## Central Academy of Technology and Arts Cougar Chronicle

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#### Central Academy Families,

Senior Awards Day will be held tomorrow, Friday, May 22nd beginning at 9:00 am in the auditorium. All senior parents are invited to attend. If your child is receiving an award during the ceremony an invitation was mailed to your home. This is a very special day for seniors to celebrate their high school accomplishments as a class and to recognize their peers as the class of 2015. After the ceremony

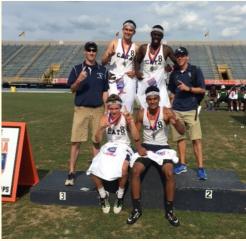


seniors will get to participate in a Yearbook Signing Party. The seniors have had a good week in which their years at CATA have been celebrated with each other and staff. We hope they have enjoyed themselves and we look forward to celebrating with them again tomorrow at Awards Day and Yearbook signing. Don't let high school memories fade without getting a yearbook each year—See Ms. Eaton to purchase a yearbook today! Our yearbook is full color and a great keepsake of your high school years. Hurry they are running out.

HUGE congratulations to our Track Team for their performance at the State NCHSAA 2A track title meet - Josh Weirich 2nd in the mile; Quay Threatt 7th and Jesse Ballew 8th in the 400 meter; Elijah Inuwa state champ in 800 meter setting a new record; Molly Boda 5th in the 3200 meter; Jesse Ballew, Elijah Inuwa, Jeremy Fehlman, and Quay Threatt state champs 4x400m relay!!!! We would like to inform our families that Mr. Norris, guidance counselor, and Nurse Hadley, our school nurse, will be retiring this year. We wish them the best. Please read the chronicle to see great pictures of our Senior Breakfast, pictures of our seniors in togas and crowns and to read about our German Club's Adventure in cuisine and language. Please also read about the Holocaust museum that our sophomores are creating for you and our community to come and tour.

Any student that is currently registered for an online course this summer must attend a mandatory meeting to receive their login information on either May 22nd, or 26th. Any student that does not attend will be dropped from the course. Final exam schedule is in the chronicle. We have a slight shift in the final exam schedule—all CTE 3rd and 4th period classes will take one part of their final exam on Wednesday June 3rd. We will have an altered schedule on that day that will affect ALL students students are expected to familiarize themselves with the schedule.

The PTSO needs a few good leaders for the performing arts committee, membership committee



fund raising committee, and chairpersons for Membership and Fundraising; please consider helping out in this capacity! The PTSO is also organizing additional proctors to assist teachers during testing. See the chronicle for information on how to sign up. Please take time to read over this newsletter. Back edi-

tions are available on the website. The Cougar Chronicle, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home. At CATA we will continue to work toward

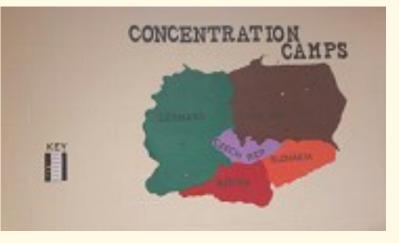
Leading the Way so that your child can lead the way in the future!

Go Cougars! - Mrs. Kim Fisenne, Principal

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## **Remembering the Holocaust** By: Dr. Adam Tarlton

As years pass, the Holocaust seems to become a harder subject to teach. Why? Students are as familiar with it as past generations, and as with any historical event, the further removed we are from it, the less we remember. That is why I have made it my mission and goal to teach the Holocaust and keep the memories alive. Over 70 years have passed since the beginning of the tragic events of the world's most horrendous genocide. While teaching the novel *Night* it



becomes more apparent every time that these students have a valued interest in this subject. The novel encompasses one man's story of survival through the depiction of suffering, starvation, and eventual death, and yet it is a story of triumph and hope. Paired with Ms. Barron, Ms. Janicki, and Ms. Foreman, we took our students to the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte (JCC). Students had the opportunity to hear firsthand accounts of survival, participate in various workshops, and communicate their feelings about hatred and bullying in their lives today. When we returned, I knew I wanted to do this project again. Every semester, I just do not think that the students are going to surpass what has been done before them, and every time I am amazed at the amount of work and consideration that has been put into this project. As we are wrapping up this project, we are inviting you, the CA-TA community to come view this project. If you are interested in doing this, please email Adam Tarlton at adam.tarlton@ucps.k12.nc.us.

#### Information resources from Central Academy include:

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

- Central Academy of Technology and Arts Facebook page at: <u>https://www.facebook.com/CentralAcademyCATA</u>
- Central Academy of Technology and Arts Twitter at: https://twitter.com/cata\_monroe
- Central Academy of Technology and Arts Athletic Twitter at: https://twitter.com/CATA Athletics
- Central Academy of Technology and Arts Band page at: http://cataband.blogspot.com/

CATA Career Development Center @CATACareerDev to keep up with career opportunities in and around North Carolina.

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.

# PTSO information and update:

Congratulations to the new executive board of the Cougar Council PTSO for 2015 - 2016 President - Kathie McKain Vice President - Nicole D'Amico Secretary - DaleAnn Plyer Treasurer - Ann Helms

Alyson Flood and Lisa Holliday will remain as Hospitality Chairs and Liz Branca will Chair the Performing Arts Committee. Thanks to all the officers and committee chairs who donated much time and energy throughout the year to the PTSO. Special thanks to Nancy Bishop, Fund Raising Chair and Susan Montgomery, Treasurer who will both graduate from CATA's PTSO with their sons. Wendy Duemmler will also leave the executive board as Secretary. We would like to give a special thanks to Deb Christiansen, Staff Liaison without whom, we would be in hot water! Ann Helms who served as VP this year will transition into the Treasurer for next year. Special thanks to Michelle McGuire who chaired the Performing Arts Committee this year with a special focus to raise money to support the performing arts programs at CATA. She too is graduating from the PTSO. Thanks to all the PTSO members for your constant support of our requests for time, food, money and help for special events dedicated to supporting the students and staff at CATA. Our goals next year will be to increase membership, provide some education and service back to the CATA community as well as to continue to fund raise to extend the services and education at CATA. Thanks to Kim Fisenne and the staff and administration at CATA who supported our efforts throughout the year! Thanks again for everything!

Sincerely, Kathie McKain

HELP WANTED

A few good leaders for the performing arts committee, memberfund raising committee....more information to follow!!! Membership also needed! ship committee and Fundraising Chairs are

We are in need of proctors to help with final exam testing. The exams begin on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and end on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Here's a link to the Sign-Up Genius if you can help:<u>www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0E4BABAA2AA31-proctors/4676386</u>

**Rising seniors** will soon be able to pre order senior tee shirts and senior signs. A flyer and email will go out with instructions and pricing!

Kathie McKain

## Performing Arts Academy News:

Busy time of year as we close out the school year. There are a couple things that you won't want to miss and need to put on your calendar.

Tuesday May 26th is the **Chorus Broadway Revue**. This will be at 7:30pm in the theatre. No charge, come and check out a totally different type of chorus concert!

Next up is the **Senior Class theatre 4 show "Dearly Departed"** you have 2 chances to see this dark comedy; Friday May 29th at 7pm and Sunday May 31st at 2:00pm. Tickets \$5 at the door Last but not least is the annual Performing Arts Banquet, Sunday May 31st after the senior show.

If you're able to help with tickets/concessions/programs for the chorus or senior shows please reply to <u>cataptsoperformingarts@gmail.com</u>. Thanks!

## Guidance Info

Students – are you interested in **SAT or ACT test prep**? For test prep resources, please visit our <u>webpage</u>.

**For Juniors**— Career and College Promise through South Piedmont Community College, College Visits, ACT & SAT, Resume, Recommendations, Scholarship Process, Application Process, and Essays. Please review the handout at the top of the Junior Class Guidance page (<u>click here</u>) and contact your assigned School Counselor if you have questions!

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Summer may seem far way, but application deadlines for summer opportunities are quickly approaching! For a full list of summer opportunities, <u>please click here</u>. And keep checking back for new listings!

Are you looking for something to do this summer?? **South Piedmont Community College is offering a variety of FREE and low cost day camps for students.** They will be offering camps on the following topics: Advanced Manufacturing, Art, Construction Trades, Cyber Crime, 'Finding Your Tomorrow in the Medical Field', Intro to Auto Mechanics, Robotics, and Solar Energy. If you are interested in any of those topics, make sure you sign up today! You can learn more about each camp, and register here: http://www.spcc.edu/summercamps/2136-summer-camps-home.html

Attention sophomores – Are you a first generation, college bound student with academic and leadership potential? If you meet this criteria, you are encouraged to participate in a FREE nine month program held one Saturday each month at Wake Forest University's Charlotte Center. Students will have the opportunity to participate in workshops on topics such as: college preparation, leadership development, and technology& innovation, just to name a few. The program will last from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the scheduled Saturdays September through May. Students will receive a free breakfast each time. For more information, and to apply, please visit: http://charlotte.wfu.edu/programs/college-launch-for-leadership-program/. Deadline: May 29, 2015.

Any student that is currently registered for an **online course this summer must attend** one of the three meetings that will be held in Mrs. Nahum's room, 403, to receive their login information. The

meeting dates are as follows: <del>May 19th 8:30 a.m.</del> May 22nd 8:30 a.m. May 26th 3:40 p.m.

Parents are welcome to attend the meetings but are not required. Any student that does not attend one of these meeting dates to pick up their login information will be dropped from the course. If you have any questions about summer online courses please see Mrs. Nahum.

## **Class Rings**

Attention all Class of 2017: Jostens was at our school on Wednesday and Thursday, May 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> during all lunch periods for students to place official CATA ring orders. A special parent night occurred on Wednesday. Packets were mailed to your home. If you missed this—contact Jostens directly. You can go online to Jostens.com and design your ring and then contact the Jostens representative.

**Career Development Corner**—Ms. Webb's office is located in the Guidance Office and she is available to see students by appointment. You can email Ms. Webb at <u>sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us</u> or Start following @CATACareerDev to keep up with career opportunities in and around North Carolina. "2015 Health Careers Camp"

Attention Rising 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders, are you interested in learning more about careers in healthcare and employment? Then stop by Ms. Webb's office to pick up an application to attend the 2015 Health Careers Camp at Piedmont High School from July 7-9. Students will enjoy health science workshops, health career speakers, tours, games and much more. Applications must be received no later than June 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Webb @ sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us.





#### Graduation Day—Thursday June 11, 2015 3:00 pm Winthrop University Coliseum, Rock Hill, SC

Senior Awards Day—Friday May 22, 2015 9:00 am, Auditorium—parents are invited. Senior Awards Day will be held on Friday, May 22nd beginning at 9:00 am in the auditorium. All senior parents are invited to attend. If your child is receiving an award during the ceremony an invitation has been mailed to your home.

Seniors and Senior parents – Need more information about **financial aid**?? Check out our **<u>Financial Aid website</u>**for helpful articles and useful websites.

Seniors – Please let Mrs. Cameron know about any and all **scholarship offers** you have received, even if you do not plan to accept them! Drop a copy of your scholarship letter off in guidance. We use this information to recognize students at Awards Day AND we will also use it to track what types of scholarship programs our students are successful in. Your information can help our future CATA seniors... Thank you for sharing.

Seniors – the last **scholarship newsletter** has been out. If you are not in English this semester, please pick up a copy in the Guidance Office.

Scholarship Opportunities: Scholarships are a great option for funding your college education. Below you will find a list of scholarships with upcoming deadlines in parenthesis. For more complete information, please visit our scholarship webpage. mikeroweWORKS Foundation Scholarship (5/22); The North Carolina Association for Career and Technical Education (NCACTE) Guidance and Career Development Division Scholarship (5/25); B. Davis Scholarship (5/25); Betsy Y. Justus NCTA Founders Scholarship (5/31); "Aspiring Fashion Professional" Scholarship (6/1); "Aspiring Animation Professional" Scholarship Program (6/1); and Abott & Fenner Scholarship Program (6/15); Fallen Linemen Foundation Scholarship (5/31); BigSun Scholarship (6/19); CFNC.org's Financial Literacy 101 Scholarship (6/30); and American Youth Performing Arts Scholarship (7/1).

Here is a review of our transcript request process. Click the link.

\*\*Senior Letter—is available on the CATA website.

Tickets for graduation— Each graduate can request up to 4 free tickets and additional tickets cost \$5 each. Students will



receive tickets AFTER the official graduation practice on Wednesday June 10th. Students must have settled all outstanding debts to the school before receiving any tickets or honor cords. Students may not participate in the graduation ceremony if all debts have not been paid and any loaned equipment has not been returned.

## Check out our Happy Teachers!!!!

#### **CATA Guidance Department**

Available to support students on social, academic, and personal needs. Guidance Department Chairperson– <u>Ashley Lawson</u>: Medical Science and Teacher Prep <u>Kendall Cameron</u>: Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance) <u>Scott Norris</u>: IT and Transportation



## Important Information for anyone playing a fall sport:

### FALL SPORTS START – August 1st, 2015

- A current physical MUST be on file to participate in offseason summer workouts for ANY sport.
- A current <u>Insurance Waiver</u> MUST be on file to participate in offseason summer workouts for ANY sport. A new insurance wavier is required each school year and MUST be dated <u>after July 1, 2015</u>.

Both of the above mentioned forms can be found on the CATA website under Athletics and General Information. <u>http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/php/AthleticsInformation.php</u>

- Mandatory parent/student athlete fall sports meeting will be held on <u>Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> @</u> <u>7:00 pm</u> in the CATA auditorium.
- All paperwork must be turned into Coach Niessner before anyone can try out for a team this upcoming fall. There are seven pieces of paperwork in total and all can be found on the CATA Athletics website under General information

Physical Insurance Waiver GW Concussion Form UCPS Eligibility Form UCPS Release Form CATA Rules & Guidelines for Athletics NCHSAA participation form http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/php/AthleticsInformation.php



Athletic Dead Periods this summer: **<u>NO Workouts</u>** can occur during these time frames:

5:00 pm – Thursday, June 25th to 7:00 am - Monday, July 6th 5:00 pm – Thursday, July 16th to 7:00 am - Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

#### Fall Sports Head Coach Contact Information:

Athletic Director & Men's Soccer – Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us Football – Scott Smith – phillips.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us Volleyball – Doug Mayhew – doug.mayhew@ucps.k12.nc.us Cheerleading – Ashley Lawson – Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us Women's Golf – Kevin Allran – kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us Women's Tennis – Nelson Rowell – <u>nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us</u> Cross Country – Field Miller – <u>field.miller@aol.com</u> Athletic Trainer – Sarak Hang – <u>sarak.hang@ucps.k12.nc.us</u>



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#### COUGAR ATHLETICS

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, <u>Mr. Jay Niessner</u>. **\*\*Go to <u>Athletics link</u> on the left side of the CATA homepage and click on your sport to access all the schedules. Coach contact info is there as well.** 

#### Varsity Results: Varsity Results:

Baseball: Season Complete Softball: Season Complete Men's Golf: Season Complete Men's Tennis: Season Complete

Women's Soccer: CATA 0 - East Lincoln 2 (2nd Round NCHSAA Playoffs)

Track & Field: The Men's Team Finished 5<sup>th</sup> Overall at the 2A NCHSAA Meet

#### State Champions:

Elijah Inuwa, Quay Threatt, Jesse Ballew and Jeremy Fehlman - 4x400 Elijah Inuwa – 800m

#### Other Top State Finishes:

Josh Weirich – 1600 m – 2nd Molly Boda – 3200 m – 5<sup>th</sup> Jesse Ballew – 400 m – 8<sup>th</sup> Quay Threatt – 400 m – 7<sup>th</sup>

#### **Upcoming Events:**

#### Fall Sports Information Meetings - Thursday, May 28th, 2015 - 8:50-9:20 am

Any student athlete that is interested in playing a fall sport will be able to meet with their coaches during Cougar Time next Thursday as long as the students are not in remediation/tutoring during that time. Any student in remediation/tutoring can see Coach Niessner at Lunch on Thursday for the information.

#### Spring Head Coaches Contact Information:

Athletic Director and Women's Soccer: Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us Baseball: Nelson Rowell – neson.rowellteacher@ucps.k12.nc.us Softball: Doug Mayhew – doug.mayhew@ucps.k12.nc.us Men's Tennis: Ken Neese – keneese@gmail.com Track& Field: Field Miller – field.miller@aol.com Men's Golf: Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

## Other News:

Spring Sports Awards Night will be held on <u>Monday,</u> <u>June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015</u> @ 7:00 pm in the CATA Auditorium.





# A Study of German Cuisine and Language

written by Lorian Rendino

On Thursday, May 14, 2015, the Central Academy's German classes and German Club took their annual field trip to the Waldhorn Restaurant in Pineville. There, they were able to have an authentic German lunch, which included specialties like different kinds of saugages, Sptätz-

le, red cabagge, and Black Forest cake. The owner, Gitta Maier, was also there to greet the students, who were able to practice their German language skills and learn something about the country as well. The restaurant even gave one of the students a celebration for their birthday. There were compliments of the food and experience from both the students and staff that attended, and there is no doubt that they will look forward to the trip again next year. Students will use what they learned on the trip to help them create their own restaurant menus for class.



2015—Café End of the year notice It is time for all cafeteria accounts to be paid. There is NO charging in the cafeteria. Please speak with Ms. Anna Hurst if you have questions.





TOGAS and CROWNS











http://brancabarnproductions.smugmug.com/Senior-BreakfastToga

**2014-2015 Yearbook** You may purchase at the school with cash or check or you may purchase online at <u>www.yearbooksforever.com</u> (there is a \$1 service fee for this option).

## Grade Level Administrators—

9th grade (A-L) & all 10th grade— <u>Mr. Josh Wall</u> 11th grade—<u>Mr. Jeff Pusser</u> 9th grade (M-Z) & all 12th grade— <u>Ms. Deanna White</u> 9

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## 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 CATA page.

Friday, May 22: Senior Awards Day, 8-11 am (Auditorium);

Senior Yearbook Party directly after awards (Café); Underclassmen

Yearbook Signing 11:30 to 11:55 (Café);

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day: NO SCHOOL

**Tuesday, May 26:** Senior Week Field Day-third and fourth period; Spring Band Concert, 7-9 pm (Auditorium); Social Studies Tutoring, 8:15 and 3:45 (Hibberd); Math Tutoring, 3:30 pm, Sheppard (529) Cochran (209) Royster (210) – Calculus Only; Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:45 (Rm. 111); National Honor Society Informational Meeting, 8:15 am and 3:30 pm (Media Center); Chorus Concert, 7:30 pm (Auditorium); Piano Recital, 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, May 27:** Social Studies Tutoring, 8:15 and 3:45 (Niessner/Wenger); Math Tutoring, 8 am (Lowder (521) Horne (5 27); Beta Club Meeting, 8:15 am and 3:30 (Media Center; Student Council Freshman Class Meeting, 3:30; Spanish Club, 3:30 (Rm. 617); GSA, 3:45 (Rm. 610)

**Thursday, May 28:** Social Studies Tutoring, 8:15 and 3:45 (Tesar); Math Tutoring, 3:30 (Royster (210); Student Council Open Forum, 3:40, (Media Center); Band Banquet, 6:00 pm (Café and Auditorium) **Friday, May 29: Senior Theater Show, 7:00 pm (Auditorium)**;

Saturday, May 30: Student Council Inductions, 3:00 pm (Monroe Library)

(Monroe Library)

Sunday, May 31: Senior Theater Show, 2:00 (Auditorium); Performing Arts Banquet, 5 pm (Café and Auditorium)

#### <u>Upcoming Dates:</u>

- 5/22—Senior Awards day, 9:00 am, Auditorium
- 5/25—Memorial Day Holiday, NO SCHOOL
- 5/26—Chorus Concert, 7:30 pm, Auditorium
- 5/26—Piano Recital, 7:00 pm
- 5/28—Band Banquet, 6-9 (Café and Auditorium)
- 5/29—Senior Theater Show, 7 pm (Auditorium)
- 5/30—Student Council Inductions, 3 pm, Monroe Library
- 5/31—Senior Theater Show, 2:00 (Auditorium)
- 5/31—Performing Arts Banquet, 5 (Café and Auditorium)
- 6/1—Spring Sports Award Night, 7 pm Auditorium
- 6/3 to 6/10—Exam Dates
- 6/10 Graduation Practice, CATA Gym 2 pm
- 6/11—CATA Graduation, 3 pm, Winthrop University

Student Life Notes Upcoming Events:

Student Life Surveys for advisors and student leaders.

# Please fill out the form this week!

Questions??? OR an announcement needed, please e-mail Mr. Wall at josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us

UCPS—Safety Net more information on keeping your teens and children safe— <u>READ THE WHOLE SAFETY NET NEWSLETTER</u>— GREAT ARTICLES FOR HS!!!!!!

BACK EDITIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE UCPS WEBSITE.

#### **NEW EDITION**

## **Exam Dates**

<u>\*\*There has been a slight shift in dates for 3rd and 4th period CTE exams so that we can be sure to have</u> grades back in by the end of school. Please see below for schedule for the last 6 days of school this year.

Wednesday June 3rd – all 3rd and 4th period CTE courses will take Part A of their final exam during the school day. See revised schedule below: 8:50 – 11:00 4th period (Part A of final exam in 4th period CTE classes; regular instructional period in all other classes) 11:05 – 1:15 3<sup>rd</sup> period (Part A of final exam in 3<sup>rd</sup> period CTE classes; regular instructional period in all other classes) 1:20 – 3:30 1<sup>st</sup> period (regular instructional period in all classes) 1<sup>st</sup> lunch 1:20 – 1:40 500, 600, 800 wings 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch 1:45 - 2:05 100, 200, 700 wings Thursday June 4th 8:50 – 12:50 1<sup>st</sup> period exams in all classes (CTE courses – both Part A and Part B of exams) 12:50 - 1:30 lunch - in café and avm 1:35 – 3:30 2<sup>nd</sup> period review Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> 8:50 – 12:50 2<sup>nd</sup> period exams in all classes (CTE courses – both Part A and Part B of exams) 12:50 - 1:30 lunch - in café and gym 1:35 – 3:30 3rd period review Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> 8:50 – 12:50 3rd period exams in all classes (CTE courses – Part B of exams) 12:50 - 1:30 lunch - in café and gym 1:35 – 3:30 4th period review

#### Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>

8:50 – 12:50 4<sup>th</sup> period exams in all classes (CTE courses – Part B of exams)

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

- 1:35 3:30 community building activity for those students that remain at school
- Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> is a makeup exam day students needing to make up an exam should report to school by 8:50 to start.

CTE courses include: all computer, family and consumer sciences (including teacher prep courses), health sciences, pre-engineering, and transportation courses. The teachers of these courses are: Summerville, Bryan, Austin, Lingle, Meadows, Hardy, Recher, Shear, Lindley, Mayhew, Pressley, Allran, Turner, Gastreich