



Senior Information Meeting

Class of 2024

 **FORSYTH**
CENTRAL
COUNSELING
DEPARTMENT

Topics for Discussion



- Meet Your Counselors
- Graduation Requirements
- Researching Colleges
- College Admission Standards
- College Application Process
- Transcript Request Procedure
- Scholarships & Financial Aid
- Resources

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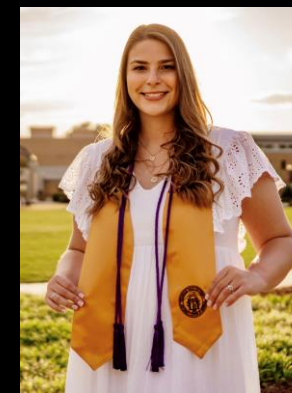
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In Your Packet

- ✓ Quick Links sheet (QR codes)
- ✓ FCCHS HOPE Rigor Course List
- ✓ FCCHS Transcript
- ✓ Graduation Status Sheet



High School Graduation Requirements



4 Credits of English

9th Lit/9th Lit Honors

10th Lit/10th Lit Honors

American Lit/AP American Lit/Lang

AP Lit, Adv Comp, or Dramatic Writing



4 Credits of Math

Must be 4 sequential math credits



4 Credits of Science

Biology/Biology Honors

Physical Science/Physics

Chemistry, Earth Systems, or Environmental

4th Science



3 Credits of Social Studies

World History

US History

(0.5) American Government/(0.5)Economics OR AP

Macroeconomics/AP Government



1 Unit of Physical Education/Health

(0.5) Health/(0.5) Personal Fitness



3 Credits of CTAE and/or World Language and/or Fine Arts



4 Additional Electives

After High School Options

- Gap Year
- Military
- Workforce
- Travel, missions work, etc.
- Technical/Trade School
- Two-Year and Four-Year College/University



A close-up photograph of a hand holding a silver pen, writing on a checklist. The checklist has several items with checkboxes, some of which are already marked. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the document and the hand.

Narrowing Down Your College List

- Research Colleges and Universities
- Things to consider:
 - Admission requirements
 - Location- distance from home/family; is it where you want to be, geographically?
 - Cost
 - Does it fit your personality and needs?



Deciding Where to Apply



Dream/Reach School

- Less than 30% chance of admission
- Your Academic Record/Test Scores are below their averages

Target/Good Fit School

- 30%-60% chance of admission
- Your Academic Record/Test Scores are in line with their averages

Safety School

- Greater than 60% chance of admission
- Your Academic Record/Test Scores are above their averages
- You should have at least **one** safety school

A highly selective school should not be considered a safety or target school

Sample Admissions Profiles

AVERAGE FALL ACADEMIC PROFILE*

GPA
4.22

SAT
1325

ACT
28.4



Students represent **52** U.S. states and territories
TOP 5: FLORIDA, NEW JERSEY, NEW YORK, GEORGIA, PENNSYLVANIA



Students represent **32** Countries
TOP 5: INDIA, BAHAMAS, BRAZIL, VIETNAM, SAUDI ARABIA



Students come from
758 FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOLS
1,553 OUT-OF-STATE HIGH SCHOOLS



APPLICATION INCREASE VS. **2019**



1,063
number of students



54
full-time faculty



13
research centers



20:1
student-faculty ratio



47
countries represented

3,500+
alumni worldwide

23,780 ENROLLED



FEMALE



MALE

3,697
NEW FRESHMEN

85 VALEDICTORIANS

69 SALUTATORIANS

89 STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS

107 EAGLE SCOUTS

20 GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARDS



82 MISSISSIPPI COUNTIES



50 STATES



86 COUNTRIES



AVG. GPA



AVG. ACT

College Application Components

- **Essays** – Required essays on the college application are important because they demonstrate your writing ability and give the college more information about you. Please seek advice when writing an essay and be sure to proofread for errors.
- **Letters of Recommendation** – Most committees prefer letters from core academic teachers in your junior or senior year
- **Resume** – Contains academic information, honors, awards, extracurricular activities, work/volunteer experience, etc.
- **Interviews**



College Admissions: How am I being evaluated?

- **GPA**– Most colleges will view your GPA on a 4.0 scale. Some will look at a cumulative GPA (all courses including electives) or just a core academic GPA (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language). Some will include the extra weight for AP and Dual Enrollment courses and others may not.
- **Class Rank** – As reported on your transcript
- **Course Selection (rigor; difficulty level)** – Colleges are looking at the strength of your courses throughout high school, including your senior year.
- **Test Scores (SAT/ACT/Accuplacer)** - Most states have gone back to requiring test scores for this year (including the Univ. System of GA). Please check the institutions' admissions page for additional info.
- **Extracurricular Activities** – Participation and leadership roles in clubs, service, and sports can be particularly important to competitive colleges.



Types of Admission

- **Rolling Admissions**
- **Regular Decision**
- **Early Action** – Students apply for an earlier deadline and receive early notice of decision. If accepted, **student is not obligated to attend**.
- **Early Decision** – Students apply for an earlier deadline and receive early notice of decision. If accepted, **student is obligated to attend and withdraw all other applications. Students may only apply to ONE early decision school.**



Where do I go to apply?



- Directly to the college's website
- Common App - <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- Coalition - <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

For each of these options, students will need to create a profile and be sure to keep up with their usernames and passwords for each. ****Please be sure to use a PERSONAL email address and NOT your school email when creating these profiles****

College Website

Apply Now >

- Most colleges have an Apply Now button OR click on their Admissions Tab to find the Application
- After clicking Apply, it will redirect you to their application or to their application platform.
 - Some colleges will utilize GA Futures for their applications so you will need to create an account to proceed



Application Platforms

- Commonly used college application platforms
 - The CommonApp
 - The Coalition
- All documents (letters of recommendation, transcripts, etc.) are electronically uploaded.
- Make sure to indicate the type of admissions deadline, i.e. Early Action, Early Decision, Regular Decision, when completing your application for each school.
- Both platforms **require** counselor information. Please make sure your counselor's email address is correct prior to adding them.




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FOR COLLEGE





Upcoming SAT & ACT Dates

Please visit the SAT/ACT/PSAT page on our FCHS Counseling website (linked at the end of this presentation) for registration links as well as resources for test prep.



TEST DATES 2023-2024

SAT		
Test date	Registration deadline	Late reg. deadline
Aug 26, 2023	July 28	Aug 15
Oct 7, 2023	Sept 7	Sept 26
Nov 4, 2023	Oct 5	Oct 24
Dec 2, 2023	Nov 2	Nov 21
Mar 9, 2024	Feb 23	TBD
May 4, 2024	Apr 19	TBD
June 1, 2024	May 17	TBD

ACT		
Test date	Registration deadline	Late reg. deadline
Sept 9, 2023	Aug 4	Aug 18
Oct 28, 2023	Sept 22	Oct 6
Dec 9, 2023	Nov 3	Nov 17
Feb 10, 2024	Jan 5	Jan 19
Apr 13, 2024	Mar 8	Mar 22
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17
July 13, 2024	June 7	June 21

Senior Information Sheet



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- All seniors needing a letter of recommendation must submit a Senior Information Sheet by **September 29, 2023**. This document can be found on our counseling site under our Senior Class of 2024 webpage (linked at end of presentation)
- Please attach as a .doc or .pdf and email to your counselor. Our emails can be found on our FCHS Counseling webpage.
- Counselors will use your information sheet for letters of recommendation for any path you choose

Be thorough in your responses!

Deadlines & Expectations

- **Students will have 15 school days prior to their application deadline to request the following:**

- Transcripts
- Letters of Recommendation
- Counselor Evaluations

- Deadline examples

- October 15 – request by September 19
- January 1 – request by November 30
- April 1 – request by March 13

- Admissions committees strongly prefer students waive their right to view letters of recommendation and counselor evaluations.



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How to Request a Transcript

- All transcripts are sent electronically through Parchment. Please use our website link to make the request (linked at the end of presentation)
- Fees for transcripts requested on Parchment may vary from college to college
- Students will need to create a Parchment account
 - Graduation Year: 2024
 - Current School of Attendance: Forsyth Central High School
- If you are applying through Common App or Coalition, you still need to request a transcript through Parchment.



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Scholarships & Financial Aid

- Scholarships will be posted to the FCHS Counseling website and promoted in our College and Career Center. Please check often! We will begin posting scholarships in September.
- Contact colleges directly about financial aid and scholarship opportunities. Colleges award many renewable scholarships. Ask about criteria, procedures and deadlines. They often list this information on their websites.
- A great site to aid in completing the FAFSA, as well as learn about eligibility, types of aid, and more is: <https://studentaid.gov/>. The FAFSA will open on October 1st of your senior year. Each college has their own deadline to submit the FAFSA. **YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FAFSA TO APPLY FOR HOPE.**
- **Financial Aid Night – November 9, 2023**
 - Georgia Student Finance Commission Financial Aid Night at FCHS to outline the FAFSA form and review HOPE scholarship information. More info will be released as we get closer



HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarships

- **Zell Miller – 100% of Tuition Covered**
 - 3.7 GPA (at end of senior year) in core classes + 26 ACT or 1200 SAT + 4 rigor classes
 - SAT/ACT scores MUST be submitted directly to GSFC by the student to be considered
- **HOPE – Partial Tuition Covered (% Varies by School each year)**
 - 3.0-3.69 GPA (at end of senior year) in core classes + 4 rigor classes.
 - Award Amounts can be found on GAFutures
- **Zell Miller Grant – Certificate & Diploma programs at Technical Colleges**
 - No HS GPA required, 3.5+ in college.
- **Hope Career Grant – Certificate & Diploma programs at Technical Colleges**
 - No HS GPA required, 2.0+ in college.



HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarships

- Your current HOPE GPA report is available in your GAFutures account. Please create an account on GAFutures.org if you have not already done so. Here, you will be able to view your HOPE transcript, which will tell you what your HOPE GPA is.
- It is typically LOWER than your FCHS GPA
 - FCHS GPA is cumulative and includes all electives
 - HOPE GPA does NOT include any electives and only uses grades from academic courses (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language)
- **A 2.9999 GPA does NOT qualify you for HOPE. It MUST be a 3.0**
- Counselors are not able to calculate the HOPE GPA.
- You must apply for HOPE/Zell to be eligible, it is not an automatic scholarship. You can do this by completing the FAFSA or the GSFAPP (Georgia Student Finance Application).



****Please check GAFutures.org for the most up to date information regarding award amounts and eligibility requirements****

College Athletic Eligibility



- If you are planning on participating in intercollegiate athletics at an NCAA Division I or II institution you must register with the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse
- When taking the SAT/ACT, enter 9999 for scores to be sent to NCAA
- You will need to send your official transcript by requesting your transcript through Parchment.
- If you are planning on participating in intercollegiate athletics at an NAIA school, you must register on their site as well as request the transcript through their site. Please email Ms. Susan Henderson once a request has been made for the transcript.



**Students and parents are responsible for determining NCAA eligibility to Division I and Division II schools
Counselors are neither responsible, nor allowed to determine eligibility.**



College & Career Center

- Assistance with Post-Secondary Planning
 - Scholarships
 - College Applications
 - Military Exploration
 - Career Exploration
 - College Rep Visits
 - Essay Assistance
 - Register for SAT/ACT

Upcoming Events



- Senior guidance- 8/31 and 9/1 in ELA class
- FAFSA Opens – 10/1/2023
- Financial Aid Night – 11/9/2023 @ 6:30pm
- Apply to College Day – 11/1/2023 (All Day)
 - English teachers, College Reps, and Transcript help
- ASVAB – Spring 2024 (final date TBD)

Class of 2024 reminders

- IMPORTANT THINGS!

- Senior dues- pay sooner than later. Dues **increase** in October
- You MUST pay senior dues to attend graduation and participate in all the activities planned by your senior class officers
- You MUST attend graduation practice to be able to attend graduation.
- Caps & gowns along with grad tickets are distributed sometime the last week of April and must be picked up by the student.
- The number of tickets per graduate is determined in the late spring.
- Graduation week (May 13th to the 17th) is filled with senior activities, so you should plan on being in town!



International Skills Diploma

- The International Skills Diploma Seal is awarded to graduating high school students who complete an international education curriculum and engage in extracurricular activities and experiences that foster the achievement of global competencies. It is a signal to employers and higher education institutions that a student is prepared to participate in the global economy.
- If you would like additional information, please scan this QR code:



Seal of Biliteracy

- There is established a Georgia Seal of Biliteracy to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English.
- If you would like additional information, please scan this QR code:



Resources and links: Post-secondary options/research



- Post-secondary options:

- Work
- Travel/Missions
 - <https://www.goaheadtours.com/>
 - <https://www.adventures.org/mission-trips/>
- Volunteer
 - www.peacecorps.gov
 - <https://www.volunteer.gov/>
 - <https://www.volunteermatch.org/>
- Employment Opportunities and Apprenticeship Programs
 - www.indeed.com
 - www.dol.gov/apprenticeship
 - <https://www.ziprecruiter.com/>
- Military- Local Recruiting
 - Air Force - <https://www.airforce.com/find-a-recruiter>
 - Army - <https://www.goarmy.com/locate-a-recruiter.html>
 - Coast Guard - <https://www.gocoastguard.com/about-us/find-recruiter>
 - Marine Corps - <https://rmi.marines.com/request-information>
 - Navy - <https://www.navy.com/local>

Resources and links: College research, applying to college and college athletics



- College Research

- Virtual Tours & Representative Visits: <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/54601>
- BigFuture: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

- Commonly used college application platforms

- Common Application: www.commonapp.org
 - This link will teach you how to complete an application on The Common App: <https://www.commonapp.org/apply>
- Coalition: www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org
 - This link will guide you through the steps of completing an application on Coalition: <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/apply-coalition-on-scoir>

- NCAA website for collegiate athletic information and to register with NCAA: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- NAIA website for intercollegiate athletic information and to register with NAIA: <https://www.naia.org/landing/index>

Resources and links: FCHS sites



- Class of 2024 Counseling webpage:
 - <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/21802>
- All transcripts are sent electronically through Parchment. Please use our website link to make the request: <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/21823>
- FCHS Scholarships page (updated frequently): <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/21818>
- FCHS Senior News page containing important dates and info regarding dues and graduation: <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/domain/1936>

Resources and links: Scholarships, including HOPE/Zell



- How to Apply for the HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship
 - Apply for the HOPE/Zell Miller by completing the FAFSA or the GSFAPP starting in October of your senior year
 - Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - Georgia Student Financial Aid Application System (GSFAPP)- <https://www.gafutures.org/college-planning/college-money-matters/applying-for-aid/more-about-gstapp/>
 - HOPE Award Amounts: www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/
- For Additional Information on HOPE/Zell Miller Programs
 - Contact Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) www.gsfc.org
- Additional scholarship research sites:
 - www.scholarships.com
 - www.fastweb.com
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
 - <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/>
 - FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/>
 - GSFAPP: <https://www.gafutures.org/college-planning/college-money-matters/applying-for-aid/more-about-gstapp/>

Any Questions Bulldogs?

