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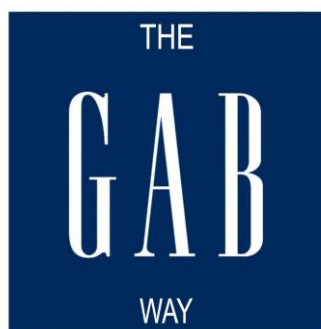


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Blind - GAB



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Mission Statement: The Georgia Academy for the Blind provides 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. *Check out this student produced video featuring this Mission Statement:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRrbhkGSe98>



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Don't miss out on
important announcements
from our Parent Mentor.

Text your student's name
and your name to 478-262-
3303 and you will be
subscribed to *Family
Engagement @ GAB*.

Mark Your Calendars

*just added

September 2: Labor Day Holiday

September 8-14 Housekeepers' Appreciation Week

September 27-October 4: Space Camp, Huntsville, AL for *pre-selected eligible high school students. Families will be contacted.*

*September 28: Discovering the Future workshop at GAB for families of our young adult students with additional disabilities. *See page 2 for more details.*

October 3-5 Camp Courage (Helen Keller Family Camp), Tuscumbia, AL for *students ages 9-12 AND their parents/guardians. See page 3 for more details.*

October 10-12 APH Insite Art Show AND recognition of Mrs. Applebee as America's Teacher of the Visually Impaired, Louisville Ky. *For pre-selected eligible students. Families will be contacted.*

October 14-18: Fall Break. GVEST for our teachers. *Family members may attend. Registration information is forthcoming.*

November 25-29: Thanksgiving Holidays

December 19: Annual Winter Music Program, Art Show and Family Meetings

December 20-January 3: Winter Holidays

January 20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

This newsletter is published by our Parent Mentor/Family Engagement Specialist, Jennifer Minter. Please send your ideas, news and resources in your community to her. JMinter@doe.k12.ga.us, 478-262-3303 **Please remember to contact her if you've had a change in address, phone number and/or email!**

August Birthdays



Kaden: August 2

Devin: August 2

Logan: August 3

MJ: August 5

Marquan: August 6

Josie: August 25

De'Zereion: August 29

Jesse M. August 30



Box Tops News! Box Tops are getting a high-tech upgrade. You may get the App form iTunes and Google Play. Learn more here:

<https://www.today.com/parents/there-s-whole-new-way-collect-box-tops-education-t159507>

Despite the change, the original Box Tops aren't quite obsolete yet. You can still send in your Box Tops and our student workers will do the rest!



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Discovering the Future

An Action-Planning Workshop for Parents/Caregivers of Young Adults with Vision and/or Hearing Loss and Additional Disabilities

Are you concerned about what your child will do after high school?

Young adults with vision and/or hearing loss and additional disabilities often require more assistance and time in planning for what they will do after high school. This workshop helps prepare families to take an active role in planning for their young adult child's future- with activities that are ***purposeful, meaningful, and enjoyable.***

During the workshop, Parents/Caregivers will:

- begin to imagine what a successful future for their child looks like
- discover tools to help their family work together to imagine and implement that future
- become aware of state resources and how to access them
- create a plan of next steps: What do you need to learn? What supports do you need?

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Saturday, September 28, 2019

10am to 3pm *registration is open 9:00-9:45am; workshop begins promptly at 10:00am*

Box Lunches will be provided! Register online at <https://gsap.wufoo.com/forms/discovering-the-future/>

Deadline is September 13!

For questions or more information, contact:

- Carol Darrah, Georgia Sensory Assistance Project Coordinator, cdarrah@uga.edu 706-542-2433
- Jennifer Minter, Georgia Academy for the Blind Parent Mentor, jminter@doe.k12.ga.us 478-751-6083 x1140

If parents/caregivers need to bring their young adult child, we have arranged for GAB staff to provide care and activities for the young adults while their families participate in the workshop. These arrangements must be made by 9/13/19 so that we can plan accordingly.



October 3-5, 2019
Ivy Green – Birthplace of Helen Keller
Tuscumbia, Alabama

At least one parent/guardian must attend, stay with their child in the hotel that is provided and participate in all of the night time and some of the day time activities. Contact Jennifer Minter for the application jminter@doe.k12.ga.us, 478-751-6083 x1140.

Applications DUE September 10!

This Week in Pictures

Below: Our pool has been an added bonus to offer GAB students another place to hold PE, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy. This week our OT, Allison Hawkins, used the pool for an added sensory experience while working with students.



Below: We enjoyed a visit from alumni, Mr. Scott Polk, class of 1981 shown here with Mrs. Jones and Mr. Reynolds.

