

# Class of 2013

- Junior Parent Meeting
- November 1, 2011
- 6:30 P. M.
- Calhoun High School  
Auditorium

# Topics

- Graduation Requirements
- College admissions
- SAT/ACT
- HOPE
- Scholarships
- Graduation Tests

# Units needed for Graduation

• <b>English</b>	<b>4</b>
– <i>9<sup>th</sup> Grade English, American Lit</i>	
• <b>Math</b>	<b>4</b>
– <i>Math I, II, III, Higher math</i>	
• <b>Science</b>	<b>4</b>
– <i>Physical or Physics,/Biology,/Chemistry, Earth, or Environmental</i>	
• <b>Social Studies</b>	<b>3</b>
– <i>U.S./ World/Government/Economics</i>	
• <b>CTAE/FL/Fine Arts</b>	<b>3</b>
– <i>Includes 1 unit of Computer Applications</i>	
• <b>Health/P.E.</b>	<b>1</b>
• <b>Electives</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>

# Units needed to enter USG College or University

- **English** 4
  - American, World, English
- **Math** 4
  - Math I, II, III, Higher
- **Science** 4
  - Physical or Physics, Biology, Chemistry
- **Social Studies** 3
  - World, U.S.
- **Foreign Language** 2
  - Same language

# College Credit Now

- ACCEL Program/Dual Enrollment
- Joint Enrollment
- Move on When Ready
- Any student interested in participating must notify counselors by March 1, 2012.
- It is the responsibility of parent/student to have paperwork completed and submitted by the deadline set forth by the post-secondary institution.

# ACCEL Program

- The Accel Program is a program designed for Seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence and who have exhausted all available opportunities at the high school. (Only available for 5 core areas)
- Students receive dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed at the college.
- Student must be responsible to have all credits sent to the high school before the last day of CHS senior finals in order to participate in graduation exercise.
- SAT/ACT and GPA requirements
  - College specific
  - CHS Requirements for recommendation
    - Academic GPA of 3.0
    - SAT minimum of 1100 with a 530 in Math and a 530 in Critical Reading
    - ACT minimum of 25 composite with a 23 in English and a 22 in Math

# Joint Enrollment

- Students taking college courses of choice and earning college credit while they are in high school.
- Student does not receive high school credit for courses taken at the college.
- Funding options: HOPE Grant, Student self pay

# Move On When Ready

## MOWR

- Student takes college courses and receives credit at the college and the high school
- Tuition paid by state FTE funds
- Must meet requirements set forth by college or university
- Must be enrolled full time in an eligible college or university or technical college as a dual credit student taking approved college level courses.
- Must be on track for graduation
- Must have been enrolled full time during the preceding year.

# [www.gacollege411.org](http://www.gacollege411.org)

- The Georgia Student Finance Commission has established a website to help students plan, apply and pay for college.
- Every student needs to complete their graduation plan on [gacollege411](http://gacollege411.org).
- Career inventories
- College searches
- HOPE account and eligibility

# College Applications

- Begin applying in the fall of your senior year
- Most applications must be completed online
- Anything that needs to be mailed must be brought to counselors' office with a \$1.00 fee.
- Student must fill out appropriate form to have transcript sent to college. This is important for record keeping.
- Transcripts are sent via “gacollege411” to all Georgia colleges/universities. If school reports they don't have transcript, ask them to download from website ([www.gacollege411.org](http://www.gacollege411.org)) Student may also check on his/her account under “My transcript” to see if transcript has been sent and/or received. It is recommended you do this before going to orientation.

# College Tours: Deciding Factor?

- Go to College Website for information on visitation days and tours.
- Do your research. Make list of questions for particular school.
- Pick a typical day (preferably a weekday) to visit so you can get a feel for the environment. Experience the campus beyond admissions office and visit the community.
- Don't schedule more than 2 visits in one day.
- Take pictures so you can remember. Write down immediate impressions (good and bad).
- Know who to ask what.
  - Ask admissions staff information about statistics, cost, programs...etc.
  - Ask tour guide (student) about student life, transitions, roommates, dorms...etc.

# College Visits

- 2 college visits per student during high school
- Does not count as an absence
- **Must complete permission slip before visit (preferably several days in advance)**
- **Must bring verification from college**
- **Winter and Spring Break are great times to visit colleges.**

# Freshman Index – FI

- $FI = SAT \text{ Verbal} + SAT \text{ Math} + (\text{High School GPA} \times 500)$
- $FI = (\text{GPA} \times 500) + (\text{ACT} \times 42) + 88$
- GPA is academic GPA on 4.0 scale
- ACT is composite score

# University System of Georgia

- Research Universities  
– Freshman Index=2500  
SAT Minimums  
CR=430  
M=400
- Regional Universities  
– Freshman Index=2040  
ACT Minimums  
17Eng/17Math
- State Universities  
– Freshman Index=1940
- State Colleges  
– Freshman Index=1830
- 2-Year Colleges  
– Freshman Index=1830

# Georgia Tech Admissions (20,000+ students)

- Freshman Admission Guidelines
  - **Self-Reported Academic Record/College Preparatory Curriculum**  
**Don't send transcript until after graduation**
    - Adds extra points (.5) to Honors, AP, and IB Classes
    - Can earn more than 4.0
  - **SAT and/or ACT scores**
    - **Must come from testing center**
    - Won't accept rushed scores
    - Need writing section
    - Will combine best scores from Critical Rdg/English and math on ACT and SAT
  - **Leadership and Activity Record**
    - Give details about activities
  - **Personal Statement**
    - 300-500 words (show "intellectual curiosity", be funny)

# Georgia Tech Admissions 2011-2012

- **Deadlines**
  - **Early Action – October 1**
    - Notification by mid-November
    - May use SAT/ACT scores through October
  - **President's Scholarship- Nov. 1**
    - Notification by mid-December
  - **Regular Application – January 10**
    - Notification by mid-March
  - **Official transcripts required by July 1**
    - Showing graduation date
    - Will verify information on self-reported record

# Georgia Tech

## Fall 2010 Admitted Student Profile

Applied	14,241
Admitted	7,200
Enrolled	2,650
Average SAT	2142
Average ACT	30
Average GPA	3.9

# Georgia Tech

## 2010-2011 Cost of Attendance

• Tuition	7,282
• Mandatory Student Fees	2,370
• Books/Supplies	1,000
• Freshman Housing	5,312
• Meal Plan	3,514
• Personal Expenses	1,500
Total	\$20,978/year

# Tech Promise

- **How to Qualify:** *Family income < \$33,000 per year*
- **Promise:** *Student will graduate debt free*

# University of Georgia Admissions (34,885 Students)

## First-Year Admission Information

### Early Action (Deadline –around October 15)

- Part 1 of application (Including activity record and self-reported grades)
- \$65 non-refundable application fee
- Official high school transcript
- Counselor/School evaluation Form
- Official SAT or ACT scores with writing assessment
  - Will combine best scores SAT
  - Must be sent from testing center
  - Will not combine SAT and ACT
  - Will take October scores

### Notification of decision by Dec. 15

- Admitted (non-binding)
- Denied (can't be considered again this year)
- Deferred (regular decision)
- Deferred EA applicants must complete Part II of the application and submit a Teacher Recommendation Form

# University of Georgia Admissions

## Regular Decision (deadline – January 15)

- Part 1 of application
- Part 2 of application
  - four short essays
- \$60 non-refundable application fee (don't have to repay if paid for early admission)
- Official high school transcript
- Counselor/school evaluation form
- Teacher recommendation form
  - Junior or Senior teacher in academic area
  - Will only read 1 teacher rec.
- Official SAT or ACT scores with writing assessment
  - Sent from testing center (Not rushed)

Notification of decision by April 1

# University of Georgia Admissions

## Order of Importance for Admissions Decisions

1. GPA
  - adds extra points (.5) for AP and IB courses if school hasn't added points
  - no points added for Honors classes
  - can earn more than 4.0
2. Rigor of Curriculum
  - Counselor form (most advanced courses available in each academic area)
  - Overall difficulty of the curriculum chosen by the student
3. SAT/ACT Scores

# University of Georgia

## Fall 2010 Admitted Student Profile

Applied	17,800
Admitted	11,170
Enrolled	5,500
Mid 50% GPA	3.68-4.0
Mid 50% SAT	1800-2080
Mid 50% ACT	27-31

# UGA Dates and Deadlines 2011-2012

- Early Action – October 15
  - Notification by mid-December
- Foundation Fellowship & Ramsey
  - **Nov. 1**
- Regular Decision – January 15
  - Notification by April 1

# UGA

## 2010-2011 Cost of Attendance

- Tuition/Fees 9,472
- Typical Room 4,916
- Typical Meal Plan 3,792
- Books and Supplies 1,078
- Living Expenses (Est) 1,562
  
- Total Cost \$20,820/year

# Changes to 2-year Colleges

- Schools shall require either SAT/ACT & Freshman Index (1830), or minimum high school GPA (2.0).
- Scores must be sent from testing center
- GHSGT used to exempt learning support classes (min. 235 on English)
- If student requires learning support in 3 areas, no longer admissible.

# Dalton State

- 6,000 Students – Fall 2010
- To apply:
  - Application
  - Application Fee
  - Transcript
  - Immunization record
- **SAT or ACT needed for admissions** (CR=330/m=310)(Eng=12/m=14)
- GPA CP=2.0
- GHSGT for learning support exemption (254 Ela)
- Freshman Index =1830
- Exempt Learning Support needs 500Math/450 on SAT CR or 21Math/19Eng on ACT
- Students who require 3 learning support classes are not longer admissible to 2-year schools

# Georgia Highlands (Floyd College)

- No ACT/SAT needed for admissions (however, it is strongly encouraged to possibly exempt learning support)
- SAT/ACT needed to be accepted in to Dental Hygiene or Nursing Programs. Also, may use SAT/ACT for admissions if student doesn't meet GPA requirement.
- CP = 2.0 / TC = 2.2 (not including failed classes)

# University of West Georgia

- Freshman Index = 2050
- SAT critical reading – 430
- SAT math – 410
- ACT English – 17
- ACT math – 17
- 2.96 Average Academic GPA

# Kennesaw State University

## (24,000 students)

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Largest in University System
  - Campus and Housing
  - 70 bachelors', masters and doctoral degree programs
  - Minimum Combined SAT of 950
    - Critical Reading 490                      - Math 460
  - ACT – Composite 20
    - English 20                                      Math 19
  - Minimum        2.5 GPA
  - Learning Support (2.5 GPA on CPC)
    - 950 SAT 430 Verbal/400 Math
    - 20 ACT 17 English/17 Math
- Apply at [www.kennesaw.edu](http://www.kennesaw.edu)

# Shorter College

- Regular Admission – Combined SAT of 1350 (including writing), ACT 19 with GPA of 2.25
- Average SAT – 510 CR and 510 M
- Average GPA – 3.3
- Essay is very important for admissions
- Academic Scholarship – Combined SAT minimum score of 1000 or ACT score of 21, with GPA minimum 3.25
- Competitive Scholarship (up to full tuition)  
Minimum SAT 1800 or ACT 26, with minimum GPA 3.75

# North Georgia College and State University

- Physical Therapy added (through Doctorial program)
- Early Action
  - 600 students admitted
  - 3.73 GPA
  - 25 ACT
  - 1140 SAT
- SAT Verbal 480
- SAT Math 440
- ACT Eng. 20
- ACT Math 18
- Freshman Index = 2750
- Math I, Math II, Math III, Math IV

# Berry College

- Most freshmen had 1100 SAT or 24 ACT with a GPA of 3.0
- SAT critical reading 500 or
- ACT English 22
- SAT math 500 or
- ACT math 22
- ACT Composite of 22
- GPA 3.0

# Valdosta State (12,500 Students)

- 90 Programs of Study
- Division II Athletics (adding Women's Soccer in Fall 2011)
- Freshman Index = 2040
- SAT critical reading – 440
- SAT math – 410
- Average SAT 1025
- ACT English – 18
- ACT math – 17
- Average GPA – 3.1

# Georgia Southern (19,000+ Students)

- 23:1 Student : Teacher ratio
- 120 Majors
- Division I Athletics (Division IAA Football)
- Minimum SAT – 1010
  - Verbal – 430
  - Math - 400
- Minimum ACT – 21 (17/17)
- Minimum GPA – 2.0
- Eagle Incentive Program
  - Summer admission (920 SAT or 20 ACT)
  - Take 6 hrs. of core orientation course
  - Maintain “C” average
  - Admitted as a regular student in the Fall

# **Southern Polytechnic State University (5,200 Students)**

- SAT verbal – 500
- SAT math – 500
- ACT English – 21
- ACT math – 21
- GPA 2.5
- Limited Admissions
  - SAT Verbal & math 450
  - ACT English & math 18

# Georgia College and State University

Located in Milledgeville, Georgia

6,700 students

Liberal Arts School

Freshmen live on campus; New Housing

Freshman Class = 1100 students

4400 applications/ 2200 accepted

Average SAT = 1130

Early Action available

# Georgia State University

- Average SAT 1030-1200
- Average ACT 22-27
- Average GPA 3.2-3.7

# Columbus State College

- Located in Columbus, Georgia (200,000 residents in city)
- 8,200 students
- Premiere Music Program, Education, Nursing, Business, Art, Theater
- Division II Athletics
- GPA 2.3
- ACT
  - 17 Eng & 17 math
- SAT
  - 440 CR & 410 M

# HOPE Scholarship Eligibility:

- Students must graduate from high school with a 3.0 GPA as calculated by the GSFC.
  - The award amount will be a percentage of the immediately preceding year's HOPE Award Amount (see chart on gacollege411)
  - Must maintain 3.0 GPA in college
  - May only regain HOPE one time
- Must complete application.*

# Creation of the Zell Miller Scholar Program

- Must graduate with a grade point average of at least 3.7 as calculated by GSFC
- Must receive a score of at least 1200 combined critical reading score and math score **on a single administration** of the SAT or an ACT score of at least 26. Last test date must be before graduation.
- Must maintain a 3.3 GPA in college

# HOPE Scholarship

- GPA includes all academic classes
- Grades will be stripped of weights by GSFC
  - 3 points for Honors classes
  - 5 points for AP/IB classes
- Example:

<b>Class</b>	<b>WtdGrade</b>	<b>4.0 scale</b>	<b>Strip Weight</b>	<b>New Grade</b>	<b>Grade for GSFC</b>
Honors Eng. 9	92	4.0	-3	89	3.0
AP Eng. 11	92	4.0	-5	87	3.5

# Georgia Student Finance Commission

- A representative with the Georgia Student Finance Commission visited our campus on September 19 to speak with parents/students about FAFSA and HOPE
- Financial Aid Packets available after January 1 of the year you apply.
- Financial Aid is first come, first serve so apply early.
- Income Tax should be completed
- Students should complete FAFSA and HOPE applications

# SAT

- SAT Reasoning Test
  - Critical Reading
  - Math
  - Writing
- SAT II
  - Hour long tests in 18 subjects

Total Score of 2400

# SAT Test Dates 2011-12

<b>TEST DATE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>LATE</b>
*October 1	Sept. 9	Sept. 21
*November 5	Oct. 7	Oct. 21
*December 3	Nov. 8	Nov. 20
January 28	Dec 30	Jan 13
*March 10	Feb 10	Feb 24
*May 5	Apr 6	Apr 20
*June 2	May 8	May 22

*\*administered @ CHS*

# SAT

- Online Registration
  - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- Paper registration
  - Pick up booklets in counselors' office
- SAT Fees
  - Registration Fee = \$49
  - Late fee = additional \$26
  - Standby Registration fee = additional \$43
  - If fee is a problem, see one of the counselors about a possible fee waiver

# SAT Scores

- Student should have scores sent from College Board to College
  - Most colleges won't accept scores from H.S.
  - Don't miss deadline (it takes several weeks)
- Colleges encourage students to send all scores. (They will only look at the highest scores)

# ACT

- Four curriculum-based tests
  - English
  - Math
  - Reading
  - Science Reasoning
- Measure academic achievement
- Writing portion is optional
- 215 items
- Score Ranges 1-36
- 27+ for Scholarships
- Not penalized for guessing
  - English
  - Math
  - Reading
  - Science Reasoning

# ACT Dates 2011-2012

## TEST DATES

October 22\*

December 10

February 11

April 14\*

June 9\*

## DEADLINE

Sept. 16

Nov. 4

Jan. 13

March 9

May 4

## LATE

Sept. 30

Nov. 18

Jan 20

March 23

May 18

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# ACT

## REGISTRATION

- Paper registration
  - Pick up packet in counselors' office
- Online registration @ [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

## FEES

- ACT only (no writing) = \$34
- ACT Plus Writing = \$49.50
- Late registration = additional \$21
- Standby Testing = additional \$42

# Fee Waivers

- If a student qualifies for free or reduced lunch, he/she also qualifies for a fee waiver for SAT and ACT
  - 2 SAT fee waivers
  - 2 ACT fee waivers
  - 5 College application fee waivers (to participating colleges)

# Money for College

- Local Scholarships
  - Announcements
  - Web Page
  - Bulletin Board
- HOPE
- FAFSA – [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- College Scholarship
  - Academic
  - Athletic

# Financial Aid

- [www.gacollege411.org](http://www.gacollege411.org)
  - Create account
  - Scholarships/matching assistant/HOPE/financial aid
- [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
- [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

# Senior Resume

- Counselors need a copy
- Need to make a list of all activities you have been involved in since 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Used for nominations for scholarships and awards
- Used for letters of recommendations

# NCAA Clearinghouse

- Must meet academic eligibility for Division I and II athletics
- Register online @ [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- High School must send transcript
- Must send SAT/ACT scores (code 9999)

# NAIA

- Must register at [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org)
- High school must send transcript
- Must meet 2 of the 3 following requirements:
  - *Achieve a minimum of 18 on ACT or 860 on the critical reading and math portions of the SAT*
  - *Achieve a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. The GPA is determined by the high school.*
  - *Graduate in the top half of your high school class*

# Community Service

- Please turn in community service hours to Ginger House.
- These hours are very important for scholarship opportunities and in the admissions process.

# Georgia High School Graduation Tests

- March 19      English
- March 20      Math
- March 21      Science
- March 22      Social Studies

# Conferences

- Begin November 8
- Every student has a scheduled appointment with the counselors to discuss classes needed for graduation.
- Appointment times were mailed with letters.
- We will not be able to reschedule appointments.

# Selection of Courses

- During conferences we will help you and your child select courses for the senior year.
- Consider graduation requirements as well as admission requirements for colleges and universities when selecting courses.

# Courses to Consider

- **Math**

- Advanced Math Decision Making
- Math IV - Adv. Alg/Trig/ Pre Calculus
- AP Statistics
- AP Calculus

- **Science**

- Chemistry (if not during junior year)
- AP Environmental Science/AP Biology/AP Chemistry
- Anatomy & Physiology/Physics/CP Environmental
- Intro to Healthcare Science/Application to Therapeutic Services (These CTAE courses may or may not be accepted as fulfilling the science requirement for colleges and universities.)

- **Social Studies**

- Government/Economics
- AP Psychology
- AP Government
- Current Issues

# Work Based Learning

- Mrs. House will have applications available for students interested in the work based learning program during their senior year.
- Applications must be submitted by deadline in order for student to be considered for the program.

**What are your  
plans for after high  
school?**