

# College Newsletter

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### Colleges Visiting NDA September/October

- Mercer University
- University of Notre Dame
- Wofford College
- Northwestern University
- Miami of Ohio
- William & Mary College
- Furman University
- Case Western University
- Ga College and State
- University of Georgia
- University of South Carolina
- University of the South: Sewanee

## PSAT/SAT/ACT Dates Coming Up

Test Date	Type of Test	Deadline/late date	Scores 1 <sup>st</sup> Available
October 7	<b>SAT</b>	September 7/September 26	October 13
October 28	<b>ACT</b>	September 22/October 6	November 10
November 4	<b>SAT</b>	October 5/October 24	November 17
December 2	<b>SAT</b>	November 2/November 21	December 15
December 9	<b>ACT</b>	November 3/November 17	December 22

### Juniors...Reminder: SAT/ACT Required for Georgia **Public** Colleges

**If you are thinking about attending a public college in Georgia, you must submit an SAT score. There is a minimum score below. If you do not meet the minimum, you must apply to Ga. Perimeter or Ga. Gwinnett that do not have those minimums. An explanation of the public system policies is below. SAT/ACT- Minimum Requirements for 2024 Entry Students** - some colleges like Columbus State, Ga. Southern, Kennesaw State and Valdosta State are test flexible, which means after a senior applies, they will let you know if your GPA is high enough that you do not need to submit test scores. If the minimum GPA is not met, traditional test score **minimum** requirements listed below are required. **Because UGA and Ga. Tech are very competitive most applicants must far exceed **minimum** scores to be accepted.**

### *Minimum SAT or ACT scores for public colleges in Georgia*

**SAT** 480 Reading: 440 Math / **ACT** 17 English or Reading; 17 Math

**Please Contact Applerouth tutoring for prep help if your first SAT is lower than what you need to be accepted to your preferred college.**

**[www.applerouth.com](http://www.applerouth.com) - [info@applerouth.com](mailto:info@applerouth.com) - 866-789-PREP (7737)**

**Other colleges that are requiring an SAT score with an application are**

1. Private colleges: Georgetown University-DC, MIT
2. Public colleges: in Florida, Auburn\* test flexible (3.6 and cannot take the test), Purdue class of 2024, U of Tenn., Georgia- Ga. Tech/ UGA-other colleges in Georgia will be test flexible (3.0-3.2 /above not required to submit scores) Students submit applications and the college will let you know if you need to submit scores after they have recalculated the GPA.

## College Spotlight: University of California at Berkeley



University of California/Berkeley is one of the most prestigious colleges in the University of California system with an undergraduate student body of 32,000 and an acceptance rate of 15%. Long known for strong majors in computer science, engineering, and business, they have a program that has woven some of those interests together. It is a Management, Entrepreneurship and Technology Program -**Berkeley M.E.T.** that allows students to earn a B.S. in Business AND a B.S. in Engineering in just 4 years – at the top-ranked [Haas School of Business](#) and [College of Engineering](#). This unique integrated program offers a personal cohort experience, internship and career opportunities, and mentorship from industry leaders in Silicon Valley and beyond. Berkeley M.E.T. offers eight academic tracks for freshman applicants:

- [Engineering Undeclared \(EU\) + Business](#)
- [Aerospace Engineering \(AE\) + Business](#)
- [Bioengineering \(BioE\) + Business](#)
- [Civil Engineering \(CE\) + Business](#)
- [Electrical Engineering & Computer Sciences \(EECS\) + Business](#)
- [Industrial Engineering & Operations Research \(IEOR\) + Business](#)
- [Materials Science & Engineering \(MSE\) + Business](#)
- [Mechanical Engineering \(MechE\) + Business](#)

As part of a small cohort of 50, students form a tight-knit community and benefit from networking with industry executives and proximity to Silicon Valley, with access to hands-on learning and an abundance of career opportunities.

**To learn more about Berkeley M.E.T. go to** View the [virtual brochure](#) + website <https://met.berkeley.edu/> and Register for our upcoming webinars, Wednesday, October 4, 5 - 6 p.m. PST  
[Register here](#)

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### Podcast About College Admissions from the Dean at Dartmouth- *Admissions Beat*

For those who may be new listeners, the mission of *Admissions Beat* is to provide "news you can use" at each step on the pathway to college. **Each Tuesday this fall**, the dean will post a new episode in which he and his guests seek to strike a welcoming, reassuring perspective and set an approach intended to build confidence in prospective applicants. In **the season premiere episode**, posted on Sept. 12, he assesses the college admissions news cycle in recent months and serve up advice for applicants and parents on steering through it. He is joined by **Elena Hicks**, assistant vice provost and dean of admission at **Southern Methodist University**, and **Jacques**

Steinberg, former New York Times journalist and co-author of “The College Conversation: A Practical Companion for Parents to Guide Their Children Along the Path to Higher Education.”



## Financial Aid News

### Going Merry Scholarship System:

[DOWNLOAD FULL LIST \(CSV\)](#) [SEE LIST ON GOING MERRY](#)

- Going Merry is a free scholarship and financial aid resource for students, counselors, and (now) parents. We're used by more than 22k counselors and over 1 in 10 college-bound students nationwide.
- Counselors like you get access to amazing lesson plans (like [this one on scholarships & grants](#)) and student handouts via your [Resource Library](#). You can also track your students' scholarship application progress through [your own student dashboard!](#)
- Finally, you and your students get access to our free [FAFSA® Made Easier tool](#) (a better, improved version of the government form).

Parents of high school seniors have a lot to keep up with too! Share this [Parent College Planning checklist](#) to keep them in the loop.

[Going Merry-Parent Facebook Group & Financial Aid Webinar](#)

[Check out FAFSA® Made Easier](#)

- 1 [The Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship](#) Provider: The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation  
Amount: \$20,000  
# of winners: 150
- 2 [Heisman High School Scholarship](#) Provider: The Heisman Trophy Trust  
Amount: \$10,000  
# of winners: 100
- 3 [Golden Door Scholarship](#) Provider: Golden Door Scholars  
Amount: Varies  
# of winners: Varies
- 4 [Nuts, Bolts & Thingamajigs Scholarship - Spring Semester](#) Provider: Nuts, Bolts & Thingamajigs  
Amount: \$1,500  
# of winners: Varies
- 5 [Back to School Scholarship](#) Provider: Proctor and Gamble (P&G)  
Amount: \$10,000  
# of winners: 150
- 6 [Inspection Support Network Skilled Trade and Technology Scholarship - Summer](#) Provider: Inspection Support Network (ISN)  
Amount: \$2,000  
# of winners: 1
- 7 [NSHSS Foundation STEM Scholarship](#) Provider: National Society of High School Scholars  
Amount: \$1,000  
# of winners: 1
- 8 [Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. International High School Essay Contest](#) Provider: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.  
Amount: \$5,000  
# of winners: 4
- 9 [Global Supply Chain and Logistics Industry Scholarship](#) Provider: Finale Inventory  
Amount: \$3,000  
# of winners: 1
- 10 ["No Sweat" Scholarship - Fall](#) Provider: Cirkledin  
Amount: \$2,500  
# of winners: 1

# Class Information from the College Office

## Seniors Class of 2024

1. Deadlines
  - October 15  
Early Action  
for UGA, Ga.  
Tech, UNC  
Chapel Hill.
  - November 1  
and November  
15 for most  
Early Action  
and Early  
Decision  
colleges.
  - All applications  
must be in the  
College Office  
in the NDA  
folder-  
complete a  
week before it  
is due to the  
college...One  
NDA folder  
per college.

**Folder Information to remember...Parents must sign the folder if the senior is not 18. One NDA folder per college.**

2. Senior grades will be sent in a Mid-Year Report in January to all colleges a student applied to.
3. Some colleges require a student to self-report grades. This may be done on the college website or in the Common App. Check with the college to make sure what they want you to do.

## Juniors Class of 2025

1. Complete the **Career Interest Profiler** and the **Personality Inventory both on Naviance under "Self-Discovery"**.  
Then make an appointment with Ms. Woods to go over the results. We will then look at careers, majors and colleges that have those majors.
2. Get ready for the PSAT by working on the Practice tests. There are now practice PSAT NMSQT items in Bluebook. Kahn Academy has items too.
3. Applerouth tutoring has free practice for the PSAT that can help get ready for the test. Google **Applerouth** and register.
4. If you have a job, what qualities are you developing that you are excited about? Are you a marketing genius? An Organizer? A closer?
5. Make some college visits this semester, if possible, to get an idea of the size of college campuses and what it means to be on your own on a big campus.
6. Start listening to the podcast **Admissions Beat**. So many developments happened last year that will affect you in the coming admissions cycle. Topics concerning race-conscious admissions, Artificial Intelligence, and admissions policies related to legacies and testing, are among some hot-button issues discussed.

## Sophomores Class of 2026 /

### Freshmen Class of 2027

1. We have registered all students in grades 9-11 for the digital PSAT.
  2. All students have done some practice questions from the Bluebook app.
  3. Where can you get more practice?
    - a. Kahn Academy
    - b. **Applerouth Tutoring has free PSAT practice sessions.**
  4. Volunteer early so you can get projects done ahead of time. 4 per year is the requirement. Put the volunteer projects in Naviance before you forget them.
    - a. Log into Naviance
    - b. Go to the right top light blue circle and click.
    - c. Find resume.
    - d. Click the red circle with a plus sign on the right side.
    - e. Find volunteer services and click.
    - f. Fill in the necessary information about the service you completed.
- Check ManageBac/Power School to keep up with assignments and grades.