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Mrs. Osborn, Senior Counselor

NOTICE!!!

Each Senior and their parent/guardian are required to set a Graduation Plan Meeting with Mrs. Osborn. Schedule your Graduation Plan Meeting TODAY by calling Ms. Marano, Counseling Secretary, @ 706-748-2770.

➡ How to **REQUEST A TRANSCRIPT**: Transcript request forms are located in the counseling office. If you need a transcript for a college or scholarship stop by to fill out a form and Ms. Marano will process the request. Also, Now Available, Electronic Transcript Requests to GA colleges through GA Futures. Access your account today on www.gafutures.org to submit your request.

➡ How to **REQUEST SAT/ACT WAIVERS**: Every student at Hardaway is eligible to receive up to 2 waivers for the SAT and 2 waivers for the ACT. Go to the Counseling Office to fill out the request form. Waivers are typically ready for pick up by the next school day.

➡ How to **SIGN UP for SAT/ACT**: Signing up for the SAT or ACT is done on your own. You go to the testing website listed below, create an account, and register for the test date and location of your choice. If you have difficulties with registering see Mrs. Osborn for assistance.

~ SAT = www.collegeboard.org

~ ACT = www.actstudent.org

➡ How to **APPLY FOR FAFSA** (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*): The 2019-2020 FAFSA application is open on OCTOBER 1st and now uses your parent/guardian's prior tax year data for processing. Go to fafsa.ed.gov. A workshop will be offered on Friday, October 26th in the media center with assistance from a GA Student Finance Commission Rep, Katie Munich.

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➡ How to for **COLLEGE APPLICATION FEE WAIVERS**: Hardaway students are eligible for 4 college application fee waivers. See Mrs. Osborn for help processing applications when using fee waivers.

➡ How to for **FUTURE COLLEGE ATHLETES**: All students playing sports in 4 year colleges must register with the NCAA clearinghouse. To register go to www.eligibilitycenter.org. NCAA offers a fee waiver for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch. Once you create your profile on www.eligibilitycenter.org let Mrs. Osborn know and the fee waiver will be processed online. It takes 5-7 business days to process. FOR JUCO schools go to playnaia.org to register for eligibility. Fee waivers are processed online. Let Mrs. Osborn know when you have submitted an application for NAIA.

➡ How to **HOPE**: HOPE is processed from your very final transcript in June after you graduate. Remember that HOPE only calculates the gpa based on academic courses. There is only gpa weight of .5 given for AP/IB courses. If your gpa is sitting close to a 3.0 you may be on the border of not qualifying. If you don't qualify for HOPE as a college freshman, HOPE eligibility will be re-evaluated at 30 semester college hours (roughly 2-3 college semesters of full time classes). If you maintain As and Bs in your college course work you may qualify for HOPE at the 30 semester re-evaluation period. You can find your current HOPE gpa at www.gafutures.org.

➡ How to **College Applications!** Start your college applications now! Don't wait to apply because you haven't taken your SAT or ACT. Colleges give you time to get your required documentation to them before making a decision. Make sure you pay attention to important application deadlines set by each individual college you put in an application. If you are a student with a strong gpa you may be eligible to apply for academic scholarships through the college but you don't have access until you apply.

Important Upcoming Dates

GA Probe College Fair—OCT 8th—6p-8p—Columbus State University—More info @ www.gaprobe.org

ASVAB @ HHS—October 10th—Senior online registration will open the last week in September.

Georgia Tech, & UGA Early Action Application Deadline—October 15th