

Welcome Students and Parents to

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**SENIOR
COLLEGE &
FINANCIAL AID
NIGHT**

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Garner Magnet High School at South Campus
Student Services
September 12, 2017

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Career Information and Planning

**Career Development
Coordinator:**
Lisa Daughenbaugh

- Career Assessment/Planning
- Senior Employment Initiative
- ASVAB Testing (Military Entrance)

To contact Mrs. Daughenbaugh,
e-mail at ldaughenbaugh@wcpss.net



Graduation Requirements



- Minimum of 26 credits
- Complete Future Ready Core Requirements

View in detail on the Garner web site
Academics > Academic Regulations > Promotion/Graduation Requirements

Graduation credits and requirements are reviewed during Senior Meetings.

Post-Secondary Options

Which is right for me??

- 2- Year College
 - Community or Technical College
 - Junior College
- 4- Year University
 - 16 Public Universities
 - Independent Colleges and Universities
- Work/Military



Wake Tech



- The only requirements for entrance to Wake Tech are a high school diploma and ACCUPLACER test scores and/or SAT/ACT scores (see WTCC website for additional information).
- **Options:**
 - 2-year Associates Degree
 - College Transfer Program
(transfer to a 4-year university after two years)
- A great option for students who would like to “start over” academically.
- Affordable - \$76 per credit hour (about \$1068 total cost for a full 12 credit semester).

UNC System Admissions Requirements

- 4 units of English
- 4 units of Math, 1 unit for which Algebra II is a prerequisite (it is recommended that students take a math during their senior year).
- 4 units of History
- Earth Science, Biology, and a Physical Science
- 2 levels of the same foreign language
- SAT and/or ACT
- Minimum Requirements:
 - GPA: **2.5**
 - New SAT: **880**
 - ACT: **17**

Independent Colleges and Universities

- Private and independent colleges sometimes have more flexible entrance requirements. Check with individual schools for specifics.



- Don't let sticker price deter you from considering a private or independent college. They usually give great financial aid packages!!!!



*Go to www.ncicu.org for more information.



Making Choices About College

- Best Match-Fit Factors:

Your list of things desired in a college

- Examples:

- Affordability: financial aid packages/scholarships
- Location
- School Size
- Majors and areas of study
- Support System [1G Program?]
- Campus “feel”/demographics
- Opportunities(i.e. Study abroad, athletics, internships)

- CFNC.org
- [CollegeBoard Big Future](#)



Senior Planning Checklist

Seniors

- Start Planning NOW!
- Discuss expectations and financial aid with your parents.
- **MEET DEADLINES!!!!**
- Make sure applications are sent in at least a week before the deadline to ensure prompt arrival and make copies of all applications.
- Teacher/counselor should get **at least two weeks** to complete any recommendations.
- Keep a folder for each college & a calendar with deadlines & documentation of any contact with admissions officers, etc.

Parents

- Help your child clarify realistic goals.
- Discuss your expectations and/or financial limitations with your child.
- Allow student to complete his/her applications. Personal responsibility is a part of becoming an adult!
- Visit colleges with your child if possible or at least take a virtual tour @ www.cfnc.org
- Consider travel accommodations

CFNC Checklist

12th Grade Fall Don't Let Up

- Review courses, graduation requirements, and scholarship opportunities with your counselor.
- Update your CFNC planner.
- Select three to five colleges—a dream school, a safety school, and others in between.
- Track application and financial aid deadlines for colleges.
- Take the first SAT or ACT offered this fall.
- Write, edit, proofread, and rewrite your admissions essays **early**.
- Ask teachers, counselors, or references to write letters of recommendation.
- Attend college day and participate in College Application Week, if available.
- Complete online college applications at CFNC.org before the deadlines.
- If your high school participates, use CFNC.org to send your official high school transcript to colleges.
- Send in any other college applications.
- Check with college financial aid offices for school-specific scholarship information and forms.
- Student athletes send transcripts to NCAA Clearinghouse for eligibility certification.
- Remind parents to plan to prepare tax information soon after January 1 for your financial aid applications.

12th Grade Spring Finish Strong

- Go to www.pin.ed.gov to get an ID number to e-sign your FAFSA.
- Complete and submit FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov as soon as possible after January 1.
- For help with your FAFSA, sign up at CFNC.org for a February FAFSA Day near you.
- If not accepted by your college of choice, use the College Redirection Module at CFNC.org to find new options.
- Compare admission acceptance letters and financial aid packages.
- Send in your enrollment deposit to hold your spot at the college you choose.
- Apply for education loans, if needed.
- Make sure your final high school transcript is sent to your college (goes automatically if CFNC.org sent earlier).
- Send in any early college credit course transcripts (community college, middle college).
- Take exams for any AP or college-level courses completed.
- For community college admission, check with your local campus about placement testing requirements.

Application Portals

■ COMMON APPLICATION

- More than 700 Member Institutions (Nationwide/International)
- North Carolina Members:

Appalachian State University	Catawba College	Davidson College
Duke University	Guilford	High Point University
Johnson & Wales University	Meredith	NC State University
Queens University	Salem College	St. Andrews University
UNC Asheville	UNC Chapel Hill	UNC Wilmington
Wake Forest University	Warren Wilson College	

■ CFNC

- Portal for North Carolina Schools only

■ Individual School Portal

Requesting Transcripts

- Each college/university requires an official transcript.
 - Use CFNC to send your transcript to any NC college or university.
 - The request policy is in your folder and on the GMHS website
- Students > College Planning**

The image shows a sample of an official transcript from Blytheville High School. The document is titled "Official Transcript" and includes the school's name, address, and contact information. It lists the student's name, date of birth, and the school's location. The transcript is organized into several sections:

- Course Information:** A table listing courses such as "ENGL 101", "MATH 101", and "SCIENCE 101" with columns for credit, grade, and other details.
- GPA Information:** A section titled "GPA" showing the student's cumulative GPA and other relevant statistics.
- Test Scores:** A section titled "ACT Scores" showing scores for English, Math, Reading, and Science.
- Other Information:** A section titled "Other Information" containing various details about the student's academic record.

Counselor Statements and Teacher Recommendations

•Counselor Statements

- Some colleges or universities will want a counselor statement along with your transcript. This form is provided in the application – bring it to your counselor at least 2 weeks in advance.

•Recommendations

- In general, **teachers** are the best source since they see you everyday in the classroom setting.
- Pick your teacher recommenders wisely. It's important that your teacher knows you personally, not just that you did well in that class.
- When requesting a recommendation, you should provide a resume* listing all activities you participated in while in high school.
- Don't take it personally if a teacher is unable to write you a recommendation
- Promptly send a thank-you note to each person who gives you a recommendation.

*See the Career Services tab on the website or Lisa Daughenbaugh (Career Development Coordinator) for examples of resumes.

SAT vs. ACT

- BOTH accepted at all colleges and universities in NC.
 - SAT - reasoning test
 - ACT - achievement test.
- Learn about the tests, register, and practice online:
 - www.collegeboard.com
 - www.actstudent.org

*Testing dates and SAT vs. ACT
information located in your folder.*



Scholarships

- Scholarship opportunities for GMHS students are located on the GMHS website
- Scholarship opportunities are updated weekly throughout the ENTIRE school-year. It is up to YOU to check frequently.
- Contact Counselor Stacy Davidson for more information or to ask specific questions.
- sdavidson2@wcpss.net



**PLAN TO PARTICIPATE
IN DIVISION I OR
DIVISION II
ATHLETICS IN
COLLEGE?**



**YOU MUST REGISTER
WITH NCAA
CLEARINGHOUSE ONLINE**
www.ncaaclearinghouse.net



**Contact Counselor Ben
Bondurant for more information**
bbondurant@wcpss.net



FAFSA Day

Saturday, October 28th, 2017.

Students can learn more about FAFSA Day, what to bring and how to register at CFNC.org/fafsaday or by calling toll free 866-866-CFNC.

Registration information at cfnc.org.



CFNC College Application Week

November 13th-17th, 2017



**During this week, students can apply
online for free at participating
colleges/universities.**

Resources on the GMHS Webpage

<http://www.wcpss.net/garnerhs>

Students > College Planning

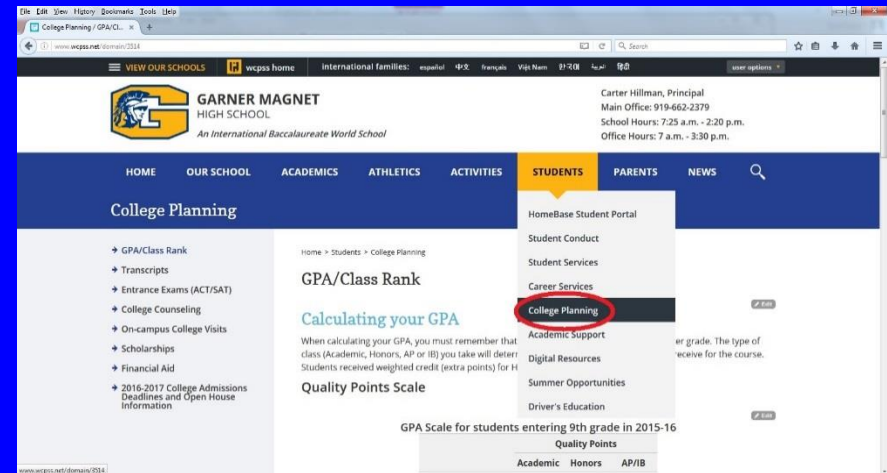
- Transcript Request Policy & Instructions

- Scholarships Listing

**Updated frequently!*

- Financial Aid Resources

- 2017-18 College Admissions Deadlines



College Foundation of North Carolina

www.cfnc.org

- Career Center
- Student Planner
- College Portraits
- Online Applications
- Paying for College



Plan, Apply, and Pay for College

College Counseling

Duke College Corp Advisor:

Ethan Levine

- Contact email:
gmhs.cacduke@gmail.com
Room 2452
- Provides college counseling
- Sets up visits (or just drop by!)
- Helps complete applications





**Class of
2018**