

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,

We congratulate Ms. Suresh for winning a grant from the Union County Education Foundation for her students to learn about Plant Tissue Culture. Way to go!! Our Homecoming festivities continue this week with the color wars and pep rally, football game and military appreciation night on Friday, and the Homecoming Dance on Saturday. A note about our dance—we certainly want everyone to have a great time—but a great time at a school dance includes safe behavior. We will have ample chaperones and police officers present. No student should engage in any behavior that is against the student code of conduct. We hope that you will encourage your student to come to the dance, but to do so in accordance with all school policies.

We have some great spirit day pictures in this edition.



- Friday Night is a **Pink Out for the Student Section for Cancer Awareness**
- **College Financial Aid Night** will be Monday, October 17th at 6:30 pm in the CATA Auditorium!! This is an incredibly important session to attend as the FAFSA—the financial aid form that every student should complete for college—is available for completion in the fall this year instead of the spring.
- **Underclassman photo retakes** will be on Tuesday, October 18th.
- **Powder Puff Football** is coming up—students interested should see the information in the cougar chronicle.
- Information about the **High School Dance Festival** and **CATA Night at Moe's for Dance Academy** is in this Edition
- Each year our students host an Annual Trunk or Treat for local children so that they have a safe place to trick-or-treat. It has grown to a big event and we are excited for this year. Sign up Information for the **Annual Trunk or Treat** is in this Edition
- Information about the **new UCPS mobile app** is in this edition. This is a great way to keep up with school district information. There are many features on this app that make it valuable to use for parents. Check it out today!
- **Military Appreciation** Night is Friday, October 14 at the homecoming football game. We will honor military that are associated with our school at 7:00 before the game, and we will honor those visiting military, or military veterans, that attend our game via announcement during the game. All military—active or retired—get in for free to the game.
- Please check out the **Union County School Bond Information** in this edition.
- **Dr. Houlihan**, our new Superintendent will be conducting a **listening and learning** tour at MHS on 10/27. We hope you can make it from 6-7 pm. This is a great opportunity to let our superintendent hear what you think about our school and district. We hope that you will come and share.

Please take time to read over this newsletter. The Cougar Chronicles are also 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! Dr. Fisenne

Cougar Athletics

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, [Coach Jay Niessner](#). Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: **@CATA_Athletics**

Last Week's Results:

Football: Lost vs. Monroe

Volleyball: Loss vs. Mt. Pleasant, Win vs. Forest Hills

Men's Soccer: Win vs. Parkwood

Women's Tennis: Win vs. Forest Hills, Win vs. Parkwood – teams finishes regular season 10-0 in Rocky River Conference

Women's Golf: Team shot a 143 @ Badin Country Club

Cross Country: No events last week

Upcoming Events:

October 14th: Football HOME vs. West Stanly 7:30 pm – HOMECOMING

October 17th: Volleyball HOME – Rocky River Conference Tournament – 5:00 or 6:30 pm- Admission \$6.00 – State Passes Only

Soccer AWAY @ West Stanly – 6:00 pm

October 18th: Volleyball HOME – Rocky River Conference Tournament – 2nd Round – Game Times 5:00 & 6:30 pm – Cougars must win on Monday to advance -Admission \$6.00 – State Passes Only

Cross Country – AWAY – West Stanly – Rocky River Conference Meet – 4:30 pm

October 19th: Volleyball HOME – RRC Tournament – CATA Gym – Championship Game – 6:00 pm-Admission \$6.00 – State Passes Only

October 20th: Soccer – HOME vs. Mt. Pleasant – 6:00 pm – Varsity Only

October 21st: Women's Tennis @ NCHSAA 2A Midwest – Individual/Doubles – Regionals - TBA
Football – AWAY vs. Mt. Pleasant – 7:30 pm

October 22nd: Women's Tennis @ NCHSAA 2A Midwest – Individual/Doubles – Regionals – TBA

Other News:

Women's Tennis: Congrats to the Coach Nelson Rowell and the entire Women's Tennis team on finishing the regular season 14-1, and going 10-0 in the Rocky River Conference to win their second straight Conference Championship. The team will host a 1st round match in the NCHSAA State Dual Team Tournament on October 25th @ Monroe High School – time & opponent TBA.

Winter Sports Mandatory Parent Night will be on **Tuesday, October 25th @ 7:00 pm** in the CATA Auditorium. Important paperwork will be distributed, along with sport specific meetings.

Fall Sports Awards Night will be on **Monday, November 14th @ 7:00 pm** in the CATA Auditorium.

Friday Night is a Pink out for the Football Student Section



Fall Sports Head Coach Contact Information:

Athletic Director & Men's Soccer – Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Football – Shane Griffin – edward.griffin@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 – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Tennis – Nelson Rowell – nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cross Country – Kim Inuwa – kim.inuwa@gmail.com

Winter Head Coach Contact Information:

Athletic Director: Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cheerleading- Ashley Lawson – Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Basketball – Tony Byrum – tb93bball@yahoo.com

Men's Basketball – David Daniels – david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us

Indoor Track – Kim Inuwa – kim.inuwa@gmail.com

Wrestling – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Swimming – Kelly Lepsig – Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us

Friday, October 14th is MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT

at our homecoming football game!

Those who have served our nation are welcome to come to the game for free.

We will recognize veterans, those who have served, and those who are serving throughout the game.

We will also recognize CATA veterans and special guest veterans before the game.

CATA Spirit Wear available online and at home Football Games. Support the Band and CATA and get your spirit on.



[To see all available spirit wear for CATA click here](#)
Support our athletics and our Band of Blue at once by showing school spirit!!



Harvest Moon Homecoming Dance

Saturday, October 15, 8-11



Tickets sold at lunch & door
\$25 for 2 tickets
\$15 for 1 ticket
CATA Main Gym





Referendum Overview

Quality schools are essential to the residents of Union County. Our community recognizes that in order for students to receive an excellent education, they must have safe schools and a positive learning environment.

On Nov. 8, Union County residents will vote on \$54 million in school bonds. The bond package would provide funding for six school renovation/addition projects and a new transportation facility.

This bond is needed to address safety repairs, stability, the removal of long-term use of mobile classrooms in our schools and build a new transportation facility.

Funding would help **Union County Public Schools** prepare for growth, increase capacity at several schools and move students into brick and mortar classrooms. The bond will add an additional 88,400 square feet to **Union County Public Schools**.

List of Bond Projects

Monroe High



Add eight classrooms, two teacher workrooms and two teacher offices. Remove/Repurpose mobile units. Increase student capacity to 1,500 (Maximum).
► \$3,452,760

Piedmont High



Add four classrooms, two teacher offices and teacher workrooms. Increase student capacity to 1,600 (Maximum).
► \$2,148,384

Porter Ridge Middle



Add 15 classrooms, expand Media Center, add two teacher workrooms. Remove/Repurpose mobile units. Increase student capacity to 1,600 (Maximum).
► \$6,272,514

Porter Ridge High



Add four classrooms and expand cafeteria. Increase student capacity to 1,800 (Maximum).
► \$1,496,196

Western Union Elementary



Add eight classrooms, expand cafeteria, add two teacher workrooms. Remove/Repurpose mobile units. Increase student capacity to 804 (Maximum).
► \$3,882,437

Sun Valley High



Add 10 classrooms, auditorium renovation, new athletic stadium, expand administrative office area, add teacher workrooms, expand cafeteria and kitchen, new chorus room, HVAC and plumbing upgrades, ADA renovations. Remove/Repurpose mobile units. Increase student capacity to 1,800 (Maximum).
► \$24,364,734

Transportation Facility



Build a new transportation facility with adequate service bays and maintenance areas to accommodate entire UCPS bus fleet.
► \$12,000,000

www.ucps.k12.nc.us



Total Bond ► 54 Million
***Est. Tax Increase** ► \$.16/1k

*Source Union County BOCC

SEE U AT THE POLL!
VOTE NOVEMBER 8, 2016

Link to the Bond Website for more Information

<http://www.ucpsbond2016.com/>

Around CATA

Friday, October 14-Spirit Day (Color Wars) ; PEP RALLY! ; Science Olympiad, 3:30 (Ms. Cross' Rm.)

Saturday, October 15, Homecoming Dance, 8-11 PM (Gym) ; SAT Practice Test 8:30 AM 1:00 PM ; Future Prep, 8:30-1:00 Rm. 401)

Sunday, October 16– Shooting Sports Practice, 2 PM (Take Aim Sports);

Monday, October 17– Student Council Officer Meeting 3:30 (Media Center), Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118); CFNC Financial Aid Night , 6:30 (Auditorium);

Tuesday, October 18– Underclassmen Photo Retake Day

Wednesday, October 19– PSAT Administration; Report Card Day; FCA Leadership, 8:00 AM (Mr. Lindley's Rm.) Buffalo Wild Wing Night-Band Fundraiser, 3:30 PM (Monroe);

Thursday, October 20– Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118); FCA Mtg, 8 AM (Gym); SAT Prep Course, 4:00 PM (Rm. 401); HOSA Meeting, 8:15 AM and 3:35 (Medical Lab)

Upcoming Events

10/15—Homecoming Dance, 8-11 PM (Gym)

10/18—Underclassman photo retakes

10/17—CFNC Financial Aid Night, 6:30 PM (Auditorium)

10/17 to 10/28—Benchmark I Window

10/18—Underclassmen Absentee Photos and Retakes

10/19—Report Cards

10/19—PSAT Administration

10/24– Make Up Pre-ACT

10/25—Winter Sports Parent/Team Night, 7 PM (Auditorium)

10/26—Site Based Team Meeting, 3:45 (Media Center Conference Rm.)

10/27, Moe's Night Dance Fundraiser (Indian Trail)

10/27—New Supt. Listening and Learning Tour, Monroe High (5-6 Community) (6-7 Staff)

10/31—Annual Trunk or Treat, 4:15 PM (Staff Parking Lot)

11/1—Progress Reports

11/1— Powder Puff Practice, 3:45 PM

11/3— Powder Puff Practice, 3:45 PM

11/4— Sweet Frog Night, 5-9 (Indian Trail)

11/1-11/30—American Indian Heritage Month

11/8—NO SCHOOL, Teacher Workday, ELECTION DAY

11/7— Powder Puff Practice, 3:45 PM

11/9— Powder Puff Practice, 3:45 PM

11/10—CATA Band Boosters, 6:30 PM, Media Center

11/10—Powder Puff Games , 6:00 Walter Bickett Stadium

11/11—NO SCHOOL, Veterans Day

11/14— Fall Sports Awards Night, 7 PM Auditorium

11/15— PTO Executive Board Mtg, 6:00 (Media Center)

11/15— PTO General Mtg, 6:30 PM (Media Center) Info Systems and Engineering Night

11/16— Buffalo Wild Wing Night, Band Fundraiser

11/18— Yearbook Ad Night, 5 PM

11/18,—Covered Canvas Dance Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium)

11/19— Covered Canvas Dance Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium)

11/21—Poetry Out Loud School Wide Contest, 3:30 PM

11/23— 11/25— NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break

11/30—Site Based Team Meeting, 3:45 PM (Media Conference Rm).

Student Life Notes

- The **student council** is holding its annual membership drive until October 28, please see Ms. Forman in Rm. 208 for details.
- **Student Life Meetings** for advisers and organization presidents are on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is on **Wednesday, November 2, at 8:20**. Meetings are in room 401
- **Fellowship of Christian Athletes:** Everybody come join us on Thursdays from 8 until 8:40 in the gym.
- **Powder Puff**– See Ms. Christensen or Ms. Pentecost for details. Practices are 11/1, 11/3
- **Homecoming Week** is 10/7 to 10/15, 11/7. and 11/9 at 3:45, Games on 11/10, 6 PM
- Walter Bickett Stadium
- See the **Spirit Days** for homecoming week in the ad below.
- The **Homecoming Dance** is Saturday, October 15 from 8-11 in the gym. You can buy tickets at lunch, see the ad in this edition.

Annual Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 31
4:00-5:45, for cluster elementary schools
Sign up today at this link through your student life organization

[Click here](#)

Have you Purchased Your
Yearbook?
 Now offering
Easy Payment Plan

Three Payments of \$25

- October
- November
- December

All Payments Must Be Paid Before Winter Break

Bring Installment Payments to Mrs. Pentecost
 Bring Full Payment to Ms. Christensen



Two police officers from the City of Monroe recently traveled to Mexico for a cultural awareness trip and shared their experiences today with Mr. Anderson's classes.

October is Hispanic Cultural Awareness Month and students learned many facts today about Mexico as a focus on globalization.



**Friday, October 14 is Col-
 or Wars Day for Home-
 coming Week**

9th Grade– Maroon
10th Grade– Navy
11th Grade– White
12th Grade– Black
Staff– Pink

Guidance News

CATA Guidance Department

A high school guidance department can help your student with a LOT during high school—counseling during a problem/or stress, college planning, career/college questions, interview skills, problem solving with classes/teachers, friendship/social issues. Counselors also help with scheduling and what courses to take. Counselors are

available to answer parent questions as well. Please see the list of counselors by academy:

[Ashley Lawson](#): Medical Science, Transportation & Guidance Department Chairperson

[Kendall Cameron](#): Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance)

[Melody Carr](#): Information Systems (CyberSecurity, Computer Engineering, Software

Seniors....

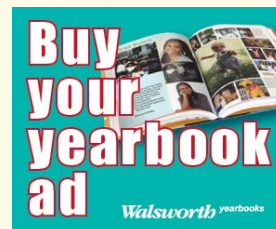
Graduation—Saturday, June 10, 2016 7:30 PM at Winthrop Coliseum

College Financial Aid Night will be Monday, October 17th at 6:30 pm in the CATA Auditorium!!

Parents of seniors – Senior ads are on sale now! Order online or at CATA. These prices are good until **November 18th**. Contact Ms. Christensen for more information.

1/8 page = \$60, 1/4 page = \$95, 1/2 page = \$185, Full page = \$280

College Recommendations: Be sure to provide staff with a minimum of 3—4 weeks time to complete a recommendation for you. Remember that it is your responsibility to meet deadlines, teachers cannot put aside their teaching or family responsibilities because you neglected to ask them in advance.



The time has come to apply for North Carolina Governor's School for

Summer 2017. North Carolina Governor's School is a summer program that provides a unique and innovative residential educational experience for gifted and talented high school juniors from across the state each summer since 1963. The nomination packet is located on the North Carolina Governor's School website which is www.ncgovschool.org. If you have questions or are interested in this opportunity please see Ms. Lawson in the Guidance Office. The deadline to submit your paperwork is **Monday, October 17th, 2016**.

Are you interested in spending two weeks traveling through Spain and Portugal next year? If so, see Ms. Foreman if you have any questions.



UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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#UCPSBOND2016

College and Scholarship Spotlight

[2016-2017 North Carolina College Admissions Deadlines and Open House Information](#) – this can go on the senior page

Centennial Scholarship at NC State University:

This scholarship will provide a minimum of \$15,000 per year for four years. Students must be nominated by his/her high school, or self-nominate between October 1st and the end of November. Criteria include: be qualified for admission to NC State University and committed to a baccalaureate program of study in the College of Textiles (Fashion and Textile Design; Fashion and Textile Management, Polymer and Color Chemistry; Textile Engineering; or Textile Technology); high academic achievement throughout high school; proven and potential leadership qualities; extracurricular activities; and unique life experiences. If you are interested in being nominated, please pick up an interest form in the Guidance Office. Interest forms and resumes need to be returned to Mrs. Cameron by the deadline. For more information, please visit: <https://textiles.ncsu.edu/future-students/future-undergraduate/scholarships/>. **Deadline: October 18, 2016.**

John Montgomery Belk Scholarship at Davidson College:

The Belk Scholarship recognizes and rewards students of demonstrated superior intellectual and personal achievement and significant leadership ability. Belk Scholars receive comprehensive funding - tuition, fees, room and board (valued at over \$61,900 per year), plus study stipends (\$3,000 each). CATA can only nominate one or two students. If you are interested in being considered, please stop by the Guidance Office to pick up an interest form. Also, please ensure that a letter of recommendation is emailed to Mrs. Cameron by the deadline. Please return the interest form, your resume, and letter of recommendation (via email) to Mrs. Cameron. For more information, please visit: <http://www.davidson.edu/admission-and-financial-aid/john-belk-scholarship>. **Deadline: October 24, 2016.**

College Presentations: Juniors or Seniors

The following colleges plan to visit at the dates and times listed. If you are interested in attending one of these information sessions, please sign up in the Guidance Office.

- **Elon University** - October 17, 2016 @ 10:30 a.m.
- **High Point University** - October 17, 2016 @ 2:30 p.m.
- **Winthrop University** - October 18, 2016 @ 9:30 a.m.
- **Queens University** - October 21, 2016 @ 10:30 a.m.
- **Appalachian State University** - October 24, 2016 @ 2:15 p.m.
- **UNC Charlotte** - October 26, 2016 @ 11:00 a.m.
- **UNC Greensboro** - November 1, 2016 @ 2:15 p.m.
- **College of Charleston** - November 2, 2016 @ 9:30 a.m.
- **Carolinas College of Health Sciences** - November 2, 2016 @ 11:00 a.m.
- **UNC Chapel Hill** - November 4, 2016 @ 2:15 p.m.
- **Belmont Abbey College** - November 10, 2016 @ 11:15 a.m.
- **Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD)** - December 6, 2016 @ 11:15 a.m.

Please REVIEW the Scholarship Newsletter emailed to all seniors on the [Guidance and Counseling page](#) on the CATA Website.

Class Information and College and Career Corner

PSAT, SAT, ACT, and Pre-ACT

PreACT - The make up PreACT will be given on Monday, October 24th during 1st and 2nd Block.

The PSAT - Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test - is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 19th** for **all 11th grade students**. The PSAT is very important because your score may qualify you for National Merit Scholarship, your score will help to predict how well you will do on the SAT, and hopefully you will build confidence towards taking the SAT. **Any 9th or 10th** grader that is interested in taking the **SAT** is eligible; the cost is \$17. Please pay this fee to Mrs. Tammy Tweed by **Friday, September 30th**. For more information on the **PSAT** please click the link [here](#).

JUNIORS—All juniors will be taking the **ACT**, a college entrance exam, in early March. In order to best prepare all juniors will work on ACT preparation during Cougar Time two times per week.

CLASS OF
2018

CLASS OF 2019

Class of
2020

Attention sophomores – The Hugh O'Brian (HOBY) Youth Leadership Seminar was created for *sophomores* to recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders. The selected student will spend 3-4 days participating in hands-on leadership activities. North Carolina's seminar will be in June, but the dates have yet to be determined. *10th graders* with leadership potential and/or ability are the target audience for this experience. If you are interested, please pick up an interest form in Guidance. In addition, to the interest form, students must submit a resume and short essay. For more information, please visit: <http://www.hoby.org/programs/leadership-seminars/>. All materials must be returned to Mrs. Cameron in Guidance. **Deadline: October 31, 2016.**

College Financial Aid Night will be Monday, October 17th at 6:30 pm in the CATA Auditorium!!

Attendance Letters and Recovery

-Attendance at school is a priority. It is so important to be present in order to learn and to gain opportunities for mastering coursework. This is also a very important life lesson for our children to learn—in life we have expectations of going to work and working to the best of our ability, and this good life habit starts with attendance at school.

- To ensure maximum student attendance we will be contacting students and parents when students reach 3, 6, and 8 absences.

-According to UCPS attendance policy students should not miss more than 7 classes in each class. The goal is to not miss ANY school, but if a student has a valid reason, such as an illness or other excused absence, they can have up to 7 absences and still pass the class.

-It is important that excuse notes be written and turned into the office within 3 days after an absence. After the three days, then the absences are recorded as unexcused permanently.

- At each absence threshold (3,6,8) CATA staff will make the determination if the student needs to begin the recovery process to make up absences and notify parents and students on how to make up time missed from school. Recovery should be done during the semester and in the two week time span given or the student will not be allowed to recover the absences at a later date.

-There are UCPS limits on how many classes can be recovered. Recovery will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school with Ms. Riley, or with the student's individual teacher. Students are expected to work on content during recovery time. This plan is in place so that your student makes up content close to the date it was delivered in class.

Spotlight on Instruction and Academic Opportunities

CATA Rat Rod =Academy Collaboration

Harper Corp of America R.A.T. Rod Round-up Challenge - \$5,000 Grant. Currently students from Transportation, Information Systems, Family and Consumer Sciences, Engineering, and Art are involved in the creation of this build. This project will create a bond between academies as they strive to a common goal. The Rat Rod vehicle will consist of a minimum of 10 different parts from 10 different vehicles, and will be road legal and drivable.



[CLICK HERE FOR THE RATROD WEBSITE](#)

Breast Cancer Awareness

Hands Helping others is sponsoring a Pink Drive selling pink items for \$2
October 10 to 21 during lunch
We will have a PINK OUT at our homecoming football game on Friday,
October 14



CATA Computer Repair



Bring your computer
to room 216
We will give you suggestions
and an estimate on cost

we can:

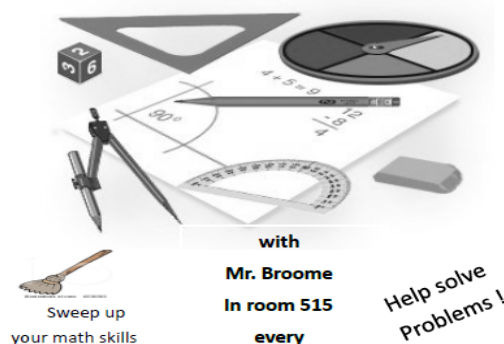
- get rid of viruses, malware, adware
- optimize your computer
- install upgrades
- install hardware



No additional charge other than parts

Math Lab

Bring me your math problems



Sweep up
your math skills

with
Mr. Broome
In room 515
every

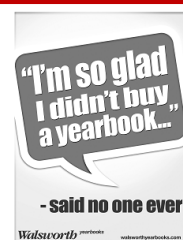
Help solve
Problems !

Monday
3:30-4:30

Wednesday
& 3:30-4:30

Get Your Yearbooks!

Yearbooks are now on sale for \$75 (Price is good through January 27)! Buy your 2017 yearbook today! Order online at www.yearbookforever.com, and search for CATA or bring a check (made out to Central Academy) or cash to Ms. Christensen.



Parent Involvement

PTSO – To get involved, please send an email to thecougarcouncil@gmail.com or call the main office and leave a message for the PTSO. **Mr. Robinson's 3rd block won the membership contest with 100% participation. We will give out another pizza party if there is another homeroom that gets 100% participation.**

Band Booster Club - Contact Band Booster president Aimi Gundersen to volunteer at catabandpresident@gmail.com

- **Cougar Athletics** – contact Jay Niessner at <mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us>
- **Performing Arts Committee** – contact the PTSO (see above) for information about how to help out

PTSO MEETING DATES

Meeting dates for this year: (all will be in the media center)

November 15th at 6:30 pm, Pre-engineering and the IT academies will show some student work, **February 6th at 6:30 pm**, **April 3rd at 6:30 pm**

Help our PTSO raise funds to support instruction and academies throughout CATA! There are simple ways to do this—for example, raise money as you shop at Harris Teeter. Simply link your HT card to CATA. If you have done this in the past—thank you! But you do need to re-link after August 1st each year. CATA school # is 3612. Last year we had 98 links and raised over \$700. With over 800 students at our school, we know we can beat that this year! Link your HT card today.

Connecting Families

The Cougar Council is trying to make it easier for families to connect with each other based on their student's academies, geographic location, sports played, clubs involved with, etc. We realize that since our school covers the entire county it can sometimes be hard to make connections with other families. If you are interested in participating, please fill out the form using the link below. Please know that your information will only be shared with other CATA families who are in the directory. This is a great place to go for contacts if you need to find someone to carpool with or just to network with other parents in your student's academy.

<https://goo.gl/forms/MNtCilKqJRia6pNP2>



+LISTENING +LEARNING TOUR

You are invited to join Dr. Houlihan for conversations about Union County Public Schools.

Our Superintendent will visit all clusters to hear from employees and community members about how we can work together to make UCPS a better school system.

Porter Ridge High	9 / 21	Marvin Ridge High	11 / 3
Sun Valley High	10 / 10	Forest Hills High	11 / 10
Weddington High	10 / 18	Cuthbertson High	11 / 14
Parkwood High	10 / 20	Piedmont High	11 / 16
Monroe High	10 / 27		

CATA is in the Monroe Cluster and will participate on 10/27

At each location, Dr. Houlihan will meet with employees from 5 – 6 p.m., and community members from 6 – 7 p.m.

Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

Congratulations to our teacher of the year Mr. Michael Hardy!

Congratulations to Andrew McDow for being selected as CATA's DAR Good Citizen by the Scholarship Committee!

Congratulations to the 2016 Homecoming Court

Freshmen

Mackenzie Root
Melanie Shank
Olivia Widener
Zelda Gyampoh
Brendan Prakash
Cody Sailors
Seth Potter
Danny Kelly

Sophomores

Akua Sackey
Jordan Cannada
Sophie Myers
Stephanie Hodgins
Caleb Goodman
Clay Musselwhite
Conner Jones
Ethan Cammer

Juniors

Arynn Cooper
Ciara Peters
Jamie Nikonowicz
Nicole Nava
Austin Bernard
Conner Hollenbeck
Garrison Batchelor
Kahlil Cabble

Seniors

Jordan Hoskins
Kaylee Price
Maria Fehlman
Nazirah Ahmad
Cameron Forbis
Daniel Quintero
Russell Leggett
Justin Rivers



Late Morning Bus Notifications

Late morning bus notifications will be posted on our school's Twitter Account. Click [here](#) if you do not have Twitter, follow @cata_monroe, or go to the CATA website, scroll down and click on the Twitter bird symbol.

Parent email and phone contact information—it is vital that we have accurate information so that we can reach you concerning your students. **Email** [Mr. William Smith](#) with any changes.

Support the Wolfe School, a school for students with very special needs, by brining in the following items for Box tops for Education: Bring items to the guidance suite.



**SEE U
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VOTE NOVEMBER 8, 2016

Chromebook —2016-2017

Please remember to pay your technology FEE of \$25

The required technology user fee (\$25) for your student. This fee includes an insurance policy that covers accidental damage. It is important to pay your fee so that if there is accidental damage to your child's computer that it is covered. You can pay this fee online.



How do I get to the Union County Public Schools mobile app?

The free app is available in the App Store or Google play store.
If you have the current UCPS app, simply update your app to the current version.

Getting Started

When you first download the app it will prompt you to select which schools you'd like to follow and areas of interest. If for some reason the prompt is skipped or it does not appear the end-user may do the following:


- Scroll to the second screen and click the Settings icon.
- At the top, click on Follow Schools.
- Select Union County Public Schools and the schools you wish to follow.
- On the next screen you will be prompted to select what information/categories you wish to receive on your mobile device. If you click Receive Inbox Messages under Notifications, you will receive individualized messages from your school(s).
- After you have made all of your selections, please hit the back arrow in the upper left corner of the screen and proceed with using the app.

Based on your choices in the steps above, you will only see information you have selected.

App Features

Top Stories: Feature stories from the school(s) you are following and the district will be pulled into Top Stories and you can click on the actual story and select View on the Web for the full content

 **Activity Stream:** Pulls in social media feeds, calendar events and announcements

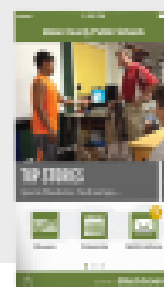
 **Notifications:** Schools have the ability to send messages through the mobile app directly to your device and you will be notified with a red circle and number reflecting the total amount of notifications pending

 **News:** Is a compilation of everything placed on your school(s) webpage

 **Parent Info:** Directs the user to common resources for parents and students

 **Directory:** Provides access to school contact information

 **Settings:** Allows users to customize their school and category selections at any time
• Reset App Defaults allows the user to "refresh" the mobile app



FAQs

Q: If I have the previous UCPS mobile app on my phone, do I need to download the new app?

A: No, you do not need to download the app from the store again; you can simply update your app.

Q: Do I need to purchase this app?

A: No, this app is free for users.

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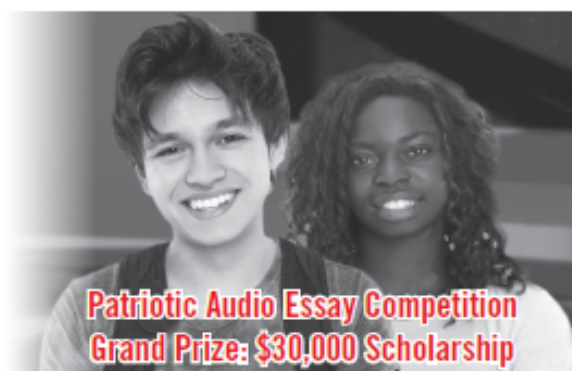


Voice of Democracy

2016 - 17 Theme

"My Responsibility To America"

Student Entry Deadline: November 1, 2016



Patriotic Audio Essay Competition
Grand Prize: \$30,000 Scholarship

WHAT IS THE VOICE OF DEMOCRACY PROGRAM?

Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars' (VFW's) premier scholarship program. Each year, almost 40,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme is, *My Responsibility To America*.

WHY SHOULD I ENTER?

Prizes and scholarships can be awarded at the Post, District, state and national level. Department (State) winners receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., Feb. 25 - March 1, 2017, to tour the city, be honored by the VFW and its VFW Auxiliary and receive their portion of \$153,000 in national awards, the top scholarship being \$30,000.

THE RULES

Who can enter?

The Voice of Democracy is open to students in grades 9-12 by the Nov. 1 deadline, who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or over, previous Voice of Democracy first place state winners, GED or Adult Education Students are ineligible.

What do I need to enter?

Record your original 3-5 minute (+ or - 5 seconds max.) essay on an audio CD or a flash drive. One student per CD or flash drive. When burning your CD, make sure that "Create Audio CD" option (or similar) is selected so the program can properly convert your sound file and burn it to CD. After it has finished, be sure to play back your audio CD on a system other than your computer, such as a standard radio or car CD player, to verify that the conversion/burning process was successful. You will submit the recording, typed essay and this completed entry form. Provide these items to your school/group competition or local VFW Post for judging. In addition you can submit your emailed entry form, essay, and audio file to the VFW Post upon approval. You must be the sole author of your essay. The recording must be in your own voice and in English. Hearing/speech impaired students should email the Voice of Democracy National Office at kharmer@vfw.org for special instructions. No music, singing, poetry or sound effects are allowed. The body of the essay must not identify you in any way, (including, but not limited to your name, school, city, state, race, or national origin) although the recording & typed essay should be labeled with your name, to show ownership. You may enter only one competition at one Post (if otherwise eligible) per year. At any time during the contest, additional participant personal information could be requested by the VFW, including but not limited to a photograph, SSN, or biographical information.

2016-17 OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM VOICE OF DEMOCRACY COMPETITION

MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL CONTESTANTS

Name: First, M.I., Last

Address

City, State, Zip

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Phone

E-mail

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)

Grade in School

School Name, City, State

Teacher's name and E-mail (if applicable)

First Name You'd Like on a Name Badge

Jacket Size

TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT'S PARENT/GUARDIAN
(required even if student is 18 or over)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian's Daytime Phone

Parent/Guardian's E-mail

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE D.C. NATIONAL FINALS RULES
(ON OPPOSITE SIDE)

I certify that I am the sole author of the enclosed audio/essay entry and that I have only entered the competition once yearly if otherwise eligible.

I understand that if it is found that I have entered any other Post's competition or used this essay for another VFW competition, I face elimination from the competition and will return any and all prizes or incentives awarded.

Signature of Student Participant

Date

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OFFICIAL RULES FOR STUDENTS ADVANCING TO NATIONAL LEVEL

If selected as a first-place state winner, I have the consent of my parent/guardian and school to attend the Voice of Democracy National Finals in Washington, D.C. Feb 25-March 1, 2017 as a guest of the VFW National Organization.

I understand that state winners who do not attend as stated above will forfeit all rights to compete in the National Finals and will be replaced by their state's second place winner.

In the event my audio essay is selected for entry into the National Voice of Democracy Competition, I do hereby for myself, for my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns; waive, release and discharge all rights and claims which I have or which may hereafter accrue against the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and/or the several Departments (state organizations) of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their respective officers, agents, successors and assigns from any damages which may be sustained by me in connection with my participation in or association with the VFW Voice of Democracy Competition and/or arising out of my travel to and during the Competition. In the event of sickness, accident or injury in connection with the Competition, I consent to and accept the services of a duly licensed medical, surgical or dental specialist selected on my behalf and for such treatments, as they may deem necessary. I understand that VFW will not be liable for such treatment. I further understand that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States retains non-exclusive rights to use my tape, essay and likeness in the promotion and execution of the organization's programs and activities.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VFW POST

I certify that this student has an authorized entry in our VFW Post Level Voice of Democracy Competition.

Post Commander's/Chairman's Signature _____ Post # _____

VFW Auxiliary President's/Chairman's Signature (if applicable) _____

Post Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

No. of students participating _____

No. of winners advanced to District _____

Am't. of Post/Aux. scholarship awards \$ _____

Am't. of Post/Aux. additional expenses (banquet, pins, etc.) \$ _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VFW DISTRICT

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected winner of the Voice of Democracy Contest District Competition and is our sole entry into the Department finals.

District Chairman's Signature _____ Dist. # _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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Phone _____ E-mail _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VFW DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected first-place winner of the Voice of Democracy Department Competition, is our sole entry into the National judging and will attend the National Finals in Washington, D.C.

Department Chairman's Signature _____

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Daytime Phone _____ E-mail _____

The winner ☐ has been ☐ will be (check one) notified that they are the first-place Department winner on _____. Note: National Headquarters will contact your winner after this date to make travel arrangements for them to be in Washington, D.C.

WHERE DO I SUBMIT MY ENTRY?

All entries begin at the local VFW Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the local VFW Post. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post. This VFW Post should be within your local area and within your U.S. state of residence. One winner for every 15 entries from each Post advances to District and one District winner advances to the state (Department) competition. State winners are invited to Washington, D.C. where their audio essays compete in the finals competition. If you need help finding a participating VFW Post in your area, follow these instructions: First, visit this website <https://www.vfw.org/oms/findpost.aspx> to "Find A VFW Post." Be sure this Post is within the state you reside in. If you do not have success in finding a Post, or if you have trouble getting in touch with them, you can contact your VFW Department (state) office to see if they can offer any information or assistance. You can visit this link <https://www.vfw.org/ContactUs/> and look to the extreme far right side of that webpage (see the second grey box) for "VFW State Contacts" to get your VFW state office's phone number and e-mail. Some Departments have websites you can visit by visiting this link <https://www.vfw.org/Contacts/VFW-State-Department-and-District-Websites/>. If you still need assistance, please e-mail us here at VFW National Headquarters: kharmer@vfw.org

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR MY ENTRY?

All entries competing at the Post level must be in the hands of that VFW Post by midnight, Nov. 1, 2016. It is the responsibility of the student to meet this deadline by submitting their entry to the proper location by ensuring it is a participating Post.

WHAT ARE THE JUDGING CRITERIA?

Originality is worth 30 points:

Treatment of the theme should show imagination and human interest.

Content is worth 35 points:

Clearly express your ideas in an organized manner. Fully develop your theme and use transitions to move smoothly from one idea to another.

Delivery is worth 35 points:

Speak in a clear and credible manner.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has again approved this contest for its National Advisory List of Contests and Activities.



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LOCAL VFW POST INFORMATION :

CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____ BEST TIME TO CALL : _____

ALTERNATE CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____ BEST TIME TO CALL : _____

Community and the Arts

CATA Winterguard

CATA is looking into starting a Winterguard Team. If you are interested, please let Mr. Craig Retzlaff know. More information will be coming soon if we have enough interest.



CATA at Dance Festival Performance

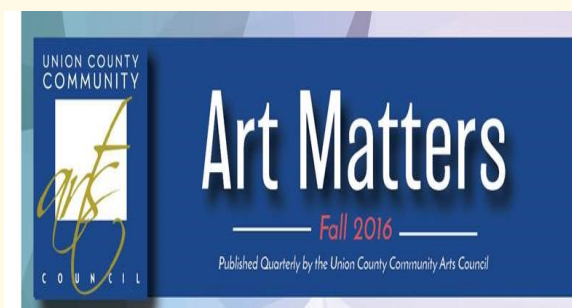
Charlotte Ballet cordially invites you to the Middle and High School Dance Festival Performance occurring , **Sunday October 23rd**. The adjudicated concert will feature faculty, guest choreographers and student works. The adjudication committee will honor the most talented works with Outstanding Choreography Awards at an evening performance at the **Knight Theater at 6:30 pm**. In addition college and summer study scholarships will be distributed to nine talented students from across the region.



This event is general admission and \$10 tickets can be purchased via [Carolina Tix](#). For current festival information, please visit our [website](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Katelyn Pounds at kpounds@charlotteballet.org. We hope that you will consider being present at this community event.

Prepare yourself for a wonderful evening of dance featuring works from Central Academy of Technology and Arts, North West School of the Arts, Ashley Ridge High School, Longleaf School of the Arts, Fine Arts Magnet of Iredell Statesville Schools, Bradley Middle School, and Summerville High School. Special guest artists include Charlotte Ballet II. Scholarship awards will be announced along with Best Choreography awards.

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Picture to the left to see the
Union County Community Arts
Council Fall Newsletter**



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