



*WELCOME
TO SENIOR
YEAR!*

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Transcripts



@lassitercounseling

Counseling Office Resources

- Your Counselor ☺ Email us to set up a time to talk!
- COMMUNICATION IS CRUCIAL!
- Senior Page on Website-
 - <https://lassitercounseling.wixsite.com/lhscounseling>
- College Visits
 - Meet with reps in Career Center! Sign up in Naviance

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Open House- Thursday, August 21st

Financial Aid Night- Monday, September 29th

College Chats- Opportunities to join counselors and get application questions answered! During minimum day 6th or 7th period

September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th



Websites to know!

- Lassiter: www.lassiterhigh.org
- FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- GAFutures: <https://www.gafutures.org/>
- Collegeboard: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- ACT: <https://www.act.org/>
- CommonApp: <https://www.commonapp.org/>

College Visits

- We will be hosting College Visits with admission reps from all over this semester!
- Log into your Naviance account and look under “What’s New” to sign up! Also located under Research when you click on the “Colleges” tab.
- Teacher discretion to allow you to leave class, show registration/confirmation to teacher as pass on day of visit.

What's New

-  Brandeis University will be visiting your school on Wednesday, August 20th, 2025 at 2:00 pm [more info](#)
-  Georgia Southwestern State University will be visiting your school on Thursday, August 21st, 2025 at 10:00 am [more info](#)
-  Jacksonville State University will be visiting your school on Thursday, August 21st, 2025 at 12:00 pm [more info](#)
-  Stony Brook University will be visiting your school on Thursday, August 21st, 2025 at 2:00 pm [more info](#)
-  Sarah Lawrence College will be visiting your school on Friday, August 22nd, 2025 at 9:00 am [more info](#)
-  Lehigh University will be visiting your school on Tuesday, August 26th, 2025 at 9:00 am [more info](#)
-  St. John's College will be visiting your school on Tuesday, August 26th, 2025 at 10:00 am [more info](#)
-  Binghamton University will be visiting your school on Wednesday, August 27th, 2025 at 11:00 am [more info](#)
-  University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus will be visiting your school on Wednesday, August 27th, 2025 at 12:00 pm [more info](#)

Probe Fair

- August 26th @ Cherokee HS
- August 27th @ North Cobb Christian
- September 5th @ Centennial HS
- RegisterProbe.com





- College Admissions Panel- In Person or Virtual
- Georgia State, Augusta College, Georgia Tech and University of Georgia
- Register!
 - <http://www.peachstatetour.org>

Virtual

- Wednesday, August 27: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 3: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 10: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

In Person

- Thursday, August 26: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
 - Atlanta



Unemployment Rate in 2020	Level of Education Completed	Mean (Average) Earnings in 2020
11.70%	Less than a high school diploma	\$32,188
9.00%	High school graduate, no college	\$40,612
8.30%	Some college, no degree	\$45,604
7.10%	Associate degree (academic program)	\$51,116
5.50%	Bachelor's degree	\$67,860
4.10%	Master's degree	\$80,340
2.50%	Professional degree (e.g., M.D., J.D.)	\$98,436
3.10%	Doctoral degree	\$98,020

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

Work, 2 year,
Technical
School, Military,
4 Year Schools

Workforce/Apprenticeship

- **On-the-job short-term or long-term training** is provided by an employer at the beginning of a new job.
- Training can last 1 - 5 years, **often paid**.
- The completion of an apprenticeship is generally associated with skilled labor.
- These kinds of programs can **lead to secure and well-paying jobs without the need for any college expenses**.

Military

- High School Diploma is required
- Take the ASVAB Offered at Lassiter on Jan 14th
 - Tell you counselor and/or 1st Srgt if interested
- Make contact with branch recruiter
- Request your final transcript in May
- National Guard will pay for your college!

2 year/Technical School/Trade School

2 year Colleges or Technical Colleges

- See if the SAT/ACT is required- may take the Accuplacer Exam instead- check with each individual school
- Two-year school requirements - 2.0 GPA, 2 World Languages plus all Georgia graduation requirements
- Gateway to 4 year school if that is your goal

Trade School

- Typically completed in two years or less
- **Certificate or Diploma programs**
- **Career-focused**
 - Trains students for a specific job in a career field
- Examples of jobs:
 - Welding
 - Cosmetology
 - Construction Worker
 - Automotive, HVAC, Electrician
 - Dental Assistant
 - Carpenter
 - Plumber
 - Practical Nurse



- GSFC will send a letter to every Georgia high school senior.
- The letter identifies all the USG & TCSG colleges that the student is academically qualified to attend (confirmed match based on HOPE GPA).
- Letter contains only MATCHES
- Sending the letter in October allows the student to take advantage of November's Apply to College Month (FREE Applications)!
- When a student clicks "Request Info" or "Claim Your Spot", their information is securely transmitted to that college.
- **"Request Info"**: the college will contact the student and share standard recruitment materials.
- **"Claim Your Spot"**: the college will contact the student with information about completing the application process.

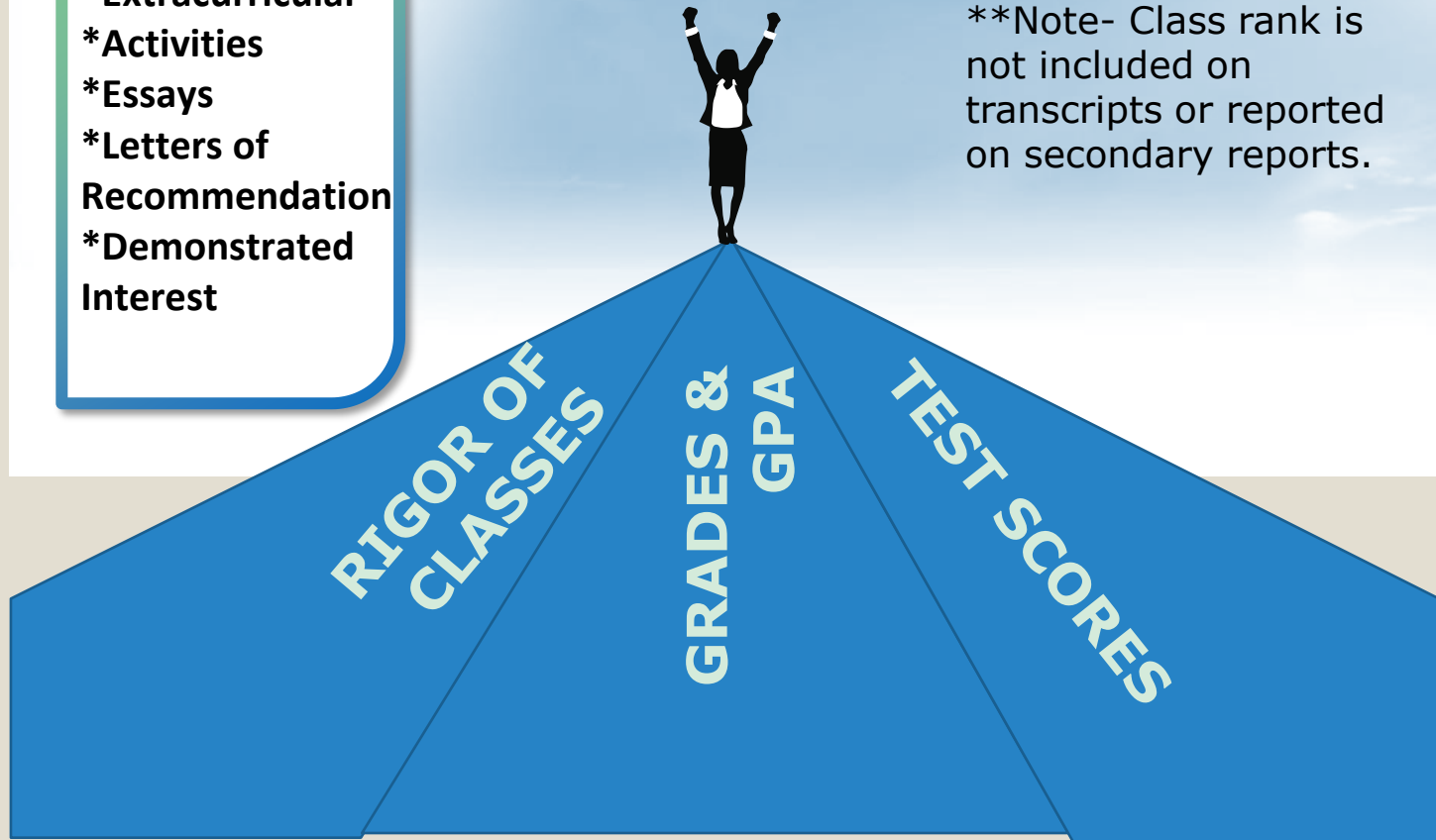
4 Year College/University

- Typically have higher admission requirements
 - i.e. higher GPA, higher test scores
- On average it takes students four years to complete
- Students work towards a Bachelor's, Master's, Specialist's, Doctorate.
- SAT/ACT Test Scores are usually required

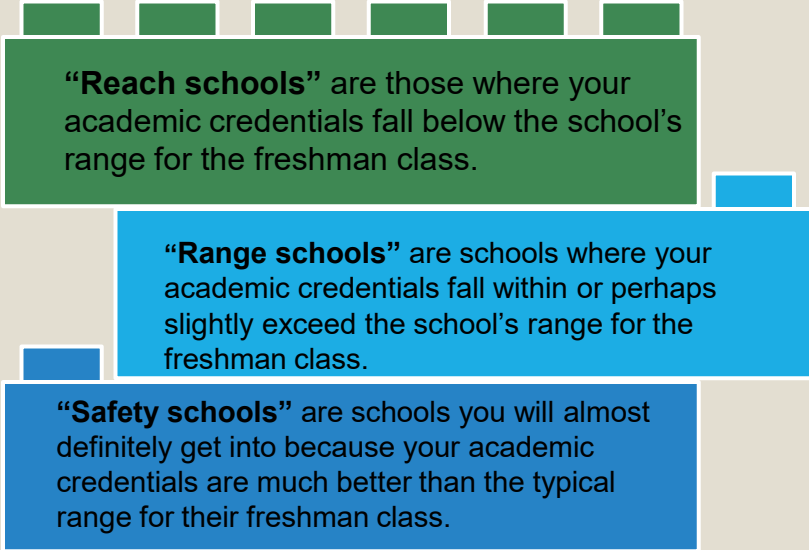
FACTORS FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION

- *Extracurricular
- *Activities
- *Essays
- *Letters of Recommendation
- *Demonstrated Interest

**Note- Class rank is not included on transcripts or reported on secondary reports.



BUILDING A COLLEGE LIST



“Reach schools” are those where your academic credentials fall below the school’s range for the freshman class.

“Range schools” are schools where your academic credentials fall within or perhaps slightly exceed the school’s range for the freshman class.

“Safety schools” are schools you will almost definitely get into because your academic credentials are much better than the typical range for their freshman class.

REACH SCHOOLS

Apply to 1 or 2

RANGE SCHOOLS

Apply to 2 or 3

SAFETY SCHOOLS

Apply to at least 1

How to Choose a College

Points to Consider

- **Admission Requirements**

- GPA, SAT/ACT, Rigor
 - Look at Freshmen Profile

- **Student Life**

- Housing
- Recreational Activities & facilities
- Religious Activities
- Greek System

- **College Atmosphere**

- Size
- Location/Setting
- What makes school unique?
- Weekend Activities

- **Instruction**

- Class Size, Student:Teacher Ratio
- Availability and helpfulness of Professors
- Programs of study; Majors/Minors
- Career Placement Services

- **Financial Aid**

- % of students who apply
- % of students who receive and amount
- Availability & Types of scholarships
- Co-op programs, internships, campus jobs

Understanding Application Types

- **Early Decision (I & II) : Binding**
 - Cannot apply early to other colleges, can apply regular decision
- **Early Action: Non-Binding**
 - Can apply early to other colleges, can apply regular decision
- **Single Choice/Restricted Early Action: Non-Binding**
 - Cannot apply early to other colleges, can apply regular decision
- **Rolling Admission**
 - Open admission, no specific deadline
- **Regular Decision**
 - Deadline date established by the institution
- **Priority Deadline**
 - May fill up and be more competitive after this date

****Tip– Apply early typically if you meet or exceed admission requirements: GPA, AP classes taken, test scores. (Look at Freshmen Profile!)***

College Admission Tests



***2 out of 3 student's SAT scores improve when they take it more than once!

Test optional?

Lassiter's CEEB code is
111983

www.collegeboard.com

www.actstudent.org

Scores are sent to the college from
the testing agency—**you must
do this! (not Lassiter)**

Scholarships



- Types of Scholarships:
 - Academic, Community Service, Athletic, Hobby/Extracurricular based, Need based, Employer or Military
- Check the Scholarship Resources in Naviance under the Colleges Tab
- Check the College Websites and online search engines.

FAFSA/HOPE Scholarship

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

www.fafsa.ed.gov

**FAFSA can
be filed
starting
Oct 1st!
Financial
Aid Night
Sept 29th!**

The logo for GAfutures features the text "GAfutures" in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Below it, the tagline "Explore. Plan. Succeed." is written in a smaller, dark blue, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a white rectangular background.

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Explore. Plan. Succeed.

www.GAfutures.org



www.gsfc.org

TUITION and HOPE VS. ZELL MILLER

- HOPE

- 3.0 GPA
- % of tuition
 - Usually 80-90%

- Zell Miller

- 3.7 GPA
- 1200 SAT or 25 ACT
- Full tuition

*Only Academic Courses-unweighted

*Both only used at Georgia Public Schools

*Check your HOPE GPA through GAFutures

***HOPE Grant** can be used at Technical Schools
(no specific GPA requirements)

www.gafutures.org for more Information

HOW TO APPLY!

You have your schools, now what??

Step By Step Process App Process

1. Select what colleges you're applying to
2. Determine application types: Common App, Direct to Institution
3. Submit your college applications
4. Send your test scores via Collegeboard/ACT
5. Add Colleges to "Colleges I am applying to" in Naviance
6. Invite teacher recommenders and make sure Rec Survey and Resume are completed if needed
7. Request transcripts (in MyPaymentsPlus)
8. Give time, and then check your application status/portal to ensure all documents are received by the school

•What is a transcript?

- Most colleges require an official transcript as part of the application.
- \$2 each
- Official vs Unofficial

Transcripts

◦ How to get one?

- 1: Submit your application to college.
- 2: Add college to “Colleges I am Applying To” in Naviance
 - Indicate whether you are applying Common App (and match accounts) or directly to the institution.
- 3: Go to MyPaymentsPlus and fill out the transcript request form and pay \$2 per transcript.
- It is your responsibility to complete ALL parts of the above process, or transcripts will not be sent.
- **ALLOW 5 DAYS FOR TRANSCRIPT PROCESSING**

How to send a Transcript to a College

1: Add college to “Colleges I am Applying To” in Naviance

- Indicate whether you are applying Common App or directly to the institution.
- Match your Common App account to Naviance and Complete FERPA release if applicable.

2: Go to MyPaymentsPlus and fill out the transcript request form and pay \$2 per transcript.

- Form can be found under Events and Activities
- **It is your responsibility to complete ALL parts of the above process, or transcripts will not be sent.**
- **ALLOW 10 DAYS FOR TRANSCRIPT AND DOCUMENT PROCESSING**



When to send a Transcript

- Each time you submit an application to a different college.
- At the end of first semester, if requested by your college (this is called a 'mid-year transcript').
- FINAL TRANSCRIPT: has a graduation date on it. Required by your college as proof of high school graduation.
 - Order this in April/May– not sent until after graduation.



MyPaymentsPlus under Events and Activities (scroll through!!)

← → ↺ 🏠 mypaymentsplus.com/activities ☆

Apps Procurement Servic... MyPaymentsPlus Welcome to CashPr... CCSD Intranet Supp... Munis Library - Ho... FORM Bank AP Planner AP Art and Design... Adn

myPaymentsplus  Welcome, Kelli ▾

Dashboard My Account **Events & Activities** AP Exams

Events & Activities 🗨

Search Activities 🔍

Activities & Services

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 **SENIOR TRANSCRIPTS** \$2.00

Dates: July 30, 2020 - May 14, 2021
SignUp Deadline: May 14, 2021, 12:00:00 AM

ALLISON



Counselor Recommendation

- **Know if it is required by the college or not**
 - If it is not required, **DO NOT** request to send one
- Three items are needed for a counselor recommendation:
 1. Senior Recommendation Questionnaire (Found under ABOUT ME, Surveys from my School in Naviance)
 2. Resume (this can be uploaded in the journal in Naviance or created in Naviance using the resume builder)
 3. Once all of these items are completed and have been submitted, please **email your counselor to request and indicate on MPP form that a letter is needed**

Work Backwards to Determine All Your Deadlines:

Example:

- Application deadline for the college is: Oct 15.
- Counselor recommendation request deadline : **October 1st**
(10 school days prior)

This means you have:

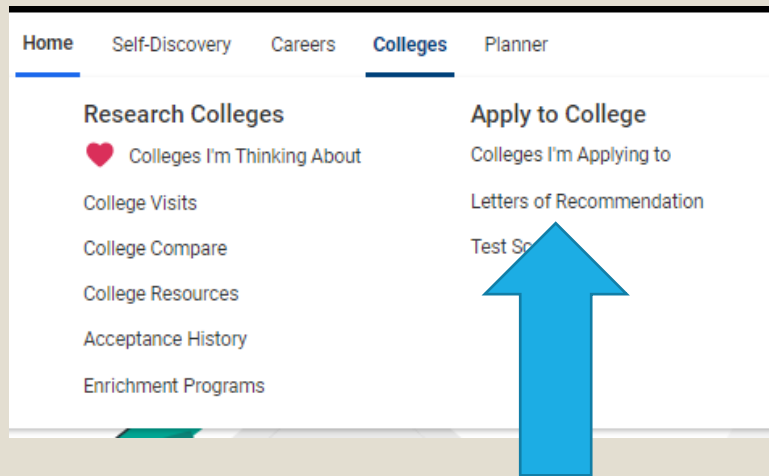
- 1) Started or submitted application to the college and added to Colleges I am Applying to in Naviance
- 2) completed your senior questionnaire and resume if recommendations are needed
- 3) Matched Common App and Naviance if applicable

***Transcripts and recs will not be submitted over Fall Break (Sept 22nd-26th)**



Teacher Recommendations

- **TALK TO** teacher recommenders before adding their name to any application
- Give your recommender plenty of advance notice
- Follow any procedures your recommender may have in place for letters (they can look at Senior Recommendation Questionnaire and Resume as well)



Request teacher recommendations in Naviance under Colleges tab- Apply to College, Letters of Recommendation

Teacher Recommendations Continued..

Select the recommendation request type:*

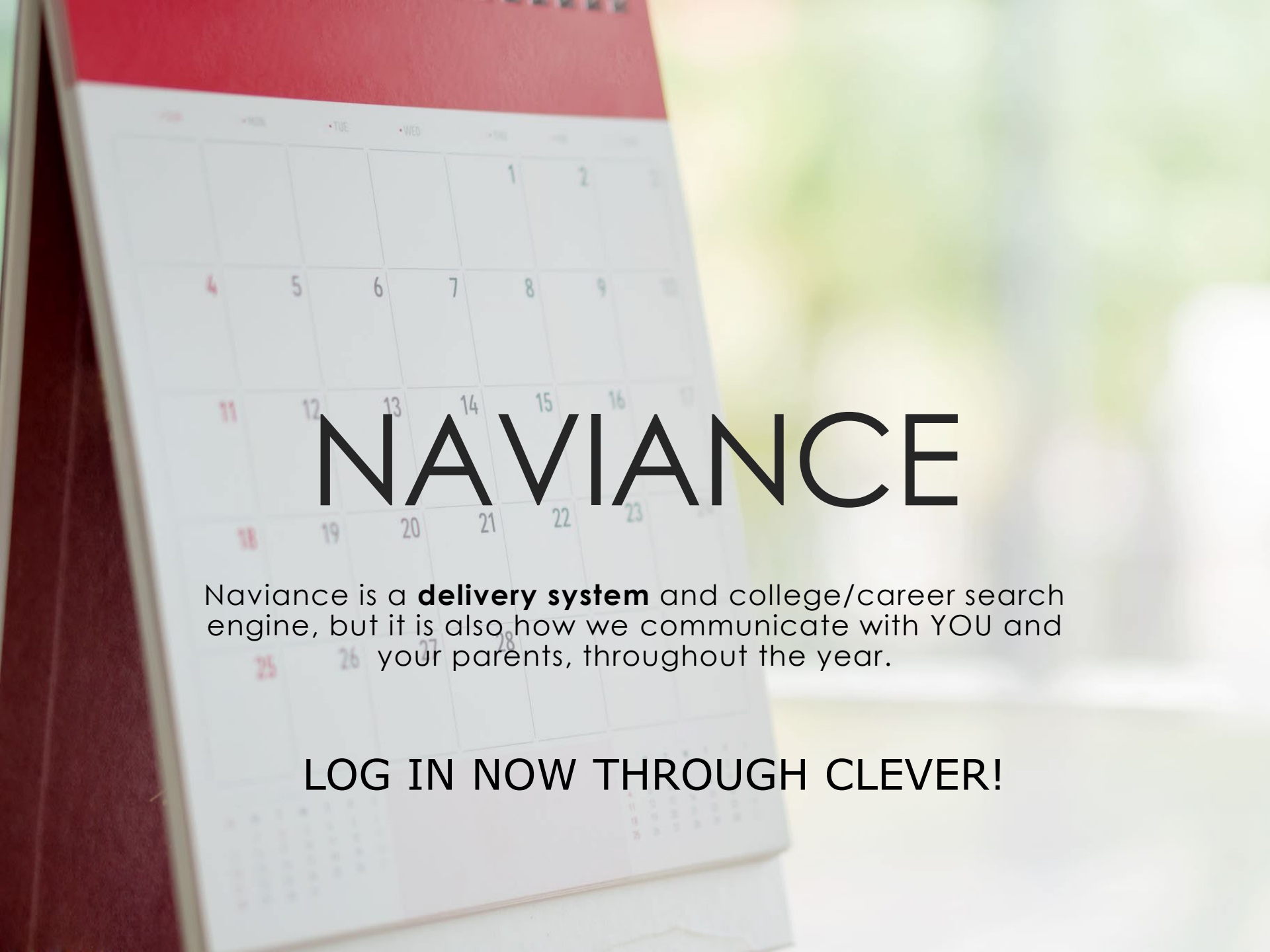
☐ Select All	Colleges ^
☐	Auburn University 0 required / 3 allowed / 0 requested
☐	Florida State University 0 required / 0 allowed / 0 requested <i>This college does not accept Letters of Recommendation</i>
☐	Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus 0 required / 1 allowed / 0 requested
☐	University of Georgia 0 required / 2 allowed / 0 requested

IMPORTANT: ASSIGN YOUR TEACHERS TO SPECIFIC SCHOOLS, NOT “All Applications”

-It is your responsibility to research which schools require a letter of recommendation

-If they do not ask for a letter of recommendation, they do not use it in the admissions process.

**You can also track the status of your teacher recommendations. The student must follow up to ensure that these are sent!



NAVIANCE

Naviance is a **delivery system** and college/career search engine, but it is also how we communicate with YOU and your parents, throughout the year.

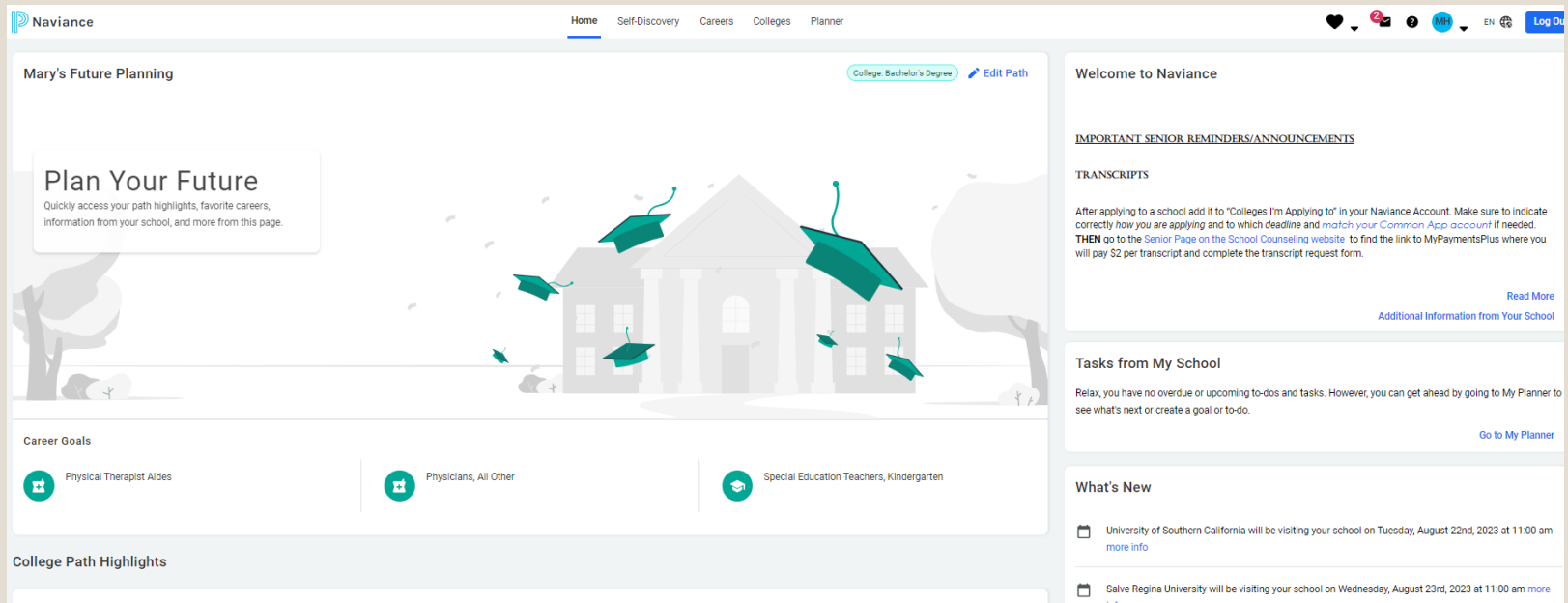
LOG IN NOW THROUGH CLEVER!

EMAILS!

*We need your email addresses updated so we can communicate important information with you. Please get in the habit of checking email frequently. **Do not use your Cobb Email!!***

1. Click on the “About Me” link at the top.
 2. Click on “My Account.”
 3. Click on the Pencil Icon in the “Contact Information Box.”
 4. Enter your email address.
 5. Click “Save.”
- **Also important to check email regularly to receive communication from colleges you are applying to!
 - Make sure you have an appropriate email address 😊
 - DO NOT USE YOUR COBB STUDENT EMAIL!

Naviance Student Homepage



The screenshot displays the Naviance Student Homepage. At the top, the Naviance logo is on the left, and navigation links for Home, Self-Discovery, Careers, Colleges, and Planner are in the center. On the right, there are icons for a heart, a bell, a question mark, a user profile, and language options (EN, ES), along with a Log Out button. The main content area is titled "Mary's Future Planning" and includes a "College: Bachelor's Degree" filter and an "Edit Path" link. A large graphic shows a graduation cap and a building. Below this, the "Plan Your Future" section encourages users to access their path highlights. The "Career Goals" section features three categories: Physical Therapist Aides, Physicians, All Other, and Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten. The "College Path Highlights" section is partially visible. On the right sidebar, the "Welcome to Naviance" section includes "IMPORTANT SENIOR REMINDERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS" and "TRANSCRIPTS". The "Tasks from My School" section provides a reminder to check for overdue tasks. The "What's New" section lists upcoming college visits by the University of Southern California and Salve Regina University.

Naviance

Home Self-Discovery Careers Colleges Planner

♥ 🔔 ? 🧑 EN ES Log Out

Mary's Future Planning

College: Bachelor's Degree Edit Path

Plan Your Future

Quickly access your path highlights, favorite careers, information from your school, and more from this page.

Career Goals

Physical Therapist Aides Physicians, All Other Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten

College Path Highlights

Welcome to Naviance

IMPORTANT SENIOR REMINDERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSCRIPTS

After applying to a school add it to "Colleges I'm Applying to" in your Naviance Account. Make sure to indicate correctly how you are applying and to which deadline and match your Common App account if needed. THEN go to the Senior Page on the School Counseling website to find the link to MyPaymentsPlus where you will pay \$2 per transcript and complete the transcript request form.

Read More

Additional Information from Your School

Tasks from My School

Relax, you have no overdue or upcoming to-dos and tasks. However, you can get ahead by going to My Planner to see what's next or create a goal or to-do.

Go to My Planner

What's New

University of Southern California will be visiting your school on Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023 at 11:00 am more info

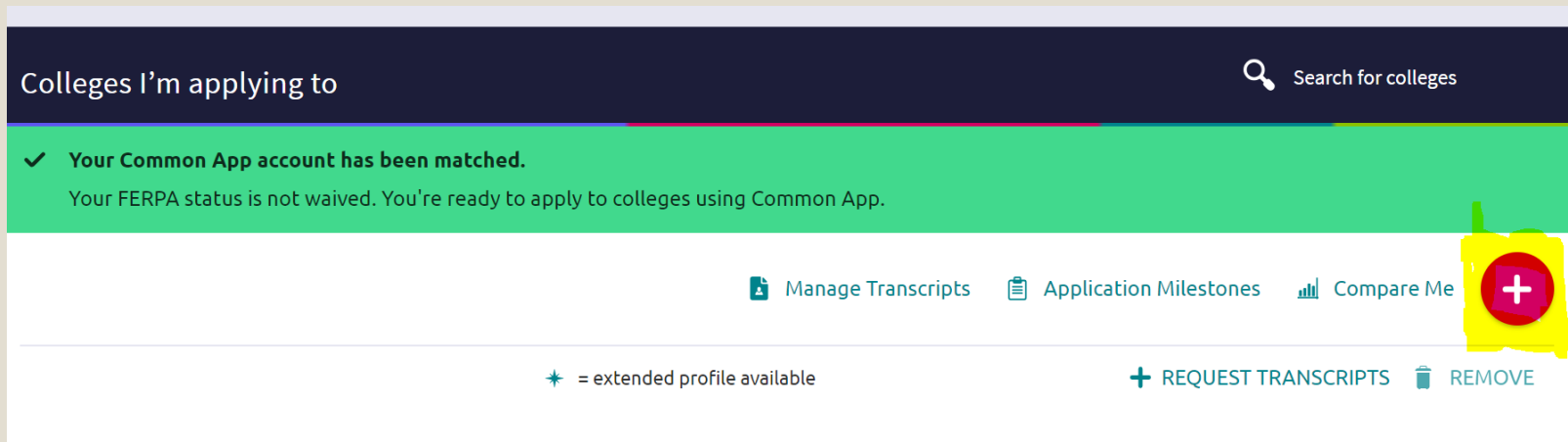
Salve Regina University will be visiting your school on Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023 at 11:00 am more info

College Visit
Sign Ups



Add Colleges to “Colleges I am Applying To”

- Designate the application type within this section and indicate that you've applied to the school.



The screenshot shows the 'Colleges I'm applying to' section of a Common App interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the title 'Colleges I'm applying to' on the left and a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the text 'Search for colleges' on the right. Below the header is a green banner with a checkmark icon and the text: '✓ Your Common App account has been matched. Your FERPA status is not waived. You're ready to apply to colleges using Common App.' Underneath the banner is a white area containing three links: 'Manage Transcripts' with a document icon, 'Application Milestones' with a checklist icon, and 'Compare Me' with a bar chart icon. To the right of these links is a yellow square button with a red circle and a white plus sign. At the bottom of the white area, there is a legend: a blue star icon followed by '= extended profile available'. On the right side of the bottom, there are two links: '+ REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS' and a trash can icon followed by 'REMOVE'.

Colleges I'm applying to

Search for colleges

✓ Your Common App account has been matched.
Your FERPA status is not waived. You're ready to apply to colleges using Common App.

Manage Transcripts Application Milestones Compare Me

+ REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS REMOVE

* = extended profile available

 Cancel

Add New College Application

Which college are you applying to?

Georgia State University



Colleges already in your application list would be unavailable for selection.

App type

Early Action



I'll submit my application

Via Common App

☐

I've submitted my application

Add Application

Important to tell us how you are applying!

“Colleges I’m Applying to” Dashboard

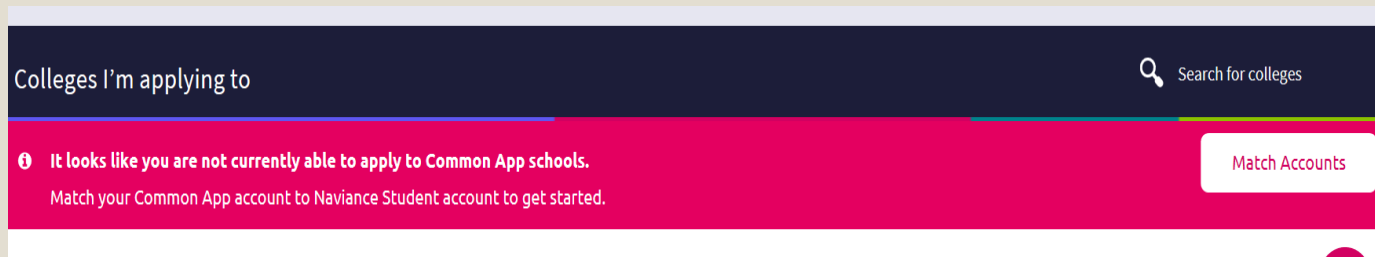
	College	Type	Deadline		Expected Difficulty*	Transcripts	Office materials	Submission Type ⓘ	Application		
☐	Emory University	ED	Early Decision	November 1	N/A		Pending		Unknown ▼	 EDIT	MORE ⋮
☐	Georgia State University	EA	Early Action	November 15	N/A		Pending		Unknown ▼	 EDIT	MORE ⋮
☐	Kennesaw State University	EA	Early Action	October 26	N/A		Pending		Unknown ▼	 EDIT	MORE ⋮

Common App

- The Common App is an undergraduate college admission application that applicants may use to apply to any of the 500+ member colleges and universities.
- You can access the Common App by going to www.commonapp.org
- Some schools are Common App exclusive, which means they do not accept any application other than the Common App. Some schools accept both the Common App and their own individualized, web-based application or the Coalition Application.
- Of course, this does not apply for schools who do not accept the Common App. To view the 500 schools that accept the Common App, check out the members page of the Common App website.

Common App Matching

- For Common App schools, students are required to match their Common App and Naviance Student accounts.



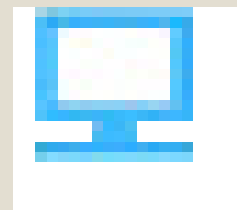
- In order to match the Common App account, students must first complete the following steps in their Common App account:
 - Complete the Education section of your Common Application
 - Add at least one college to My Colleges tab
 - Sign the FERPA Release Authorization

Click to watch video on common app matching.



Direct to Institution Non Common App Schools/Coalition

- Some colleges and universities have opted not to accept the Common Application or they give you a choice to not use Common App.
- Instead, they have created their own individual applications that, in most cases, are web-based and can be found via the school's undergraduate admissions website.
- Just because a school does not accept the Common App does not mean that they do not accept the transmission of important documents, like letters of recommendation and academic transcripts, through Naviance.
- When a non-Common App school allows us to submit documents through Naviance, it is called Direct to Institution. A Direct to Institution school is designated by this symbol.



TMI !!!

What do I do first?

- Get organized: folder, calendar, review timeline...
- Know your Accounts--- Naviance, Common App, GA Futures.
- Register to take SAT/ACT this Fall!
- College visits
- Choose top 3 colleges & start applications.
- Make note of application deadlines and requirements!
- Complete Rec Form if needed
- Request Transcripts and Recommendations. Allow 2 weeks advance notice to process request.
- KEEP UP YOUR GRADES!!!

X2vol- Service Hours!!

- You now have access to track your service hours electronically.
- 200 hour minimum, 100 with Lassiter organization and 100 outside
- 1. Log into x2vol through Clever
- 2. Create Account if you do not have one
- 3. You are ready to log hours! (you can go back and back log from previous years)
- Look at Counseling Website for tutorial video or come see us 😊