

Senior Night 2025

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Briarwood Academy



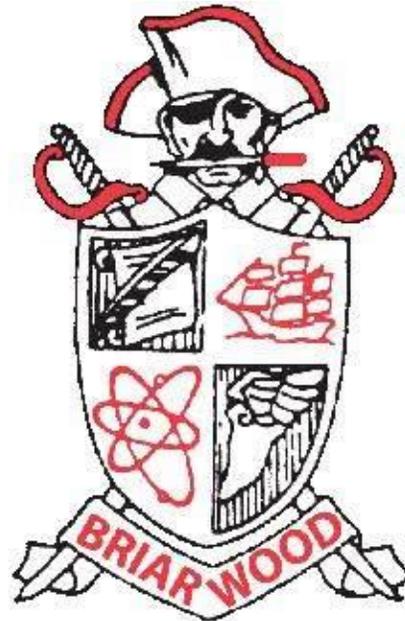


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Senior Year!!!

Agenda for the Meeting

- ▶ Welcome
- ▶ Senior Year Expectations – Overview of Calendar
- ▶ What is Your Next Step after Graduation?
- ▶ Careers and Preparation Requirements
- ▶ Colleges and Universities
- ▶ Entrance Requirements
- ▶ Application Procedures
- ▶ Sports in College
- ▶ Paying for College
- ▶ Closing
- ▶ Q and A



Senior Year Expectations

- ▶ Maintain grades and extracurricular activities.
- ▶ Take entrance tests for the next step.
- ▶ Be vigilant and careful about deadlines.
- ▶ The details are your friends!
- ▶ Join a club or an organization. Being involved in school enhances your enjoyment of school.
- ▶ Take time to have fun and make great memories – it's your senior year!



What is Your Next Step after Graduation?

- ▶ Ask yourself some questions (you have probably done this already).
 - ▶ How do you want to spend your working life?
 - ▶ Do you want to work inside or outside, or a little bit of both?
 - ▶ Do you want to interact with other people, or would you rather work alone?
 - ▶ Take time to picture yourself working in 10 years when you are 27 or 28. What does that look like?
 - ▶ Does the career path you are considering match your vision?

Careers and Preparation Requirements

- ▶ Jobs that lead to Careers – some students enter the workforce after high school graduation. These students may be offered advancement opportunities as they work for the business/company.
- ▶ Military Career – students sit for the ASVAB, a “placement” test for military branches and careers.
- ▶ Trades – students may attend a technical college such as Augusta Technical College or take classes through a union and complete apprenticeship hours. In order to obtain licensure, students will sit for a certification test at the end of their coursework or apprenticeship.
- ▶ Many Careers – there is a wide variety of careers that require an associates, bachelors or graduate degree. The level of the career depends on the completed degree. For example, a certified teacher is required to earn a bachelors degree. A principal, counselor or superintendent is required to earn a graduate degree – at a minimum, a masters degree.

Colleges and Universities

▶ Trade Schools and Technical Colleges

- ▶ Both types of schools provide hands-on training for specific careers.
- ▶ Both types of schools offer short-term programs that lead to a certificate or diploma.
- ▶ Technical Colleges may require an entrance exam such as the COMPASS or Accuplacer.
- ▶ Technical colleges may also offer degree-level courses that can transfer to a four-year college or university.



Colleges and Universities

- ▶ Two – Year Colleges/Community Colleges/Junior Colleges
- ▶ These schools are institutions of higher learning that offer associate degrees.
- ▶ Many of these schools have less stringent entrance requirements.
- ▶ They tend to be less expensive than four-year colleges and universities.
- ▶ The classes taken at these colleges may transfer to a four-year institution.
- ▶ Some colleges in this category have sports programs, which open opportunities for students to participate in intercollegiate sports.



Colleges and Universities

- ▶ **Four-Year Colleges and Universities**
- ▶ The differences between colleges and universities are that universities are usually larger in scope and size, offer graduate programs and often have a strong emphasis on research while colleges tend to focus on undergraduate education and do not have the research requirements for faculty.
- ▶ Times are changing, but historically, these institutions require entrance exams (SAT or ACT), certain academic requirements, and a variety of application requirements.
- ▶ It is imperative to read the requirements and follow the application directions exactly. If in doubt, call the admissions counselor and ask!

Sports in College



- ▶ There are two associations that work with colleges. In order to participate in sports, students must be cleared by the college's association.
- ▶ NAIA is the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics
 - ▶ Focuses on smaller colleges
 - ▶ Does not have divisions
 - ▶ Does offer scholarships
- ▶ NCAA is the National Collegiate Athletic Association
 - ▶ Broader focus
 - ▶ Has 3 divisions (D3 schools do not offer scholarships)
 - ▶ D1 and D2 colleges offer scholarships



Paying for College



- ▶ Complete the FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- ▶ Colleges process federal aid, scholarships, grants, loans, etc. through the FAFSA. The financial aid office at each college can assist students with questions.
- ▶ Bills are paid through the Bursar's office.
- ▶ The HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships only cover tuition and may be used only in Georgia. There is money that can be applied to private schools in GA.

Closing Remarks

- ▶ It is going to be a great year!
- ▶ It will go by very quickly – soak it up!
- ▶ Individual Meetings with Seniors

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