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## GAC program offers help to students applying to college

Once again, LCHS has been selected to participate in the annual "Georgia Apply to College (GAC)" program.

The event will be held Tuesday, November 12, from 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. in Computer Lab 401 at the high school.

During this time, high school seniors will have the opportunity to complete and submit online applications to the Georgia colleges of their choice.

Representatives of the Georgia Student Finance Commission and various college and financial aid and admissions offices as well as local volunteers will be on hand to provide assistance to students as they navigate the college application process using the GAcollge411 website ([www.GAcollge411.org](http://www.GAcollge411.org)).

The goal is for each student to successfully complete at least one college admission application using the website.

GAcollge411 is a free one-stop website that helps students plan, apply, and pay for college. It is a valuable resource for application and financial aid information for the public and private colleges and universities in Georgia.

The site also offers a number of tools that students may utilize to perform tasks such as tracking their progress through high school, taking online test preparation courses, researching high demand careers, and developing an online portfolio and resume.

As far as the students are concerned, each senior is asked to take the following items with him to school on November 12:

- (1) His GACollege411 account login information.
- (2) A list of schools to which he would like to apply.
- (3) Information that will be needed to complete the application form. For example, a list of the classes he is taking his senior year, a list of SAT/ACT test dates and/or scores, and tuition classification information.
- (4) Completed essays, saved on a disc or jump drive, if required.
- (5) A method by which to pay the application fee, if required. It is also possible for the student to save the application and submit it with the payment when he gets home that evening.

The school will host a financial aid workshop in February of 2014.

“We encourage all of our collegebound seniors to take advantage of this unique opportunity next Tuesday,” said Ellen Butler, guidance counselor at LCHS.

“College applications can sometimes be confusing and even overwhelming. Having all of these resources available in one place at one time will take a lot of the anxiety out of the application process.”

More information about the Georgia Apply to College program can be found online at [www.usg.edu/apply-to-college](http://www.usg.edu/apply-to-college).

For additional details about the GAC event at LCHS, contact Ellen Butler at 706-359-3121 or [ebutler@lcboe.us](mailto:ebutler@lcboe.us).

The initiative is being sponsored by Communities in Schools, the Georgia Department of Education, the Georgia Independent College Association, the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the Technical College System of Georgia, and the University System of Georgia.

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