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Bulloch County Schools host college events

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BULLOCH CO., GA (WTOC) - Gov. Nathan Deal has proclaimed November as Georgia Apply to College Month and Statesboro High School and Southeast Bulloch High School are two of more than 100 sites statewide that will host Georgia Apply to College events for their graduating seniors.

These events provide students with a helpful, hands-on environment to apply online to college.

The SEBHS GAC is Nov. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and SHS's is Nov. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Last year more than 19,000 Georgia students applied online to college during these events.

Students at both schools will have access to Internet-enabled computer lab where they can navigate the college application process using GAcollge411.org.

"We'll be set up in our media center, and representatives from Georgia Southern University (GSU), Armstrong Atlantic University (AAU), East Georgia College (EGC), South Georgia College, and Ogeechee Technical College (OTC) will be here," said SHS Counselor Brian Thomas, Statesboro's GAC site coordinator.

Though not a GAC site, Portal Middle High School does provide post-secondary planning opportunities for its graduating class. "We only have 50 seniors this year, so I'm able to provide workshops at school during classes," said PMHS Counselor Joe Bettinger.

So far this year he's presented two, *Financial Aid 101* and *Post-Secondary Options Planning*, and a third for parents and students is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, at 6:30 p.m., at the school.

Georgia Apply to College is part of the American Council on Education's national initiative to increase the number of students accessing postsecondary education.

It is sponsored by the Georgia Department of Education, the Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges, the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the Technical College System of Georgia, the University System of Georgia, and Communities in Schools.

To prepare in advance for this event, participating seniors can do the following:

-Go to gacollege411.org and create a FREE account. If you already have an account, go to the site and log in to ensure that you know your username and password.

-Research colleges on the [gacollege411](http://gacollege411.org) website.

-Prepare a list of one to three colleges to which you are interested in applying and note if they are offering free online applications.

-Students are encouraged to take advantage of other fee waivers for which they may qualify, such as the College Board or ACT fee waiver. Students should check with their college of interest to determine which forms of fee waivers are accepted and the process for applying and using a fee waiver.

-If you have taken either the SAT or the ACT and used a test fee waiver, you are eligible for college application fee waivers. Please make time to meet with your counselor prior to the GAC events to discuss any questions regarding the fee waiver process.

For more information about the event, contact Brian Thomas at SHS (912-212-8860, bthomas@bulloch.k12.ga.us) or Katherine Wellman at SEBHS (912-842-8440, kwellman@bulloch.k12.ga.us)

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