

# Allatoona High School Class of 2012

## Senior Year and Beyond



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**All About Me !**

My Weighted GPA \_\_\_\_\_

My HOPE/CORE GPA \_\_\_\_\_

My SAT score: \_\_\_\_\_

My ACT score: \_\_\_\_\_

My GACollge411:

Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

**[WWW.GACOLLEGE411.ORG](http://WWW.GACOLLEGE411.ORG)**

- 1) HOPE GPA
- 2) APPLY TO GA COLLEGES
- 3) SEND TRANSCRIPTS TO GA COLLEGES
- 4) COMPLETE FAFSA AND APPLY FOR HOPE

**Are you on-track to graduate**

Classes I still need for graduation :	

\*If you plan to attend a four year college after graduation, you will need 2 credits of the same foreign language.

**What will you do post-graduation? Determine your career interests**

**Step 2**

I have an idea of what I want to do after I graduate. (Go to Step 3)

My Career Interest is: \_\_\_\_\_

I'm unsure of what I'd like to do after I graduate. (Go to pg. 2.)

**What do you need to do to prepare for post-graduation?**

**Step 3**

Choose a post-graduation path (circle one):

College (pg. 3)
Military (pg. 6)
Workforce (pg. 6)

**Reminder:** If you ever have questions, make an appointment with your school counselor.

# Determining Your Career Interests

Learning about your career interests and your abilities will help provide you with direction for life after high school graduation !

Follow the steps below to learn about your career interests.

## Option 1: Use [www.GACollege411.org](http://www.GACollege411.org)

Create an account on [www.GACollege411.org](http://www.GACollege411.org)

(Username: \_\_\_\_\_ Password: \_\_\_\_\_)

\* **Note:** College officials will see your username so create a name that is appropriate.

Login to [www.GACollege411.org](http://www.GACollege411.org) Choose the “**Career Planning**” tab, and explore the “**Learn about Yourself**” section..

Under the “**Career Planning**” tab, choose “**Explore Careers.**” Use “**Career Finder**” in conjunction with the information from the “**Learn about Yourself**” tab to choose 3 career possibilities. Keep in mind factors such as education, money and outlook, skills, your characteristics, and career facts.

**List your top 3 career possibilities below.**

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
<b>Career Possibility</b>			
<b>Next step after graduation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Technical College <input type="checkbox"/> Two-Year College <input type="checkbox"/> Four-Year College <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce	<input type="checkbox"/> Technical College <input type="checkbox"/> Two-Year College <input type="checkbox"/> Four-Year College <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce	<input type="checkbox"/> Technical College <input type="checkbox"/> Two-Year College <input type="checkbox"/> Four-Year College <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce

## Option 2: Use [www.CareerCruising.com](http://www.CareerCruising.com)

Go to [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) and login: **Username:** allatoona **Password:** buccaneers

Click **Assessments** : USE: **Career Matchmaker, My Skills, Ability Profiler, Learning Styles Inventory** to find careers that might interest you.

Use the “**Careers**” tab to explore careers. Complete the career table above.

# Applying to College

## I DON'T know where I want to apply to college:

- Check the college bulletin board to see which colleges are visiting Allatoona.
- Attend college fairs in the Cobb County area. PROBE Fair September 15<sup>th</sup> at Town Center Mall
- Log in to:
  - [www.GACollege411.org](http://www.GACollege411.org): Choose "College Planning" Choose "Explore Postsecondary Schools."
  - [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com): (username: allatoona password: buccaneers). Choose: Schools

## I DO know where I want to apply to college:

Choose 3 - 5 colleges. Schedule college visits. Plan to apply 30 days before deadlines !

College Name:			
Website			
Deadline to Apply*			
Average GPA			
Average ACT Score			
Average SAT Score			

Regular Decision	Rolling Decision	Early Action	Early Decision
No application decisions are made until after the set deadline.	Application decisions are made as they are received until classes are filled.	Application decisions are made earlier than a regular decision date.	An admission decision is made in advance of the usual notification date. There is a catch. Early decision plans are "binding," so if you are accepted, you agree to attend the college and withdraw all other applications.

# Financial Aid

HOPE Scholarship	HOPE Grant	Zell Miller Scholarship
Covers up to <b>90%</b> of the previous year's tuition rate at any Georgia public 2-year college or 4-year university. To be eligible, students must graduate with a <b>CORE GPA of 3.0</b> . (ALL English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Languages are calculated as CORE classes.)	Covers a portion of the tuition based on the number of credit hours a student is taking for anyone enrolled in a <b>technical certificate or diploma program</b> at an eligible public college. This is offered to Georgia residents (12 months or longer) regardless of GPA.	This scholarship covers <b>100%</b> tuition. To be eligible, a student must have a <b>3.7 CORE GPA</b> (as calculated by GSFC) <b>and</b> must also meet <b>one of the following criteria</b> : (1) scored at least a 1200 on a single administration of the SAT; or (2) scored a 26 on a single administration of the ACT; or (3) was named Valedictorian or Salutatorian.

Check [www.gsfc.org](http://www.gsfc.org) for more information

\*\*\* View your HOPE GPA on [www.GACollege411.org](http://www.GACollege411.org) . Click "My HOPE GPA" (on right side of webpage)

**Research and apply for scholarships** (GACollege411 or [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)) beginning in August. Watch for the **Buccaneer Beat** Newsletter as well as all scholarships posted on bulletin board by media center.

**Complete the FAFSA and Apply for HOPE** after January 1. (Go to "Financial Aid Planning" on GACollege411, and choose "Applications.")

# Applying to College - The Process

**COLLEGE CHOICE:** Choose the college to which you want to apply.

**SENIOR BIOGRAPHY PACKET:**

Complete the **Senior Bio Packet** and give appropriate sections to both parents and teachers. (The “teacher section” of the BIO packet are NOT teacher recs that will go to a college.)

**COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTS** (for more info see Page 5)

- **TAKE ACT or SAT** if you plan to attend a 4-year university  
SAT: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)    ACT [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org)
- **TAKE ASSET or COMPASS.** If you plan to attend a 2-year or technical college  
Practice: <http://www.compass-test-practice.com/>  
ASSET or COMPASS tests are given at the college’s campus
- **SEND** your scores to your potential colleges. Only OFFICIAL scores from College Board or ACT will be accepted by the colleges.

**APPLICATION:** Almost every school prefers an ONLINE application.

All schools in Georgia can be applied to through [www.GACollege411.org](http://www.GACollege411.org)

Submit 30 days before the deadline ! Pay any fees.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Not all schools require teacher or counselor recommendations.

**\*\* Recommendation requests MUST be made 10 school days in advance**

- Paper Recs:** Bring Rec forms to Teacher or Counselor along with Senior Biography and stamped addressed envelope.
- Online Forms:** Bring Senior Biography to teacher and/or counselor.

**TRANSCRIPTS:** Request transcripts for **in-state** colleges through [www.GACollege411.org](http://www.GACollege411.org) or through the counseling office **Out of state** transcript requests must be made in the school counseling office. (If using the counseling office, the first transcript is free, and each additional transcript will cost \$2.)

**Checklist for Applying to colleges:**

<b>Application Procedure:</b>  †Not every college requires recommendations	<b><u>College:</u></b> <input type="checkbox"/> Submit application <input type="checkbox"/> Pay fee* <input type="checkbox"/> Send transcript <input type="checkbox"/> Submit Test Scores <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor Recommendation <sup>†</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Recommendation <sup>†</sup>	<b><u>College:</u></b> <input type="checkbox"/> Submit application <input type="checkbox"/> Pay fee* <input type="checkbox"/> Send transcript <input type="checkbox"/> Submit Test Scores <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor Recommendation <sup>†</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Recommendation <sup>†</sup>	<b><u>College:</u></b> <input type="checkbox"/> Submit application <input type="checkbox"/> Pay fee* <input type="checkbox"/> Send transcript <input type="checkbox"/> Submit Test Scores <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor Recommendation <sup>†</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Recommendation <sup>†</sup>
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# College Admissions Tests

ACT			SAT			SAT vs. ACT	
Basic Information	The <b>ACT</b> is an achievement test, measuring what a student learned.		The <b>SAT</b> is an aptitude test, testing reasoning and verbal abilities.			2400	36
	Register <a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a> .		Register <a href="http://sat.collegeboard.org">http://sat.collegeboard.org</a> .			2370	35
	AHS Code: 110057		AHS Code: 110057			2280	34
	Perfect score: <b>36</b> Nat'l Average: <b>21</b>		Perfect score: <b>2400</b> Nat'l Average: <b>1509</b>			2205	33
	Each subject is worth 1-36 points which are averaged together for a composite score.		Each section is worth 200-800 points, which are added together for a combined score.			2130	32
There is no penalty for guessing, so leave nothing blank.		You lose 0.25 points for each incorrect answer, so don't guess blindly.			2070	31	
5 subjects: English, math, reading, science, writing.		3 subjects: Critical Reading, Math, Writing,			2010	30	
Test Date	Regular Deadline ( plus writing: \$49.50)	Late Fee Deadline (add \$ 26)	Test Date	Regular Deadline (\$49)	Late Fee (\$75)		
			Oct 1	Sept 9	Sept 21		
Sept 10	Aug 12	Aug 26	Nov 5	Oct 7	Oct 21		1890 28
Oct 22	Sept 16	Sept 30	Dec 3	Nov 8	Nov 20		1830 27
Dec 10	Nov 4	Nov 18	Jan 28	Dec 30	Jan 13		1770 26
Feb 11	Jan 13	Jan 20	Mar 10	Feb 10	Feb 24		1710 25
Apr 14	Mar 9	Mar 23	May 5	Apr 6	Apr 20		1665 24
June 9	May 4	May 18	June 2	May 8	May 22		1605 23
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							1425 20
							1365 19
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COMPASS/ASSET	
Chattahoochee Tech Test Information	View the COMPASS testing lab hours at the link provided. <a href="http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/prospective/placementtesting/">www.chattahoocheetech.edu/prospective/placementtesting/</a>
Georgia Highlands Test Information	Use the link provided to register for the COMPASS exam. The cost of the test is \$20. <a href="http://www.highlands.edu/site/assessment-center-compass-placement-test">www.highlands.edu/site/assessment-center-compass-placement-test</a>
Preparatory Material	<a href="http://www.act.org/compass/sample/">www.act.org/compass/sample/</a> <a href="http://www.act.org/asset/pdf/guide.pdf">www.act.org/asset/pdf/guide.pdf</a>

# Joining the Military



- Learn more about the military. Decide if you're ready to join, and discuss your decision with a parent or guardian.
- Go to <http://www.military.com/Recruiting/Home/>.
- Choose the right path for you.
- Meet with a recruiter.
- Take the ASVAB (Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery). Go to <http://www.military.com/ASVAB>.
- Visit the MEPS (Military Entrance Processing Station) with a recruiter & complete a physical, select a MOS (Military Occupational Specialty), and join the branch of choice. Go to <http://www.mepcom.army.mil/>
- Request final transcript in May.

Branch	Website	Phone Number
U.S. Army	<a href="http://www.goarmy.com">http://www.goarmy.com</a>	1.800.USA.ARMY
Army National Guard	<a href="http://www.1-800-GO-GUARD.com">http://www.1-800-GO-GUARD.com</a>	1.800.GO.GUARD
U.S. Navy	<a href="http://www.navy.com">http://www.navy.com</a>	1.800.USA.NAVY
U.S. Air Force	<a href="http://www.airforce.com">http://www.airforce.com</a>	1.800.423.USAF
U.S. Marine Corps	<a href="http://www.marines.com">http://www.marines.com</a>	1.800.MARINES
U.S. Coast Guard	<a href="http://www.gocoastguard.com">http://www.gocoastguard.com</a>	1.800.424.8883

# Entering the Workforce

- Decide what type of work you would like to pursue.
- Visit [www.GACollege411.com](http://www.GACollege411.com), and choose "Get a Job" under the "Career Planning" tab. Also visit [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com), and choose "Employment."
- Create a resume on GACollege411
- Find references to include on your resume. (Make sure you ask someone's permission before including them as a reference.)
- Look for job openings or internships on GACollege411, attend career fairs and search want ads and websites. \* Visit [www.internships.com](http://www.internships.com).
- Complete and submit applications.
- Prepare for interviews by researching potential employers so you can ask 3 questions during the interview.
- Interview. Before interviewing, know what to wear, arrive early, and bring a resume.
- Make sure to end a thank you note or email after the interview.

