

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 20, 2016

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Career Information and Planning

Career Development Coordinator:

Lisa Daughenbaugh

- Career Assessment/Planning
- Career Options
- ASVAB Testing



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 Expectations
> Promotion/Graduation
Requirements*

Graduation credits and requirements are reviewed during Senior Meetings (beginning October 10th).

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.

Applying to College

Admissions look at:

- Course work
- GPA
- Class rank
- SAT and/or ACT scores
- Extracurricular activities/Jobs
- Essays, Recommendations, and interviews (if required)



Application Tips

- Read all instructions before beginning
- Know **DEADLINES!!**
- Students should fill out applications
- Complete applications online or fill them out in black/blue ink- Make them NEAT!
- Fill out transcript request a week prior to the date you need the transcript to arrive.

Application Portals

■ COMMON APPLICATION

- Nearly 700 Members (Nationwide/International)
- North Carolina Members:

Davidson College	Duke University	Guilford College
High Point University	Johnson & Wales University – Charlotte	Meredith College
NC State	Queens University of Charlotte	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

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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.
- When requesting a recommendation, you should provide a resume* listing all activities you participated in while in high school.
- 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 29th, 2016.

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 14th-18th, 2016



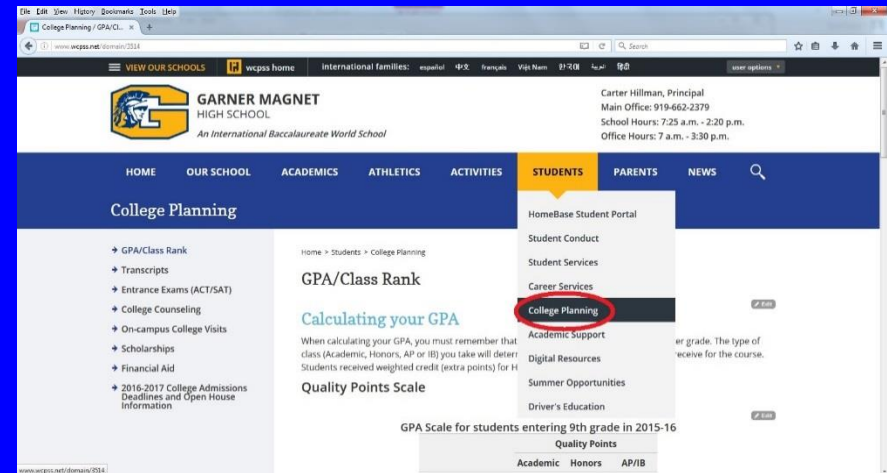
**During this week, students can apply
online for free at participating
colleges/universities.**

Resources on the GMHS Webpage

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

Students > College Planning

- Transcript Request Policy & Instructions
- Scholarships Listing
- *Updated frequently!*
- Financial Aid Resources
- 2016-17 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:

David Sakyi

- Contact email:
gmhs.cacduke@gmail.com



- Provides college counseling
- Sets up visits
- Helps complete applications



**Class of
2017**