

Senior Update

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Spring College Planning Calendar

The next few months will be a whirlwind of activity as you graduate from high school and finalize your plans for college in the fall of 2009. This calendar will help guide you and your family through this important decision-making process.

May/June

- Make your final decision on college attendance and notify the admissions office. If you applied to multiple colleges, notify them of your plan to attend college elsewhere.
- **Request final high school transcript to be sent to your college choice (See Mrs. Curry by May)**
- Pay required deposits for enrollment and/or residence hall.
- Pre-register for fall 2009 classes.
- If possible, save money from your summer job.

Selective Service Registration

By law, Selective Service registration is a requirement for young men ages 18 through 25. Men must register to qualify for **Federal student loans, employment, or job training programs**. In addition, Georgia law requires registration as a prerequisite to **State student aid**, including the **HOPE Scholarship Program**. So fill in and send back the Selective Service card you get in the mail around your 18th birthday or visit the post office to fill out the registration forms. You may also do this online at www.sss.gov.

Counseling Doesn't Stop at College

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Each college has a career center that offers a variety of services, such as resume writing, mock interviewing sessions and an online job board. Career centers are extremely valuable resources for college students, and the services are included in tuition. Don't wait until your senior year of college to take advantage of this valuable resource. Sound familiar??

1. **Meet the college career center staff freshman year.** A career counselor can help freshmen create resumes, begin to research career paths or help undecided freshmen choose majors. As the staff gets to know you, they will learn what jobs you're interested in and can assist in your job search.

2. **Begin to understand the different research tools.** Each career center either subscribes to online job search tools or has a library of resources in the office. It is your responsibility as the student to research different jobs in your major. The staff at the career services center can help you organize all the research tools and pinpoint the best ones for your particular interests.
3. **Participate in the college career center's events.** College career centers often run a variety of events and workshops, such as career fairs, mock interview sessions, resume review days and etiquette lunches. Go to these sessions to meet prospective employers, update your resume, learn proper etiquette and hone your interviewing skills. Participate in these events throughout college.
4. **Participate in on-campus interviews.** Employers recruit students for internships and full-time positions through a variety of ways, including posting positions on colleges' online job boards. Create a profile on the online job board freshman year. Begin to research the different positions that are posted, even if you don't yet meet the requirements.
5. **Learn the value of networking.** Forming relationships in college is essential to finding the right job. The career services staff may have relationships with alumni who work in your field of choice. Additionally, the career center might organize networking events where students can interact with employers.

Understanding the value of the college career center could greatly enhance a student's ability to choose a career that best fits their interests and abilities.

From Your Sponsor, Mrs. Ronda Collett

Seniors, please take note of the following reminders. They are very important as we finish this school year. As you read the following, remember that Mrs. Collett may be reached by e-mail at ronda_collett@gwinnett.k12.ga.us or in room # 1.152. I am available to help you in any way to prepare for graduation.

- You may still order your caps and gowns online; however, after May 1st, they will not deliver your gown to PHS. You will have to go to Balfour's office to pick it up. The phone number is 770-614-9353.
- There are still several honor students who have not paid for their honor cords. Please bring a check for \$6 made out to Parkview High School to Mrs. Collett, room# 1.152....remember you cannot receive your diploma until you have paid all fines to the school. If you qualify for honor status at the end of 2nd semester, see your counselor first to verify and then see Mrs. Collett to purchase your honor cord.
- Please make sure and try on your gown. If it does not fit, call Balfour and request an exchange as soon as possible.
- You will receive your tickets for graduation at rehearsal.
- Please discuss with your parents and friends the importance of being respectful of everyone else at the ceremony. Often times, parents yell as their child's name is being called and someone sitting next to them misses their own child's name...this is a formal ceremony.

