

Senior Presentation

Druid Hills

Counseling Department

Sept. 4th During the Day– Students

Sept. 4th – Parents, 5:00-7:00 PM

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CLASS OF
2020

Senior Meeting Information

Signing up for your Senior Meeting

- Students will sign up for their meeting time online. The link is on the counseling website, senior page. All seniors will have a meeting.
- Senior meetings will last up to 25 minutes.
- You will show your email confirmation to your teacher as your pass to leave class. Sign Up Genius will send you a reminder email 1 day in advance.
- Parents are invited to attend the meeting; however it is not mandatory. Please share your meeting date and time with your parent.

Prior to Your Meeting

1. Create an account on www.gafutures.org. Please ensure that you enter your full legal name and social security number. This is important for the HOPE Scholarship as well as the transcript release function.
2. Bookmark our [counseling website](#) on your phone and computer.
3. Research scholarships, colleges, and careers on student's Naviance Account.
4. Complete the counseling survey: [Class of 2020- Counseling Survey](#)
5. Complete the [recommendation / brag sheet form](#) and bring it to your meeting or email it to your counselor.



Academic Planning



Academic Credits for Graduation

- All credits required for graduation will be reviewed during the student's senior meeting.
- Students will receive their [credit checklist](#) as well as GPA information.

Remediation Options

- Flex Academy
 - Beyond the school day (\$250.00 per 1/2 credit hours)
- [Credit Recovery](#) (Georgia Virtual)
- Summer school (Summer Graduation)

**A student can earn a maximum of 2 additional credits per school year (10 credits total) and a maximum of 2 credits over the summer*

Dual Enrollment

- Students can take up to 15 credit hours of college courses at a local public college for free. The credits count for college credit and high school credit.
- Spring Dual Enrollment Deadline – Oct. 15th
- All Dual Enrollment information is on the counseling website, main page, dual enrollment tab.

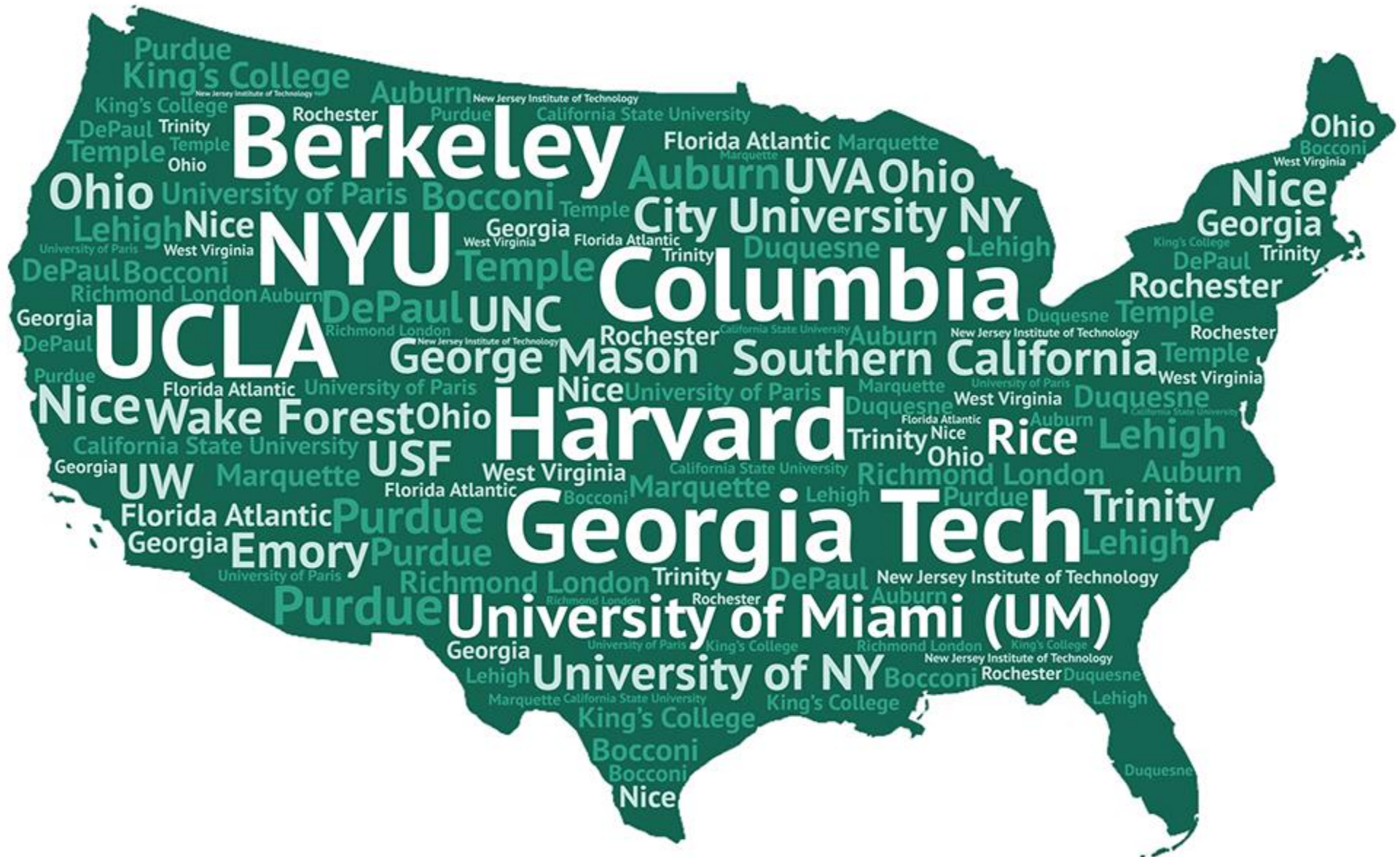


What career fits my interests and strengths?

Career Search Tools

- [You Science](#) – Aptitude Assessment accessed through students Infinite Campus SLDS Portal. At completion of assessment results narrow down career strengths and provides career search tools.
- Student Naviance Account
 - Interest Inventories
 - Tools to discover careers in line with your strengths and values

College Planning



Finding the Right College Fit for YOU



Types of Colleges

Technical College

2 year College

4 year College

College Search

Develop a [college list](#)—Document admissions requirements, application procedures, and application deadlines

- [College Search Sites](#)—Naviance Account, ACT Student, Collegeboard, GA Futures
- Make sure you have applied to several different colleges
 - Reach College, Match College, “Safety-Net” College

College Tours

- Visit your college of interest and take a tour. Colleges list tour information on their college admissions page.
- Seniors receive 2 excused absences for college visits.
- If you are not able to visit in person – look for a 360 tour on the college's website.

College Visits at Druid Hills

- College admissions counselors set up cafeteria and small group visits to share information with seniors
- All information is listed on the college visit calendar on the counseling website
- For small group visits – sign up on the calendar. Email confirmation will be your pass to attend.

Questions for Admissions Counselors

Example questions to ask admissions representatives:

- What is your freshman retention rate?
- What is your graduation rate?
- What is your average class size on campus? What's the student to professor ratio?
- Do most students live on campus as freshman? Is it a requirement?
- What are your top majors at the school?
- What organizations do you all have on campus?
- What services do you provide on the campus that are included in student fees?
 - ie: career services, internship placements, tutorial services, writing center

[*Link for additional questions to ask college representatives*](#)



**KEEP
CALM
AND
APPLY TO
COLLEGE**

College Applications

Visit the college's admissions website to determine application method:

- [GA Futures](#), [Common Application](#), [Coalition Application](#), College Based Application

Test Scores

- Student is responsible for sending test scores through their ACT or SAT account

Transcripts

- Students will request their transcript to be sent digitally through their Naviance Account
- Mail option – Bring \$1 or a Stamped Envelope to Ms. Vicki to request

College Application Data

- Senior Class Size: 300
- Student Rank: Select “Does not Rank”
- Student unweighted and weighted GPA
Visit counseling and request an unofficial copy of your transcript from Ms. Vicki at the counseling desk.
- Additional demographics are located on the school profile on the counseling website (main page)

College Decision Information

If you have questions about what would be the best choice in terms of application type, or how the school calculates GPA/test scores, contact the admissions office directly. The information may also be posted on the admissions website.

- Early Action vs. Early Decision vs. Regular Decision
- Holistic vs. Merit Application
- [Super Scoring](#) of Test Scores, GPA calculations by the college

Counselor and Teacher Recommendations

- Students should have a conversation with their teacher prior to sending a recommendation request. Ask the teacher – “Do you feel comfortable writing a recommendation for me.”
- Allow a minimum of two weeks for completion
- Complete the student [brag sheet](#) that will help your recommender write a strong and personal recommendation. Include anything that you feel will make you stand out to the college or will help the college get to know you better.

College Testing Requirements

Technical Colleges & 2 Year Colleges



2 & 4 Year Colleges



ACT and SAT Test Dates

Students can take the ACT or SAT

Students are responsible for registering for their preferred test date on the SAT or ACT website. These are not school based tests.

Refer to www.collegeboard.org and www.act.org for all testing dates

Fee waiver [link](#) on website for students receiving free or reduced lunch

ACT and SAT Practice

Test Prep websites – On Website under “College & Career”

Khan Academy, ACT Academy (Free online sites)

Kaplan Online – Access free online practice through the student’s Naviance Account

Mock Tests – Offered for free through Applerouth

In Person Test Prep Options for Cost: Applerouth, Kaplan, Success Prep

Paying for COLLEGE



Financially Planning for College

- Net Price Calculator – On every college admissions site – estimates cost of tuition based off of student information
 - Example: Georgia Gwinnett's [Net Price Calculator](#)
- Room and Board and Fees information – On College Websites under Financial Aid – many will have an estimation tool
 - Example: Georgia State's [estimation tool](#)
- FAFSA4caster on fafsa4caster.ed.gov (estimation of federal aid)

Scholarship Search Tips

- Create a spreadsheet including the scholarship name, deadline, link to website, and notes (eligibility requirements, \$ amount, etc.)
- Create a Twitter account and follow @DHHScounseling, @cgreenlight, @payingforschool, @scholarships360, and @fafsa
- Visit the admissions sites of any colleges that you are interested in. See what scholarships they offer to incoming freshman.

Scholarship Search

- www.gafutures.org – HOPE Scholarship, Federal Aid Information, Scholarship Search Tool
- Scholarship Search tool on Naviance Account
- College Based Scholarships – Check admissions sites of colleges of interest
- [Scholarship Search Tools](#) located on counseling website – college & career section

Scholarship Highlights

[Questbridge Scholarship](#)

[Gates Scholarship](#)

[Fastweb.com](#) – Scholarship Site. Create an account for free, it will email you potential scholarships!

Federal Aid for College

- Information site: studentaid.ed.gov
- FAFSA – Completed after October 1st at fafsa.ed.gov
 - Must create FSA ID prior to completing the FAFSA (located on FAFSA site)
 - Will need Guardian Tax information including 1040, 1040A, or 1040ez along with the W2
 - FAFSA Application must be completed every year in college

Financial Aid Package

Students will receive their financial aid package after being accepted into a college. Make sure you have listed your college code on the FAFSA application.

*If adding a new college to your application –
you must resubmit.*

Final HOPE GPA will not be available until early July.

The Georgia

HOPE

scholarship

HOPE Scholarship

- [HOPE eligibility](https://gafutures.org) information is listed on gafutures.org
- HOPE Scholarship requires course rigor and a 3.0 grade point average in core classes and covers approximately 75-80% of tuition at a public Georgia college (HOPE amount varies per college- you can look up award amounts on GA Futures).
- Zell Miller Scholarship requires course rigor and a 3.7 grade point average in core classes, a 26 ACT composite or a 1200 SAT (verbal and math only), and covers 100% of tuition at a public Georgia college.
- Eligibility is determined by Georgia Student Finance Commission after the student graduates from high school. The HOPE GPA is not calculated by Dekalb County.
- Social Security Card must be on file with the high school to be eligible for HOPE.

GAfutures.org

All students should create an account. Make sure to use the student's full legal name and social security number.

Student accounts have HOPE GPA.

HOPE Application – [FAFSA and/or GSFAPPS](#)

Completing both applications is recommended

HOPE Grant

- [HOPE Grant](#) information is listed on gafutures.org.
- Georgia's HOPE Grant (a separate program from the HOPE Scholarship) is available to Georgia residents who are working towards a certificate or diploma (continuing education programs are not eligible) at an eligible college or university in Georgia.
- Eligible Colleges and University are located on the gafutures.org website
- Eligibility Requirements are located on the gafutures.org website.

BE A COLLEGE ATHLETE



NCAA or NAIA – College Athletics

To be eligible for sports in college, the student must create a NCAA Clearinghouse Account or NAIA Account.

<http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future>

<http://www.naia.org/>

Athletes can find all eligibility requirements on the given sites.

Senior Class Information & Reminders



Post Secondary Specialist – Ms. Beavers

- Ms. Brandi Beavers is available to assist with college applications, post secondary planning, career planning, FAFSA completion, financial aid assistance, scholarships, financial aid award letters, etc.

Ways to receive help:

- Email Ms. Beavers to set up an appointment (brandi_beavers@dekalbschoolsga.org)
- Visit her College & Career Connections on Tuesdays during lunch (dates will be advertised prior to the events—check the counseling website)

Senior Sponsors

- Senior Sponsors: Mr. Ruben, Ms. Ward, Ms. Radcliff
- Senior dues information is in the senior packet. The senior packet is linked on the counseling website, senior page.
- Questions? druidhills2020@gmail.com

Senior Pictures

If you have not taken your senior picture yet, you must [book an appointment](#) with Cady Studios.

Cady will be at DHHS Sept. 10th and Sept. 11th

Appointment information is on
Counseling Site (Senior Tab)

Graduation

The Graduation date and time will be set by
DeKalb County Schools.

As soon as this information is announced it will be posted
on the counseling website, senior page.

Information on Pre-Commencement / Awards Ceremony
will also be posted on the senior page.

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