ATTENTION ALL 9TH, 10TH, AND 11TH GRADE STUDENTS!!! DUAL-ENROLLMENT/AP INFORMATION NIGHT Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at 6:30 PM Grady High School's Theater

NOTE: <u>The AP Online Application link will go "live" at 12:01 AM Thursday, November 2, 2017.</u> <u>Paper Applications will be located in the Cafeteria near the College Counselors' Office</u> <u>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017.</u>

DUAL-ENROLLMENT/AP INFORMATION NIGHT

We encourage all interested students and parents to attend <u>Dual-Enrollment/AP Information Night Wednesday</u>, <u>November 1, 2017, at 6:30pm in the theater</u>. You will have a chance to visit each AP teacher, speak with AP students, see artifacts and lessons from AP courses and learn everything there is to know about Grady's award-winning AP program. Also, you will have a chance to talk to teachers and students about the AP Capstone Diploma Program and its two courses: Seminar and Research. In addition, <u>all students in grades 9-11</u> will have a chance to speak with guidance counselors and get all of your questions answered about college credit opportunities via dual-enrollment programs.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

College-bound students should plan on taking at least one Dual-Enrollment course and/or Advanced-Placement (AP) course before they graduate. Grady offers AP courses in a variety of subjects including Art, Seminar, Research, Music Theory, Economics, US History, European History, World History, Psychology, Comparative Government, Government & Politics, English Literature, English Language, Calculus, Statistics, French, Latin, Spanish, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Computer Science Principles, Computer Science A and Physics. Not all courses are offered at all grade levels, and space is limited by the availability of teachers and classroom space, which makes placement in AP courses competitive.

A Summary of the Minimum Qualifications for AP will be distributed to students during the week beginning October 16, 2017. To be eligible for AP in the 2018-19 school year, a student must submit an AP Application online (via the Grady website) or via hardcopy no later than Friday, December 15, 2017. We will also have AP information in the AP CORNER on Grady's website at <u>http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Domain/3087</u>, along with the complete AP Guide, which contains detailed descriptions of each AP course.

A well-qualified AP student must:

- Read, understand and interpret college-level information.
- Use and apply critical thinking skills to solve problems.
- Apply good written and oral communication skills.
- Demonstrate success in meeting the demands of rigorous coursework.
- Demonstrate good attendance (no more than 6 absences per semester).

Student Requirements for All AP Courses:

- Fulfill the requirements of the course as outlined in the syllabus.
- Diligently prepare for the AP examination throughout the year.
- Maintain an unweighted* grade of at least 71%.
- Maintain a high level of academic integrity.
- Demonstrate good attendance.

*Ten Percent (10%) of the student's final unweighted grade will be based upon the fulfillment of the requirements above.

AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA PROGRAM

CURRENT 9th Graders & Parents – You will have a chance to meet our present AP Capstone teachers at DUAL-ENROLLMENT/AP INFORMATION NIGHT.

What Is AP Capstone?

AP Capstone[™] is a College Board program that equips students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills that are increasingly valued by colleges. It cultivates curious, independent, and collaborative scholars and prepares them to make logical, evidence-based decisions. Students typically take AP Seminar in grade 10, followed by AP Research in the 11th or 12th grade. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing receive the AP Capstone Diploma[™]. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research but not on four additional AP Exams receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate[™].

If you want to apply for the AP Capstone Diploma Program, you will have to write a 300-word (this is the maximum) statement wherein you briefly describe yourself and your interests AND explain why you are a great candidate for the AP Capstone Program. You will write this statement on the AP online application link that will open 11/2/2017. There will also be a space to write it on the paper application for those who wish to apply via hard copy.

DUAL-ENROLLMENT/COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAMS (GENERALLY REFERRED TO AS "MOVE ON WHEN READY (MOWR)"

- Dual enrollment/MOWR provides opportunities for Georgia high school students to earn college credit while enrolled jointly at Henry Grady High School and any GA College or University. Once accepted, students take advantage of a split schedule (half day Grady/half day College).
- All students are subject to the admissions requirements as set for by the respective college to which they seek acceptance.
- Students accepted into a dual enrollment program enjoy the same privileges and opportunities as those enrolled as a college freshman.
- Course tuition and Hope-eligible fees are paid by ACCEL for students accepted into the program, provided they meet Georgia residency requirements, are U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals, or have permanent resident alien status.

Grady offers three (3) dual-enrollment options:

- <u>On-site dual enrollment/MOWR (on Grady's campus)</u>: The Renaissance Dual Enrollment Program is located on Grady's campus so that students never have to leave our campus to attend their college classes. This is a partnership with Atlanta Metropolitan State College whereby the college's instructional staff facilitates classes on Grady's campus. Contact Mr. Young at <u>404-802-3019</u> or Ljyoung@atlanta.k12.ga.us for more information about the Renaissance Program at Grady High School.
- <u>Off-site dual enrollment (on a college or university campus)</u>: The traditional dual enrollment MOWR program allows students to take advantage of a split schedule and attend **Grady for half the day or a full day**. Students then **leave campus and attend a college/university** for the other half of the day or the whole day. Whether the student attends the college for a half or full day, s/he is still bound by the requirements as established by Grady High School and the Atlanta Public School System. Contact your **guidance counselor** assigned counselor if you are interested in the off-site dual enrollment/MOWR program.
- <u>Career Academy Vocational-Tech (off-site) enrollment:</u> This is a partnership with Atlanta Technical College (ATC) whereby students attend Grady for half of the day in the morning, then travel to ATC's campus for the afternoon. Transportation is provided. Students have the opportunity to engage in technical courses while earning college credit at this technical college. Contact your **guidance courselor** if you are interested in the Career Academy at ATC.

Contact the following persons if you need additional information:

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