Toco Hills)**

Take Clairmont Road south until it dead-ends at the Old Courthouse. Turn right onto Ponce de Leon Avenue, go one block and turn left onto Commerce Drive.

### **From I-20: (South)**

Take Candler Road (Exit 65) north about four miles. After crossing railroad tracks, the road bears to the left and becomes E. Trinity Place. Go approximately ½ mile. Turn right onto Commerce Drive.

### **From East: (Clarkston, Scottdale)**

Take East Ponce de Leon Avenue west. Just past downtown Decatur, turn left onto Commerce Drive.

### **From West: (Midtown, Virginia-Highland)**

Take Ponce de Leon Avenue east to downtown Decatur. After passing Decatur Post Office, go approximately ½ mile and turn right onto Commerce Drive.

### **From West: (Downtown Atlanta)**

Take DeKalb Avenue east to downtown Decatur (DeKalb Avenue becomes Howard in Decatur). Turn left onto Commerce Drive.



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