



Beyond the Cap & Gown

**Presented on behalf of the
International Center**

Clayton County Public Schools
5th Annual Title III Parent Conference



College is for Everybody

**A brief presentation for the parents of
English Learners**



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Myths

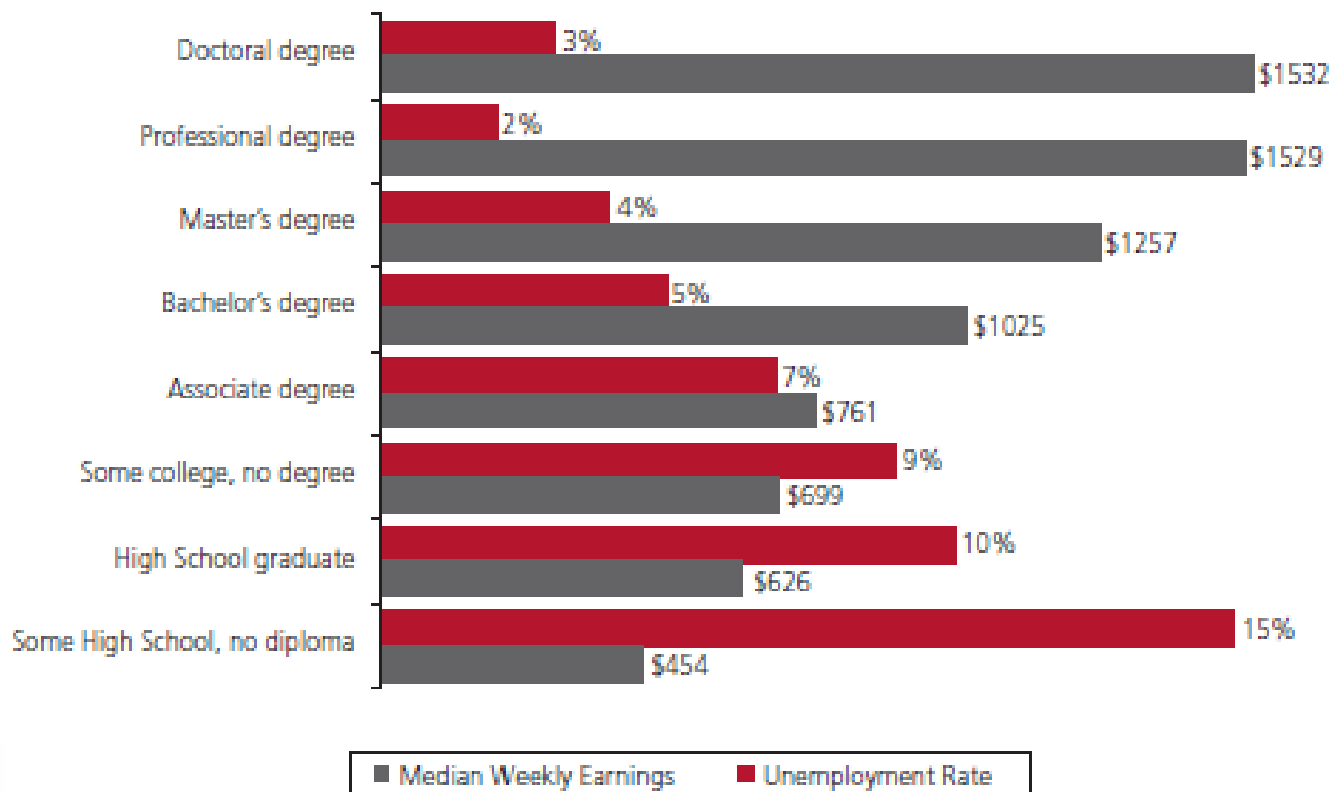
- Undocumented students cannot go to college in Georgia
- Students must have good grades to go to college
- It costs too much money to go to college

NOT TRUE!



Why College?

EDUCATION PAYS: Higher Earnings and Lower Unemployment Rates



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey 2009



Facts

- Undocumented students have the right to attend college, but colleges can charge them more money.
- Technical colleges and 2-year colleges will accept students who were not good students in high school. They give students a “second chance”.
- Thousands of scholarships, grants, and loans are available.
- Some colleges do not cost a lot of money.



Types of Colleges

- Technical Colleges

- Prepare students for a specific job
- Very inexpensive
- Programs are shorter in length
- You can earn...
 1. Degrees
 2. Diplomas
 3. Certificates

- Two- Year Colleges

- Provide a “second chance” to students who did not do well in high school
- Inexpensive
- May transfer to a four year college/university



Types of Colleges

- Four Year Colleges/Universities
 - Prepare students for a career
 - Prepare students for additional schooling
 - Graduate school
 - Medical School
 - Law School
 - Cost (inexpensive and expensive)
 - Programs are four to six years in length
 - You can earn...
 - Bachelor of Science degrees
 - Bachelor of Arts degrees



Public vs. Private

- Public

- Large class sizes
- Offers scholarships to attend
- Easier guidelines for acceptance
- Least expensive

Some Public Colleges/Universities

- Georgia State College & University
- University of Georgia
- Clayton State University
- Valdosta State University
- Gwinnett College

- Private

- Small class sizes
- Offers scholarships to attend
- More strict guidelines for acceptance
- More expensive

Some Private Colleges/Universities

- Reinhardt College
- Southern Catholic College
- Agnes Scott College
- Morehouse and Spelman
- Emory
- Barry University



Requirements for College Admission



Requirements for College Admission

- Must be a high school graduate or have a GED
 - Four years of English
 - Four years of Math (preferred)
 - Four years of Science (preferred)
 - Three years of Social Science (preferred)
 - Two years World Language (preferred)
- Must take the SAT or the ACT (4-year colleges and universities only)
- Pay an application fee
- Request official transcript from high school
- Write an essay (some colleges)



Preparing for College

- Grade Point Average
- Maintain Good Grades
 - 3.0 – 3.5 GPA (Good)
 - 3.6 – 4.0 GPA (Great)
- Get Help in Your Classes
 - Teachers
 - Tutoring
 - Make Sure The Teachers Know You Care!

GPA

A= 3.5-4.0 (90-100)

B= 2.5-3.4 (80-89)

C= 1.5-2.4 (70-79)

D= 0.5-1.4 (65-69)

F= 0.0-0.4 (0-64)



SAT vs. ACT

SAT

- Most colleges accept the SAT or the ACT
- *Not required for technical colleges or 2-year colleges.*
- Exam Covers
 - Critical Reading
 - Mathematics
 - Writing
- SAT – \$45

ACT

- More colleges prefer the ACT
- *Not required for technical colleges or 2-year colleges.*
- Exam Covers
 - Critical Reading
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Social Studies
 - Writing
- ACT - \$31



The Well-Rounded Student

- What is a well-rounded student?
 - Solid writing skills
 - Community involvement
 - Strong leadership & organizational skills
 - Extra curricular involvement

school & faith based activities, volunteering, work experience or internships



Maintain a College Calendar

- Keep track of important dates that include:
Deadlines & Timelines for
 - College & scholarship applications
 - Standardized tests
 - FAFSA & financial aid package confirmation
 - Letter of recommendation & transcripts

Creating a Timeline...to get a letter of recommendation.





How to Complete a College Application?

- Personal information
- Family information (like parents' names, addresses)
- Educational background (where you went to high school)
- Test scores (SAT and/or ACT)
- Academic experience (specific courses you've taken)
- Awards and honors
- Extracurricular activities (including school, religious, civic, work, and volunteer)
- College essay
- Teacher & Counselor recommendation
- Official transcript



Sample College Application

THE COMMON APPLICATION For Independent College Admissions		2011-12 FIRST-YEAR APPLICATION For Spring 2012 or Fall 2012 Enrollment	
APPLICANT			
Legal Name _____ <small>(Last/First/MI) (Enter name exactly as it appears on official documents.)</small>		First/Last _____ <small>(Include initials) J., Jr.</small>	
Preferred name, if not first name (only one) _____		Former last name(s) _____	
Birth Date _____ <input type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> Male		US Social Security Number, if any _____ <small>Required for US Citizens and Permanent Residents applying for financial aid via FAFSA</small>	
Preferred Telephone: <input type="radio"/> Home <input type="radio"/> Cell Home (_____) _____ <small>Area/Country/City Code</small>		Cell (_____) _____ <small>Area/Country/City Code</small>	
E-mail Address _____		IM Address _____	
Permanent home address _____ <small>Number & Street Apartment #</small>			
City/Town _____ <small>County or Parish</small>		State/Province _____ <small>Country ZIP/Postal Code</small>	
If different from above, please give your current mailing address for all admission correspondence.			
Current mailing address _____ <small>Number & Street Apartment #</small>			
City/Town _____ <small>County or Parish</small>		State/Province _____ <small>Country ZIP/Postal Code</small>	
If your current mailing address is a boarding school, include name of school here: _____			
FUTURE PLANS			
Your answers to these questions will vary for different colleges. If the online system did not ask you to answer some of the questions you see in this section, this college chose not to ask that question of its applicants.			
College _____		Deadline _____ <small>mm/yyyy</small>	
Entry Term: <input type="radio"/> Fall (Jul-Dec) <input type="radio"/> Spring (Jan-Jun)		Do you intend to apply for need-based financial aid? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
Decision Plan _____		Do you intend to apply for merit-based scholarships? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
Academic Interests _____		Do you intend to be a full-time student? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
Career Interest _____		Do you intend to enroll in a degree program your first year? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
		Do you intend to live in college housing? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
		What is the highest degree you intend to earn? _____	
DEMOGRAPHICS			
Citizenship Status _____		1. Are you Hispanic/Latino? <input type="radio"/> Yes, Hispanic or Latino (including Spang) <input type="radio"/> No. If yes, please describe your background: _____	
Non-US Citizenship _____		2. Regardless of your answer to the prior question, please indicate how you identify yourself. (Check one or more and describe your background.)	
Birthplace _____ <small>City/Town State/Province Country</small>		<input type="radio"/> American Indian or Alaska Native (including all Original Peoples of the Americas) <small>Are you twofold? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No. If yes, please enter tribal Enrollment Number: _____</small>	
Years lived in the US? _____ Years lived outside the US? _____		<input type="radio"/> Asian (including Indian subcontinent and Philippines)	
Language Proficiency (Check all that apply.) <small>Allowed: English, Spanish, French, Languages of Africa, Other</small>		<input type="radio"/> Black or African American (including Africa and Caribbean)	
S <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> W <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="radio"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (Original Peoples)	
		<input type="radio"/> White (including Middle Eastern)	
Optional The items with a gray background are optional. No information you provide will be used in a discriminatory manner.			
Religious Preference _____			
US Armed Services Veteran status _____			
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Sample College Application

EDUCATION

Secondary Schools

Most recent secondary school attended _____

Entry Date mm/yyyy Graduation Date mm/dd/yyyy School Type: Public Charter Independent Religious Home School

Address mm/yyyy CEEB/ACT Code _____
Number & Street

City/Town _____ State/Province _____ Country _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____

Counselor's Name _____ Counselor's Title _____

E-mail _____ Telephone (Area/Country/City Code) _____ Number _____ Ext. _____ Fax (Area/Country/City Code) _____ Number _____

List all other secondary schools you have attended since 9th grade, including summer schools or enrichment programs hosted on a secondary school campus:
 School Name & CEEB/ACT Code _____ Location (City, State/Province, ZIP/Postal Code, Country) _____ Dates Attended (mm/yyyy) _____

Community Program/Organization _____
 If your education was or will be interrupted, please indicate so here: _____

Colleges & Universities Report all college attendance (including online) since 9th grade and indicate as College Course (CO) or Enrichment Program (EP) hosted on a college campus.

College/University Name & CEEB/ACT Code	Location (City, State/Province, ZIP/Postal Code, Country)	Degree Candidate?	CO	EP	Dates Attended mm/yyyy – mm/yyyy	Degree Earned
_____	_____	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____	_____
_____	_____	No	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____	_____
_____	_____	No	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	_____	_____

Were you issued a transcript for any work listed above? Yes No If yes, please have an official transcript sent as soon as possible.

ACADEMICS

The self-reported information in this section is not intended to take the place of your official records. Please note the requirements of each institution to which you are applying and arrange for official transcripts and score reports to be sent from your secondary school and the appropriate testing agencies. Where "Best Scores" are requested, please report the highest individual scores you have earned so far, even if those scores are from different test dates.

Grades	Class Rank (if available)	Class Size	Class Size	Weighted?	Yes	No	GPA (if available)	Scale	Scale	Weighted?	Yes	No	
ACT	Exam Dates: (past & future)	mm/yyyy	mm/yyyy	mm/yyyy			Best Scores: (so far)	COMP	mm/yyyy	English	mm/yyyy	Math	mm/yyyy
								Reading	mm/yyyy	Science	mm/yyyy	Writing	mm/yyyy
SAT	Exam Dates: (past & future)	mm/yyyy	mm/yyyy	mm/yyyy			Best Scores: (so far)	Critical Reading	mm/yyyy	Math	mm/yyyy	Writing	mm/yyyy
TOEFL/IELTS	Exam Dates: (past & future)	mm/yyyy	mm/yyyy	mm/yyyy			Best Score: (so far)	Test	Score	mm/yyyy	Type & Subject	Score	
AP/IB/SAT Subjects	Best Scores: (per subject, so far)	mm/yyyy	Type & Subject	Score	mm/yyyy	Type & Subject	Score	mm/yyyy	Type & Subject	Score	mm/yyyy	Type & Subject	Score
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Current Courses Please indicate title, level (AP, IB, advanced honors, etc.) and credit value of all courses you are taking this year. Indicate quarter classes taken in the same semester on the appropriate semester line.

Full Year/First Semester/First Trimester	Second Semester/Trimester	Third Trimester or additional first/second term courses if more space is needed
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



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