Welcome Students and Parents to

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Garner Magnet High School at South Campus Student Services September 25th, 2018

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College Counseling

Duke College Advising Corps:

Ethan Levine

Contact email: gmhs.cacduke@gmail.com



- Provide college counseling
- Set up visits

Help complete applications

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 (beginning early October).

Post-Secondary Options Which is right for me??

2- Year College

- Community or Technical College
- O Junior College
- 4- Year University
 - O 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:
 - O 2-year Associates Degree
 - O 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 \$79 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: O GPA: **2.5** O New SAT: **880** O 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 <u>www.ncicu.org</u> for more information.















Making Choices About College

Best Match-Fit Factors: Your list of things desired in a college O 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.orgCollegeBoard Big Future



College Majors

- Most schools don't require students to declare their major until sophomore year
- Some schools though do require intended major upon application
- There's no financial penalty for switching majors: only have to pay more if you take longer to graduate
- Students frequently "change" their major during freshman & sophomore year

Senior Planning Checklist Seniors Parents

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. 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

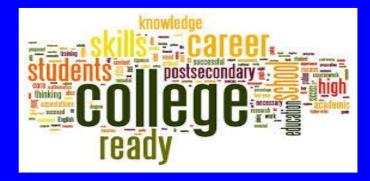
Consider travel accommodations

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 <u>online</u> or fill them out in black/blue ink-<u>Make them NEAT!</u>

Application Portals

COMMON APPLICATION

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

Appalachian State	Barton College	Catawba College
Davidson College	Duke University	East Carolina University
Gardner-Webb University	Guilford College	High Point University
Johnson & Wales University	Meredith College	North Carolina A&T
NC State	Queens	Salem College
St. Andrews	UNC Asheville	UNC Chapel Hill
UNC Charlotte	UNC Greensboro	UNC Wilmington
Wake Forest	Warren Wilson College	

CFNC O 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**

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Counselor Statements and Teacher Recommendations

Counselor Statements

 Some colleges or universities will want a counselor statement along with your transcript. Please complete the form (students > college planning > recommendation letters) <u>at least 2 weeks</u> 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/assistance with 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 schoolyear. It is up to <u>YOU</u> 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 <u>bbondurant@wcpss.net</u>

FAFSA Day Saturday, October 27th, 2018. 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 cinc.org.



CFNC College Application Week October 15th-19th, 2018



During this week, students can apply online for free at <u>participating</u> colleges/universities through CFNC.

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

Resources on the GMHS Webpage http://www.wcpss.net/garnerhs

Students > College Planning

Transcript Request Policy
 & Instructions

Scholarships Listing

*Updated frequently!
• Financial Aid Resources

