

September 2018

Issue 1

SENIOR NEWS

~~~Important Deadlines~~~

**\*UGA Early Action Deadline October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**\*GA Tech Early Action deadline October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**\*Kennesaw State Priority deadline October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**\*Senior trip to Dalton State College for PROBE College Fair September 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-1:45pm**

(pick up permission form in guidance office, \$5 fee for trip)

**\*Mercer University private visit to RHS Sept 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:45a**

(must sign up in the guidance office to attend)

**\*MTSU(Middle Tennessee State University) private visit to RHS Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30p**

(must sign up in the guidance office by Sept.8th to attend)

**\*Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD) private visit to RHS Sept 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a (must sign up in the guidance office by Sept. 14th to attend)**

**Exploring College Options (Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Penn, Stanford)**

*Student/Parent Information Sessions*

Monday, Sept. 24, 7:00p - Chattanooga Marriott Downtown, 2 Carter Plaza

RSVP at [www.exploringcollegeoptions.org](http://www.exploringcollegeoptions.org)

**\*Financial Aid Workshop October 25th 5:30pm - 6:30pm (Theater)**

**University of Tennessee at Chattanooga campus tour**

**Thursday, Nov. 8th**

We will leave RHS at 8:05am and the tour will begin at 9:00am.

Must sign up in the guidance office, limited to the first 40 seniors to turn in the signed permission form and turn in \$5 to cover cost of transportation.

**\*Dalton State College campus group tour Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 9:30a**

(We will leave RHS at 8:45 and arrive back at approx 1:45p) details at a later date

# College Application Timeline

## ✓ **September**

- ✓ Your counselor plays a big role in helping you get into college, so keep her informed. Meet to talk about your college plans and review your transcript.
- ✓ Get started on your applications right away if you plan to apply through an early decision or early action program. Deadlines for early applications tend to fall in October or November.
- ✓ Start working on your college essays. Write essays that focus on your experiences and make you stand out from the crowd.

## ✓ **October**

- ✓ Ask your counselor, teachers, and coaches or employers for letters of recommendation. Give them plenty of time to meet your deadlines and make sure to provide them with stamped and addressed envelopes.
- ✓ Take SAT tests. Make sure your scores are sent to each of your colleges.
- ✓ If you are applying under an early decision or early action program, be sure to get all forms in as soon as possible. Applying online might be the right option for you.

## ✓ **November**

- ✓ Submit early decision and early action applications on time.
- ✓ Work hard at completing your college essays. Proofread them rigorously for mistakes.
- ✓ Follow up with your teachers to ensure that letters of recommendation are sent on time to meet your deadlines.
- ✓ Mail applications as early as possible for colleges with rolling deadlines (admissions decisions are made as applications are received).

## ✓ **December**

- ✓ Try to wrap up college applications before winter break. Make copies of each application before you send it.
- ✓ Early decision and early application responses arrive this month.

## ✓ **January**

- ✓ Early decision and early application responses arrive this month.
- ✓ Some colleges include your first-semester grades as part of your application folder. This is called the mid-year grade report. Have your counselor send your grades to colleges that require them.

## ✓ **February**

- ✓ Contact your colleges and confirm that all necessary application materials have been received.
- ✓ Don't get senioritis! Colleges want to see strong second half grades.  
<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/the-application/8626.html>

## ✓ **March**

- ✓ Some admissions decisions arrive this month. Read everything you receive carefully, as some of it may require action on your part.

## ✓ **April**

- ✓ Most admissions decisions and financial aid award letters arrive this month. Read everything you receive carefully, as some of it may require action on your part.
- ✓ Make a final decision, and mail the enrollment form and deposit check to the school you select before May 1 (the enrollment deadline for most schools).
- ✓ Notify each of the schools to which you were accepted that you will not be attending in writing so that your spot can be freed up for another student.
- ✓ On the waiting list? Contact the admissions office and let them know of your continued interest in the college and update them on your spring semester grades and activities.

## ✓ **May**

- ✓ AP Exams are administered. Make sure your AP score report is sent to your college.
- ✓ Study hard for final exams. Most admissions offers are contingent on your final grades.
- ✓ Thank your counselor, teachers, coaches, and anyone else who wrote you recommendations or otherwise helped with your college applications.

~~~Important Testing information!~~~

College Fairs

Notre Dame High School

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

6:30p -8:00p

2701 Vermont Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Rome Fair

Thursday, September 27, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Shorter University Gym, 315 Shorter Ave NW
Rome, Georgia 30165

Dalton Fair

Friday, September 28, 2018

8:45am – 1:45pm

Dalton State College (Pope Student Center)

RHS will be providing transportation for seniors who return permission form and pay fee (sign up for texts for more up to date info)

Go to the following website to register for a barcode to make it easier for colleges to share info with you

<https://register.gotocollegefairs.com/Registration/Registration>

Dade County Fair

Friday, October 12th, 2018

9:30a – 11:00a

Dade County High School Gym

Peach State Tour

Learn about Georgia State University, Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia. Free event open to students and families.

<http://www.peachstatetour.org/students.html>

check out the website for a tour nearest you

There are many other College Fairs statewide that you may be interested in attending. Please check online at:

<http://www.gaprobe.org/tour-information-2/>

~~~~~Scholarships~~~~~

The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund

www.FAScholarship.com

- 1. The dependent son or daughter of a U.S. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Guardsman or Marine who has become permanently disabled as a result of an operational mission or training accident**
- 2. The dependent son or daughter of a U.S. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Guardsman or Marine who has been killed in action**
- 3. The dependent son or daughter of a U.S. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Guardsman, or Marine who has been classified as a (POW) or (MIA)**

Mary Ellen Locher Foundation Scholarship

<http://www.melfoundation.org/#/scholarships/scholarship-information>

- 1. Given to children of breast cancer patients, either survivors or deceased.**
- 2. Must live within a 50 mile radius of Chattanooga, TN.**
- 3. Minimum GPA of 2.5**

Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) \$200,000 Scholarship

<https://www.nrotc.navy.mil>

- 1. Must be a U.S. citizen and 17yrs old by Sept. 1 of first day of college**
- 2. Must have ACT=21 Math, 22 English, SAT=520 Math, 530 Verbal**

The Gates Scholarship

<https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship>

- 1. Award is for the full cost of attendance that is not covered by other financial aid as determined by the FAFSA**
- 2. Must be a high school senior from at least one of the following ethnicities: African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native*, Asian & Pacific Islander American, and/or Hispanic American**
- 3. Must be Pell eligible, US citizen, national or permanent resident**
- 4. Must have minimum GPA of 3.3 and plan to enroll full time in a 4 year degree program at a US accredited college or university**
- 5. Application deadline **September 18th, 2018****

2017 QuestBridge National College Match www.questbridge.org

- 1. Full four year scholarships worth up to \$200,000**
- 2. Must have mostly A's in the most challenging courses available, have strong writing ability, and strength in character. Class rank and test scores are also evaluated.**
- 3. Must have household income of less than \$65,000 annually**
- 4. Application Deadline **September 27th, 2018****

Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship

http://www.odenzascholarships.com/awards/9/application_odenza_marketing_group_scholarship.php

1. Be between the ages of 16 and 25 on September 30th, 2017
2. Submit answers to essay questions found on the application
3. Must have at least one full year of post- secondary studies remaining at the time of the award (current High School Students are also eligible)
4. Must have a GPA of 2.5 or greater and be a US citizen
5. Deadline **September 30, 2018**

Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship

<http://www.wendysheisman.com>

1. Seniors who excel in academics and are involved in their community and extracurricular activities.
2. Must participate in at least one of the 47 sports sanctioned by the National Federation of State High Schools and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher
3. Deadline for submission October 10, 2018 **BUT before submission applications must be reviewed and confirmed by school representative so please put the reviewers email information in correctly.**

National Young Arts Foundation

<http://www.youngarts.org/apply>

1. Are you a 15-18 year old actor, dancer, filmmaker, designer, musician, photographer, singer, songwriter or writer?
2. Cash awards up to \$10,000. More than \$150 million in scholarships.
3. Take Master classes with accomplished artists
4. Deadline to apply **October 12, 2018**

Horatio Alger National and State Scholarship Program

<https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-programs/>

1. Seniors who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in the Fall of 2017
2. Demonstrate financial need (\$55,000 or lower adjusted gross family income)
3. Be involved in co-curricular and community service activities
4. Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
5. Must have 2.0 GPA and be a United States citizen
6. Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited non-profit public or private institution in the United States (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution)
7. Deadline to apply **October 25, 2018**

2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Award

<https://spirit.prudential.com/awards/how-to-apply>

1. State Honorees win \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C, next May!
2. National honorees win \$5,000 and \$5,000 to the charity of their choice.
3. Are you making a difference through Volunteering?
4. Deadline to apply **November 6, 2018**

Jacksonville State University 2018-19 Scholarships

www.jsu.edu/scholarships

- 1. Academic scholarships start at 23+ ACT or 1100+ SAT and 3.0+ GPA**
- 2. JSU Honors – 30+ ACT or 1340+ SAT and 3.75+ GPA to apply**
- 3. Leadership - 20-25 ACT or 950-1180 SAT and 3.0+ GPA to apply**
- 4. General Scholarships – All accepted students may apply**
- 5. Scholarship deadline **February 1, 2018****

More Scholarships

Military Officers Association of America

<http://www.moaa.org/Content/About-MOAA/Scholarship-Fund/Scholarship-Fund.aspx>

FREE Christian College information as well as a \$2,500 scholarship drawing

www.ChristianConnector.com

United Negro College Fund

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

America Legion Scholarships

<http://legion.org>

Methodist Scholarships

http://www.free-4u.com/methodist_scholarships.html

Americorps

<http://www.cns.gov/>

Walmart Community

<http://www.walmartfoundation.org>

State Farm Scholarships

<https://www.statefarm.com/about-us/community/education-programs/grants-scholarships>

FinAid: The Smart Students Guide to Financial Aid (scholarships)

<http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/>

SEMA Memorial Scholarship Fund

www.sema.org/scholarships

FMA, Fabricators & Manufactures Assoc. Foundation

www.fmafoundation.com

American Legion Scholarships

<http://www.legion.org/scholarships>

Other Useful websites for Scholarship and Financial Aid information

www.usascholarships.com

www.cappex.com

www.supercollege.com

www.scholarships.com

www.schoolsoup.com

www.fastweb.com

www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.finaid.org

www.NASFAA.org

www.college-solutions.com

www.freschinfo.com/browse.htm

www.collegenet.com/mach25/app

www.osfa.state.la.us

www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/express.html

www.college-scholarships.com

www.scholarshipguidance.com

www.studentscholarships.org

Campus Visits

Augusta University <http://www.augusta.edu/admissions/visit.php>

Dalton State College <https://www.daltonstate.edu/admissions/campus-tour.cms>
Information Sessions and Tours, Call 706-272-4436 for more information

Georgia SouthWestern State University www.gsw.edu
Email admissions@gsw.edu

Jacksonville State University www.jsu.edu/previewday
Campus tours www.jsu.edu/visit

Kennesaw State University <http://visit.kennesaw.edu/info.php>
For reservation call 770-423-6500

LaGrange College <http://www.lagrange.edu/admission/visit/preview-day.html>

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) www.mitadmissions.org/visit/travel

Tuskegee University <https://www.tuskegee.edu/admissions/open-house>
For more info contact admissions@mytu.tuskegee.edu

University of Georgia
For reservations call the visitor center @ 706-542-0842

University of North Georgia <https://ung.edu/undergraduate-admissions/visit/index.php>
Check the website for the different campus tours

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga <https://www.utc.edu/admissions/visit.php>

Valdosta State University www.valdosta.edu/admissions/
Campus tours are offered twice daily Mon-Friday (by Appointment)