

SENIOR ASSEMBLY

**Navigating Your Senior
Year**

WELCOME TO YOUR SENIOR YEAR

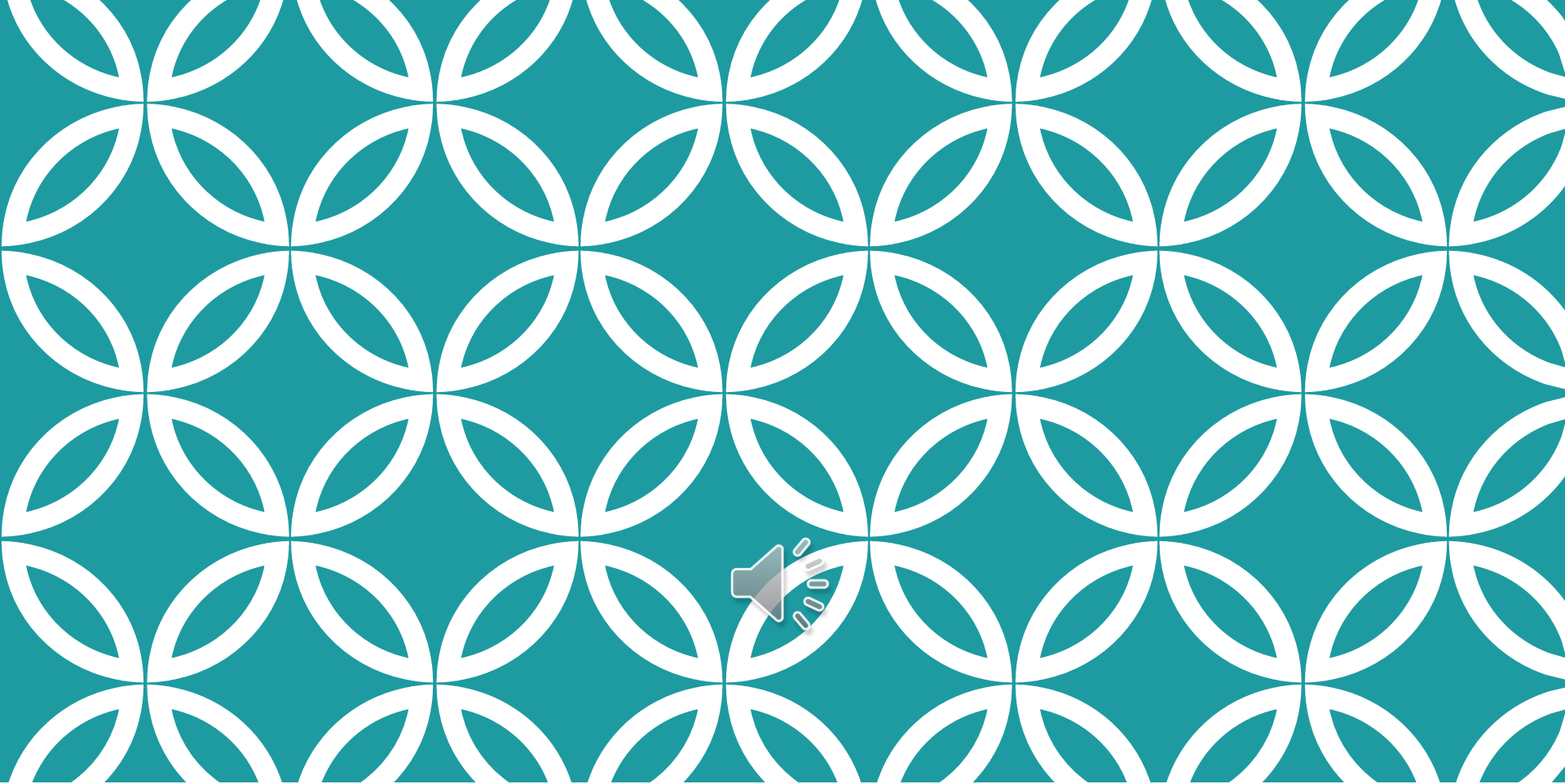
Graduation is the Goal!

- We want everyone to walk across the stage and receive a diploma on May 27, 2021!
- You **must** pass all required coursework to walk!
- You **must** have taken all associated GA Milestone Exams!
- Senior Meetings will begin soon to help you know where you stand and how to get to the finish line!
- You can also make appointments with Mrs. Loggins throughout the year.



WANT TO BE A HONOR GRADUATE?

- You must have a cumulative core academic average of 90.00 or higher!
 - All courses taken in language arts, math, science, social studies, and foreign language are computed in the average.
 - Passed and failed courses are included
 - Weights awarded for Honors, AP, and ACCEL courses are included in the average
 - Top average will be the Valedictorian.
 - The second highest average will be named the Salutatorian.
 - The third highest average will be named the First Honorarian.
 - All of these honors will be announced after first semester of your senior year!



**WANT TO TAKE IT TO THE
NEXT LEVEL?**

College
Application
Process

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS?

- Admission Requirements:
 - 4 units of English
 - 4 units of Math
 - 4 units of Science
 - 3 units of Social Studies
 - 2 units of the same foreign language (for University System only)

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS?

- Admission Requirements for University System of Georgia (Public Colleges)
 - Bachelor (4 Yr. Degree):
 - 2.4 GPA
 - SAT - 480 Reading, 440 Math or ACT – Reading 17, Math 17
 - Freshman Index Minimum – 2400
 - Associates (2 Yr. Degree):
 - 2.0 GPA
 - SAT – 380 Reading, 360 Math or ACT – Reading 12, Math 14
 - Freshman Index Minimum – 1830
 - Check minimum USG requirements:
https://www.usg.edu/student_affairs/assets/student_affairs/documents/USG_Admission_Requirements_2022.pdf
 - Technical College System of Georgia
 - Admission requirements differ by program of study - certificate, diploma and degree programs have different requirements
 - Check minimum TCSG requirements:
 - <https://tcsge.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/TCSGAdmissionsCutScoresTable012017.pdf>
 - **These are minimum requirements** – some colleges may have higher requirements and meeting the minimums provided does not guarantee admission

FRESHMAN INDEX CALCULATIONS

SAT FI: $500 \times (\text{HS GPA}) + 1.06 \times (\text{SAT ERW} + \text{Math}) - 74$

Example: $500 \times (2.8) + 1.06 \times (450 + 480) - 74$

- $1400 + 1.06 \times (930) - 74$
- $1400 + 985.8 - 74$
- $2385.8 - 74 = 2311.8$
- $\text{FI} = 2311$

ACT FI: $500 \times (\text{HS GPA}) + (\text{ACT Composite} \times 42) + 88$

Example: $500 \times (2.8) + (20 \times 42) + 88$

- $1400 + 840 + 88$
- $2240 + 88 = 2328$
- $\text{FI} = 2328$

COLLEGE PLACEMENT EXAMS

- Accuplacer Next Gen— placement exam for Technical Colleges – score requirements vary by program of study
 - This is taken on campus at the technical college
- SAT & ACT - Register on-line: SAT at www.sat.org and ACT at www.act.org
 - These exams can be used for admissions into USG, TCSG, and private colleges

Other Information:

- Students receiving free or reduced lunch are eligible for fee waivers for the SAT, ACT, and college applications.
- Study materials are available in the counseling office and online.

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Reg. Deadline	Location
SAT	Aug 28	July 30	Aug 17	Will Vary
SAT	Oct 2	Sept 3	Sept 21	Will Vary
SAT	Nov 6	Oct 8	Oct 26	Will Vary
SAT	Dec 4	Nov 4	Nov 23	BCHS
SAT	Mar 12	Feb 11	Mar 1	Will Vary
SAT	May 7	Apr 8	Apr 26	Will Vary
SAT	June 4	May 5	May 25	BCHS
ACT	Sept 11	Aug 6	Aug 20	Will Vary
ACT	Oct 23	Sept 17	Oct 1	BCHS
ACT	Dec 11	Nov 5	Nov 19	Will Vary
ACT	Feb 12	Jan 7	Jan 21	BCHS
ACT	Apr 2	Feb 25	Mar 11	Will Vary
ACT	June 11	May 6	May 20	Will Vary
ACT	July 16	June 17	June 24	Will Vary

SAT AND ACT SCHEDULE

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS?

Transcripts

- You must send transcripts with your college application!
- You receive 3 free official transcripts and 1 free final transcript.
- Additional transcripts are \$3.00
- Sign up on the Transcript Request Form in the Senior Google Classroom 4 days in advance for a needed transcript.
- Test scores can be requested on your transcript but some colleges require them to be sent directly from college board or from ACT.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS?

- Letters of Recommendation
 - Students must complete a “Senior Brag Sheet” and turn in to Mrs. Loggins by Friday, September 3rd.
 - Please give your teacher or myself a week notice to write your letter.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS?

- College Essays
 - Your chance for the reader to get to know you and to set yourself apart from the other applicants. (in a good way!)
 - Follow the directions for the essay and write on the topic.
 - Have a teacher proofread your essay before submitting it to the college.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS?

- Deadlines

- Make a list of every deadline – application, financial aid, housing, etc.
- Meet all deadlines.
- Submitting materials after the deadline can be costly.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS?

- Visit the College

- Make sure the college is a good match for you!
- Ask students questions.
- Each senior has 3 college visit days that will not go against his/her attendance!
- A week prior to the scheduled visit you must fill out a college visitation form and submit it for administrative approval.
- After visit bring a statement on letter head verifying your visit and give it to Mrs. Parks or Mrs. Miller.
- You can also attend college visits with Mrs. Cote

COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE

9th Grade:

- University of Georgia – TBD
- Athens Tech – TBD

10th Grade:

- North GA Tech– TBD
- University of North Georgia – Dahlonega – TBD

11th Grade:

- Piedmont College– TBD
- Gwinnett Tech – TBD

12th Grade:

- University of North Georgia – Gainesville– TBD
- Lanier Tech – TBD

****For seniors to be eligible to attend “non-senior” trips, you must qualify based on grades, attendance and behavior in addition to have proof that you are interested in the college:**

- **Proof of college research in GAFutures or YouScience portfolio**
- **Correspondence from the college concerning student interest**
- **Approval from Mr. Brown**



COLLEGE FAIR — FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

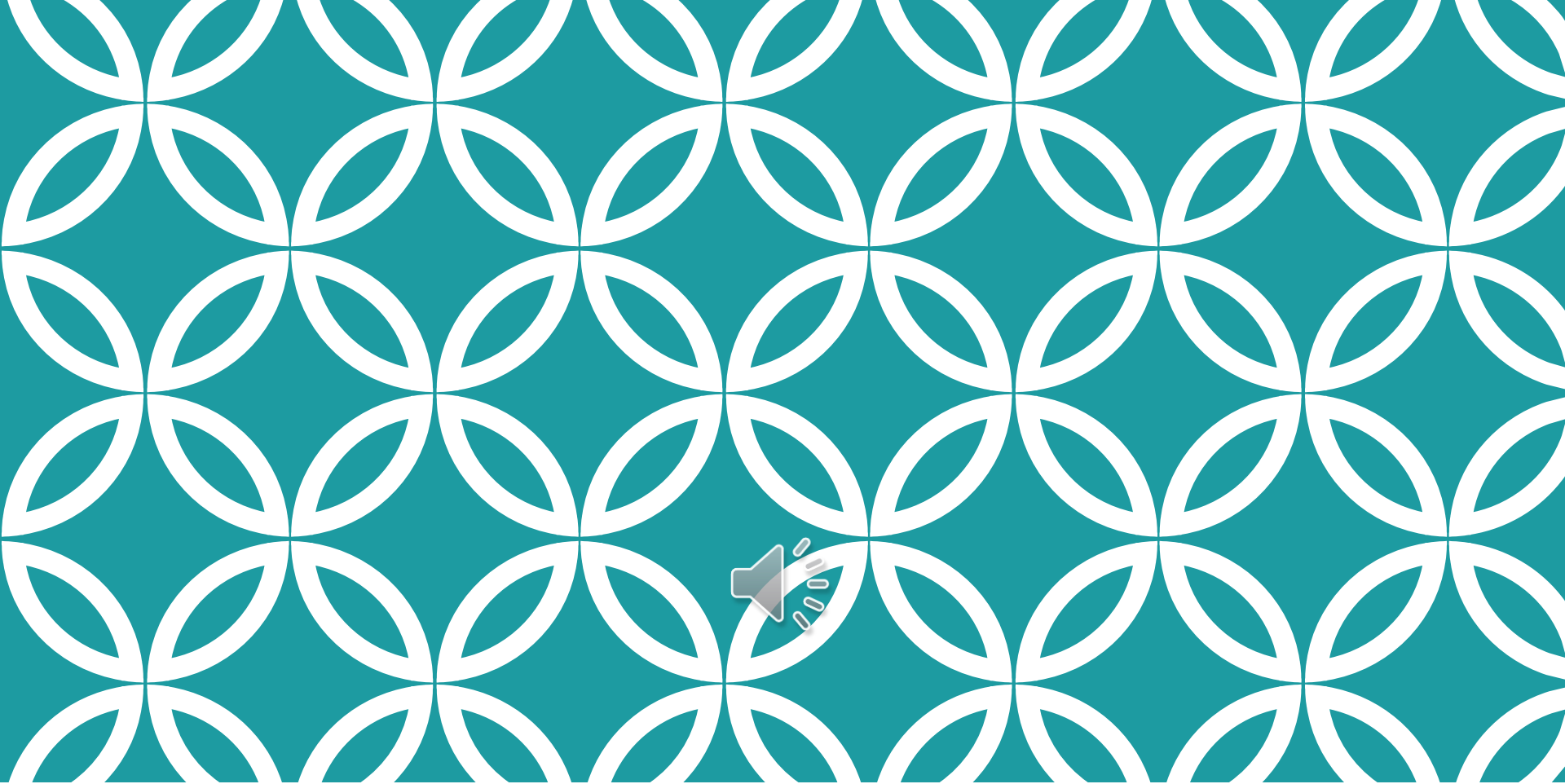
- Brenau University
- Georgia Institute of Cosmetology
- Kennesaw State University
- Lanier Technical College
- Piedmont University
- Toccoa Falls College
- University of West Georgia
- Young Harris College

BEFORE ATTENDING THE COLLEGE FAIR

- Determine your interests – take an interest survey through gafutures.org or YouScience
- Make a list of careers that interest you
- Determine the post-secondary training you need for your interested careers
 - Certificate/diploma – a few months – 2 years
 - Associate Degree – 2 years
 - Bachelor's degree – 4 years
 - Master's Degree – 5 – 6 years
 - Doctorate Degree – 7+ years
- Determine the post-secondary programs that can lead to your career
- Determine the type of colleges you are interested in
- Research the colleges that will be at the College Fair to see if they offer the programs of study you need for your career interest. Make a list of the colleges that can help you attain your career interests and that fit your preferences.
- Write down questions to ask the colleges on your list

QUESTIONS TO ASK THE COLLEGE REPS

- What makes your college different than other colleges your size?
- What makes your _____ program better than that of other colleges?
- What is the typical GPA/SAT/ACT for entering freshmen?
- What extracurricular programs do you offer?
- What is the typical class schedule for freshmen – courses/time of the day?
- Do you offer evening/weekend or on-line courses?
- What is the average class size?
- Do you have an Open House where I can come visit your campus?
- What types of financial aid/scholarships do you offer?
- Do you offer student job opportunities on campus?
- Do you have a cafeteria? Do you offer meal plans?
- What are the dorms like? Do freshmen have to live on campus?
- How much does a typical semester cost?
- Is there a transportation system offered by the college?
- Do any of your programs have high job placement rates?



FINANCIAL AID

**Ways to Pay for
College!**

FINANCIAL AID

• Scholarships

- Each month a list of all available scholarships is uploaded to the Senior Google Classroom and to the school's website.
- Second semester, the local scholarship competition begins – there will be multiple scholarship opportunities available.
- Students must apply and turn in applications by the deadline to be considered.
- The donors form a committee to select the recipients – the school does not select the recipients.
- Search engines: gafutures.org, scholarships.com, fastweb.com, bigfuture.collegeboard.org, gscholarships360.org, SallieMae.com

FINANCIAL AID

•HOPE Scholarship

- Must have a 3.0 GPA as calculated by the GSFC
- Must maintain a 3.0 in college – can only regain the scholarship one time.
- Must also maintain satisfactory academic progress between spring checkpoints.
- You can view your HOPE GPA on www.gafutures.org now!
- Will not pay for remedial or developmental courses.
- Will pay a percentage of the immediately preceding year's HOPE Award Amount – view the chart on www.gafutures.org to find award amount. Will pay up to a maximum of 15 hours, determined by full-time or part-time enrollment.
- Will pay a percentage amount of the HOPE award amount for private colleges up to a maximum of 12 hours, based on a half-time or full-time enrollment status.

HOPE RIGOR REQUIREMENTS

Students Graduating on or After May 1, 2017 must pass 4 courses from the following types of courses:

- Advanced Math – Algebra 2, College Readiness Math, Pre-Calculus, Statistics, Calculus
- Advanced Science – Human Anatomy, Chemistry, Physics
- Advance Placement (AP) in core subjects – Language, Literature, History
- Core Subjects taken at a University System of Georgia Institution or Technical College System of Georgia – Dual Enrollment courses
- Advanced Foreign Language – Spanish 2, Spanish 3

FINANCIAL AID

• Zell Miller Scholarship

- Must graduate from an eligible high school with a 3.7 GPA or higher as calculated by the GSFC.
- Must have received a score of at least 1200 combined EBRW and Math score on a single administration of the SAT or an ACT composite score of at least 26 prior to graduation.
- Valedictorian and Salutatorian with a minimum 3.0 GPA and 4 rigor credits are automatically eligible.
- Must maintain a 3.3 GPA to maintain eligibility
- Can regain Zell Miller only one time if 3.3 GPA is not earned at spring checkpoints.
- Must also maintain satisfactory academic progress between spring checkpoints.
- The Zell Miller Scholarship award amount will be applied toward standard undergraduate tuition, up to a maximum of 15 hours.
- Students that attend a private college will receive the scholarship award amount up to a maximum of 12 hours.

FINANCIAL AID

- HOPE Grant Program
 - No high school GPA requirement for eligibility
 - Only available for certificates or diplomas offered through the Technical College System of Georgia or the University System of Georgia.
 - Must maintain a 2.0 GPA at the college.
 - Will pay for a percentage of the standard tuition rate from the previous year – see chart on www.gafutures.org

FINANCIAL AID

- Zell Miller Grant

- No high school GPA requirement for eligibility
- Only available for certificates or diplomas offered through the Technical College System of Georgia or the University System of Georgia.
- A minimum 3.5 cumulative postsecondary GPA, at the end of each term, is required in order to maintain eligibility.
- The first term of enrollment will be paid retroactively if the student has the required 3.5 cumulative postsecondary GPA at the end of the term.
- Will pay the standard undergraduate tuition rate based on the school the student attends and the number of hours enrolled. Look online at www.gafutures.org for specific award amounts.

FINANCIAL AID

- Hope Career Grant
 - Available to HOPE Grant-qualified students who enroll in select majors specifically aligned with industries in which there are more jobs available in Georgia than there are skilled workers to fill them. View the list of eligible programs on www.gafutures.org
 - Only available for certificates or diplomas offered through the Technical College System of Georgia or the University System of Georgia.
 - No initial high school GPA eligibility requirement
 - Must maintain a minimum 2.0 postsecondary cumulative GPA

FINANCIAL AID

- Other Pertinent HOPE Information:
 - All attempted (passed or failed) academic courses are converted to a TRUE 4.0 GPA scale for calculation of the HOPE GPA.
 - Middle school courses taken for High School credit are NOT calculated in the HOPE GPA.
 - All courses weighted at the local high school level will be stripped of their weights by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC).
 - GSFC will add a .5 quality point weight on a TRUE 4.0 scale for Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Enrollment courses up to a maximum grade value of 4.0 (A's are not weighted).
 - The final HOPE GPA on a 4.0 scale will not be rounded up.

FINANCIAL AID

- Pell Grant

- Money provided by the federal government to assist students in attending college.
- Must meet financial requirements as set by the government.
- Must complete the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- FAFSA Completion Event
 - October 21st from 5:00 – 7:00PM - financial aid representatives will be available to assist with completing the FAFSA.
 - Bring these items with you:
 - 2020 Tax Returns and W-2s for you and your parents
 - Your SSN and your parents' SSNs or Alien Registration number
 - Driver's license number
 - Bank statements and records of investment (if applicable)
 - Records of untaxed income (if applicable)

Make sure you register with the Clearinghouse!

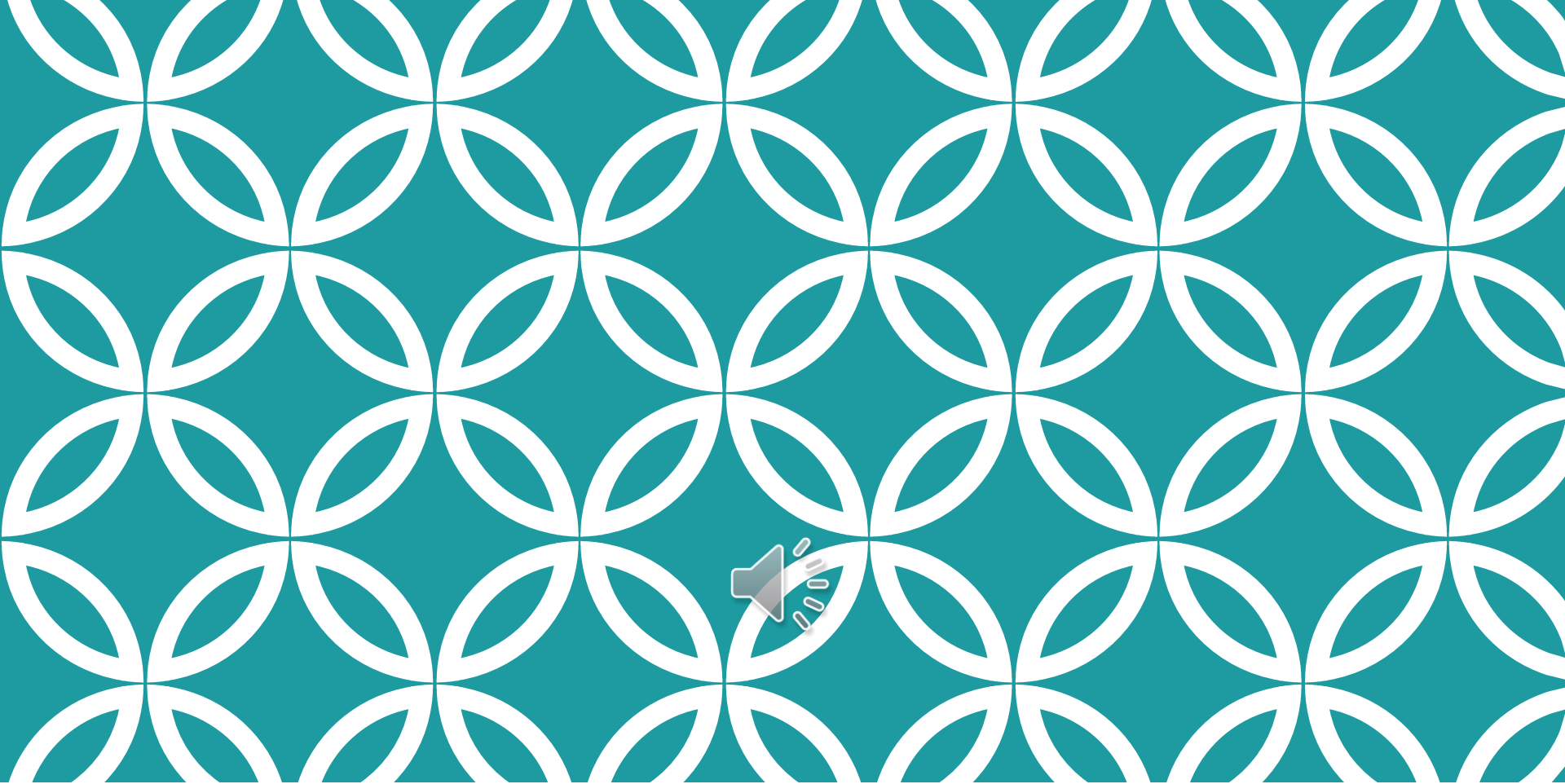


PLAYING SPORTS IN COLLEGE?



STUDENT ATHLETES

- NCAA Clearinghouse and NAIA Eligibility:
 - You must register on-line before coaches can talk with you!
 - For Division I and II athletes: must register on-line at www.eligibilitycenter.org or www.naia.org depending on college.
 - Fee waivers are available for students that receive free or reduced lunch.
 - Division I requires minimum of 2.3 GPA and Division II requires minimum of 2.2 GPA.
 - Students must complete 16 NCAA core courses. Ten of those courses (seven in math, science and English) have to be completed by the seventh semester of high school



ENTERING THE MILITARY?

**Air Force, Army,
Marines, Navy**

ENLISTING IN THE MILITARY

- Military Options

- Allows students to have a guaranteed salary, housing, college fund, medical care, and retirement benefits all while traveling the world.
- Must take the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) as the entrance exam into the military.
- ASVAB administration – October 26th
- For more information on the ASVAB you can go on-line to: www.asvabprogram.com or www.military.com

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