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Counseling Department E Newsletter

We are off to a fabulous start this school year and the positive energy is definitely in the air. The Counseling Department is proud of our students as you strive to do your very best.

Have you met your School Counselor yet? Have you visited the College and Career Center?

This year the school counseling department is serving students utilizing a grade level, looping system. Each year, School counselors will move with student's across grade levels, permitting counselors to serve a cohort of students as they transition through high school.

9th Grade/Lead Counselor -Dr. Blankenship

10th Grade – Ms. Oliver

11th Grade – Ms. Hines

12th Grade – Mr. Young

The School Counseling Department welcome *Ms. Herrington* to our team. She serves as the College Advisor to 11th and 12th graders. She is excited about working with Grady students as they prepare for their future. Ms. Herrington is a recent graduate from the College of Wooster and is located in room C226.

Awards and Recognitions

Shine like a Knight

Dr. Blankenship, Mr. Young and Mr. Vincent were recognized by Administration for going "ABOVE AND BEYOND" for Grady High School Students!

We are so proud of our Counseling Team!



Counseling Department

Upcoming Events



PSAT

The PSAT will be administered at Grady High School on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. The PSAT will be administered to all 10th and 11th grade Grady students free of charge. 9th grade students will have the opportunity to test for \$15.00, which can be paid online under Pays School Fees Online. You may also submit payment to Ms. Hines located in the Counseling Suite.

Please be sure you eat a healthy breakfast and arrive to school before 8:30 A.M. Students will need a number 2 pencil and may use an approved calculator for the math portion. Approved calculators are four-function, scientific, and graphing calculators.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
10/01/15	Freshman Focus Parent Roundtable	9am	Cafeteria
10/02/15	FAMU College Tour (11 th & 12 th Grade)	10:30am	Douglass High School
10/07/15	Gates Scholarship Presentation (12 th Grade)	Advisement	Murray Theater
10/14/15	PSAT (Selected 9 th , 10 th & 11 th Grade)	Advisement	School-wide
10/21/15	Georgia State University (12 th Grade)	Advisement	Murray Theater
10/28/15	AP/Advanced Courses Information	(see Mr. Vincent for further details)	
11/11/15	Gates Scholarship Presentation	Advisement	Murray Theater
12/02/15	Financial Aid Information presentation	6pm	Cafeteria
01/27/15	Financial Aid Information presentation	6pm	Cafeteria

ACT Dates

Dec 12, 2015 Register by Nov 6

Feb 6, 2016 Register by Jan 8

April 9, 2016 Register by March 4

June 11, 2016 Register by May 6

Register online: <https://actstudent.org/register/>

SAT Dates

Nov 7, 2015 Register by Oct 9

Dec 5, 2015 Register by Nov 5

Jan 23, 2016 Register by Dec 28

Mar 5, 2016 Register by Feb 5 (Begins newly designed exam) May 7, 2016 Register by April 8 June 4, 2016 Register by

May 5 Register online: <https://sat.collegeboard.org/register/>



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Attention Grady Students

Are you interested in helping to create a welcoming environment for all students? Are you interested in helping us foster a culture of respect and create a safe, bully-free learning environment for all students at all grade levels? If so ***No Place for Hate Club*** is just for you!

We are seeking members' 9th-12th grade.

Interested students may see Dr. Blankenship or Ms. Hines in the counselor's office to sign up or receive more information.

DO YOU TWEET?

HOW TWITTER CAN HELP WITH THE COLLEGE PROCESS

Did you know that Twitter can actually be a huge help when it comes to searching for colleges, applying for admission, and searching for scholarships? Keeping up with current trends, your school counseling department (along with the help of US News & World Report) has compiled a list of some great Twitter handles for you to follow.

- @College Board - College Board is the publisher of the SAT, SAT Subject Test, AP Exams and the PSAT. Their Twitter account offers college advice, answers to your questions, and stories from real students.
- @SATQuestion - Get helpful SAT Question of the Day information and links.
- @USNewsEducation - From choosing the right school to finding a job after college, US News tweets helpful articles about various topics that every college bound student should check out.
- @FAFSA-This is the official account of Federal Student Aid, the U.S. government's financial-aid arm. Along with its new studentaid.gov website, this is an absolutely an essential resource for college funding basics.
- @givingpoint - This is where you can discover your social passion, build your volunteer resume and log your volunteer hours



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