



Welcome to Centennial High School's Class of 2014 Senior Parent Night

Thursday, August 29, 2013

Presented by:

Michael Absher, CHS Counselor





Your Student's Counselor

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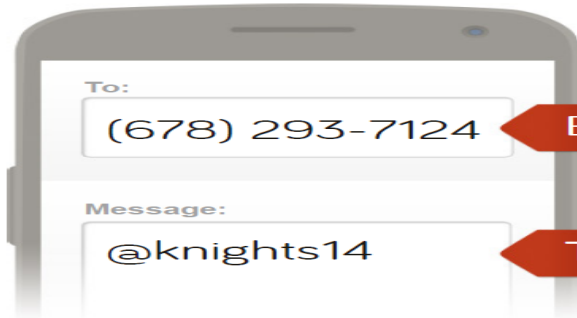


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Importance of Senior Year

- Courses Matter!
 - Preparation for college-level work
 - Strength of schedule
- Grades Matter!
 - Cumulative GPA, HOPE GPA, and Class Rank
 - Matriculation at college requires successful completion of senior course work



Agenda

- Packet
- Assessing Colleges and Preparing to Apply
- Completing the College Application
- Basic Financial Aid and HOPE Scholarship Information (Financial Aid Night November 5)



Packet Items

- Postsecondary Quick Reference
- Important Dates
- Class of 2013 Postsecondary
Destinations: 75% to 4-year colleges;
18% to 2-year colleges; 3% to military
- College Planning Calendar
- Questions To Ask College Reps
- College Application Checklist





Assessing Colleges

- “Limiting” Factors
 - Admissions Difficulty--GPA, Rigor, SAT/ACT
 - Costs, excluding financial aid
- Personal Factors – “FIT”
 - 2-year/4-year
 - Majors/Degrees
 - Size
 - Location
 - Residential/Social Life
 - Activities/Clubs/Sports





Assessing Colleges

- University System of Georgia
 - Research Universities
 - Comprehensive Universities
 - State Universities
 - State Colleges
- Technical College System of Georgia
- Private Schools



Preparing to Apply

Admission Type	Example	Application Deadline	Notification Date
Early Action / Early Notification	UGA GA Tech	UGA: 10/15 GA Tech: 10/15	UGA: 12/15 GA Tech: ~12/15
Early Decision **	Emory	ED I: 11/1	ED I: 12/15
Regular Decision	Many 4-year colleges	UGA: 1/15 GA Tech: 1/10	UGA: 4/1 GA Tech: ~3/9
Rolling Admissions	Kennesaw State Univ.	May 8	Rolling
Open Admissions	Most 2-year colleges	Varies	Rolling





Preparing To Apply

- Check high school course requirements for admission carefully
- Check college websites for information about GPA computation and use of SAT/ACT scores
- When in doubt, call/email admissions
- Students should take the lead in the process and complete all parts of the application themselves



Preparing To Apply

- Websites For Post-Secondary Planning
 - Primary Sources
 - College/University Websites
 - State Websites
 - Federal Websites
 - Testing
 - www.mycentennialcounseling.com
 - College / Financial Aid Searches / Informational Websites





Preparing To Apply

- Other Technology
 - Blogs
 - iPhone / Android Apps
 - Podcasts
 - Facebook
 - Twitter
 - YouTube



Preparing To Apply

- College Rep Visits to CHS
 - Students must see the Counseling Administrative Assistant at least one day prior to the visitation to get a pass (teacher must give permission to student)
 - Visitation schedule will be posted in Counseling Office and on Counseling web site
 - Text notifications from Counseling Office
 - August/September Visits



Preparing To Apply

- College Visits
 - Seniors may take up to three college visitation days during the school year
 - Requests must be submitted by the student on the appropriate form to the Counseling Office at least three school days prior to the absence
 - Assignments due during the absence must be submitted prior to the absence
 - Check with college for visitation dates/times



Preparing To Apply

- College Fairs

- Atlanta North PROBE Fair

- North Point Mall, Tuesday, September 10, 6:00-9:00 PM (additional PROBE Fairs listed at www.gaprobe.org)
 - Optional pre-registration at www.gotocollegefairs.com to obtain a personalized barcode to bring to the fair
 - Over 150 Post-Secondary Institutions normally attend

- NACAC National College Fairs

- Atlanta: Georgia World Congress Center, Sunday, March 16, 2014, 12:00-4:00 PM
 - Birmingham National College Fair: Sunday, September 15, 1:00-4:00 PM (register at <https://www.gotomyncf.com/>)





Preparing To Apply

- College Fairs (continued)
 - Atlanta National Hispanic College Fair: Meadowcreek High School, October TBA (sign-ups, *bus transportation provided*)
 - NSSFNS College Fair: Georgia World Congress Center, October TBA (sign-ups, *bus transportation provided*)





Completing The Application

- Georgia Apply To College Event
 - Thursday, November 7, in CHS Computer Labs
 - All Seniors are given the opportunity to apply to a College of their choice during the school day
 - Assistance will be provided by Counselors, College Admissions Representatives, and Community Members
 - Possible Fee Waivers to some Colleges





Completing The Application

- Read application directions carefully and thoroughly, then re-read...
- Follow directions—send colleges exactly what they specify (no more, no less)
- Apply online and use Common Application (www.commonapp.org) and/or GA College 411 (www.gacollege411.org) when possible
- Use an organizing tool / checklist
- Example





Completing The Application

- The order in which colleges receive parts of the application does not matter as long as all parts are received by the stated deadline
- An application is considered complete (and ready for review) once all required parts have been received by the college





Completing The Application

- Components of the Application
 - Student/Parent Information and Educational History
 - Academic Self-Report
 - Extracurricular Activities and Honors
 - Depth, not necessarily breadth
 - Leadership, commitment, uniqueness
 - Essay(s)/Short Response Questions
 - Articulate demonstrated interest
 - Unifying theme, showcase individuality



Completing The Application

- Components of the Application (cont'd)
 - Official High School Transcript: Must be requested from Counseling Office
 - Official SAT/ACT Score Reports: Must be requested directly from the testing service
 - SAT Subject Tests (some colleges)
 - Teacher Recommendation(s)
 - School/Counselor Recommendation
 - Signature and Fee
 - Other



Transcript Requests

Centennial Counseling – TRANSCRIPT CARD

Student Last Name, First Name

*****Allow 10 school days for your request to be processed*****
A \$2 late fee will apply if deadline is less than 10 school days from date of request

Date of Request	Deadline	College/Scholarship	E = Electronic (only available for in state and Common App schools) P = Paper (\$3)	Address (N/A for Electronic Transcript)	Requesting Postage (N/A for Electronic Transcript) Yes: Additional \$2 No: Addressed envelope & postage attached	Counselor Form/ Recommendation Required?	Total \$ Paid	Date Counselor Verified/ Submitted	Date of Upload/ Postage
			Electronic	Street City State Zip	Yes (\$2) No	Yes (Form Attached) Common App Online No			
			Paper						
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Transcript Requests

- Steps for Processing of Requests
 1. Student obtains his/her blue transcript card (name label on card) from transcript request file in Counseling Office
 2. Student fully completes *one line per transcript request*
 3. Student attaches payment for required fees (if applicable)
 4. Student attaches counselor/school recommendation forms (if applicable)
 5. Student submits card and any applicable attachments to Ms. White for processing





Transcript Requests

- Once processed and verified by Counselor, transcripts (and required recommendations) will be mailed or submitted electronically
- Blue Transcript Card will be returned to Transcript Request File for additional student requests
- Request must be submitted at least **10 school days** prior to a deadline
- \$2 late fee will apply if deadline is less than 10 school days from date of request





Transcript Requests

- Transcripts are submitted electronically to:
 1. GA Colleges and Universities
 2. Members of Common Application
 3. NCAA Clearinghouse
- There is no charge for electronic transcripts
- Students are responsible for following up with the college to ensure that the electronic transmission was received





Transcript Requests

- Paper transcripts are mailed to all out-of-state Colleges / Universities (unless member of Common Application)
- Cost for paper transcripts is \$3 cash per transcript sent
- Students are responsible for following up with the college to ensure that the transcript was received





Transcript Requests

- Paper transcripts require a 9 x 12 envelope addressed to the college and at least three first-class stamps
 - Student may provide addressed envelope and stamps
 - Student may pay an additional \$2 cash to purchase the envelope and postage from the Counseling Office (address of college must be provided)



Transcript Fee Summary

- Electronic Transcripts: Free
- Paper Transcripts: \$3 each
- Envelope/Postage: \$2 each
- Late Fee (requests submitted less than 10 days in advance of the deadline): \$2 each



Counselor Recommendations

- Counselors will submit recommendations upon student request when *required* by a college/university
- Student must indicate on Transcript Card that a recommendation is required
- If required, submit the request to the Counselor electronically via Common Application or College Website (if available) or print a hard copy and attach it to the Transcript Card with request





Counselor Recommendations

- Allow at least 10 school days for a recommendation request to be completed
- Completed Student and Parent College/Scholarship Recommendation Questionnaires are *required* before recommendations will be processed (Recommended deadline for receipt = *September 30*)



Other Recommendations

- Follow directions in the application *exactly* in terms of number of recommendations, from whom, etc.
- Choose teachers who know student well—preferably from junior/senior years
- Give teachers a resume or the completed senior questionnaire
- Allow at least 10 school days for recommendation to be completed

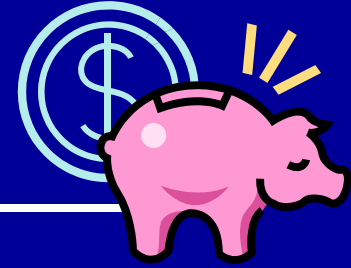


Summary

- 1. Be Focused:** Narrow your options through good research
- 2. Be Realistic:** Classify your options—"match," "reach," and "safety" schools; \$\$\$\$
- 3. Be Aware:** Know application requirements, fees, and deadlines
- 4. Be Conscientious:** Proofread; keep records and copies of everything



Types Of Financial Aid



Scholarships

Free

- May be based on
- Academic performance
 - Involvement in extracurricular activities
 - Group membership

Grants

Free

- May be based on financial need or other eligibility criteria

Loans

Borrowed

- Based on financial need
- Must be repaid!
- Federal loans for education have the lowest interest rates

Work Study

Earned

- Federal program that provides funds to students through jobs arranged by the college
- Students work 10-20 hours/week





Net Price Calculator

- Cost of Attendance
 - Direct Costs
 - Tuition and Fees
 - Room and Board
 - Indirect Costs
 - Books and Supplies
 - Transportation
 - Personal Expenses
- Net Price = Cost of Attendance minus total need and merit-based grant aid



Net Price Calculator

- Dollar amounts generated are estimated amounts
- All colleges and universities must now make net price calculators available on their web sites
- <http://netpricecalculator.collegeboard.org/>





Applying for Financial Aid

- To apply for federal student aid, you must fill out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* at www.fafsa.ed.gov or www.studentaid.ed.gov
- Apply on or after **January 1, 2014** but as early as possible to meet all deadlines
- Students and parents will need to apply for a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov





Applying for Financial Aid

- FAFSA is required by many colleges to receive different forms of institutional assistance, and it can also serve as the HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship application at GA Public Colleges and Universities
- CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE used by some colleges to determine eligibility for non-federal aid programs
- CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE available on October 1 via www.collegeboard.org



Scholarships

- Remind 101 (Counseling Office Texts) and www.mycentennialcounseling.com
- College Financial Aid websites
- Family Employers and Affiliations
- Online Scholarship Searches (examples)
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.finaid.org
 - www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
 - www.atlantascholarships.com



HOPE Scholarship

Requirement:

- **3.0 GPA** as calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission

The following scale is used to convert numeric grades to a 4.0 GPA scale:

- 4.0 = 90 or greater
- 3.0 = 80 – 89
- 2.0 = 70 – 79
- 0.0 = 69 or less

- Only *academic* courses in **English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language** included
- All middle school grades removed
- All honors points removed
- All AP courses awarded an extra 0.5 quality points after GPA conversion (up to a maximum 4.0; A's are not weighted)
- The final HOPE GPA will NOT be rounded up





HOPE Scholarship

- Applying for HOPE
 - FAFSA and/or GSFAPPS
 - Available through www.gacollege411.org
 - Individual colleges/universities may have required institutional forms



HOPE Scholarship

- GA Public Institutions
 - Pays a percentage amount of standard tuition charges from previous year (will change yearly)—posted on GA College 411
 - No book or fee allowances
- GA Private Institutions
 - Pays a percentage amount of the HOPE award (this year's maximum is \$3600 total)
 - Tuition Equalization Grant (\$700 this year)
 - No book or fee allowances





HOPE Scholarship

- No payment for remedial or developmental courses
- If a student falls below a 3.0 GPA in college, he/she may regain the scholarship only one time



Zell Miller Scholarship

Requirements

1. Meet all HOPE eligibility requirements

2. 3.7 or greater HOPE GPA

3. 1200+ CR/M score on a single SAT administration or an ACT composite score of 26+





Zell Miller Scholarship

Payment Guidelines

1. GA Public Colleges and Universities:
Full tuition paid

2. GA Private Colleges and Universities:
\$4,000 per year for current year





Zell Miller Scholarship

- No payment for remedial or developmental courses
- If a student falls below a **3.3** GPA in college, s/he may regain the scholarship only one time





HOPE Grant

- Available to students seeking a certificate or diploma at a TCSG or USG institution
- No GPA requirement upon entrance to program, but a 2.0 GPA on eligible coursework must be maintained in college
- Students who fall below a 2.0 GPA while in college may regain the grant one time



HOPE Grant

- Pays a percentage amount of standard tuition charges and is subject to change yearly
- **INFORMATION ON ALL HOPE PROGRAMS MAY BE FOUND AT WWW.GACOLLEGE411.ORG**



NCAA Eligibility Center

- Apply now via www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Division I and II – Eligibility for Athletics and Athletic Scholarships
 - 16 Core Courses required
 - Minimum GPA required
 - Minimum SAT required
- Division III – Not “certified” by Eligibility Center





Questions?

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