

# Central Academy of Technology and Arts

## Cougar Chronicle



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### Central Academy Families

Winter Spirit Week finished up last week with some great school spirit. School spirit is very important to the CATA community. Student Council created some very unique days and the students and teachers both had a great time. Progress Reports will be coming home this Wednesday. Please be sure to encourage your child to contact their teacher if they have any questions.

The ACT will be given to all Juniors in UCPS on March 4th. Juniors in English classes will also take a writing ACT test this week in their English classes. Teachers have discussed this with them. We are offering a free ACT Boot Camp next Saturday so that students are familiar with the test. See the Cougar Chronicle or the guidance office to sign up.

In winter sports, men's basketball is continuing into playoffs this Monday. We wish them the best of luck. Our wrestling team had three wrestlers that wrestled their way into States!! Congratulations to Sergio Paz and Josh Lemon for a great showing. And a special congratulations to Jackson Price that won 3rd place in the State!! Way to go!! Spring sports starts this week. Please come out and cheer on the Cougars!! We are excited that we will be getting Scoreboards behind the school for softball, soccer, and baseball. This will be a great addition. While we will continue to play baseball at the stadium—it will be great to have a scoreboard on campus when the stadium is overbooked.

The second annual CATA Crawl was very successful and we appreciate the staff and students that made it such a success. The CATA theatre department, UCPS, and Union County Arts Council opened their UCPE production of Shrek the Musical last Thursday and went through the weekend. It was a great show with great singing, dancing, and comedy. The Parchman Hour will be at school for students across UCPS this week and on Friday, we hope that you will join us at the Batte Center at Wingate University for our final performance before leaving for the Southeastern Competition.

The Cougar Chronicle, our Facebook page, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home. At CATA we will continue to work toward Leading the Way so that your child can lead the way in the future! Go Cougars! - Mrs. Kim Fisenne, Principal

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Look for text that is blue and underlined. This text is hyper-linked to the corresponding information available on the web. Click on the text to be taken to the corresponding webpage.

# ~Class of 2014~Seniors

**Graduation Day: Thursday, June 12, 2014 at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC**  
**3:00 pm**



## Scholarships:

- We are receiving a lot of scholarships in the Guidance Office. Please check our [scholarship page](#) frequently [by clicking here](#). The following scholarships have upcoming deadlines- Henry S. and Carolyn Adams Scholarship Fund if the Foundation For the Carolinas (February 24), Michael A. DeMayo Scholarship (February 24), Rotary Student Service Scholarship (February 28), and Buick Achievers Scholarship Program (February 28). Greater Charlotte Bowling Scholarship Fund (March 1), Bluewolf Technology Scholarship (March 1), Rotary Public Safety Scholarship Fund (March 3), Mary and Millard Kiker Scholarship Fund (March 3), NC Retail Merchants Association Scholarship (March 3), Carolinas Food Industry Council Scholarship (March 3), Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program (March 14), Union Power Cooperative Scholarship (March 21), and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship (March 31). More information about all of these scholarships are listed on our scholarship page.
- Three scholarships are available for **UCPS seniors**: The **Union County Educational Office Professionals Scholarship** - a \$1,000 award that will be given to one senior of a Union County Association of Educational Office Professionals member; The **Ann H. Williams Memorial Scholarship** - an \$800 scholarship that will be awarded to a senior of a UCPS employee; and **Billy Stegall Memorial Scholarship** - a \$500 scholarship that will be awarded to a UCPS senior. Please check our [scholarship page](#) frequently [by clicking here](#).
- **SECU Foundation's 'People Helping People' Scholarship**: Each NC high school will receive (1) four-year scholarship valued at \$10,000 (payable at \$1,250 per semester to attend one of the 16 constituent campuses of the UNC System. To be eligible, students must: 1). be a US Citizen and resident of NC; 2). plan to attend one of the 16 UNC-system schools; 3). have a minimum 2.5 GPA; and 4). have demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement. Also, the student must not be a director, employee, or family member of an employee of the State Employees' Credit Union or the SECU Foundation. If you are interested, please pick up an interest form in the Guidance Office. The interest form, a detailed resume, and two letters of recommendation from organizations in which you have completed community service with must be given to Mrs. Cameron by the deadline. *Please note*: if you are planning to attend a North Carolina community college, you may be eligible for a \$5,000 scholarship. Please contact the Financial Aid office at the community college for more details. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Cameron. **Deadline: April 10, 2014.**

**Transcripts:** [Click here](#) for directions on the Transcript Process.

Guidelines are as follows:

- o after the first 3 transcripts students will need to pay \$2 for each additional transcript
- o student will be handed an official transcript in a CATA envelope, upon receipt of the \$2 fee
- o student will be responsible for addressing and mailing the envelope containing their transcript
- o If you are applying to a N.C. college or university, please send your transcripts through the Transcript Manager on CFNC's website.

The Cougar Council PTSO will be awarding three \$500 scholarships to CATA seniors. The scholarship award is designed for graduating seniors possessing strong character, a demonstrated belief in service to the community, and academic evidence predicting success in college. To be eligible, the student must have a minimum GPA of 2.5, the student or parent must be a member of PTSO, and the student has applied to attend a community college or higher level of schooling. A completed application, resume, two letters of recommendation, and a one-page essay on the topic, "Why I should be awarded the Cougar Council PTSO Scholarship" should be submitted by the deadline. Applications are available in the Guidance Office. **Deadline: April 10, 2014.**

## College Finances:

For seniors and their parents it is time to fill out the **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**. To learn more about the FAFSA and financial aid, you may want to read this article: ["Financial Aid Myths – Part I"](#) [by clicking here](#). You can also read ["Financial Aid Myths—Part 2"](#) [by clicking here](#). Or ["Financial Aid Tips from an Expert"](#) [by clicking here](#).

Go to <https://fafsa.ed.gov> to complete this form.

## GUIDANCE INFORMATION

**ACT**—All Juniors will take the ACT in March. This is a college readiness exam and can help students to gain entry into college and qualify for scholarships. Resources to help students prepare have been added to the Students Page of the CATA website. Watch for information next week on CATA's **March 1st ACT Boot Camp**.... Save the date now!

Juniors planning to take the **SAT** this spring, and all Juniors that take the **ACT** in March at school, need to make sure they list four colleges in which they wish to send their scores to. The colleges can be schools you are just thinking about and schools you are definitely interested in. Either way, **entering those schools when you take the SAT / ACT is the only time your scores will be sent for free.** The Guidance Office cannot send test scores to colleges!

### All students....

Students interested in **summer enrichment opportunities** should check out our Summer Opportunities page on the school counseling website: <http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/guidance/SummerOpportunities.php>. Deadlines for some programs are quickly approaching.

NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling) will be sponsoring the Charlotte National College Fair on Sunday, March 9th from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Park Expo and Conference Center in Charlotte, NC. The event is free, but registration is required! For more information, and a list of schools attending, please visit:

<http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/SpringNCF/Pages/Charlotte.aspx>

~Class of 2014~



**Did you check out a calculator from the media center for your Fall math class???** If so, now is the time to return it if you are no longer in that class. Other students are waiting to check out calculators. Please return yours today.



**ACT—Boot Camp—Saturday March 1, 2014**  
**8:30 am—1:00 pm**

### Calling all Juniors!!!!

Next week is our last week for the morning and afternoon ACT Review sessions, but don't be left out of our Saturday ACT Boot Camp. The Saturday ACT Boot Camp will be held at CATA from 8:30-1:00pm next Saturday, March 1st.

**Students should sign up by [clicking here!!!!](#)**

Students will spend valuable time learning how to tackle the ACT test in English, Reading, Math and Science. Remember an increased ACT score can result in more scholarship money and acceptance into the college of your choice. Snacks and lunch will be provided to all students who attend.

Juniors, please make plans to be here. **We want you be prepared to lead the way!**



# Central Academy - Cougar Spirit Got Spirit??



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## Student Life

**Club Leadership Council**— Clubs discussed how to support Relay for Life this Spring so that we can have a schoolwide campaign!! If your club was not there—see Mr. Howard asap to get on the info mailing list!!!! This will be used for the school wide club community project and for spirit info!!! In addition, Mr. Howard will need info from your club—so email him today!



## Club—spotlight—SADD

Originally, the mission of the SADD chapter was to help young people say "No" to drinking and driving. Today, the mission has expanded. Students have told us that positive peer pressure, role modeling and environmental strategies can prevent other destructive decisions and set a healthier, safer course for their lives. And that is why SADD has become a peer-to-peer education, prevention, and activism organization dedicated to preventing destructive decisions, particularly underage drinking, other drug use, risky and impaired driving, teen violence, and teen suicide.

### **SADD's mission:**

**To provide students with the best prevention tools possible to deal with the issues of underage drinking, other drug use, risky and impaired driving, and other destructive decisions.**

**SADD—next meeting Friday 2/28 at 8:15 in Ms. Hibberd's room (107)**

## COUGAR ATHLETICS

### Varsity Results:

**Wrestling: 3 Wrestlers went to States!!** Jackson Price finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 285 weight class at **states!** Congrats to Jackson on a great season. Sergio Paz and Josh Lemon each made it to Saturday's event, winning matches on Thursday and Friday. Congrats to all three on great wrestling careers here at CATA. Way to go CATA Wrestling Team!!

**Men's Basketball:** CATA 69 – West Stalny 57, CATA 55 – Forest Hills 61

**Women's Basketball:** CATA 49 – West Stanly 50



Jackson Price @ 2A States—3rd Place!!!



Jackson Price @ 2A States—3rd Place!!!



Josh Lemon @ 2A States



Sergio Paz @ 2A States

### Upcoming Events:

**Monday 2/24 AWAY** Men's Basketball vs. Carver Winston-Salem 7:00 pm

**Wednesday 2/26 HOME** Softball vs. East Mecklenburg 4:00 pm

**HOME** Tennis vs. Sun Valley 4:00 pm @ Dickerson Park

**AWAY** Baseball vs. Cuthbertson 4:00 pm

**AWAY** Soccer vs. Cuthbertson 6:00 pm

**Thursday 2/27 HOME** Tennis vs. Cuthbertson 4:00 pm  
@ Dickerson Park

**Friday 2/28 HOME** Baseball vs. Union Academy 4:30 pm

**AWAY** Soccer vs. Union Academy 5:30 pm

**AWAY** Softball vs. East Montgomery 4:30 pm



### Other Athletic News:

Winter Sports Awards night will be Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 pm in the auditorium.

All athletic forms should be filled out prior to tryouts for spring sports, all papers can be found on the CATA website, these include:

Current Physical  
Insurance Waiver  
UCPS Eligibility Form  
UCPS Release Form  
NCHSAA Concussion Form  
CATA Athletic Rules



Women's Soccer at East Lincoln Jamboree



Cheerleading at the RRC Tournament



## Cougar Pride

- \* Congratulations to Jackson Price for winning 3rd place in the STATE for wrestling 285 division of 2A!!! Way to Go!!
- \* Congratulations to Sergio Paz and Josh Lemon for qualifying for states and doing well at the STATE competition!! Way to go to both of you and to the whole Wrestling Team!!
- \* Congratulations to the entire cast and crew of Shrek-the Musical!! It was a great performance and we are proud of you!!!
- \* Congratulations to **Kyle Griffin** for directing and editing the NEW CATA Informational video that will be used at the CATA Crawl this year!!!
- \* Congratulations to **Jake Hillhouse** for being nominated by CATA as the Herff Jones Believe in You Scholarship Program nominee! What a great honor!! Way to go!!



### AP Psychology Students get a lesson in perception

On Tuesday Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> Coach Niessner's AP Psychology students got a lesson in perception. While studying the perception and senses unit the AP students headed into the courtyard to see what happens when perception changes. Students were partnered up and given perception goggles; one pair makes a person see upside down, while the other pair shifts everything to left. Students were tasked with trying to high-five their partners, and then students were asked to play catch with soft toss ball. The students had a hard time adjusting at first, but eventually did accomplish some of their tasks. We call this phenomenon perceptual adaptation. If a person were to wear the goggles for three days their vision would adjust and the goggle vision would become their regular vision, it would then take a person's vision three days to return to normal once they took the goggles off.



## Around Campus... (for all home and away sports times, see Athletics section)

The CATA website Calendar is a great resource—please see that on the [main page](#).

### February is National Black History Month.

**Monday, 2/24** am—8:15 Math Tutoring (Bradshaw), WORKKEYS exam for seniors (they have been notified); pm—3:45 Math Tutoring (Cochran)

**Tuesday, 2/25** am—8:15 Math Tutoring (Sheppard/Bradshaw); Cougar Time; Parchman Hour  
pm—3:45 Math Tutoring (Cook); Shooting Sports meeting; HOSA meeting

**Wednesday, 2/26** am—8:00 FCA Huddles; 8:15 Math Tutoring (Sheppard); ACT Writing Test for Juniors during classes; Parchman Hour pm—**Progress Reports Distributed**; Site Base Meeting; Debate Team; 4:00 AP Art Studio; 3:45 Math Tutoring (O'Connor); HOME Softball

**Thursday, 2/27** am—Cougar Time; pm—Math Tutoring (Brooks); Spanish Club

**Friday, 2/28**—am 8:20 YCI meeting, 8:15 SADD meeting (107); pm—HOME Baseball; 7:00 performance of the Parchman Hour AT Wingate University Batte Center

**Saturday 3/1**—8:30 am ACT Boot Camp (must sign up in advance and meet minimum number of students—FREE—sign up now)

### Upcoming Dates:

2/28/14—The Parchman Hour performed at Wingate University

3/1/14—ACT Boot Camp for Juniors—register in guidance NOW....

3/4/14—ACT exam for all Juniors

3/12/14—End of Grading Period (this was changed due to snow days)

3/19/14—Report Cards Distributed (this was changed due to snow days)

3/24/14—Senior Cap and Gown Delivery Day

### Site Base Meeting Wednesday 2/26 at 3:45

**Snow Days**—As soon as we know how we will make up the time lost due to inclement weather, we will post on the website and in the Cougar Chronicle. Thanks!!



**Yearbooks—Be sure to buy your yearbook!!!!**  
**Yearbookforever.com**

**Driver's Education**—Sign Up Now!! Driver's Ed classes must meet the minimum number of students or the class will be cancelled. Please sign up early so that classes are filled and do not have to be cancelled. If we have to cancel a class, the student will be moved to the next scheduled class. Refunds are not permitted. The fee is \$55.00. A student must be at least 14 1/2 years old on the first day of class. Classes will run Monday through Friday from 4:00-6:00 pm. To sign up please contact Ms. Tammy Tweed in the guidance office **as soon as possible**. The next class is Feb. 18- March 14. After that: March 17- April 9



# English I Movie Mania Begins

Students in Dr. Tarlton's English I Honors class have begun the journey of making short films. At the beginning of the semester, students studied terms applicable to short stories. As the class began working on their "movie posters" for a specific term, the idea for the movie began to take shape. Along the end of the 100 hall, there are movie posters that show symbolism of what the students' movies will entail.



At the end of each unit of study, students will complete another piece of the project. With the short story wrapping up, students are writing a short story version of their movie. Next up is the drama unit, where students will write the script for their movie, and finally, before filming, students will study poetry and create the musical soundtrack. Once this is all complete, the final unit of the year will be the filming, editing, and mastering of their movies. This is done in place of unit tests because it gives the students the opportunity to show their mastery and understanding of the concepts discussed in class. This project is sure to be very meticulous but very rewarding.

## Information resources from Central Academy include:

Central Academy of Technology and Arts website at : <http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/>

Central Academy of Technology and Arts Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/CentralAcademyCATA>

Central Academy of Technology and Arts Twitter at: [https://twitter.com/cata\\_monroe](https://twitter.com/cata_monroe)

Central Academy of Technology and Arts Athletic Twitter at: [https://twitter.com/CATA\\_Athletics](https://twitter.com/CATA_Athletics)

Central Academy of Technology and Arts Band page at: <http://cataband.blogspot.com/>

Any other sites are not sites that are sanctioned by the school. We caution parents and families to get current and accurate information from the official sites listed above.

If a school club or school organization has an additional page, please notify Administration so that we can properly authorize the site. Thank you.



## February is Black History Month

In 1926 Dr. Carter G. Woodson instituted the first week-long celebration to raise awareness of African Americans' contributions to history. Prior to this time, little information could be found regarding African American history. Important achievements were left out of history books, and there was a general misconception that African Americans had made little contribution to U.S. society or history. 50 years later, the week became a month, and today February is celebrated as African American History Month. The month of February was chosen because it celebrates the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, both of whom dramatically affected the lives of African Americans. Frederick Douglass (1817-1895) was a writer, lecturer, editor, and civil rights activist who escaped slavery at age 21 and went on to campaign for the abolition of slavery, establish a newspaper, and hold the office of Minister to Haiti. He was a major voice in the anti-slavery/civil rights movement of his time. Abraham Lincoln (born February 12, 1809), as the sixteenth president of the United States, issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, thereby declaring that all slaves within the Confederacy would be permanently free. Each year, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, founded by Dr. Woodson, sets the theme for the month. (taken from DiversityCentral.com)

CATA Theatre Group is once again performing the Parchman Hour.

Approximately 400 students were able to see the Parchman Hour in December. Some classes are choosing to go during the school day later this month—students should check with their teachers to see if they are scheduled to go.

Students and families can see this performance on **Friday 2/28 at the Wingate University Theatre.**

Read this Charlotte Observer article about racial relations in nearby Charlotte 50 years ago by [clicking here](#).

### Events in Union County Libraries for families:

*Monday, Feb. 24 at 6:45 p.m., Monroe Library—Camp Sutton: A Study in Racial Issues.*

Local Historian Jack Clay will offer a PowerPoint presentation of the racial issues at Camp Sutton based on official U. S. Army reports, some news accounts, and soldiers' reminiscences.

Displays at Union County Libraries (Feb. 1 – Feb. 28):

History in the Making Display—Portraits of the selected nominees for History in the Making will be on display in each of the libraries.

Monroe Library—African Americans at Camp Sutton display

Monroe Library—Civil Rights Act of 1964 Bulletin board and book display.

Monroe Library—Front display case will feature the closed Winchester Branch as well as some other local black history.

CATA is looking for 2-3 parents to volunteer their time to celebrate cultural diversity at CATA. Any parents or students interested should email Mr. Willie Howard III at [Willie.HowardIII@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Willie.HowardIII@ucps.k12.nc.us).

We have multiple cultural months to organize activities for and would like to get parent/community input. The following are examples of ways we can recognize diversity as a community:

Feb—Black History Month; March—Women's History Month; May—Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; Sep-Oct—National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month...

Thank you in advance for your interest!

## PTSO

Are you looking to get involved at CATA? Join the Cougar Council, PTSO! We plan events for the teachers and provide resources for students. We would love to have you join us! Please fill out the [information sheet](#) on the PTSO website.

**PTSO is continuing to sell CATA senior Yard Signs! Honor your senior CATA student with a great yard sign!!! Contact the PTSO at the email below for more information and GET YOURS TODAY !!!!!**

Graduating seniors may be eligible to participate in the Cougar Council Senior Scholarship awards which will be given in the spring. The student, parent or guardian must be a paid PTSO member for the graduating senior to participate in the scholarship award.

We need new faces to help come up with new ideas and accomplish plans we already have. Please join PTSO and then join us for the meeting! **NEXT MEETING at Open House AT 7:00 PM.**

To contact the PTSO, please email us at [thecougarcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:thecougarcouncil@gmail.com). You may also call the school at 704-296-3088 and ask for Deb Christensen.

PTSO membership - \$10 per family (which includes the student and parents), \$5 per student, \$5 per staff

PTSO is seeking volunteers to help with hospitality/teacher events, and many other areas. Contact [thecougarcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:thecougarcouncil@gmail.com) to sign up

Support CATA when you use your VIC card at Harris Teeter. Link your card to our school's account - # 3612. [Click here](#) to re-link online or visit any Harris Teeter store. We appreciate your support!

## Tutoring Opportunities at CATA

Teachers have the opportunity to offer both tutoring and enrichment to students that they select during Cougar Time. If you have a concern about your child's progress, feel free to contact your child's teacher to see when the best way for them to get additional support.

National Honor Society students are available to assist student's that need some peer tutoring in their coursework. Students that would like this help should go to guidance to ask for a counselor to connect them to an NHS student that can offer assistance in that course.

Every teacher offers tutoring times and this is listed in their class syllabus, on their moodle site, or posted in their room. If you cannot get this information from your child, please email the teacher directly or call the school.



## Parent access to grades through the Parent Portal on PowerSchool

Parent access to grades requires a new Username and Password. To obtain the information, parent or legal guardian must bring photo ID to CATA. Parents may pick up their username and password during regular office hours, from 7:30 am—5:00 pm.

Please remember that you must show a photo ID to get the username and password. We will also be asking you to verify contact information when you come in, so if you have any changes to emergency contacts, please bring them with you.



## CATA Crawl 2013-2014

