AP Seminar Summer Assignment

Your summer assignment is to look ahead at your plans after high school - college, and then further down the road after you finish college. Your submission should be a paper in a narrative format with complete sentences.

- Investigate 3 colleges or universities you are considering attending. At least one of your schools should be a public school in Georgia. If you cannot narrow your list down to 3, you may include more schools, but you must have at least 3. If you are having trouble choosing a college, you might find this link helpful. Discuss in a couple of sentences why you want to attend each of your choices. Be realistic based on the admissions criteria for the school and your current GPA, SAT score, ACT score, ... For each school, give the cost per year for tuition, fees, room and board, books, parking, etc. Also include any scholarships, like HOPE, you anticipate receiving for these schools and what they would cover. Summarize these numerical values in a table and describe your table in your paper.
- For each of the 3 schools you selected, find 3 potential majors. For each major, find the appropriate degree plan. For example, click here to see the current degree plan for my college major, a Bachelor's Degree in Physics from GA Tech. Include a working link to the degree plans in your paper. Also determine the number of allowed AP credits you are allowed to use at each of your schools. Based on your current classes, and your plan for your senior year, use the AP score criteria for each school to determine how many credits and which classes you would be able to exempt for each of your degree plans. Summarize your results in a bar or column chart and describe your chart in your paper.
- Determine a career you would be qualified for based on each of the majors you listed in the previous part. For the purpose of this task, we will not consider graduate school or professional programs like Law School or Medical School. Find an estimated salary for your careers and cite your source. Also think about where you would like to live after college. Use a cost-of-living calculator, like this one, to compare at least 2 different places you may want to live. Summarize your results in a table or chart. Discuss your findings in your paper.
- Based on the results of your investigation and your own personal opinions, discuss if going to college is worth it for you. Be specific in your answer to this question.

When you are finished, email or share your paper with me at sthompson@oconeeschools.org. If you email the paper, it should be a .pdf file. The paper is due by July 28th, 2023.

Grading: The paper is worth 100 points and will be graded according to the checklist below.
15 pts The paper is presented in narrative format with no significant grammatical or spelling mistakes.
10 pts The student investigated at least 3 colleges or universities.
5 pts The student explained why he/she wanted to attend each of the 3 schools.
5 pts Costs were summarized in a table.
5 pts The student discussed the table in the paper.
15 pts The student selected at least 3 majors and linked a degree plan for each major from each school (9 total degree plans minimum).
5 pts The student found the allowed number of AP credits for each school and discussed the courses to be exempted.
5 pts Potential courses to be exempted are summarized in a bar or column chart.
5 pts The student determined at least 3 careers, 1 per major, and 2 places to live.
10 pts Estimated salaries and cost of living are summarized in a table or chart.
10 pts The student discussed salaries, cost of living, and employment opportunities in the paper.
5 pts The student discussed the question of if college is worth it.
5 pts The student backed up his / her opinion on this question with data from the paper.