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CLASS OF 2012

A Letter From....



Dr. Gary Davison
Principal

Dear Class of 2012,

It is with great excitement and disbelief that I write you today. I feel great excitement for you as you enter the next step in your academic career and life. To quote Ralph Waldo Emerson, "What lies behind us and what lies before us and tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

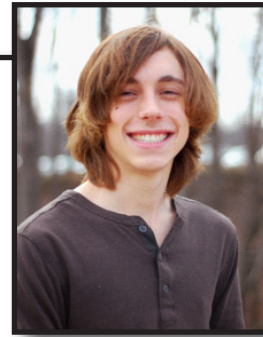
What lies within you helped to create a Lambert that has made us all proud. However, I also feel great disbelief that you will not be here at Lambert next year as you have been so influential in what Lambert High School has become. From the first meeting of the Students' Advisory group in the SFHS library on May 14, 2008, to today; we have grown into an idea that has blossomed at Lambert High School. Without you, this reality could never have happened.

Many of you I have known since you were in third grade and cannot believe how time has flown. You were much shorter, as well as a few teeth missing. However, even then I could tell you were special.

For me, it has been a tremendous honor to serve as your Principal. I feel that we will always be connected as the Lambert community will continue to give to students in the future.

I want to wish you luck and the very best as you pursue the next stages in your life. Whatever life brings you; always remember your time at Lambert as the opportunity to create something that you can take pride in for many years to come. I love you all.

Hook 'em horns,
Dr. Davison



Trey Rosenkampff
Senior Class President

Ok, so here's the deal:

This is supposed to be my "letter to the senior class." I'm pretty sure this is where I'm supposed to tell everyone that we made it, reminisce on all of our high school experiences, tell everyone to look forward to the future, and throw in a few other tear-jerking sentimental idioms. But I kind of wanted to save all of that sappy stuff for my graduation speech, because that's where all the real emotions are gonna be flowing full force, so I figured I could keep this letter to you guys short and sweet:

Our senior class feels connected in a sort of impalpable way. Apart from the typical niches and cliques inevitably formed by our individual interests and activities, our class has a sense of unity and a generally positive personality that makes it so easy to cross social barriers and make our class a true class in it's most literal sense. I've never found it easier to make friends with such a diverse and unique group of people.

In one word, my four years with you all have been fun; ridiculously, hilariously, and genuinely fun. We've been productive helping to create traditions and a precedent of community for future classes, we've been leaders and role models among the younger classes, and we've been respectful and responsible to our duties given to us by our teachers and faculty. From our first, and thankfully only, year at South to our three years as founders of Lambert culture, I've enjoyed every single step we've taken along the way.

YOLO,
Trey Rosenkampff



MOVING OUT & MOVING ON

Brooke Metz

With graduation coming up and college looming ahead, seniors are beginning to prepare to move out and enter a life of new independence. While it may seem intimidating to leave the comforts of home, college is the first step to becoming a true adult, and there are various exciting opportunities that accompany it.

Most students view college as a chance to start over and discover who they really are. "College is a great opportunity to redefine myself," says Lydia Biggs. "It gives you a clean slate if you need one." If you've always wanted to try something new and different, like a sport you've never played, college is the perfect place to do it. You can experiment with new activities and hobbies you never tried in high school and maybe find talents you never knew you had.

While college does present amazing opportunities, there is also responsibility that comes along with them. One aspect of leaving for college that none of us wants to think about is the fact that we will be away from our family for the first time. It will be hard to leave our parents, siblings, and even pets, but by stepping out of the comfort zone of home, we are embracing the new independence college gives us. College is our first taste of independence, and that means no parents around to ensure that we're making the right decisions. "College is where your character and work ethic are truly tested and shaped by you and you alone," says Taylor Moreland. "What is terrifying is badly representing your family in college and wasting any of the opportunities they have worked so hard to give you. I just want to make them proud." Another concern of seniors is the fact that we are no longer considered children. While this is an exciting step in maturity, some of us aren't ready to grow up so fast. "I think people expect you to be all grown up when you go to college, but I know I will always be a kid at heart," says Neha Saxena.

But regardless of these concerns and the slight fear of the unknown, college is still an incredible opportunity. We have worked hard over the past four years to earn our spots in great schools, and the amazing college adventures ahead for us are only the beginning.

Molly Hackling

Although leaving your family that have been with you for eighteen years sounds like a dream come true, once all of the glam of college begins to die down, there's a chance you could be wishing for just one more year with those crazy people you call family. The new life adjustment to college comes with more freedom, more weight gain, and a lot more parties. However, in the middle of all of that, your mind may grow to become confused with the fact that you're on your own. Your parents are gone, your dog Buddy will only be seen at Christmas, and there won't be many "sister shopping" trips. Symptoms of homesickness range from constantly thinking about home, to feeling depressed/sad with low motivation to study or make new friends.

One way to overcome homesickness is to stay in touch, regardless of how many state lines or oceans separate you from your friends and family, you can still keep in touch easily. With the new technology that gets more advanced each day, there are countless amounts of ways to stay connected. When asked how he deals with homesickness, Freshman Chris Waites says, "When I go a trip without my family and feel homesick, I always use Skype."

Another way is to bring home to your college. No matter how small your dorm room is freshman year, you can always make it "you". Decorate your room with things that make you feel at home and at ease like your favorite blanket or put up a picture of the whole family at the beach last year.

To get your mind off of being homesick, learn everything about your new home. If you're in a city, it's easy to find interesting events to attend and attractions to check out, but even if you're in a small town college, you can locate something exciting nearby. Before you know it, you'll be able to get your way around your new area blindfolded.

While homesickness can be painful, it also presents us with an opportunity to grow beyond what we are. It represents a challenge to finally take charge of our own lives.

And You Thought the Application Was Tough...

THE TOP 5 HARDEST ADJUSTMENTS FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE

Hannah Quire

Although moving anywhere new is difficult, life outside the realm of high school can be staggeringly different for incoming college freshmen. Life at home where parents dote on you and teachers give you every available opportunity misleads students, making them believe that the rest of their life will continue in this way. Because of this, freshman year of college can be quite the adjustment.

1. Different Teaching Styles

Ryan Simpson, a Lambert graduate and freshman at Georgia Tech, says, “In high school, most of your teachers teach in similar fashions and test in similar ways. In college, every professor is different.” For example, where one teacher will lecture on certain things and then test on them, another may teach the basic and force you to learn the exceptions. These different tactics can be tricky to adapt to. “You pretty much have to have a different note-taking approach for each class,” says Lexa Keenan, a freshman at Auburn University. Ryan says that the first test is essential, because once you take it and gain an understanding for how the professor tests, you can “use that to judge how best to study and learn for the rest of the semester,” he advises.

2. Not Being Close to Home

Going out of state for college can be a frightening experience, especially since there is no chance of returning home for a quick weekend to wash some laundry or get a home-cooked meal. “I haven’t been home since Christmas Break,” says Rae McBride, a freshman at Auburn University, who is originally from Florida. “It’s definitely hard for me.” While being far away from home for large portions of time can be daunting and foreign, it is a great opportunity. “It forces you to become a lot more independent,” Rae says. “You go to college to become an independent person and do things for yourself, and you can’t do that if you go home every weekend.”

3. Time Management

Despite the fact that teachers pound the idea of managing your time into students heads for four years, the full force of college life can make kids forget what they have been taught. When you get to college, joining an array of clubs, intramural sports, and organizations sounds like a brilliant plan, but Ryan says it can be difficult to maintain. They are “great to get involved in, but they need to be balanced with grades,” he says. Overloading yourself freshman year is never a good idea, seeing as your GPA is vital your first year of college. Although avoiding extracurricular activities altogether is not a good idea, either, Ryan recommends trying out just one or two, to gauge what you may be interested in.

4. Taking Care of Yourself

While it seems like a basic thing, taking care of yourself can get lost in the jumble of schoolwork, extracurriculars, and the absence of parents during your first year at college. Maintaining good eating habits and exercise is often the last thing to be remembered. However, taking thirty minutes each day to engage in some exercise can actually help you get more done. “I find that if I go for a run or swim two to three times a week, I have more free time after getting my work done than I do if I had worked on homework instead of exercising,” Ryan states. Along with exercise is food. When you live at home, parents are constantly there to restock the fridge and cook you a good study snack. Once you get to college, however, that option goes away. “It’s definitely difficult having to do everything for yourself, like grocery shopping,” says Rae. Make sure that, along with grades and extracurriculars, you remember to keep yourself healthy.

5. Making All New Friends

In high school, you are normally surrounded by large numbers of familiar faces and acquaintances. Next year, however, there will be hundreds if not thousands of strangers all around you. This change is more prevalent if you attend school out of state, as Rae and Lexa did. In order to combat this, Lexa says you need to “get outside your comfort zone and go to campus events to meet new people.” Although it can be exhausting, the benefits are well worth it. The size of the school can also affect how difficult it will be to make new friends. For larger schools, it’s “better to get a small group of people to hang out with,” says Rae, such as joining a sorority or a sports team. It will take a little bit of effort, but it is not impossible.

Going from high school to college will be a massive adjustment for everyone. Know, however, that everyone at your new school has gone through freshman year, and that it is doable. To assure a good start to your first year at college, prepare yourself now, and talk to students already in college. Even though it will be challenging, college is supposed to be a time for fun and discovering yourself, so don’t let these little bumps in the road ruin your entire freshman year.

WHEN THEY WERE IN COLLEGE...

Casey Kim

They create lesson plans, teach classes, offer help and resources, and generally run the school. They're the people you see in the front office, the Media center, the hallways, and classroom. They're advisers, technology experts, principals, administrators, mentors, and teachers. They're the people that teach us what we should know and who we go to when we don't. They are our faculty and, without them, Lambert would not be the place it is today. And while it may be hard to picture or imagine now, whether it be five, ten, fifteen, or forty years ago, they were once like you too, high school seniors and eventual college graduates. Throughout these four years, they might have told you numerous stories, taught you how to crunch out derivatives, or given you a new views on anything from Hamlet to global conflicts. But take the time to let them talk and teach about one last thing: college.



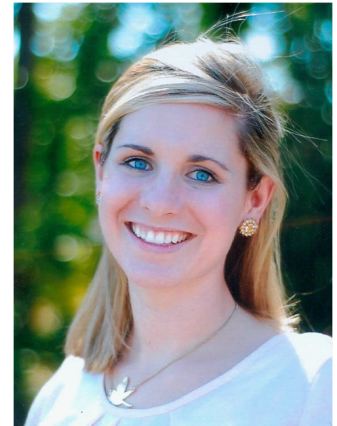
Mrs. Harrison: "A memorable college moment occurred when my UGA professor asked us, "Why do you want to teach? And how do you know you'll even like it?" I had no teaching experience and thought I wanted to be an English teacher, so I began to panic. I heard about the Athens Literacy Center needing help and decided to volunteer to work with adult learners. Soon, I began pairing up with John and then his friend Mack. Both were in their 50's, had dropped out of school, and couldn't read. About a month in, I learned the real reason they were there. Mack wanted to read so he could take his girlfriend from South Carolina to a real restaurant and order from the menu. And John wanted to read the Bible stories to his grandchildren. The excitement and pride in John and Mack's eyes when they read about DePalma's cuisine or an actual Bible verse all on their own made such a difference. In that moment, I knew "Yes, this is why I want to teach!"



Mrs. Cook: "When I went to Young Harris, I took a class that Zell Miller [former GA governor] taught. The class was equally split between ten boys and ten girls, each handpicked by administrators, so it was a real honor. He would come and watch my college softball games and then talk about it next day of class—I was embarrassed but flattered."



Mr. Simms, My favorite part of College: "Taking classes that you actually want to take, that you never got the chance to do in high school." And his favorite class? "In Grad School, when I took Old Norse"



Mrs. Kitchen: I have so many amazing memories of UGA. Every game day Saturday was magical and every big date night or social was hilarious. I remember one weekend in October, a bunch of us were sitting on our back porch enjoying the awesome fall weather in Athens, and we decided to pack up all of the camping stuff we could find and drive out to a random campsite on the Appalachian trail.

...AND WHAT THEY LEARNED FROM IT...

- "The realization that as a junior in college, you can't get your GPA up"- Mr. Brock
- "Don't get too attached to your high school sweetheart"- Mme. Burgess
- "Try and stay a day ahead, read the material a day before class...It's all about time management"- Coach Luthart
- "Don't be in a hurry to graduate; Enjoy it- Have fun!- Mrs. Cantrell

"The best thing to do in college is get invested in a student organization. It could be a Fraternity/Sorority, Intramural Sports Team, Campus Government Organization or an extra-curricular club, but these organizations are essential for giving students an additional connection to the school...I go back to Oxford, Ohio every few years to reconnect with the members of the Miami University Men's Glee Club for a reunion concert, and some of my closest friends are the people I met as a member of a Greek letter fraternity"
-Mr. Ross Wason

HIGH SCHOOL BUCKET LISTS

Lindsay Porter

High school is full of memories for every senior. From the time they walked into the doors of high school they entered not only one of the most wonderful experiences of their lives, but they also entered a world of opportunity and accomplishment. While attending high school, each student has at least one goal they hope to accomplish. What was on your high school bucket list?



Scott Langley said his goal was to learn how to speak fluent Spanish.



Taylor Greenleaf said her goal was to start and complete a classic novel.



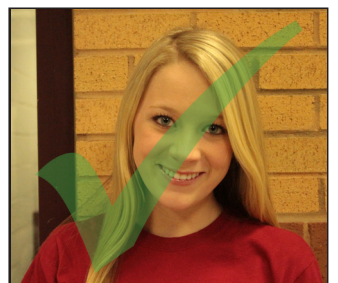
Sammy Scruggs said his goal was to get into Georgia.



Mustafa Salih said his goal was pass all of his classes.



Conner Wardlaw said his goal was to get into college.



Madison Turner said her goal was to start a lasting Lambert Tradition.

Kevin Brown said his goal was to be quoted in the newspaper. *(see map)*

Whether it's over the span of your high school career or your entire life time, you will always have some sort of goal you hope to accomplish. High school is only a portion of the time you have to accomplish anything you may desire to achieve. No matter how big or how small, it is never impossible to live your dream.



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Then & Now:

WHEN I GROW UP...

Mackenzie Bennett

When you are younger you have such big plans for your future self. A princess, Superman, a tiger, the possibilities are endless. As you get older and go through school, reality hits. Seniors going off to college often have very specific and real life aspirations. We interviewed seniors to see how their future plans had changed as they grew up.

See if you can match these seniors' current goals with their past dreams!

a) PILOT

b) PIRATE

c) FBI AGENT

d) PRINCESS

e) DICTATOR

Answers: a) Ben Willis b) Serena McCracken c) Ryan Bestor d) Sydney Topper e) Caleb Espy

To Be or Not to Be...

GREEK

Alex Shepherd and Cate Hackling

Think now that you've graduated you're done studying? Think again! If you're going Greek, you've got another alphabet to learn!



If You Don't Go Greek, You're Not A Geek

So, you're into college. Now what? Worried about making friends? But, after all the rushing around you did between graduation and move in day, is it really a good idea for you to rush as soon as you arrive at college?

It's Okay to Wait. If you don't immediately move in and head down to sorority row, no one will blame you. Your first semester away from home is the most hectic, and you may need time to adjust to new surroundings. Rushing in the Spring or the Fall of your sophomore year won't make you a loser.

Go For the Experience. Rushing is a great way to meet new people, especially the ones you may have classes with. Going to rush purely for the experience of meeting people and not actually joining can end with lifelong relationships.

Don't Go At All. Not showing up for rush is always an option. Sororities and fraternities are notorious for having hazing reputations and are known for being extremely expensive. Save your money and get involved in something you'd enjoy more.

What's the Rush?

Don't Rush Your Outfit Choices

Remember this week is all about impressing you future “sisters”, so if your outfits are super trendy man repellers don't be afraid. There are specific guidelines for each day given to all, so be sure to follow their outlines, standing out is not always a good thing.

Open Houses: *You will be visiting each house.*

Do's: Sandals or Flats / Sundress / Summery Bottom and Top

Don'ts: High Heels / Anything Revealing

Philanthropy Day: *You will be visiting houses.*

Do's: Tennis Shoes or Flip Flops / Shorts / Recruitment T-Shirts (provided to you)

Don'ts: Skirts / Too Short Shorts



Skit Day: *Each sorority will be performing skits.*

Do's: Sun dress or Skirt Set / Comfortable Heels

Don'ts: Anything Revealing / Sequined or Beaded Dresses

Preference Parties: *You will go to your top 3 houses.*

Do's: Nicer Dark-Colored Dress / Comfortable Heels

Don'ts: Anything Revealing / Sequined or Beaded Dresses

Bid Day: *You find out which sorority you'll join!*

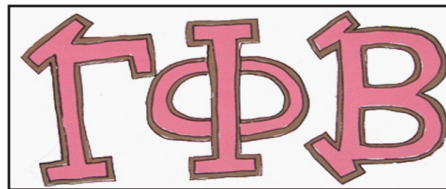
Do's: White dresses/ Wedges/ Heels

Don'ts: T-Shirts / Collared shirts / Flip Flops

Keeping it in the Lambert Family



Mr. Wason
Pi Kappa Phi



Ms. Laury
Gamma Phi Beta



Mr. VanTreck
Sigma Chi

“Being Greek led me to a great, diverse group of guys.”

“Going Greek can make a big campus seem smaller.”

“Through the Greek system, I made life long friends.”

Georgia No

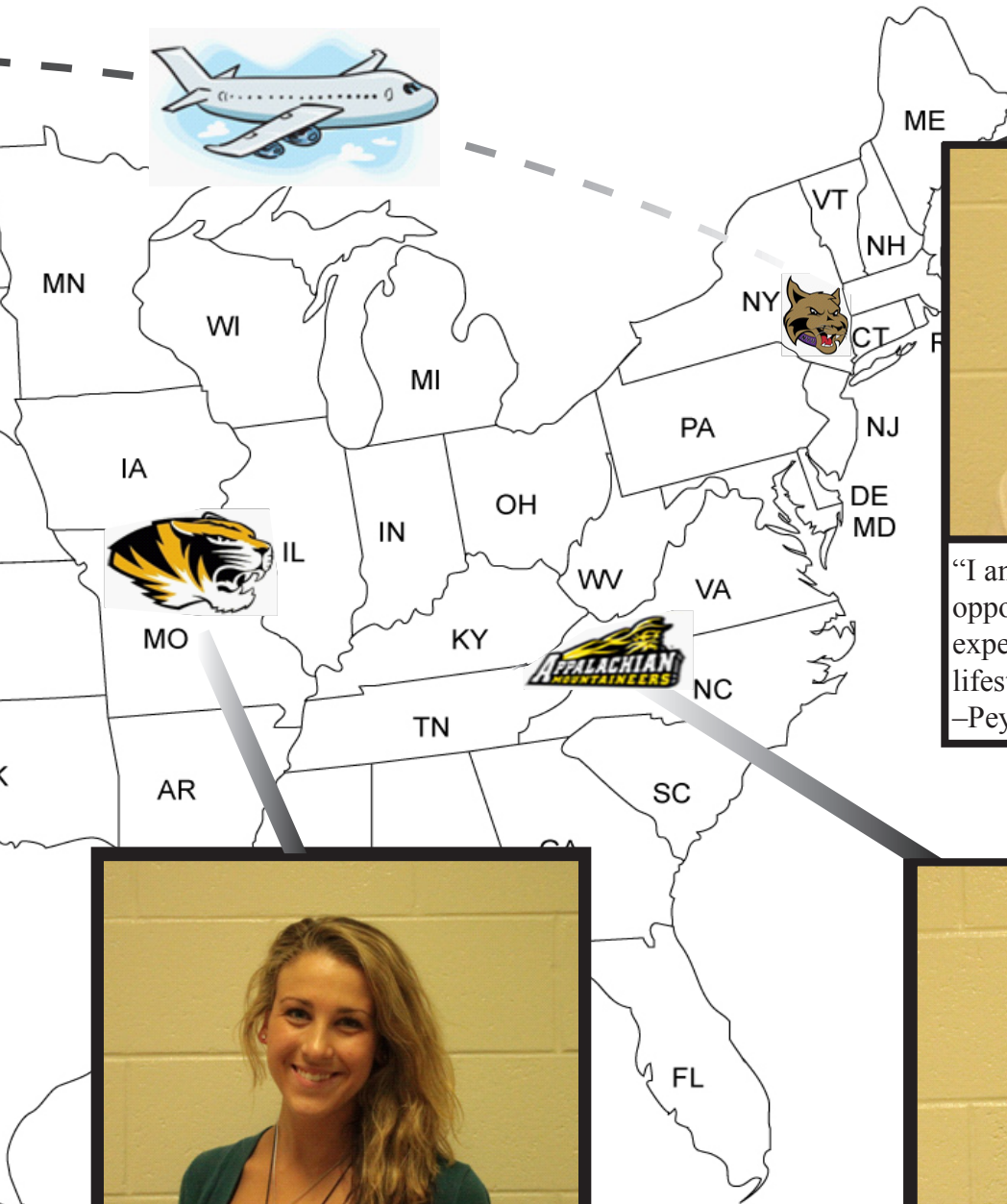


“Ever since I was eleven, I dreamed of going to NYU for musical theatre. I never thought I would actually make it to the program, but now that I have, I’m excited to work with world- renowned professionals in the industry and other students just as passionate as I am” - Amy Seidel



“When I was a kid I used to go to BYU games and it’s always been a dream of mine to go there. So now that I’m actually going, I can’t imagine what’s in store for me.” -Tasia Kimball

t On Your Mind?



"I am excited to be able to have the opportunity to study in England and truly experience how their teaching styles and lifestyle differentiates from ours."
—Peyton Clark, Saint Mary's University



"I chose to go to 'Mizzou' because I grew up there, have family there, and it feels like home. I am rooming with my friend that I've known since I was born. I am really excited to see what the future holds." —Meredith Harrison



"I have lived in the same house for 18 years, so I am really excited to get a change of scenery! App State is a great fit for me, and I know I'll enjoy living in Boone, NC next year!" —Kevin Brown

How To...

Decorate Your Dorm

Sierra Martin

When you wake up to a drab, cold, drafty dorm room instead of your comfortable surroundings of your parents' home, it can make college slightly less fun. In fact when you first walk in, you might see a slight resemblance to a jail cell. On the upside, you have the freedom to decorate however suits you. The trick to decorating is utilizing the small space you are given. No matter what your style is here are some tips to decorating your dorm, within the budget college permits.

1. To eliminate the mundane concrete blocks for walls, cover them with tapestries. These are giant wall hangings that come in a multitude of patterns and sizes. A great place to buy these at would be urbanoutfitters.com
2. Stick with a basic color comforter to offer more decorating options for the rest of the room
3. To organize your wall space use a

pin-board with different sections for different areas: a to-do list, pictures, and a chalk board for reminders.

4. Get a fuzzy carpet! Dorm rooms are notorious for cold floors and with a comfy rug you might just want to sleep on the floor
5. Bean bags and couches that can be rearranged offer mobile seating arrangements

6. Lighting can make all the difference in a room. Shop around at yard sales for unique cheap lighting. You can buy replaceable parts to fit the tone of your room

7. Closet space is limited so organize your closet with hooks for hanging towels & pants and shoe organizers

8. Curtains hanging from the ceiling to the floor can make a space look larger

and can keep a draft out while adding a pop of color

9. Craigslist is an absolutely perfect place for buying furniture. Remember, it may look ugly but it can be painted.

10. Having a small plant in the room can actually help you focus better by improving air flow. It also adds some life to your space.



Not Over Pack

Abby Downs

When you begin to think about moving from the comforts of home to a cramped dorm room, it can somewhat get overwhelming. There are lots of things to remember when packing for college, the size of your new living space, who you will be rooming with, and even the size of your new closet. There are lots of things to consider and tons of options for conserving space

in your new home. With just a little research you can feel much more prepared for the big move.

For starters there are the basic essentials for moving in and living on your own for the first time. Besides the wardrobe and the cool new loft bed set, here are some things UGA's Insider says are essential:




1. A fan, because you can't always depend on the central air and heating.
2. Shower shoes, because sharing a bathroom with up to 50 people can get pretty gross.
3. TV/Stereo/Video Games, only if your roommate isn't bringing the same things! (Remember, space is limited)
4. Stuff to clean your new dorm room, the basics, broom, Clorox wipes, mini vacuum, laundry supplies, Febreze, etc.

It's important to remember that you are downsizing into a dorm and most likely will have a roommate. Clothing storage is very important and a major priority with girls, especially if you are moving far from home. The average two person dorm dimensions are around half the size of a classroom, sometimes even smaller. With rooms this size students usually choose the loft bed option, which is lifting your bed on risers. It looks like a top bunk with empty space for a desk or dresser underneath. This is very important with the average closet size only being around the size of two class room desks if you're lucky. If you are moving far from home you still need to be careful not to pack your whole wardrobe. You will be buying and adding to your wardrobe once you move out and chance are you probably don't wear everything in your closet as it is. But you are staying close to home your best option would be to pack seasonal; you can always come back once the weather starts to change and swap your wardrobe for the new season.

My Roommate and I Were Happy for 18 Years...

Then We Met

Gabby Seok

The Roommate	Description
The Smelly Kid	Who wants to room with the kid who never took a shower? It gets annoying pretty fast when the kid you live with isn't exactly self-conscious about his hygiene.
The Stalker	Nothing is worse than having a clingy roommate, the kid that has to know your exact location at all times. He might as well stick a tracking device on your back and make you call him or her, "mommy".
THE NERD	He'll be staying up all night studying, disturbing your sleep and tormenting you to be quiet all the time. He'll probably refuse to leave his room, and nag on you when you're going out for a good time. There just seems to be no room for partying on his agenda.
<i>The Ghost</i>	You will meet this roommate when you move in, then you will never hear from them again. Ten years after you graduate, he will friend you on Facebook.
The Scrub	The kid who always borrows money and never pays you back. He's constantly in need of something, and you end up feeling more like his mom than his roommate.
<i>The Messy Kid</i>	He probably has fungi growing in between his toes. He orders foods and never cleans it up. There are bound to be at least seven meals worth of dishes laying around in the room...somewhere.
<i>The Drama Queen</i>	She's the girl you dreaded listening to in high school, and now you have to live with her. Call her the emotional train wreck or the highly disturbed freak show. She'll probably go on complaining about every moment of her life, and keep you locked in the dorm when she has a slightest bit of a problem.
The Goodie-Goodie	She just might end up lecturing you every time you come in the dorm, a little past midnight. Say hi to your new, overprotective big sis.
 The  Morning  Bird	There's never a day off for this girl. She's been up and ready to go since the crack of dawn. Even when you try to sneak just a minute of extra sleep, she's waking you up with her happily exclaiming, "rise and shine".
The Troll	The annoying kid from high school is back and ready to make the next year of your life way harder than it needs to be. He can never stop cracking jokes and fooling around. He's probably planning the thousands of prank he's going to pull on you, as we speak.
The Mean Girl	What would you do if Regina George ended up as your roommate? Enough said.
<i>The Thief</i>	She can't seem to stop snooping around your room, and even when you confront her about it, she denies she ever took a thing even though you're sure that the ear buds in her ears are yours.
<i>The Snorer</i>	He seriously can never shut up even when he's sleeping.

Majors On Demand

Bella Green

One of the hardest things to figure out after getting accepted into the college of your choice, is figuring out what major you want to once you get there. Some students have the idea in their head as early as Freshman year, while some are later, making that decision after their first months in college.

If you have no idea what you might choose for your major, collegestats.org posted a top list of the most popular college majors for 2011: (in no specific order)

- 1- Biology
- 2- Business
- 3- Communications
- 4- Computer Science
- 5- Criminal Justice
- 6- Elementary Education
- 7- Marketing
- 8- Nursing
- 9- Psychology
- 10- PoliSci/Sociology

All of these majors make for great careers. Not all of them make six digit salaries, but all of them are awesome starting careers that can get you where you might want to be in the career world. If you are looking, though, to make as much money as you can, these top careers might be for you:

(Huffington Post)

- 1- Engineering
- 2- Physics
- 3- Applied Mathematics
- 4- Computer Science
- 5- Economics

No matter what career path you choose, whether you choose now or in two years, as long as you study hard and work hard, you will have laid a successful career path for yourself for the years to come.

Picking Your Major...

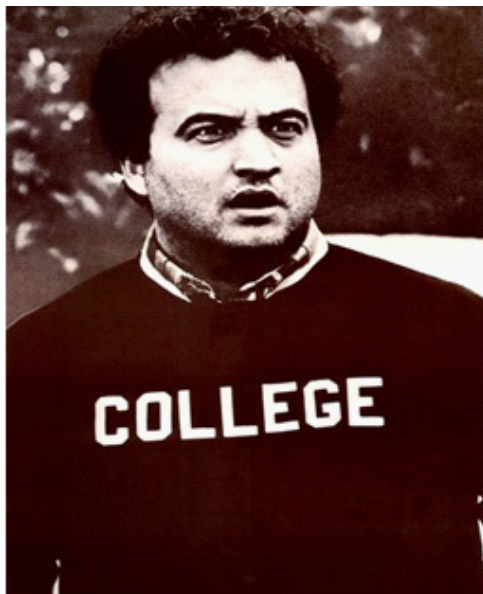
Rachael Alesia

When getting into college a lot of stress is brought upon each student, consisting of not only grades but basically planning out the future. Picking a major is probably one of the most stressful and most thought out processes throughout your whole life. Although this is a big deal some students think too much about making this decision because really you just simply make the decision based on passion.

So many people think too much about what makes the most money, and how they are going to be able to afford everything they need on such a small salary, but they are not looking at the bigger picture. If you pick something based on what you're passionate about or what your hobbies are, chances are you will go farther and make more money than doing something you don't necessarily enjoy.

A senior student states, "I haven't fully decided what I am going to major in yet, but I'm not going to make the mistake of picking a major based on money and not my hobbies, I know that for sure." Mrs. Suarez states, "Most students come to my office and have no idea what to major in. My advice is to not panic because most students end up changing their major once they enter the school. I tell my students not to focus on the title of the job and not the pay, but to do something you like and are good at."

Twenty years ago, when a survey was taken 61 percent of all Americans said they were satisfied with their jobs. Now it is proven that workers under the age of 25 in America are not satisfied with their job leaving less than 39 percent of who are actually satisfied with their jobs. This is unfortunate because if people just realized the simple fact of doing something you love would be a much higher percentage. So after realizing this simple tip everyone can work together on bringing the satisfaction of jobs to a much higher percentage.



"May the dreams of
your past be the reality
of your future."

College Legacies

Molly Hackling

To be a part of a college legacy, one must have immediate family who have attended a certain school or belonged to a specific fraternity/sorority. At many colleges, your legacy status can improve an applicant's chances of being admitted. Before you go bragging that you have a legacy status because your great uncle attended a university, be careful because this strategy could backfire. If you present this to the admissions board, you may start to look like you are desperate to gain an edge in the admissions process and the overall first impression the student creates might be negative. Many believe that if you're a part of a college legacy, you have a much better percentage to get into schools, turns out it's not a myth.

William Bowen, of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and colleagues disagree and found that, "Within a given SAT score range, being a legacy increased one's chances of admission to a selective institution by 19.7 percentage points. That is to say, a given student whose academic record gave he or she a 40 percent chance of admissions would have nearly a 60 percent chance if he or she were a legacy." An anonymous student at Lambert said, "I am part of a college legacy, and although I feel the pressure of it sometimes, my parents give a lot of donations to the school to this day, so I'm not too worried." When it all comes down to it, all that matters is alumni donations and alumni involvement.

Another time when some think legacies come in handy is when rushing for a fraternity/sorority. Many say not to rely on legacies when it comes to this. This is because not all fraternities and sororities still honor the legacy system; it's usually up to the fraternity or school. However, there can be a case when your parents were very involved in a big sorority/fraternity, and therefore would get special attention from the members.

Many argue that is illegal because it is considered discrimination, which is forbidden under the 14th Amendment, however the courts have held that it is perfectly legal to discriminate based on legacy status and don't plan on doing anything to end legacy status.

College Legacies have a variety of opinions placed on them, those who are apart of them favor them; however those who don't have a legacy status envy them. Sometimes people who are against them get so caught up in college legacies that they forget that all the fighting is to get into a college. Which if you put yourself up to it and work at it, you can get it without the help of a legacy status.

Transferring Schools?

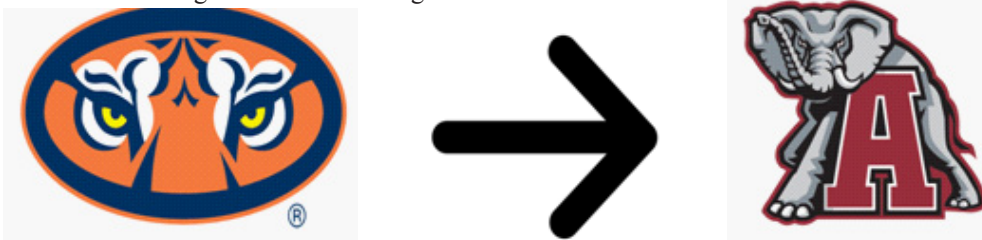
TJ Hodge

Everybody spends a lot of time trying to choose the correct college for themselves. For those that find out they chose wrong, there is always the option of transferring. Sometimes it is not all because you don't like the school you are at; there are multiple reasons why students end up transferring schools.

Whether for financial, academic, social or family reasons about one in three college students transfer schools at some point. When you are looking to transfer there are some things you need to make sure you are doing. First you need to choose some schools that you would want to apply to and find out their transfer policies.

Next you need to go and visit the campuses to make sure that the school offers what the school you are transferring from is missing. Next you need to complete applications and apply. Along with your application you need to send in your transcript so the schools can assess your current credits and see what credits they would count if you transferred to that school. From there you just need to follow the deadlines given by the school for scholarship opportunities, dues, or more essays.

All you can do from that point is wait and see what schools you are accepted to and make your decision based on that. You do not have to necessarily hate the school you are going to in order to want to transfer; the school might just not be offering what you want/need, and that is reason enough to want something new.





In 1979, Mr. Wilson received a lemon yellow Mazda RX7 from his dad. He was told to only drive to and from school. One morning he told his dad he was leaving early to study before school, but he was really going to pick up his girlfriend.

After he picked her up, while leaving the neighborhood, he drove under a parked truck because of the sun glare. There was no damage to the truck but there was a large amount of damage to the car. After the incident, he father took him to the junk yard to find the parts that had been damaged in the wreck. He was forced to drive a blue, red, and lemon yellow car until he could afford a paint job.



One of Mr. Jimenez's best stories from when he was seventeen was when he and his friends decided to lock one of their friends into his room so that he was unable to take his final exam. "The dorms were set up so that the doors opened inward instead of outward. We tied an extension cord from one knob to another across the hall. That way he couldn't get out of his room".

17 AGAIN

Lindsay Porter

What was your teacher like back then?

Part of a teacher's job is to provide counseling and encouragement to their students. But, in most cases, students usually ignore their advice or dismiss it on the idea that teachers have never been in their position. Against common belief, the teachers here at Lambert were once 17, just like you, and like you, have some great stories to tell about it.



Mrs. Emory moved out of the house when she was eighteen. She gave up the idea of attending college. She supported herself with odd jobs, taking life day by day and doing her best to make it by. When she was twenty four, she was given the opportunity to attend North

Georgia College State University. Her grandmother offered to pay her tuition and books. She ended up earning an academic scholarship along with a pell grant. With this, she actually ended up making money while attending college. "It just shows that you should never give up, because anything is possible."



Mrs. Eccleston: "At, 17, I was very quiet and shy. I was excited because I had already been accepted to my college and couldn't wait to go. College for me was a chance to come out of my shell and meet new people that didn't know me since middle school. I couldn't wait to become the person that I knew was inside of me instead of the one everyone expected me to be."



Mr. Smith said one of his best stories from when he was seventeen was when his school debate team took a trip to D.C. While leaving the debate conference, two students wandered off, and got lost. At the time, D.C was in a full blizzard. Mr. Smith was the president of the team so he felt as though the two students missing was his own fault. As it turned out, when the team returned to the hotel, the two students had realized they were lost and had taken a train back to the hotel.

Things I *Wish* I Knew Back Then...

Rachel Thomas

Making it to senior year is a feat to be proud of. High school is a time of change, transition, challenges, and lessons learned, and many of us are very different today than we were when we first entered freshman year back in 2009. Change is something we've either resisted or embraced, but it has happened nonetheless. Looking back, there are a few things I wish I had known throughout high school.

One of the biggest things I wish I had realized is that everyone has been going through relatively the same thing. We are all around the same age, have taken the same classes, played on the same sports teams, and experienced the same feeling of disappointment after a test or the happiness of a new friendship. The person you sat next to in math freshman year, despite outward appearances, may have had some of the same ideas as you, shared the same goals, and the same fears. With this knowledge in mind, I wish it had not taken me so long to open up to others or to talk to someone I'd never met before. Throughout my high school years, as this realization increased, my empathy and understanding of others was also able to increase. This is a value I now cherish more than any other, because it allows one to connect to others on the most basic level: understanding that we are both human. It has humbled me, and I hope to continue to be accepting of others into college and throughout life.

The second thing I wish I had understood is that the world is much, much bigger than high school. At times, a high school relationship or a class or a feud with another person has prevented me from remembering that we are but a small part of the United States, which is only a portion of North America, which is only one hemisphere of the globe. As important as it is to challenge oneself and be focused, it would have saved me a lot of anxiety if I had remembered that in the long run, the little things aren't the end of the world. Later in life, what you got on the SAT will not define you, nor will who you were friends with, what you wore, or what you got in a class sophomore year. What will matter is the time you spent learning about people, about yourself, about politics, about religion, about the world, and about humanity.

Finally, the most important thing I wish I had known throughout high school is that everything will change. My most steadfast opinions freshman year are nearly opposite today, yet I convinced myself at the time that I knew exactly what I was talking about. I wish it had not taken me so long to learn to be open-minded, and I wish I had not resisted the challenging of my beliefs. As we grow and learn more about ourselves, our thought processes will invariably change. Rather than fearing it, we should embrace it. In ten years we will probably think very differently about many of the things we believe right now. We will have friends we never thought we'd have, and we will have grown apart from others. Life is dynamic and unpredictable. An open, accepting mind is what is necessary to continue to grow as we change. All of these lessons I still have more to learn about, and I hope that I, as well as all of you, will keep them in mind as we enter the next stages of our lives.

Top 10 Things You Learn After High School

Victoria Martinez

- 1.** Don't sweat the small stuff. –We learn so much from the littlest things, but if we worry too much about them, dealing with the large things will be overwhelming.
- 2.** Nobody can make you happy or sad, you decide your happiness. –You are in control of yourself, physically and emotionally.
- 3.** Character counts so don't be a copy of someone. –We were all made to do something unique in our lives. If we copy someone, then what is the point of individuality?
- 4.** Family matters- Through the highs and lows, they are the people that will always be there. After all, all they want is to see you succeed.
- 5.** Sometimes there is more to gain in being wrong than right. Failure is a natural part of life, and that's when we learn the biggest lessons.
- 6.** Life is so much simpler when you tell the truth. Lies create issues.
- 7.** Forgive yourself, your friends and your enemies. People are human and make mistakes. With graduation and college coming around, sometimes you need to just bury the hatchet and start fresh.
- 8.** Have faith that you can do all things. –If you believe it, it's true.
- 9.** It doesn't matter who you're friends with as long as they encourage you and you have fun with them. Don't worry about what others think. All that matters is that you're enjoying life.
- 10.** Live life to its fullest. Don't have any regrets--just go out and do what you want to do.



A Letter to the Editors:



Tim Roth

I might have only known the editors for two years, but that's all it took. Following up the first graduating class of editors could have been hard, but Trey, Trevor, Cate, and Alex all lived up to all the expectations of the role of editor and more. Alex and Cate, you both did a great job stepping up to be editors in chief this year. The paper truly would not have been anything near what it is now had you two not been here to make sure all the articles were quality and in place. Trevor and Trey, you two had a lot to learn in not a lot of time becoming first year editors this year, but you learned the material and greatly contributed to the paper this year.

Trevor, as critical and sarcastic as you may be, the Sports section greatly improved and made the paper that much better this year with you as it's editor. I'll have great standards to meet next year set by you, and I hope you continue your success at UGA.

Alex, It's certainly no coincidence that you were an editor for two years in a row and chosen as one of this year's editors in chief. You were great this year and contributed greatly to the paper this year. You were always there to make sure that everyone was working and completing their articles on time and filled the shoes Caroline Angle left perfectly.

Trey, you were one of the best editors this paper has ever had and truly a great friend to everyone. On a personal note, you always came to the class with a great attitude and made everyone's day better with your humor. That even transcribed into your work with great creativity at center stage and your flawless reputation of turning everything in on time.

Cate, of all the seniors, I really don't know how we're going to replace the role you're leaving for us to fill. As a two year editor and a great editor in chief, there's no doubt in my mind that you deserved those titles. Even though you seemed mean at first, you turned out to be really nice and as good of a person as your journalism skills are great.

All four of these seniors have made a great impact on not only the paper, but the class and everyone in it as a whole. You four really have been the better of the people I've come to meet in high school.

COLLEGE SIGNINGS



Athlete

College Attending

Sport

J.C. Barefield	Jacksonville State	Football
David Broadus	Richmond	Football
Taylor Casey	Elon	Tennis
Trevor Duba	Bucknell	Football
Taylor Hammond	Jacksonville State	Soccer
Jordan Harman	GCSU	Soccer
Christina Johnson	Lee University	Basketball
Jacob Kinder	U of Cumberlands	Football
Taylor Lefton	Jacksonville State	Tennis
Colin Massa	Delaware	Lacrosse
Glen Minor	Reinhardt	Football
Michael Nelems	Citadel	Wrestling
Tor Peterson	U of Cumberlands	Football
Zach Price	Highpoint	Lacrosse
Amanda Ray	Wingate	Swimming
Braxton Roman	Highpoint	Lacrosse
Zach Schlosser	Georgia Southern	Baseball
Grant Schuster	Navy	Lacrosse



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