



COLLEGE COUNSELING/GUIDANCE

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Greetings from the college counseling office! May is as manic as ever, so please review the following announcements/reminders:

AP exams are winding down. Any students who missed for illness or scheduling conflicts will take the make-up exams May 17-20. We have reached out individually to the affected students.

Sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT next year on Wednesday, October 12. Mark your calendars!

Meanwhile, **rising juniors and seniors** can get a head start on their college writing this summer by registering for the **College Essay Workshop**, June 6-10. Participants will use the week to organize the writing required for the colleges where they will apply, plan the strongest stories to tell for each prompt, and draft and peer-edit these essays. Students will learn strategies for writing creative nonfiction, identifying the moments and experiences that have impacted them, and developing purpose in writing. They will receive both group and one-on-one feedback throughout the writing process. [Registration info is here](#) (look for "Week 1 College Application Essay Writing Class").

Class of 2023 Parents:

Please make sure your juniors have completed their remaining assignments for Junior Seminar. They need to create a resume in Naviance and request letters of recommendation from two current Athens Academy teachers. Check in with their progress on those tasks.

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HOPE /Zell Miller scholarship: Athens Academy will share and verify seniors' final grades with the Georgia Student Finance Commission in June. The students' final HOPE transcript is processed by the state, and HOPE eligibility will be determined. Zell Miller eligibility will not be officially determined by the state until July.

Meanwhile, students who think they will be eligible should apply for the funds. They have two options when applying:

1. Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) (completed each year); or
2. complete the GSAPPS application [online](#) or [printable paper](#) (completed only once).

They will then follow the protocols of the financial aid office at the school they will attend in the fall. FAQs and links can be found here: <https://www.gafutures.org/media/177813/faqs-hope-zm-scholarship-122116.pdf>