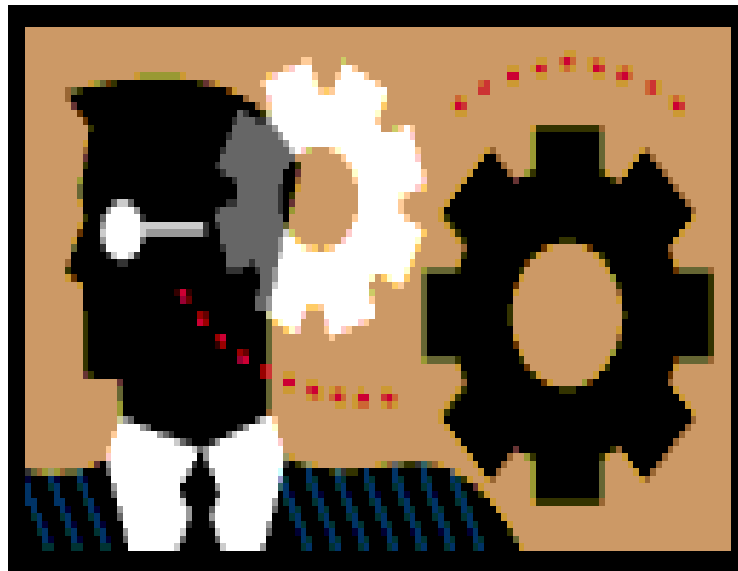


IT'S YOUR FUTURE JUNIOR CLASS OF 2011

*"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.
You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go".*

~ Dr. Seuss



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COUNTDOWN TO GRADUATION JUNIOR-SENIOR TIMELINE

JUNIOR YEAR

September – December

Create an account on www.qacollege411.org
Study/Practice for the SAT/ACT or ASSET test
Look for local College Fairs

January – February

Register for the SAT/ACT
Begin Career Search
Begin Scholarship Search

February – June

Take the SAT/ACT (AHS Code 110057)
www.collegeboard.com / www.act.org

Summer

Research & Visit Colleges
Research Scholarships

SENIOR YEAR

September – December

Begin College Application Process
Continue Scholarship Searches
Re-take SAT/ACT (*if necessary*)
Send transcript to colleges
(*these can be requested through the counseling office or you can send them directly from your account on www.qacollege411.org*)

January – February

Apply for HOPE and Free Federal Aid by completing
BOTH the FAFSA Application & GSFAPPS Application
(both can be found on www.qacollege411.org).

May

GRADUATE !!!!!!!!!!!!!

#1 WEBSITE FOR COLLEGES, CAREERS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FINANCIAL AID

www.GAcollge411.org

ADDITIONAL CAREER INFORMATION

www.careercruising.com user name: allatoona password: buccaneers

www.careers.org

www.myfuture.com

www.bls.gov/oco/

<http://www.mappingyourfuture.org>

www.careersinthemilitary.com

ADDITIONAL COLLEGE SEARCH INFORMATION

www.collegesource.org

www.campustours.com

www.dtae.org

www.search4college.com

www.universities.com

Athletics Eligibility

<https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common>

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

www.fafsa.ed.gov (HOPE APPLICATION)

www.gsfc.org (HOPE INFORMATION)

www.fastweb.com

www.salliemae.com

www.guaranteed-scholarships.com

www.finaid.org

Please plan to attend the PROBE College Fair - meet representatives from 100's of colleges, universities, technical schools, military academies and learn more about financial aid opportunities and NCAA Eligibility.

DATE TO BE DETERMINED

Expected: February - April 2010

QUESTIONS TO ASK A COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE

Admissions Information

- What are the admission requirements?
- What is the typical profile (Average SAT/ACT scores; Average GPA) of an accepted freshmen from last year?
- Do you use weighted or un-weighted GPA for admission?
- Do you consider my extra-curricular activities, work experience, community involvement in your decision-making process?
- Do you consider the rigor of my schedule?
- Do you require letters of recommendations from teachers and/or counselors?

Application Information

- What is the application fee?
- What is the deadline for my application?
- When will the college let me know of their decision?
- Do you offer Early Decision or Early Action?

Expenses

- How much should I budget for tuition, books, supplies, room and board?
- Can I / Do I have to buy a meal plan?

General Information

- Is the college state or privately owned?
- What is the average class size in the freshmen class?
- Are freshmen required to live on-campus?
- How are roommates chosen? What if I don't get along with my roommate?

Financial Aid

- Do you offer tuition scholarships? What are the requirements?
- Do you offer scholarships that are not academically based?
- Are there loans available from your college?
- Do you have a work-study program? How does it work?
- Do you require additional financial aid forms in addition to the FAFSA?

DECISIONS, DECISIONS, DECISIONS

4-YEAR COLLEGE

or

2-YEAR COLLEGE

Consider the following information that may influence your decision making

PLANNING FOR A 4-YEAR COLLEGE

- Location:** In state or Out of State? Close to home or not?
- Cost:** Public college vs. private college?
Do you qualify for the HOPE Scholarship?
- Living Environment:** Dormitory living or staying at home?
- College Environment:** City life? Small town living?
- Requirements:** GPA and SAT or ACT test scores - minimum requirements?
- Size of College:** 4,000 students or 40,000 students?
- Majors Offered:** Check out what is available.
- Sports & Activities:** Football team? Cheerleading? Sorority/Fraternity?
- Deadlines & Fees:** Check individual college web sites for detailed information.

PLANNING FOR A 2-YEAR COLLEGE

- Location:** In state or Out of State? Close to home or not?
- Cost:** Utilize the HOPE Grant.
- Living Environment:** Dormitory living (www.ABAC.edu) or staying at home?
- Requirements:** GPA - minimum requirements?
SAT/ACT or ASSET or Compass tests - what test is required?
- Sports & Activities:** Check out www.ABAC.edu for a 2-year college that offers the same activities that a 4-year college offers.
- Deadlines & Fees:** Check individual college web sites for detailed information.

TECHNICAL COLLEGE

MILITARY

WORLD OF WORK

PLANNING FOR A TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- Requirements:** Minimum requirements? ASSET or Compass tests - what test is required?
- Cost:** Utilize the HOPE Grant.
- School in our area:** Chattahoochee Technical College (www.chattcollege.com)
(Chattahoochee Tech and North Metro Tech have merged)
- Deadlines & Fees:** Check individual college web sites for detailed information.
- Programs:** Diploma, certificate, or Associate's Degree

PLANNING FOR THE MILITARY

AIR FORCE	http://www.airforce.com	770-527-5463
ARMY	http://www.goarmy.com	770-422-4233
COAST GUARD	http://www.gocoastguard.com	770-934-9686
MARINES	http://www.marines.com	770-422-2968
NAVY	http://www.navy.com	770-434-9931
NATIONAL GUARD	http://nationalguard.com	770-528-7871

PLANNING FOR THE WORLD OF WORK

- Do you know how to write a resume? <http://jobsearch.about.com/library/samples/blhresume.htm>
- Do you know where to look for a job? www.monster.com www.ajcjobs.com
- Do you know what your qualifications are? www.careercruising.com
user name: allatoona password: buccaneers
- Check out this web site: www.bls.gov/oco

Come visit the career center at Allatoona High School for more information on job searches.

Financial Aid

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.FAFSA.ed.gov) can be accessed **after January 1, 2011.** (You cannot apply until you are a senior)

The Buccaneer Beat Scholarship Quarterly newsletter is linked to the AHS website. While most scholarships applications can be accessed on-line; some can be obtained in the College and Career Center.

Glossary of terms and what they mean:

Regular Decision: Submit an application by a specified deadline and receive a decision by a specified date.

Rolling Decision: This means that once an application to the college has been submitted and all necessary credentials have been received, the applicant is notified by letter of an admission decision. Qualified students are accepted until classes are filled. Please check with the colleges of your choice - deadlines vary from school to school.

Early Action: Students who apply under a college's Early Action Plan receive a decision earlier than the standard response date but are **NOT** required to accept the admission. Check with individual colleges to determine if the college you are applying to offers an early action plan.

Early Decision: Allows you to apply early and get an admission decision from the college well in advance of the usual notification date. **There is a catch.** Early decision plans are "**binding**", which means if you apply as an Early Decision candidate, you agree to attend the college IF they accept you and offer you an adequate financial aid package. **If you are accepted by your first choice college, you must withdraw all other applications.**

COLLEGE ESSAY TIPS

- ✓ Be unique
- ✓ Let your personality shine through
- ✓ Proof-read, Proof-read, Proof-read
- ✓ Let someone else (parent, teacher, mentor) read for appropriateness or mistakes
- ✓ If a topic is provided, be sure not to stray - stay on the topic.
- ✓ Let your essay be the one that the reader wants to read again!

SAT

www.collegeboard.com

The SAT is more of an aptitude test, testing reasoning and verbal abilities

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Regular Deadlines</u> (\$45.00)	<u>LATE Deadlines</u> (\$68.00)
October 10, 2009	September 9, 2009	September 23, 2009
November 7, 2009	October 1, 2009	October 15, 2009
December 5, 2009	October 30, 2009	November 12, 2009
January 23, 2010	December 15, 2009	December 30, 2009
March 13, 2010	February 4, 2010	February 18, 2010
May 1, 2010	March 25, 2010	April 8, 2010
June 5, 2010	April 29, 2010	May 13, 2010

ACT

www.act.org

The ACT is an achievement test, measuring what a student learned in school

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Regular Deadlines</u> (\$47.00)	<u>LATE Deadlines</u> (\$68.00)
September 12, 2009	August 7, 2009	August 21, 2009
October 24, 2009	September 18, 2009	October 2, 2009
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009	November 20, 2009
February 6, 2010	January 5, 2010	January 15, 2010
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 19, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010	May 21, 2010

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The ACT is an achievement test ~ measuring what a student has learned in school.

SAT vs. ACT

SCORE COMPARISION

<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>
2200-2400	32-36
2140-2190	31
2100-2130	30
2040-2060	29
1960-1980	28
1910-1920	27
1850	26
1800	25
1730	24
1670	23
1610	22
1550	21
1490	20
1420-1430	19
1370	18
1310	17
1240	16
1170	15

	SAT	ACT
What is the top score/national average?	2400 is perfect 1500 is the national average	36 is perfect 21 is the national average
What if you miss a question?	You lose points for incorrect answers, so don't guess blindly	There is no penalty for a wrong answer, so don't leave blanks
What does it test?	Reasoning and Logic	Based closer on curriculum learned in high school
What topics are tested?	Math (Up to Algebra II)/ Reading/Writing/Grammar	Math (up to Trig.)/ Reading/Grammar/Science
How should you prepare?	The SAT is tricky and requires you to utilize analytical thinking and logic. It is very "coachable" as you can learn to use reasoning to solve these problems.	The ACT is similar to your high school exams, but you need to know what is tested. The more you practice the questions, the better you'll score.
Where do you sign-up?	www.Collegeboard.com	www.ACT.org

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

The HOPE Scholarship offers tuition, HOPE-approved mandatory fees, and a book allowance at any PUBLIC 2 year college or 4 year university (Please check www.gsfc.org for information regarding Private Colleges).

In order to be eligible for the HOPE scholarship, students MUST graduate with a CORE GPA of 3.0 - ALL English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Languages are calculated as CORE classes for HOPE calculations (Pass or Fail).

Students must be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen and meet HOPE Georgia's residency requirements.

Apply by completing the FAFSA @ www.fafsa.ed.gov and GSFAPPS on www.gacollege411.org

HOPE GRANT

The HOPE Grant covers tuition, HOPE-approved mandatory fees, and a book allowance for anyone enrolled in a technical certificate or diploma program at an eligible public postsecondary institution in Georgia.

This Grant is offered to Georgia Residents (12 months or longer) regardless of graduation date or grade point average.

The HOPE Grant will pay for 95 quarter hours of study.

Apply by completing the FAFSA @ www.fafsa.ed.gov and GSFAPPS on www.gacollege411.org