

ADVISEMENT: CLASS OF 2018

November 2, 2017



Today's Agenda

- Discuss ways to send transcripts and applications to colleges
- How to check your HOPE GPA reminder
- How to request letters of recommendation from your counselor and/or teachers.
- Capstone Presentations, Pennies For Paulding, Yearbook Info and The Pulsera Project, brought to you by the Spanish Honors Society.

How to Send a Transcript

- **Transcript requests can be made using one of two ways:**
 - Making an online request through your **MyGAfutures** account for **in-state school** (*more on this in a moment*)
 - Transcripts sent to **out-of-state schools** must be requested by completing a **form** in the Counseling Office. You must have the college's mailing address and a parent signature for the Counseling Office to send your transcript. Stop by to pick up as many forms as you need.
- You can **monitor the progress** of your transcript requests using your GAfutures (if you submitted a request via GAfutures). If sent through the Counseling Office, you can stop by within 2-3 days to check
- **NOTE: HOPE transcripts** are available for all district students within 30 days of the close of each semester after transcript history is posted to district transcripts. The HOPE transcript is accessed through the student's **MyGAfutures account**.

Initial vs. Final Transcript

- When you apply to a college, you will send your **initial transcript**. This will usually include grades through the end of your junior year.
- Some colleges may require that you submit a **mid-year transcript** in January of your senior year in order to see your grades from the first semester of your senior year.
- After graduation, your college will expect you to submit a **final transcript**. This final transcript will include your grades from spring semester of your senior year.
- **Final transcripts** for seniors (early to mid-June) will be sent to **in-state schools** through **GAfutures**. A senior must request the final transcript for in-state schools using his/her MyGAfutures account to request that the final transcript is "fulfilled" by his/her high school.
- **Final transcripts** to be sent to **out-of-state schools** must be requested by submitting a form in the Counseling Office.

Using GAfutures

If you don't know your GAfutures account name or password, please email or stop by to see your counselor. They can provide you with your username, and reset passwords.

Do NOT start a new account if you cannot remember your school-created GAfutures account info.

This will cause you to have duplicate accounts, which can lead to problems in processing your documents.

Sign in to your MyGAfutures account

If you do not know your username or password, please come by the Counseling Office!

GAfutures
Explore. Plan. Succeed.

Create an Account **Sign In** Help ?

Home HOPE & State Aid Programs Federal Aid & Scholarships College Planning Career Exploration Resources About Us My GAfutures

Welcome to GAfutures

Explore. Plan. Succeed.

Welcome to GAfutures
Take a quick tour of Georgia's new resource to help students and their families plan for college.

[Learn more](#)

Welcome to GAfutures
Take a quick tour of Georgia's new resource to help students and their families plan for college.

HOPE Programs
HOPE is Georgia's unique scholarship and...

Scholarship Search
There's more money for your postsecondary...

Start Saving for College Today
It only takes \$25 and 15 minutes to open...

AWARD RECIPIENTS: THEIR STORIES

Zell Miller Grant

Ashley Rodgers earned the Zell Miller Grant at South Georgia Technical College and was the 2016 Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL) program winner.

[Learn more about Ashley and the Zell Miller Grant](#)

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Trending Shortcuts

- GAfutures Quick Guides and FAQs
- 2016-2017 Award Amounts
- Georgia National Guard SCL
- Move On When Ready
- SIWDG Provides High-Demand Careers

College Planning

Click on the College Planning tab. From this tab, you can research schools, complete applications, and make a transcript request.

The screenshot shows the GAfutures website interface. At the top left is the GAfutures logo with the tagline "Explore. Plan. Succeed." To the right are buttons for "Create an Account", "Sign In", and "Help". A search bar is located on the far right. Below the header is a navigation menu with several tabs: Home, HOPE & State Aid Programs, Federal Aid & Scholarships, College Planning (highlighted with a red circle), Career Exploration, Resources, About Us, and My GAfutures. Underneath this menu is a secondary navigation bar with links for College Decision Guide, State of Georgia Colleges, National College Search, Applications and Transcripts, GATRACS, and Path2College 529 Plan. A large blue banner below the navigation reads "College Planning". Below the banner, the breadcrumb "Home / College Planning" is visible. The main content area is titled "COLLEGE PLANNING" and features a list of five featured articles, each with an icon and a right-pointing arrow: "College Decision Guide" (book icon), "State of Georgia Colleges" (map of Georgia icon), "National College Search" (magnifying glass icon), "Applications and Transcripts" (stack of papers icon), and "GATRACS" (graduation cap icon). To the right of the main content is a "NEWS YOU CAN USE" section with "Trending" and "Shortcuts" tabs. The "Trending" tab is active, showing a list of links: "GAfutures Quick Guides and FAQs", "2016-2017 Award Amounts", "Georgia National Guard SOL", "Move On When Ready", "SIWDG Provides High-Demand Careers", "PROBE College Fairs", and "Go Back. Move Ahead.". Below the news section is a "LifeSense" advertisement with a close button (X) and an image of a piggy bank and a lightbulb. The text below the ad reads: "LifeSense is a fun place where students can learn about money and what it".

Requesting Transcripts

Go back to the College Planning tab at the top of GAfutures.

Next, click “Request Your Transcript” tab.

The screenshot shows the GAfutures website interface. At the top left is the GAfutures logo with the tagline "Explore. Plan. Succeed." To the right, there is a user greeting "Welcome David" for "North Paulding High School", along with "Sign Out" and "Help" buttons. A search bar is located on the far right. Below the header is a navigation menu with several tabs: Home, HOPE & State Aid Programs, Federal Aid & Scholarships, College Planning (highlighted with a red circle and labeled "1st"), Career Exploration, Resources, About Us, and My GAfutures. Underneath this menu is a secondary navigation bar with links like "College Decision Guide", "State of Georgia Colleges", "National College Search", "Applications and Transcripts", "GATRACS", and "Path2College 529 Plan". The main content area has a blue header for "Applications and Transcripts". Below this, a breadcrumb trail reads "Home / College Planning / Applications and Transcripts". The main heading is "APPLICATIONS AND TRANSCRIPTS", with a sub-heading "2nd" next to it. A green navigation bar contains three tabs: "College Application Process", "Apply to Colleges", and "Request Your Transcript" (highlighted with a red circle). A "Print" button is visible on the right. The main content area is titled "College Application Process" and contains introductory text about the application process, followed by a list of common questions: "When should I start applying?", "What is a good starting point for this process?", "How many colleges should I apply to?", "Should I apply early?", and "What is the difference between the types of admission?". The section "When should I start applying?" is partially visible at the bottom.

Request Your Transcript

Step #1:
When you click on the previous tab, it will open the "My Transcript" page.

Step #2:
Use the scrolling menu (first gray box) to select up to six (6) schools.

Step #3:
Check the Acknowledge button, and then click on the SEND button at the bottom.

The screenshot shows the GAfutures website interface. At the top left is the GAfutures logo with the tagline "Explore. Plan. Succeed.". To the right, it says "Welcome David" and "North Paulding High School". There are "Sign Out" and "Help" buttons. A search bar is on the far right. Below this is a navigation bar with icons and labels for Home, HOPE & State Aid Programs, Federal Aid Scholarships, College Planning (highlighted in orange), Career Exploration, Resources, About Us, and My GAfutures. A large blue banner below the navigation bar reads "My Transcript".

Under the banner, the section is titled "My Transcript Request" and includes the text "This functionality is available only for the High school students". Below this is a question: "Where would you like to send your transcripts?". This is followed by a scrolling menu (a gray box) with the text "Please select" and a list of schools: Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Agnes Scott College, Albany State University, and others. Below the menu is a text input field with the label "If not displayed, please enter the social security number (no dashes)". At the bottom, there is a checkbox labeled "I acknowledge that I have read and accept the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy of this website and its affiliates including as it relates to my transcripts." and a blue "Send" button.

Red arrows point from the text instructions to the scrolling menu, the acknowledgment checkbox, and the Send button. A red circle highlights the acknowledgment checkbox.

Paper vs. Online Applications

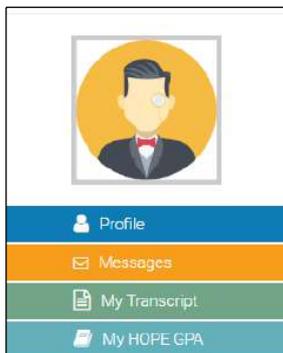
- You can submit most college applications using either a traditional paper application or online.
- If you choose to use a **paper application**, please **allow enough time** for your completed application to arrive prior to the college's deadline.
- All public schools in Georgia (and most private schools in GA) can be applied to **online using your GAfutures** account.
- Check to see if the colleges on your list accept **The Common Application** (www.commonapp.org)—over 400 schools in the U.S. do. Using the Common App to apply to multiple schools with the same application is a time saver, *but pay close attention to the supplemental information that each school requires.*
- Applying **online saves** time, postage, and gets your application directly to your college. You are typically able to track the progress of your application online.

Checking Your HOPE G.P.A.

#1 – Click on the “My GAfutures” tab



#2 – On your “My GAfutures” page, find this menu on the left side of the screen. Click on the “My HOPE GPA” tab.



#3 – Next...

- You may receive a notice that some information is missing from your profile. Typically, you will be informed that your Social Security Number is missing from your profile. Your SSN must be listed in your GAfutures profile if you wish to access your HOPE GPA.
- As a matter of fact, if you have not provided the school with your SSN, we cannot provide it to the GA Student Finance Commission, which will result in you not being eligible to receive HOPE funds.
- If all things are present in your profile, you will be asked to identify your school (NPHS).
- On the following screen, you will see your HOPE GPA and a link to view your HOPE transcript.

Letters of Recommendation

- If you need a **counselor recommendation** for a college application or scholarship, you need to complete a **Senior Profile form**. This form must be completed and returned 10 days before the application deadline (or sooner). It can also be found on the Class of 2018 page at **gonphs.weebly.com**. This is also great to give to teachers whom you are asking to write a letter of recommendation on your behalf.

Other Stuff....

Capstone Presentations

- Attention Seniors in English classes THIS semester: Capstone Presentations will be held the week of November 13-17.
- Individual appointment cards will be given to you through your English teacher soon.
- Please be sure to review all requirements for the Capstone Project and be sure to be on time for your presentation.



Pennies for Paulding **Oct. 31 – Nov. 9**

This annual competition raises funds for Paulding Christmas. Winning class receives biscuits from Big-Uns and tickets to an NPHS basketball game!

Bring in your loose change and currency to donate to this worthy cause! Your “extra” can help a lot of children have a wonderful Christmas.

**Show that WolfPack spirit
and help those in need!**

Yearbook Info

- If you took a Senior Portrait and did not receive a badge, please see Mrs. Paccione in room 1216.
- Submit your baby photos for the yearbook by emailing them to northpaulingyearbook@gmail.com



The Pulsera Project

- \$5.00 per bracelet
- Mrs. Larson's Room #919 – Before or After School
- Funds benefit countless Central Americans with education programs, youth shelters, human rights issues and helps sustain communities.
- <http://www.pulseraproject.org/colortheworld>
- (Advisors – click link to play video)



THANK YOU!

NPBS Counseling Department
“Challenge the Pack!”

