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Mission Statement: The Georgia Academy for the Blind will provide quality education services to Georgia's students with visual impairments and/or visual impairments in conjunction with other disabilities to prepare them to achieve their highest level of independence in transition to college and career readiness.

Success! Nothing Less!

May 23: Social Science Fair, 10 a.m., Media Center

May 24: Middle and High School Quiz Bowl, 9 a.m., Auditorium
Talent Show, 11 a.m., Auditorium

May 25: Awards Ceremony, 10 a.m., Auditorium
Spring Festival, 11:30-2, Gym

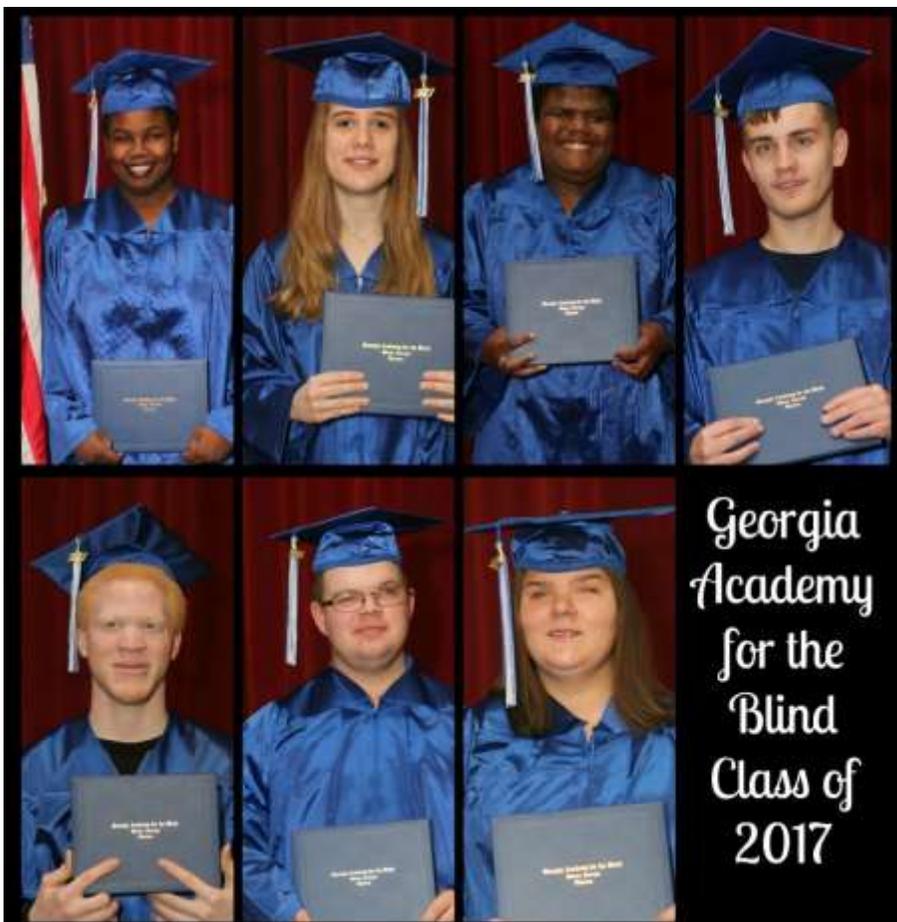
May 26: Last day of school

DEADLINE for GAB Summer Program Registration
Graduation, 11 a.m., Auditorium

Countdown to Summer Break

5

More days!



*Please join
the Graduating Class,
Superintendent, Faculty and Staff
of
Georgia Academy for the Blind,
our speaker,
Mr. Brian Oglesbee
and
distinguished guests from the
Georgia Department of Education
for our
Graduation Ceremony*

11 am

Friday, May 26, 2017

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Character Education

Word of the quarter: **Accomplishment**: Appreciation for attaining one's goals.

The greatest accomplishment is not in never failing, but in rising again after you fall.
~ Vince Lombardi



happy birthday

Tyzie ~ May 19

Heidei ~ May 20

Adam ~ May 21

Austin ~ May 24



Mr. Jimmy Turner, a friend of our community, donated a **Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV)** to our school last week. He is pictured here with two of our students who expressed their gratitude to him.

This week in pictures:



Mrs. Barfield's students working math problems in shaving cream!



On Thursday, our **Book Buddies** (High School students who read with elementary students) enjoyed a special snack in the Meida Center as GAB's way to say thanks!

On Thursday, we had a **Sports Banquet** to recognize our **GAB Athletes** in **Goalball, Cheerleading, Mascot, Wrestling, and Track and Field**. A good meal and a good time was enjoyed by all.



Our art teacher, Mrs. Applebee loves to **pair patron and artist**. The students live for a sale and the quality of their work improves when they see it as a possibility! Pictured here is (left) GAB parent, Randy Thomas, purchasing a Pointillism art of the Hendricks Building from student DaQuan Brown and (right) GAB Parent Mentor, Sonya Milam purchasing a ceramic lantern from student Reggie Evans. To learn of art that is available for sale, email Mrs. Applebee, kapplebee@doe.k12.ga.us



GAB Summer Program Registration is Still Open!

June 11-16, 2017

arrive 4:00 pm on Sunday and leave at 2:00 pm on Friday

Ages 12-21

(All applications subject to approval) **Application Deadline: May 26, 2017**

Applications have been sent home or you can request one from Mrs. Day,
mday@doe.k12.ga.us



ANNOUNCING: The Georgia Lions Club Leadership Program!

Students ages 16-19

June 5 - July 16, 2017

5626 Laura Walker Road, Waycross GA 31503

This exciting 6-week summer program is designed to prepare students to reach their personal, academic, and professional goals as they transition to adulthood. The Leadership Program empowers blind youth as they learn the alternative techniques of blindness and develop the self-confidence to become successful adults.

Classes include Braille reading and writing, independent cane travel, adaptive technology, career exploration, and home management. Students also participate in regularly-scheduled discussion groups designed to build confidence and learn from blind peers and adults. Instructors serve as successful and positive role models. Students begin to learn to live independently while still in a supportive environment. Students develop problem-solving skills needed to take care of themselves and determine their own future.

In July, students and instructors will travel together to Orlando Florida to attend the week-long National Federation of the Blind 2017 National Convention. During the convention, students will join hundreds of other high school and college students from around the country to attend the National Association of Blind Students meeting. Students will also attend other meetings and seminars, learn about new ground-breaking technology, and get involved in social and recreational activities. This annual convention is packed full of great learning opportunities and fun experiences.

ON WEDNESDAY, INTERESTED STUDENTS WERE GIVEN AN APPLICATION TO TAKE HOME

ONLY 9 SLOTS ARE AVAILABLE TO GAB STUDENTS

DEADLINE INCLUDING IS MAY 25

a \$45 fee will be collected after application is processed and student is accepted into program

For more information about this Leadership Program, contact Director Garrick Scott at:
LionsLeadershipProgram@gmail.com



Family Engagement News!

High school parents! We are in the process of sending home proposed classes for next year that your student will need for high school credits. Please make sure to ask your student if they have received, discuss with your student, sign and return to Mrs. Stephanie Knight. Contact her if you have any questions. sknight@doe.k12.ga.us, 478-751-6083 ext. 1290



Did you know? This year's elementary field trips have been partially funded by the money we receive in participating in the **General Mills Box Top** program? Please continue to save these and help get 2017-18 to a great start! You can send them in with your student or drop them by the Family Resource Room when you are on campus. Our coordinator for this is elementary teacher Sylvia Layson, slayson@doe.k12.ga.us. For products that participate in this fabulous program go to: http://www.gabmacon.org/files/_EGBdS_/82b3641074067f1d3745a49013852ec4/BoxTopsParticipating-Products-Flyer_mar2015.pdf

Reminder of two remaining (and we promise quick and easy) surveys



Please help!

1.

If you didn't complete a survey after your child's IEP this year, please do so now. If you can't remember if you did or not, go ahead and do anyway.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSev_rHWZoH0VaN0nZPRPtLHUqErF3iOinMruc4kUASOKeLaKQ/viewform **Deadline is May 31!**

2. The Georgia Academy for the Blind is in the process of gathering information for the new 3-year technology plan. This plan needs feedback from GAB's various stakeholder groups: students, **parents**, teachers, and administrators. We ask that you please take 5 minutes and complete the following survey. Only one survey per family needs to be completed. Thank you for your participation.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/63Y53CZ>



Building Skills for Social Success

a free webinar for parents to help their students in this important ECC and life skill!

Wednesday, May 24: noon to 1 pm. ET

Presented by:

Jeff Migliozi, *Secondary Program teacher, Perkins School for the Blind*

To register, go to: http://www.perkins.org/get-involved/events/learning-with-blindness-may?utm_campaign=social%20skills&utm_source=marketing&utm_medium=email

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