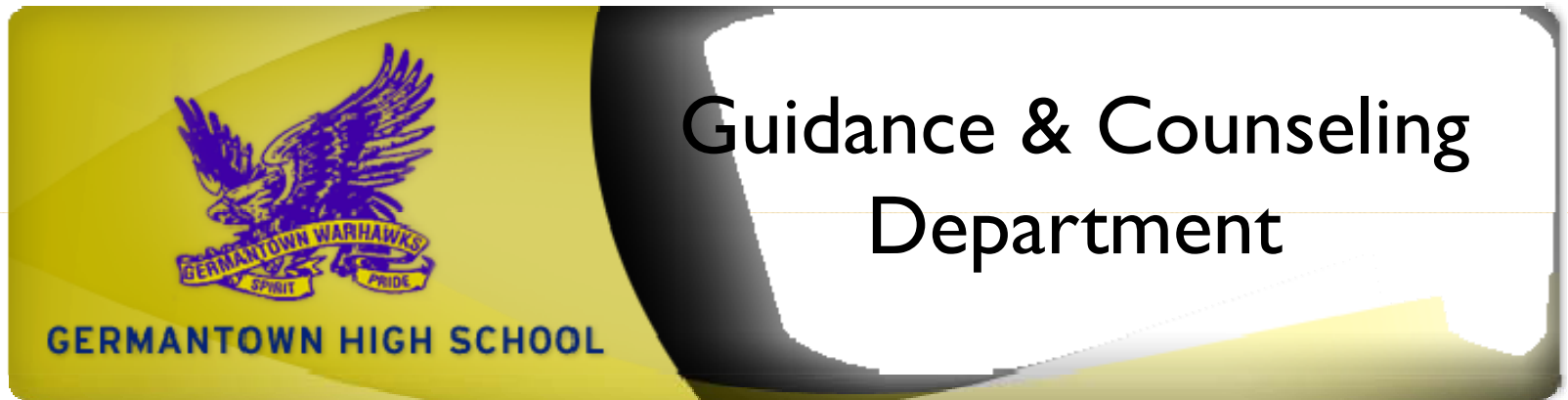


Postsecondary Planning During Your Senior Year



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Mrs. Bast (S-Z)



Finishing High School



Graduation Requirements Class of 2011

23 credits are needed to graduate from GHS:

- ✓ English – 4 Credits
- ✓ Mathematics – 3 Credits
- ✓ Science – 3 Credits
- ✓ Social Studies – 3 Credits
- ✓ Health – 0.5 Credit
- ✓ Physical Education – 1.5 Credits
- ✓ Electives – 8 Credits



Graduation Requirements Class of 2011



If you do not know how many credits you have or are unsure if you will have enough to graduate, make an appointment to see your counselor!!!!



What Should I Do After High School?



Postsecondary Options

- Work
- Military
- Apprenticeship
- Special Programs
- Technical School
- 2- or 4-Year College/University





How Do I Get There?



✓ Consider some sort of postsecondary education or training

Average Lifetime Earnings:

US Census Bureau

\$609,000

Age 18-65 = 47 work years

No high school diploma

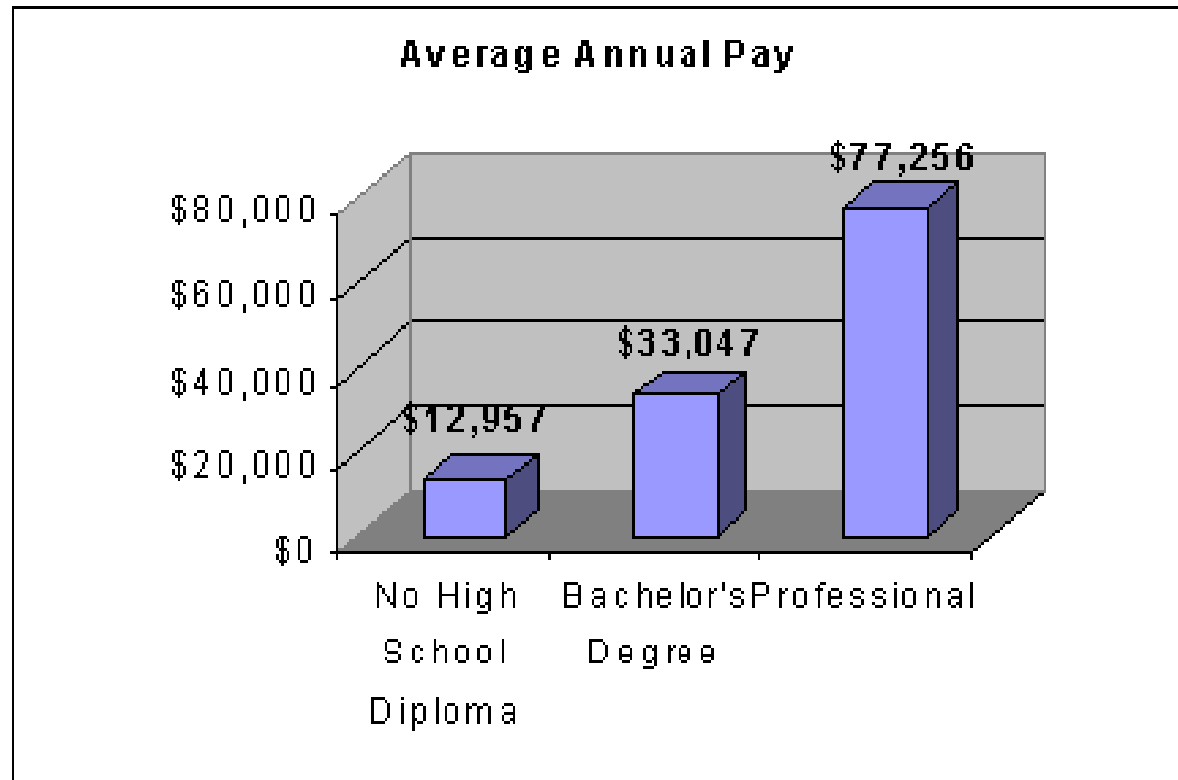
\$1,421,000

Age 22-65 = 43 work years Bachelor's degree

\$3,013,000

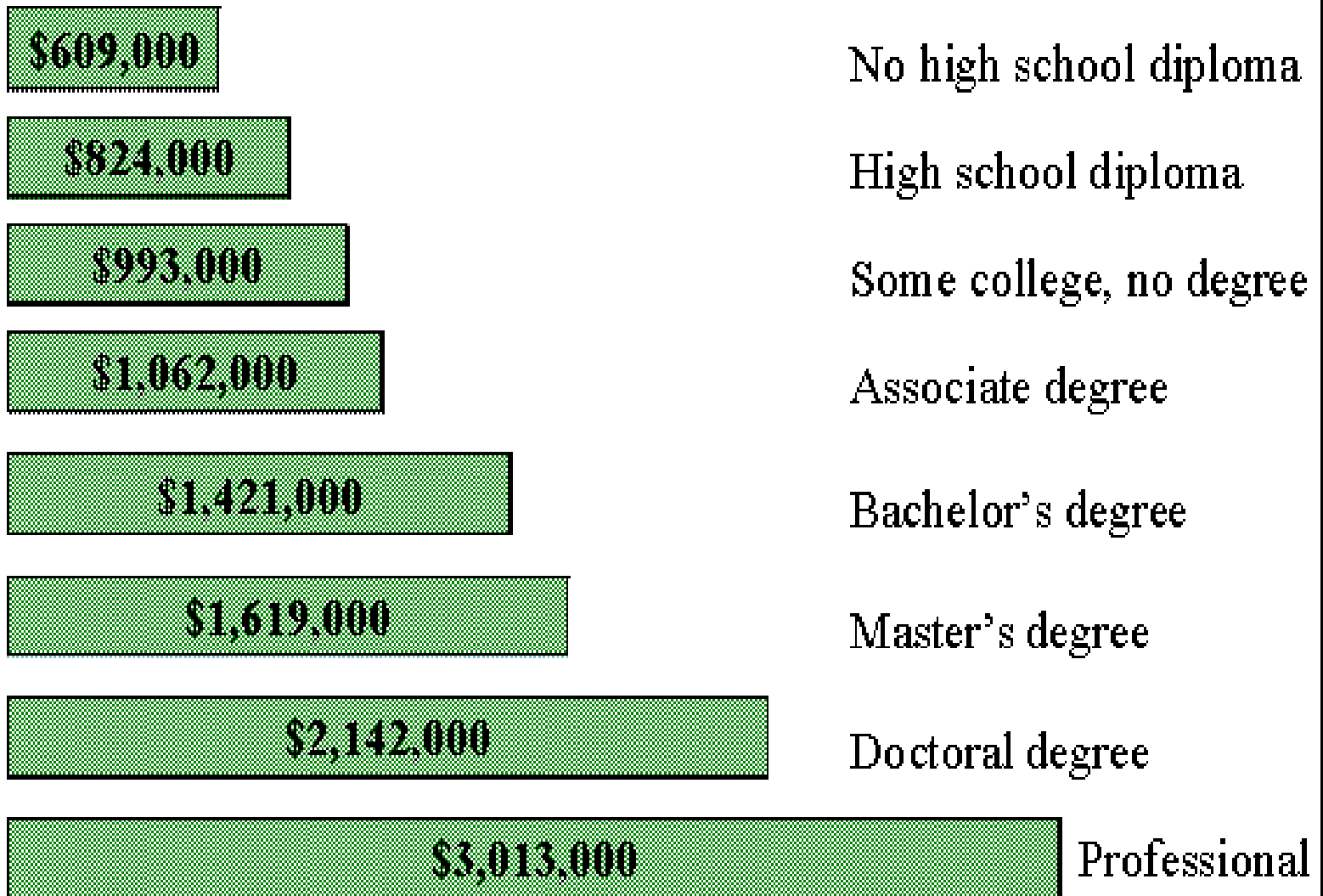
Age 26-65 = 39 work years

Professional



Average Lifetime Earnings:

US Census Bureau





✓ More information about enlisting, ROTC programs, or the military colleges and academies can be found at:

- <http://todaysmilitary.com/before-serving?=&genlistmilitary>





- ✓ Helpful information on apprenticeships in Wisconsin can be found on these sites:
 - <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/apprenticeship/faq/faq1.htm>
 - http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwd/publications/dws/apprenticeship/apprentic_ebooklet.pdf
 - <http://www.matc.edu/student/offerings/apprenticeships/general.html>
 - <http://www.buildingadvantage.org>
- ✓ See your school counselor for any materials you may need for the application process, such as transcripts



Special Programs



Beauty School

- ✓ Examples: Aveda, Bryant & Stratton, ITT Tech, Madison Media Institute, Paul Mitchell, UTI, VICI, Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, etc.
- ✓ Contact school/program you are interested in
- ✓ Visit/tour the school
- ✓ See your school counselor for any materials you may need for the application process, such as transcripts



Technical Schools

Admission Requirements:

- ✓ High School Diploma
- ✓ Placement Test
- ✓ Criminal Background Check (select programs)



Technical Schools



Application Procedure:

✓ Paper Application:

- Contact tech college to obtain paper application
- MATC applications can be found in the Guidance Office
- Fill out application and bring to your counselor
- Bring check for application fee (and background check if necessary)
- Your counselor will attach your transcript and mail everything out

✓ Online Application:

- Log onto the tech college's website and access their online application
- Wisconsin Technical Colleges application can be found at <http://www.witechcolleges.com/>
- Fill out application
- See your counselor when you have finished and submitted the application
- Bring check for application fee (and background check if necessary) if you did not pay online
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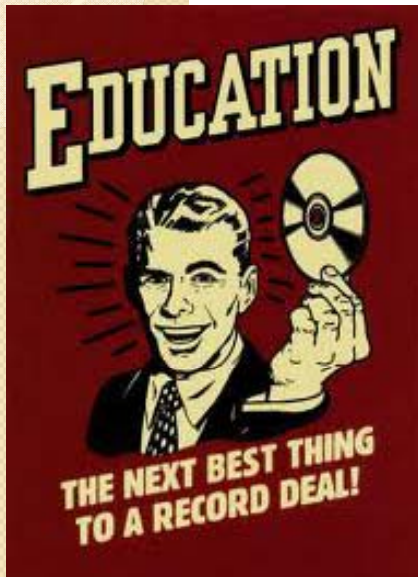


Four- or Two-Year Colleges/Universities

Not sure where to apply?

- ✓ Do some research online
 - ✓ <http://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/> (UW-System)
 - ✓ www.wisconsinmentor.org (Wisconsin Private Colleges/Universities)
 - ✓ <http://www.collegeview.com/index.jsp>
 - ✓ <http://wiscareers.wisc.edu>
 - ✓ <http://www.collegesource.org/idxsearch.asp>
 - ✓ <http://www.princetonreview.com/com.aspx?uidbadge=%07>
- ✓ Think about what you're looking for in a college
 - ✓ Public or private?
 - ✓ In-state or out-of-state?
 - ✓ Majors/programs offered
 - ✓ Size
 - ✓ Location (urban, rural, etc.)
 - ✓ Student population
- ✓ Look at the admission requirements and see if you're a good fit
- ✓ Visit the schools you're interested in and take campus tours





Four- or Two-Year Colleges/Universities

Admission Requirements:

- ✓ High School Diploma
- ✓ Challenging high school curriculum
 - ✓ Most schools will require the following (minimum requirements):
 - ✓ 4 Years of English, 3 years of Mathematics, 3 Years of Science, 3 Years of Social Studies, and additional electives (e.g., foreign language)
 - ✓ Competitive schools will have additional requirements
- ✓ Minimum ACT/SAT scores
 - ✓ ACT – <http://www.actstudent.org>
 - ✓ Upcoming test dates: October 24th, December 12th
 - ✓ SAT – <http://www.collegeboard.com>
- ✓ Minimum GPA/class rank



Four- or Two-Year Colleges/Universities

Application Procedure:

✓ Paper Application:

- Contact the college/university to obtain a paper application
- UW-System applications can be found in the Guidance Office
- Fill out the application and bring to your counselor
- Bring in a check for the application fee
- Bring in any letters of recommendation
 - ✓ It is best to send these letters along with the rest of the application materials rather than separately
- **You must come in to the Guidance Office and fill out a transcript request form.**
- Your counselor will attach your transcript
- Your counselor will check to see if your ACT scores have been sent to the school you are applying to
 - ✓ If not, your counselor will make a photocopy of your score report (if the school accepts unofficial copies) or will advise you that you need to contact ACT and pay to have your score sent
- The Guidance Office will mail out all of your application materials



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- ✓ Online Application (preference of most colleges):
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 - UW-System application can be found at <http://apply.wisconsin.edu>
 - Common application can be found at <https://www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/default.aspx>

- Fill out the application online
- See your counselor when you have finished and submitted the application
- Bring in the counselor form for the application (if available)
- Bring in a check for the application fee if you did not pay online
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A piggy bank wearing a graduation cap is centered in the image. The background is a repeating pattern of US dollar bills, specifically the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the bills. The piggy bank is white with a black graduation cap and a yellow tassel. The text "How Will I Afford It?" is overlaid in a large, dark brown font.

**How Will I
Afford It?**

Financial Aid

- ✓ Students can apply for financial aid by filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) starting January 1st of 2010 (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>)
- ✓ Types of financial aid:
 - Grants
 - Work Study
 - Loans
 - ✓ Perkins Loans
 - ✓ Stafford Loans
 - ✓ PLUS Loans
- ✓ It's important to apply as early as you can, as each college has a set amount of money to work with
- ✓ Other helpful websites:
 - ✓ <http://www.finaid.org>



Scholarships

Three best places to look for scholarships:

✓ Online

✓ <http://www.fastweb.com>

✓ <http://www.scholarships.com>

✓ http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp

✓ Beware of sites that charge a fee for the scholarship search process or that guarantee scholarships

✓ Germantown Community Scholarship Program

✓ <http://www.germantownscholarship.org/>

✓ Applications become available in early March of senior year

✓ Senior Notes

✓ A monthly publication for seniors that contains a wide variety of information on different postsecondary options

✓ Scholarship information that the Guidance Office receives is compiled and posted on the high school's website. The link will be provided in each issue of Senior Notes.

