

As you prepare to end one phase of your life and commence another, the SENIOR Spotlight is available to keep you abreast of important information and act as a guide to follow on your journey. Whether you plan to attend college, join the armed forces, or go from school to work, the spotlight is for **YOU**!!!

Be sure to use the QR code posted on the guidance page of the ARC website to schedule an appointment to talk to your counselor and review your Senior Status as soon as possible. Email is another great way to communicate with your counselor. There is no time like the present!!

Counselors Students Divided by Last Name

Cindy Conner: Last names A thru G

Sonya B. Weaver: Last names H thru O

Juretta Thomas: Last names P thru Z

College Applications

It is time to gather information and applications for colleges that you are considering. It has been noted that over 95% of all college applications are completed online to expedite the admissions process; otherwise, you can call or write the college admissions office to request a paper copy. Be sure to find out the application fee waiver process if you qualify to have fees waived.

The COMMON APPLICATION is recommended by over 255 selective colleges and universities for

admission to their undergraduate programs. Many of these institutions use the form exclusively. All give equal consideration. You can access more information at: http://www.commonapp.org/

Students are also encouraged to get EDUcated by completing a (HBCU's) black college common application at www.eduinconline.com which is associated with over 35 institutions for a one-time application fee. If you submit your application through this site, scholarship opportunities will also be available to those who qualify.



Testing

The most common test required for college admission is the SAT I Reasoning Test. Do you know that ACT is also accepted by colleges. Decide which test fits you best and register! Fee waivers are available for those who qualify AND have logged at least 5 test prep hours thru khanacademy.com. DON'T FORGET that you are required to have your scores sent to ARC to determine if you qualify as STAR STUDENT- Senior Honor Recognition!

Register at:

ACT- <u>www.actstudent.org</u> SAT- www.collegeboard.com

Standardized Tests.

While public Georgia colleges/universities are requiring either an ACT or SAT score this year, remember that a test score isn't everything. Being a well-rounded student is far more important so be true to yourself and focus on being your best self.

Special Note: Even if you apply to a "test-

optional" college/university, strong test scores can help an applicant (admissions & scholarships).

Transcripts & Recommendations

College applications are not complete without transcripts. If you are applying to an **out of state college/university**, transcript requests should be completed through email to Ms. Jenkins at Jacksde@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us with your name in the subject line. Submit your request by Wednesday at noon so that Ms. Jenkins will be able to process your request by Friday of that week. You will receive three official transcripts without charge throughout the school year. After that, there is a **\$5 processing fee**.

Students who are **applying to colleges in Georgia** should have transcripts sent through their gafutures.org account free of charge starting in September to minimize wait time. Colleges receive your transcript within 72 hours which can enable your application status to be updated faster.

If you need a **letter of recommendation** for your application, attach a **copy of your resume'**/student profile with your transcript request form and submit at least **TWO weeks before your deadline.** Transcripts which require counselor recommendation forms are FREE with no limit if request is emailed to your counselor with the **subject line: recommendation**.

Selective Service

Selective Service: Most male students between the ages of 18-25 must register for Selective Service in order to qualify for federal, state and some institutional financial aid. This includes HOPE. To register, please visit www.sss.gov.

Wondering what you will do after high school? Interested in joining a branch of the military? Scan the QR code to sign-up for the ASVAB test.



To get SENIOR text alerts:

Send the message 2022arc

To the number 81010

Student Athletes

If you plan to participate in competitive athletics in college, you will need to complete an NCAA Clearinghouse form and have an official transcript sent to them ASAP. It's available at:

http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

Also, take a look at the updates regarding online/ virtual credit recovery courses. The rules have changed which may affect your chances of participating.

CSS Profile

Check to see if your college requires CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE. It is a financial aid application service of the College Board. Many colleges, universities, graduate/ professional schools, and scholarship programs use the information from PROFILE to determine how to award nonfederal student aid funds. More valuable information at:

www.collegeboard.com

College Activities & Visitations

Get Ready for Virtual College Fair(s)

Peach State College Tour (UGA, GATech, AU, GAState) September 14: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Register: www.peachstatetour.org







Probe Virtual Fair: October 13, from 5 pm-8 pm

Registration will come thru Senior Text Remind mid- September
Interested in In-Person Probe College Fairs?
RegisterProbe.com.

Scholarship Opportunities

Note: Scholarships are listed. Check the ARC Guidance page and websites below for other scholarship listings.

http://arc.rcboe.org/home.aspx (Guidance)

http://www.uncf.org/scholarships/index.asp

www.scholarships4students.com

http://www.hsf.net/scholarship/seniors.php

http://www.zinch.com/static/college-scholarships.html

<u>www.SchoolSoup.com</u> <u>www.GAfutures.org</u>

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https://studentscholarships.org/2021scholarships.php

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What: Prudential Spirit of Community Award

Who: Meaningful Volunteer Service

Deadline: November

Scholarship Award: varies

Location: http://spirit.prudential.com

What: The Gates Scholarship Who: GPA: 3.3, minority Deadline: Sept. 15th Scholarship Award: varies

Location:

https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship

What: QuestBridge

Who: 3.0 GPA, Family Income < \$65k

Deadline: September

Where: www.questbridge.org

What: Heisman Scholarship Program

Who: athlete, GPA 3.0 Deadline: 10/19/21

Where: heismanscholarship.com





FAFSA Assistance Starts in OCTOBER

Make an <u>appointment</u> for **FREE** virtual support with Ga Student Finance Commission Rep Brenda Vaughn, GSFC K-12 Outreach Rep

Upcoming Events

Check Remind for Details/Updates

Parent Senior Info Workshop

Zoom 9/9/21 @ 5:30pm Zoom Repeat 9/10/21 @ 9am

ASVAB Testing September 21st

Sign Up using QR code above

RESUME' Workshop Learn@Home 9/7-8/21 via Zoom @ Sr. Text Remind LUNCH & Learn

8AM

FAFSA College Goal Session September 23rd

via Zoom @ Sr. Text Remind 5:30pm

Sr. Picture Make-up Oct. 4th

Appointments Only Register on ARC website

Essay Writing Oct. 6th

Via Zoom @ Sr Text Remind 9am

Christian College Fair Oct. 18th 6:30p-8:30p

Sign Up: https://myblueprintstory.com/christian-

university-college-fairs?fid=16

Early Bird Special Sr. Page for Yearbook Oct. 28th

