The background of the entire slide is a photograph of a large group of graduates wearing black academic caps and gowns. The tassels on the caps are a vibrant red. The graduates are seen from behind, filling the frame and creating a sense of a large-scale event. The lighting is soft, suggesting an outdoor setting with trees in the background.

# Senior Information Meeting

Class of 2025

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The logo for Forsyth Central is a stylized 'F' and 'C' intertwined. The 'F' is red with a white outline, and the 'C' is white with a red outline.

**FORSYTH**  
**CENTRAL**  
**COUNSELING**  
**DEPARTMENT**

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Welcome from  
Ms. Tracey Winkler, Principal



# Topics for Discussion

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

# Your Counseling Team



Counselor	Caseload
Katz	ESOL
Duhon	A-Cru
Harrell	Cu-H
Adeleke	I-Mol
Flath	Mom-Sap
Dempsey	Saq-Z
Turk	Counseling Secretary

# Additional Student Services Support



Madonna Owens, School Social Worker  
Craig Ahrens, Student Advocacy Specialist  
Maggi McKnight, College and Career Center  
Darlene Turk, Counseling Secretary  
Becky Dean, Graduation Coach  
Karen Cole, Wellness Coach





# Senior Year

- It's stressful
- It's confusing
- It's expensive
- It's exciting

We are here to help you and your student(s)



# High School Graduation Requirements



4 Credits of English

9<sup>th</sup> Lit/9<sup>th</sup> Lit Honors

10<sup>th</sup> Lit/10<sup>th</sup> 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

4<sup>th</sup> 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





# 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*

# Types of Admissions



## Regular Admissions

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time

**Commitment:**  
**Non-Binding**

## Rolling Admissions

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decision throughout the admission cycle

**Commitment:**  
**Non-Binding**

## Early Action (EA)

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advanced of the institution's regular response date.

**Commitment:**  
**Non-Binding**

## Early Decision (ED)

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll and withdraw all other applications. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

**Commitment:**  
**Binding**

# Stay Organized

College Name	Application Deadline	Priority Deadline
Georgia State University	April 1-Regular Decision	November 15-Early Action
Georgia Institute of Technology	January 4-Regular Decision	October 17-Early Action
University of Alabama	January 15-Regular Decision	December 1-Early Action
University of South Carolina	December 1-Regular Decision	October 15-Early Action
University of Georgia	January 1-Regular Decision	October 15-Early Action
University of North Georgia	February 15-Regular Decision	November 15-Early Action



# College Application Process

**Begin September 1st**

1. Determine what college(s) to apply to
2. Review the deadlines & determine when you will apply (early, regular, rolling)
3. Determine what application platform you will use:
  - a. Common App, gaFutures, or other
4. Submit application and applications fees (usually range \$50-\$90)
5. Submit supporting documents
  - a. Transcripts
  - b. Test Scores
  - c. Letters of recommendation (if required)
  - d. Essays (if required)
6. Follow up with admissions frequently.
  - a. Check portal
  - b. Rolling Admissions
  - c. Housing/Scholarship information



# School Reports

- A school report contains:
  - GPA
  - Class Rank
  - Transcript
  - Brief likert scale academic and extracurricular assessment

***A school report cannot be submitted until a Common App transcript is requested from Parchment.***

A counselor letter of recommendation will only be completed if it is required by the college.





# College Application To-Do's



- Request your transcript through Parchment  
<https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/21823>
- Letters of Recommendation
  - check to see if they are a necessary part of your application, we will not write them if they will not be read
  - provide your counselor with a Senior Profile sheet or resume. <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/21802>
  - Provide recommender with application due date. Must provide **10 school days** to complete the request

# 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.





# Upcoming SAT & ACT Dates

## SAT DATES

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
Aug 24, 2024	Aug 9, 2024	Aug 13, 2024
Oct 5, 2024	Sept 20, 2024	Sept 24, 2024
Nov 2, 2024	Oct 18, 2024	Oct 22, 2024
Dec 7, 2024	Nov 22, 2024	Nov 26, 2024
Mar 8, 2025	Feb 21, 2025	Feb 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	Apr 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025

## ACT DATES

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
Sept 14, 2024	Aug 9, 2024	Aug 25, 2024
Oct 26, 2024	Sep 20, 2024	Oct 7, 2024
Dec 14, 2024	Nov 8, 2024	Nov 22, 2024
Feb 8, 2025	Jan 3, 2025	Jan 20, 2024
Apr 5, 2025	Feb 28, 2025	Mar 16, 2025
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025
July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025	June 20, 2025

# 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 OR THE GSFAPP TO APPLY FOR HOPE.**
- **Financial Aid Night – November 14, 2024**
  - 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 + 25 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](https://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).

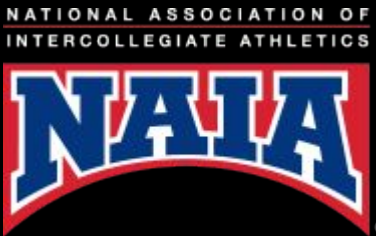


**\*\*Please check GAFutures.org for the most up to date information regarding award amounts and eligibility requirements\*\***

# 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.**

# The College & Career Center

Mrs. McKnight



# Stay In The Know



- This Week in the CCC
  - Event Graphics with links/QR codes
  - Morning Announcements
  - Instagram Posts & Stories
  - Visit the CCC in the Media Ctr
    - M-F 8am - 4; Dawg Time; Lunch
    - Events:
      - MTF A & B Lunch
- 
- Dawg Time: M/T/W/F

# Services

## College, Career & Military Pursuits & Exploration



College Admission Rep Visits  
Military Recruiter Visits  
ASVAB Testing  
Industry Professional Visits  
College Application Assistance  
Essay Workshops  
Resume Workshops  
SAT/ACT Registration  
Transcript Request Assistance  
Apply for Hope/Zell Miller  
Apply For Scholarships  
Create College Board Account  
Create GA Futures Account  
Create Parchment Account



# CCC LINE-UP to Date

- Georgia Tech
- University of Georgia
- Mississippi State
- Army/Navy/Air  
Force/Marines/National Guard
- Purdue University
- Lincoln Tech
- Valdosta State
- Berry College
- Vanderbilt University
- Essay/Resume/Scholarship Workshop

- Hollins University
- Emory University
- Eckerd College
- Virginia Tech
- University of Alabama
- Lynn University
- University of Oklahoma
- Mercer
- University of Tennessee
- Kennesaw State
- ~~Ohio State~~
- Georgia Southwestern



# Annual Events



- Apply to College Day
- Senior Scholarship Night
- Career & Military Commitment Ceremony
- College Fair & Admission Panel
- Military Panel
- Public Service Panel

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# Medallions

- To earn a medallion, students must be a member of a specific honor society and have completed as latest 3 courses within their area of completion, as well as additional requirements.
- Medallions can be earned in the following areas: **advanced academics, career tech, world language, fine arts.**
- Students must complete a “Pathway Verification Form” and turn it in before March 14th.

\*If a student qualifies for a medallion in multiple areas, they will receive a “pin” for each additional pathway. Students will only receive 1 medallion.



# Requirements Continued...

To earn a medallion, students must be an active member of a **specific honor society**.

- **Advanced Academic:** NHS or associated academic honor society (ex. Mu Alpha Theta if getting a math medallion)
- **Career Tech:** NTHS
- **Fine Arts:** NHS, ITS, Tri-M, NAHS, Quill & Scroll
- **World Language:** NHS, SNHS

## Community Service Minimum Hour Requirement:

- **Advanced Academic:** 10 hours
- **Career:** 40 hours
- **Fine Arts:** 20 hours
- **World Language:** 10 hours

**\*\*all requirements can be found on our counseling website**





# 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:



# Class of 2025 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 12th to the 16th) is filled with senior activities, so you should plan on being in town!

- **Continue to check the Senior Page for updates and upcoming events:** <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/domain/1936>



# Important Dates



Graduation: May 17th, 2025

9AM

Cumming Fairgrounds

College Fair: SFHS

September 11th, 2024

5:00PM-7:30PM

Register at: [www.scholartrek.com/fairs](http://www.scholartrek.com/fairs)

Financial Aid Night: November 14th, 2024

6PM

FCHS Cafeteria

Senior Class Guidance: August 29th and 30th during Lit class

Senior Dues: First Price Increase-October 1, 2024

Senior Picture in Yearbook Deadline: October 16, 2024

Senior Ad Deadline: October 16, 2024

Essay Writing Workshop: August 28th, 2024 during Dawg Time

Apply to College Day: November 13th, 2024

# Any Questions Bulldogs?



# 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](http://www.peacecorps.gov)
  - <https://www.volunteer.gov/>
  - <https://www.volunteermatch.org/>
- Employment Opportunities and Apprenticeship Programs
  - [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com)
  - [www.dol.gov/apprenticeship](http://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](http://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](http://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: 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](http://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/](http://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/)
- For Additional Information on HOPE/Zell Miller Programs
  - Contact Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) [www.gsfc.org](http://www.gsfc.org)
- Additional scholarship research sites:
  - [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
  - [www.fastweb.com](http://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/>

# Researching Options

- GAP Year
  - Work
  - Travel/Missions
    - <https://www.goaheadtours.com/>
    - <https://www.adventures.org/mission-trips/>
  - Volunteer
    - [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov)
    - <https://www.volunteer.gov/>
    - <https://www.volunteermatch.org/>
  - Attend Workshops (Cooking classes, Managing finances, etc.)
- Employment Opportunities and Apprenticeship Programs
  - [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com)
  - [www.dol.gov/apprenticeship](http://www.dol.gov/apprenticeship)
  - <https://www.ziprecruiter.com/>



# Researching Options

- 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>
  - ASVAB
    - Career exploration tools offered to 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students
    - Required for entry into all military branches
    - Will be available at FCHS in spring 2024

