

SENIOR NEWSLETTER

Let's Titan Up!

Digital Citizenship

Important Dates

March 12 - ACT Registration
Deadline

March 15 -19 - Spring Break

April 1 - 60% Day

April 2 - Good Friday

April 5 - Distance Learning Day

Class Day

More information will be forthcoming; however, please keep the following dress code in mind as you prepare:

Young Ladies: Black dress with black shoes. Dresses can be sleeveless or short sleeve but no halters and should be an appropriate length.

Young Men: Black slacks, white button down shirt, tie, socks and dress shoes.

RHS Graduation

The 2021 Ridgeland High School Graduation Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 22nd, at 2:30 p.m. at the Mississippi Coliseum (1207 Mississippi St., Jackson, MS).



As an upcoming graduate of Ridgeland High School, if you haven't cleaned up your social media pages/sites, now is a great time to do so. More often than not, colleges and various organizations will review your social media pages and/or email addresses when determining who they want to offer a scholarship. Believe it or not, one can determine a lot about a person solely based on their social media pages. The following are dos and don'ts to consider when cleaning up your social media.

Do

-Represent yourself in a positive light

-Use an appropriate email address (i.e., your name)

-Know that everything can be traced back to you (i.e., texts and pictures)

Don't

-Post anything be tagged in anything you wouldn't want in a news headline (words or pictures)

-Post anything illegal or incriminating



College Checklist for March

___ Submit college applications for admission, housing, financial aid and immunization forms.

___ Submit your FAFSA Application, if you haven't done so already.

___ Contact Get2College for assistance completing the FAFSA (see more information below).

___ Don't forget to fill out your MTAG/MESG application online.

___ Complete all scholarship applications. Confer with admissions counselors from your college of choice for any scholarships in which you may be eligible. **WATCH DEADLINES!**

___ Make a commitment to work hard on pulling up your grades and being at school for every class every day. You can not pass and/or graduate if you are not at school and giving your best effort!

-Assume others can't see your profiles because they are private

Financial Aid

College is expensive, but there are several avenues of financial aid available. Many financial aid programs require your family to complete the FAFSA to determine financial need. The information that you provide on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will become the basis for eligibility for several programs, including those sponsored by the federal government. Below is a list of various financial aid options.

Scholarships may be based on financial need or merit such as academics, leadership, music, athletics, etc. Scholarships do not have to be repaid.

Pell Grants are based on financial need and are not repaid. The FAFSA results determine your eligibility for pell grants.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) is money that is not repaid.

Federal Work Study Program provides part-time jobs to students to help them pay for their education.

Federal Perkins Loans is a low interest loan for students with exceptional financial need.

Federal Family Education Loans, Direct Loans, Stafford Loans, and PLUS Loans are loans that can be used for educational expenses.

****Remember that loans require repayment of the money over a period of time. Therefore, try to fund as much of your education as possible with grants, scholarships, or work study before you take out a loan!!!**

Student Aid Report

Completing the FAFSA is only the first step in the financial aid process. Once you submit the FAFSA, you will receive results on a form called the Student Aid Report or SAR. You will be asked to review all information on the SAR and provide any additional information or make any necessary corrections. Your family information will be entered into a formula to determine your EFC or your Expected Family Contribution. The EFC represents the amount of money the government expects your family to contribute towards your education. This amount is compared to the cost of the respective colleges you have listed on the FAFSA.

If you have special financial circumstances in your life that would affect your application, such as disruption of the family unit or a financial setback caused by a parent's loss of a job, please share the information with your financial aid officer. If there is ever a change in your situation after you've completed the FAFSA, please make sure you update your college's financial aid officer. Are you feeling panicked because you did not receive any of the types of financial aid listed above and you don't know how you will be able to pay for college? There are other options for you to explore:

Graduation Cap & Gown Order

If you have not ordered your cap and gown from Herff Jones, please do so as soon as possible! Contact them at 601-898-7883 to place your order. If your order is not placed before Spring Break, a late fee is applied to your order.

Get2College

FAFSA Completion options for Spring: Get2College is now offering three options for you!

1. **FAFSA FRIDAYS!** New and easier for you to manage! We are now hosting **virtual** FAFSA FRIDAYS, and we hope you will participate. Click the following link to sign up for appointments. <https://get2college.org/fafsa-friday> FAFSA FRIDAYS continue through Friday, March 26. Students must click the link to sign up in order to receive the Zoom information.
2. **Evening Appointments!** Get2College is offering select dates with evening appointments. Sign up at <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/967011594736620080/false#/invitation>.
3. **Appointments Monday – Thursday** with some extended hours. Students can visit <https://bookget2college.timetap.com/>.

