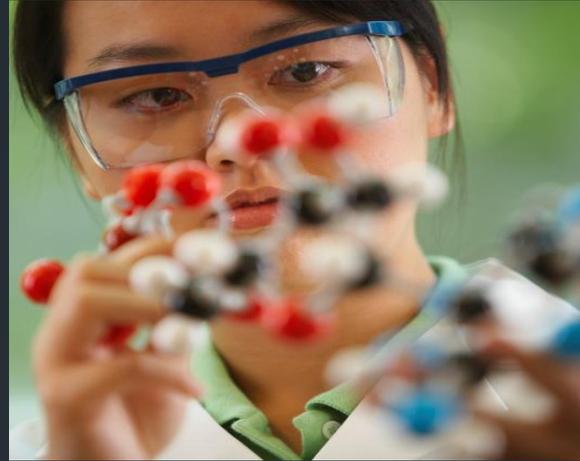




Helping your Child cross the
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- **Whether your child is going to a technical college, a community college, or a university, we want to help you give him or her information and strategies to be successful in completing personal educational goals.**

Congratulations on your student's success!!

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Adjusting to college can be a challenging...



- **Adjusting to college can be challenging because there are so many new things to learn and lots of new people to meet.**
- **Parents, you can help ease this transition by letting your students know that you are there for them and that you believe in them.**
- **Above all, tell your children often that adjusted to the pace and rigor of college classes, their grades should improve.**

The empty nest



- Sending a student off to college can bring lots of mixed emotions, including excitement, sadness, worry, relief, etc.
- Even though it can be tough letting go, many parents find reassurance in learning about the vast array of services that are available for student in college.
- It is important for you to encourage your student to ask for help when he or she needs it.

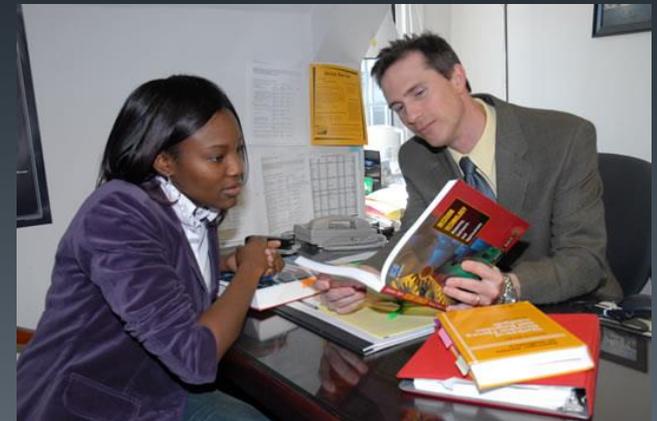
High School VS college



- **College means an increase in...**
 - **Independence**
 - **Responsibility**
 - **Workload**
 - **Diversity of Friends**
 - **Choice of Classes**
 - **Challenges in studies**
 - **Teacher expectations**

Making the grade

- Academic advisors help students select classes to meet degree plans.
- School-sponsored tutoring is free. Also, computer labs are available.
- Professors and teaching assistants have office hours to help students.



Study tips for students

- **Encourage your son or daughter to:**
 - **Find a study buddy.**
 - **Take clear notes.**
 - **Develop a study routine for each class**
 - **(1 hour in class = 2 – 3 hours of study outside of class)**



Getting organized

- Use a daily/monthly planner to keep track of test and deadlines.
- Establish a weekly schedule to keep track of time and to ensure no overbooking.
- Be prepared to study at any time. Students learn that it's a good idea to keep test books and assignments in their back packs so that they can study on the bus, while waiting in line, or other times when they have a few extra minutes.

“Time management does not mean depriving yourself of fun; it means working smarter to have time for fun.” (Source: “Juggling Act,” The Eagle, Northeast Texas Community College, September 26, 2002)

File now; smile later 😊

- **Help your students create a filing system to keep track of important documents such as:**
 - **Medical, dental, and shot (immunization) records**
 - **Health and car insurance information**
 - **Financial aid documents**
- **Encourage your student to create a personal portfolio with copies of:**
 - **Writing samples and projects**
 - **Resumes and cover letters**
 - **Letters of recommendation**



Covering the bases



- **Sleeping**: Students need it, and all-night cram sessions do little good.
- **Eating**: The convenience of having a cafeteria nearby can help students who are short on time. You've heard all kinds of stories about residence hall food, but schools go out of their way to offer a variety of nutritious meals. Many student health center provide young adults with information about nutrition, eating disorders, and other health-related issues.
- **Exercising**: The campus recreation center is usually free to students and offers equipment such as weights, treadmills, and stationary bicycles.

All work and no play is no fun

- Encourage your teen to:
 - Learn a new skill, sport, or language.
 - Volunteer, mentor, or tutor.
 - Join a student organization or club.



Participate!!!



- **Doing well in academics is most important, but it's also good to participate in activities to build communication, public speaking, teamwork, and other skills.**
- **Learning for the sake of knowledge is very important, but these other skills are critical to succeeding in today's changing job world.**

Housing

- Some students prefer to live in residence halls while others choose to live off campus.
- Find out what the residence hall or apartment offers before your teen starts packing.
- Living with a friend or someone new can be fun and challenging at times. Open communication is the key!



Money talk



- **Help your student open a bank account. Consider one that you can access.**
- **Help your student make a budget and stay on it. List income, expenses, and savings for emergencies.**
- **Remind your student to go easy with credit card. They can be helpful but it takes discipline to use them wisely. Remember, any charges made to a credit card must be paid, often with interest.**
- **If your student gets into credit card trouble, help is available. The college financial aid office may be able to offer help and, if it's needed, your student shouldn't delay in getting help. If the problem is serious, you might suggest a credit counselor from a reputable organization such as the Consumer Credit Service. You can look in the phone book for an office close to you.**

Tips on saving money in college



- Buy used books. Buying them online may be cheaper.
- Try to split costs with roommates.
- Take advantage of free activities and entertainment on campus. Check bulletin boards, the school's Web site, and the school newspaper for information.
- Choose basic campus services for phone, meal plans, and TV.
- Communicate with your college student via e-mail.
- Suggest that your teen use public transportation instead of keeping a car on campus.
- Help your son or daughter find work for summer and winter breaks. And the earlier you start, the better!

Working for a living



- **If your students decide to work, don't let them jeopardize their education by spreading themselves too thin.**
- **Tell your children that the priority is to do well in college. Students can earn valuable experience and needed cash by working, but they need to be warned about not falling into the trap of taking on too much work and letting their grades suffer as a result. Finding work on campus is sometimes easier on students.**

“But mom, I don’t know what to do with my life...”



- **Career centers on campus usually offer:**
 - **Career counseling and assessment services**
 - **Letter and resume writing services**
 - **Application and interview skills training**
 - **Part- and full-time job listings**
 - **Internships, co-ops, volunteer listings**
 - **Information about colleges, employers, placement services, etc.**

Who can cut the red tape?

- **Help from campus administrators can be found at the:**
 - **University President's Office**
 - **Dean of Student's Office**
 - **Office of the Ombudsman**



Remedies for homesickness



- **Send a care package – yummy!**
- **Phone and ask what “the new life” is like.**
- **Send e-mail with news from home.**
- **Send cards or letters with pictures of family and friends.**
- **Mail a ticket home for the holidays or for a break.**

Survival Gear

- Tools for home and auto repair
- Laundry instructions and lots of quarters
- Basic cookbook with favorite home recipes
- Car maintenance tips
- Emergency numbers



Let the adventure begin!!!



- For specific information on enrolling at your selected college, contact the campus admissions office or check out the college web site.
- Recommended: Become familiar with www.gacollege411.org

One Stop shop!

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the GAcollege411 website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://secure.gacollege411.org/>. The website header features the logo "GAcollege411" with the tagline "Expand Your Opportunities". A search bar is located in the top right corner, and navigation links for "Sign In", "Create an Account", "Talk to Us", and "Need Help?" are provided. Below the header is a horizontal menu with buttons for "HOME", "CAREER PLANNING", "HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING", "COLLEGE PLANNING", "FINANCIAL AID PLANNING", and "YOUR PORTFOLIO".

The main content area includes a "Need Help Completing the FAFSA?" section with a "Go Now!" button. To the right is a "SHORTCUTS" section with a list of links: "2013-2014 Program Regulations", "HOPE Scholarship Information", "Zell Miller Scholarship Program", "Your HOPE GPA", "Georgia Scholarship/Grant Application (GSFAPPS)", "Accel Program", "GSFC Events Near Me", and "Final HOPE GPA". Below this is a "WHAT'S NEW" section with links for "2013 - 2014 Award Rate Charts", "GSFC President Announced", and "New State Financial Aid FAFSA Requirement".

At the bottom, a "Who are you?" section features five user categories: "MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT", "HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT", "COLLEGE STUDENT", "ADULTS", and "MILITARY", each with a "Go Now!" button and a representative image.

Our TCHS Guidance Website Has Information For You and Your student

http://www.tiftschools.com/school_dept.aspx?schoolid=1&deptid=28

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Infinite Campus Parent Portal	Last Name A-C Paige Wells , Lead Counselor	Useful Information
Big Web Desk	Last Name D-I Jean Guzman	411 For Seniors
Guidance > 	Last Name J-P Dr. Barbara Bryant	TCHS Career Center
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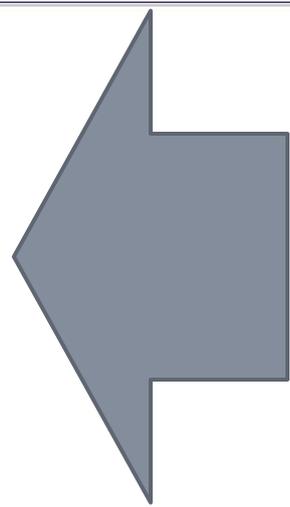
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Guidance Online Resources

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-  [College Board \(SAT\)](#)
-  [ACT](#)
- [HOPE Scholarship](#)
-  [eCampusTours.com](#)
- [SAT Prep](#)
-  [Georgia Student Finance Commission](#)
-  [FAFSA](#)
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Important Upcoming Dates

SAT Dates – Apply at www.collegeboard.org
School code: 113005

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late registration Deadline
October 5, 2013	September 6, 2013	September 20, 2013
November 2, 2013	October 3, 2013	October 18, 2013
December 7, 2013	November 8, 2013	November 22, 2013
January 25, 2014	December 27, 2013	January 10, 2014
March 8, 2014	February 7, 2014	February 21, 2014
May 3, 2014	April 4, 2013	April 18, 2014
June 7, 2014	May 9, 2014	May 23, 2014

ACT Dates – Apply at www.actstudent.org
School Code: 113-005

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
September 21, 2013	August 23, 2013	September 6, 2013
October 26, 2013	September 27, 2013	October 11, 2013
December 14, 2013	November 8, 2013	November 22, 2013
February 8, 2014	January 10, 2014	January 24, 2014
April 12, 2014	March 7, 2014	March 21, 2014
June 14, 2014	May 9, 2014	May 23, 2014



Questions

- Visit us in the Guidance Department and online at www.tiftschools.com/tchs
- (229)387-2475
- Guidance Counselors:
 - Mrs. Paige Wells A-C Lead Counselor
 - Mr. Jean Guzman D-I
 - Dr. Barbara Bryant J-P
 - Mrs. Tara Miller Q-Z



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