

Hi everyone! My name is Chance Boyd. I'm a senior at Lakeside High School in Atlanta, GA. This year has flown by so fast. I can't believe I just had my last day in high school a few weeks ago. I remember just like it was yesterday when I was a freshman walking the great halls of Lakeside. Going from middle school to high school was a big deal at the time. I didn't know anyone or where to go throughout the school. But thanks to a few seniors who befriended me, I



was able to meet people and find my way around the school. Fast forward to today, and now I'm the senior helping others find their way through Lakeside.

Senior year is a very fun time but also it can be stressful as well. The final year of high school is great because you know your almost done and you are about to move on in life. Also, because of the people you have built bonds with throughout the year it's never a dull moment with them. The most hectic part of senior year is deciding where you

want to go for college if you decide to take that path and what major to further study. There are multiple steps that must be completed before you can even get that far though. Some things include researching colleges and taking the SAT or ACT. I actually took both and favored the ACT. It seemed to work best for me. Initially, I just took the test without any modifications for Cerebral Palsy and A.D.D. which, I was diagnosed with both. However, the second time I took the ACT was with accommodations (with extra time) and scored higher.

Once you complete these steps and make the best score possible you have to apply to the colleges of your choice. This process can be long and tiresome but well worth it in the end. The pressure is constant even once you have selected the college of your choosing.

You may have to work on scholarships to help offset finances. I don't know what to expect next currently. I am working on the scholarship part of transitioning from high school to college. I feel that I will be at ease come next fall and that I will enjoy my time in college.



The college that I have chosen is Auburn University, which is about two hours from where I currently live. I visited Auburn University and it was an amazing

opportunity to walk the campus, speak with professors and meet students along the way. During my tour, I learned that Auburn has services for individuals with disabilities like transportation to



and from classes. Although, I will be using my everyday chair to travel around the campus, this is great for students that don't have access to a wheelchair. Auburn also offered support for studies to help me stay on track. In my case, it is difficult to take my thoughts and put them on paper or verbally speak them sometimes. So the support for students with disabilities will be a huge asset for me during my college years. Another great thing about the support is in the classrooms at Auburn I will be getting assistive help with writing down notes. So that I can have everything I need to be a successful student. Auburn University is a prestigious school and top notch. It is an honor to be given the opportunity to further my education and play on their Men's Wheelchair Basketball team too. Being a student-athlete at this wonderful school will help me further my education and gain my degree.

The one thing I know for sure is that my time in college will be long and hard but it will go by just as fast as my high school career. With the support of family, friends, teachers and peers this next chapter in my life is bright and my future is full of possibilities.