



Central Academy of Technology & Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,

Our **Transportation Systems** students participated in the **Skills USA Regional Competition** this past week and had a great showing. We thank our teachers Mr. Pressley, Mr. Aldridge, and Mr. Page for their efforts in leading the way with our transportation systems academy students. The students placed as follows: Refinishing technology: Brandon Edwards 2nd place, Michael Kenary 3rd place, and Preston Scarborough 5th place. Collision repair: Brandon Faulk 2nd place, Ryan Long 4th place, and Dawson Maher 5th place. Automotive services: William Carlson 1st place, Zachary Porter 2nd place.



Registration for the 2019-2020 school year: On 3/1 counselors will begin academy classroom visits to discuss registration. On 3/14 there is an Advisory presentation to give students directions on how to register in PowerSchool and the PowerSchool Registration System will be opened. On 3/20 we will close the PowerSchool Registration System at 5:00 pm. From 3/21 to 4/11 counselors will have individual meetings with assigned students during 2nd block until all students have met with a counselor. **All registration forms will be due to the counseling office by Friday 4/12 at 3:30 pm.**



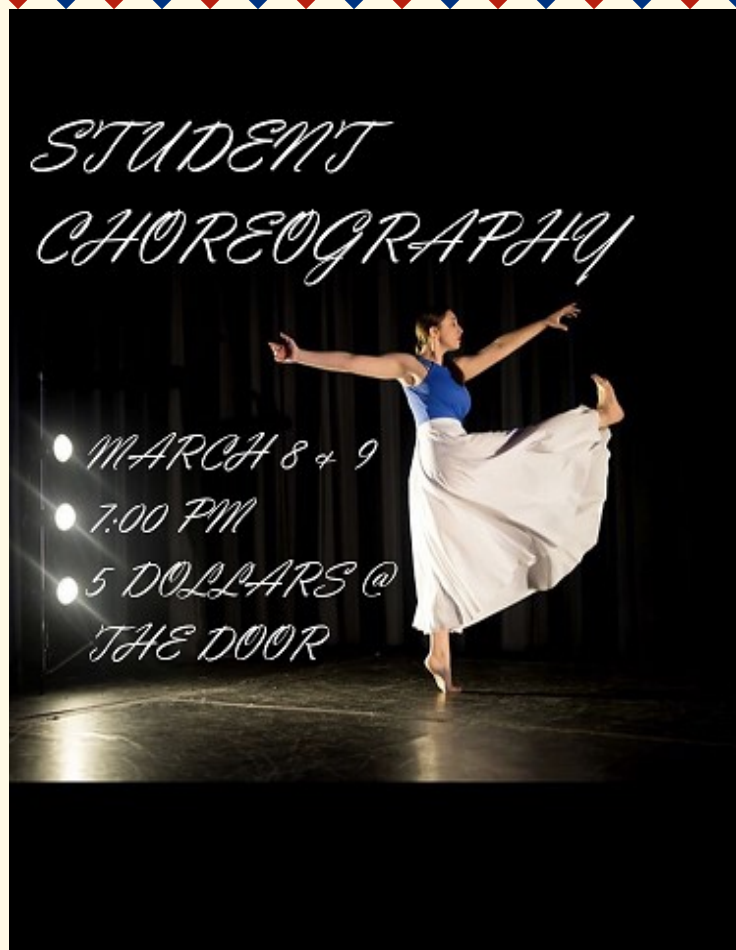
The **Prom** is on Saturday, March 30 at Rolling Hills Country Club from 8 PM until 11:55 PM. Tickets go on sale March 1 to March 8 for \$65 on the CATA website. Tickets will go up to \$70 March 9 to 15 online. Tickets will be sold at lunch for \$70.00 March 18-22. Students can only buy one or two tickets. If tickets are purchased online, then you must click [here](#) to register you and your date after the purchase. Please pick up non CATA student permission forms in the front office. All off campus permission forms are due by 3/22. Please click [here](#) to purchase tickets. All past due accounts must be current and you must not owe any money to the school to attend the prom.

Please join the performing arts academy dancers on 3/8 and 3/9 at 7 PM for their annual **Student Choreography Concert**. Tickets can be purchased online [here](#) or at the door for \$5. The performing arts **sophomore** theatre students are performing a **Scene Night** on 3/15 and 3/16. Tickets can be purchased online [here](#) or at the door for \$5. **The Spring Musical is "Rock of Ages"** and is April 10-13. April 10 is a fundraiser preview night with food, fun, games, and the show for \$25. Show times are 4/11 and 4/12 at 7 PM and 4/13 at 2:00 and 7 PM. Regular show time tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or online [here](#). **Seating is reserved.** There will be food trucks on 4/13. Please visit our Performing Arts Committee of the PTO website [here](#).

Ms. Minnijean Brown Trickey was our guest speaker at an all-school assembly this past week. Ms. Brown-Trickey was a part of the Little Rock Nine who integrated Central High in 1957. Students had the opportunity to view a portion of the PBS Series, "Eyes on the Prize," about the event, a clip of Ms. Brown-Trickey forgiving one of her tormentors on the Oprah Winfrey Show, to listen to her speak, and then answer over 25 student questions about this historical event in which she was a participant. Please check out the story on the Union County Public School's Website by clicking [here](#).

CATA Spiritwear is on sale online by clicking [here](#). For questions please call or text Mickie Carter at 980-257-4174. **Attention Seniors - Check out the Fall Senior Letter by clicking [here](#).** There is information in this edition about the **Yearbook, Scholarship Opportunities for Seniors, upcoming College visits at CATA, upcoming home athletic events, and student life organization** meetings.

Please take time to read over this newsletter. For information about how to make sure you and your CATA neighbors are on the list to receive the newsletter, please go to the For Parents tab on our website, or [click here](#). 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! Ms. Merritt



Bandanas

Fingerless gloves

Leggings

Wigs

Rock Band T-shirts

Denim (high waisted)

Leather/Pleather Pants & Jackets

Mesh tops

Accessories/Jewelry to layer

Hair wraps

Fishnet stockings

ROCK AGES

80's Costumes Needed!

1985-1987

(Please avoid neon colors)

Donations can be dropped off in the front office of Central Academy of Technology & Arts High School
Contact: alyssa.casey@ucps.k12.nc.us

College and Career Corner

Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

Attention Seniors - Check out the Fall Senior Letter by clicking [here](#).



Seniors— Graduation is at the Winthrop University Coliseum on Sunday, June 9 at 2:00 PM

College Visits— Please sign up in **Naviance** if you would like to attend. See Ms. Cole if you have questions. You must have your teacher's permission to sign up.

University of South Carolina—3/6 at 10:30 AM (Media Center)

UNC-Greensboro— 3/6 at 9:30 AM (Media Center)

Catawba College— 3/8 at 2:30 PM (Media Center)

Drexel University— 3/15 at 2:30 PM (Guidance Conference Room)

Savannah College of Art and Design 3/28 at 11:00 AM (Media Center)

Senior Scholarship Opportunities: [Please click here to learn more and see scholarship offerings.](#)

Light on the Hill Society Scholarship: The Light on the Hill Society Scholarship will award 10 scholarships to African-American students who will enroll at UNC Chapel Hill for fall 2019. They will award two Julius Peppers scholarships, valued at \$2,000 each and renewable for up to three years, and eight LOTH scholarships, that are a one-time award valued at \$2,500 each. A selection committee will evaluate applicants based on the following: academic achievement, evidence of community service, leadership qualities, and strength of essays. To apply, click [here](#). **Amount:** \$2,000 (Julius Peppers scholarship); \$2,500 (LOTH scholarship). **Deadline:** 11:59 p.m. (EST) on March 3, 2019.

NC Legislative Pages: If your student is interested in becoming a **page for the North Carolina General Assembly**, then please see the information in this edition. Apply for the Senate by clicking [here](#). Apply to the House by clicking [here](#).

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

[Ashley Cole](#) : Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance)

[Sarah Goodwin](#): Information Systems (Cybersecurity, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Recording Arts.

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JUNIORS — All juniors will be taking the SAT on April 9, 2019.

Seniors! Here are the new standards for honors recognition

Summa Cum Laude: 4.25
Magna Cum Laude: 4.0-4.24
Cum Laude: 3.75-3.99

**Class of
2020**

**Class of
2021**

**CLASS OF
2022**

SENIORS:

If you are requesting a teacher recommendation through Naviance you **MUST** talk to that teacher about it. Give at least 2 weeks notice, if possible. Teachers may also request your resume before writing a letter.



Huntington Learning Center-Weddington is partnering with UCPS to provide our students with test taking tips and tricks for the ACT and SAT. Students who attend earn participation points toward their school's #UCPSCollegeReady goal!

UCPS will be administering the ACT and SAT to all juniors for free.

- UCPS ACT administration date: February 20, 2019
- UCPS SAT administration date: April 9, 2019

| Date | Time | Location | Registration Link | Test(s) Addressed |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--|---|-------------------|
| Saturday, November 17, 2018 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | CATA 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112 | http://bit.ly/bit11-17-18 | SAT & ACT |
| Saturday, February 16, 2019 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | CATA 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112 | http://bit.ly/bit2-16-19 | ACT |
| Saturday, April 6, 2019 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | TBD | Coming Soon! | SAT |

National SAT Dates - students must register at CollegeBoard.org

- November 3rd register by 10/5, with late fee until 10/24
- December 1st register by 11/2, with late fee until 11/20
- March 9th register by 2/8, with late fee until 2/27
- May 4th register by 4/5, with late fee until 4/24
- June 1st register by 5/3, with late fee until 5/22

National ACT Dates – students must register at ACTstudent.org

- October 27th register by 9/28, with late fee until 10/14
- December 8th register by 11/2, with late fee until 11/19
- February 9th register by 1/11, with late fee until 1/18
- April 13th register by 3/8, with late fee until 3/25
- June 8th register by 5/3, with late fee until 5/20
- July 13th register by 6/14, with late fee until 6/24

(students who receive free or reduced lunch or have a financial need should see their counselor about a fee waiver)

Around CATA

Saturday, March 2—All State Band Auditions (Central Davidson High)

Monday, March 4— Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:30 (Media Center Conference Rm.); PTSO Meeting, 6:30 PM (Media Center)

Tuesday, March 5— End of Grading Period; NHS Meetings, 8:15 AM and 3:45 PM (Media Center)

Wednesday, March 6—Art Club, 3:30 (Rm. 102 Ms. Pentecost); UNC-Greensboro Visit, 9:30 AM (Media Center); University of South Carolina Visit, 10:30 AM (Media Center)

Thursday, March 7— **Early Release Day**, 8:50 AM to 12:30 PM

Friday, March 8—MPA In School Retreat (Band), Theatre and Band Room; Catawba College Visit, 2:30 PM (Media Center); Student Dance Choreography Show, 7:00 PM (Theatre)

Saturday, March 9—MPA In School Retreat (Band), Theatre and Band Room Student Dance Choreography Show, 7:00 PM (Theatre)

**Performing Arts
Parents can view
the Academy
Calendar by
clicking [here](#).**

March Events:

3/1 to 3/29—(Monday to Friday)— Spring Musical Rehearsals

3/14—Report Cards

3/15—Drexel University Visit, 2:30 PM (Guidance Conference Room)

3/15 to 3/17- NCASC Convention (Student Council)

3/15 & 3/16—CATA Theatre Sophomore Scene Night, 7 PM (Theatre)

3/19—Charlotte National College Fair (Park Expo), 12:00 PM

3/20 to 3/24—Regional High School Dance Festival, Norfolk, Va.

3/21 to 3/23—International Thespian Festival, Greensboro

3/25—Master Class Fight Workshop, 9 am to 1:30, Theatre

3/25—Josten's Senior Cap and Gown Delivery, All Lunches

3/27—CATA Career Fair, 8:30 AM (GYM)

3/27—Site Based Team Meeting, 3:45 PM (Media Conference Room)

3/28— SCAD Visit, 11:00 AM (Media Center)

3/30—Prom, 8PM to 11:55 PM, Rolling Hills Country Club

Student Life

Our student life organizations are listed on our website. [Click here](#).

- The **Art Club** is meeting meets Every Wednesday in Rm. 102 (Ms. Pentecost)
- The **Yearbook club** meets Every Thursday in Rm. 102 (Ms. Pentecost).
- There is a **Student Council Officer Meeting**, 3:30 PM (Media Conference Rm.) every Monday
- There are **NHS** meetings on Tuesday March 5 at 8:15 AM and 3:45 PM in the media center.





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** **Please follow the CATA Twitter & Facebook feeds for the latest updates due to weather and rescheduled events.** **Athletic Director:** Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Last Week's Results:

Baseball – Lost vs. Concord
Softball – Won vs. Concord
Women's Soccer – Lost vs. Concord
Track & Field – No Events Yet
Men's Golf – No Events Yet
Men's Tennis – No Events Yet

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, February 28th:

HOME – Softball vs. Union Academy – 4:00 pm
HOME – Baseball vs. Union Academy – 4:30/7:00 pm – Walter Bickett Stadium
HOME – Soccer vs. Central Davidson – 6:00 pm – Monroe High School

Monday, March 4th:

AWAY – Golf – Mount Pleasant – Red Bridge Country Club – 3:30 pm
AWAY – JV Baseball vs. Metrolina – 4:00 pm
AWAY – Tennis vs. Monroe – 4:00 pm
HOME – Softball vs. Porter Ridge – 4:00 pm
HOME – Baseball vs. Graystone – 5:30 pm
AWAY – Soccer vs. Monroe – 5:30 pm

Tuesday, March 5th:

No Events

Wednesday, March 6th:

AWAY – Track & Field – Cuthbertson – 3:45 pm
HOME – Tennis vs. Union Academy – 4:00 pm – Monroe High
AWAY – Soccer @ East Lincoln Tournament vs. West Iredell – 5:00 pm
AWAY – Baseball vs. Union Academy @ Walter Bickett – 5:00 pm
AWAY – Softball vs. Union Academy – 4:00/5:30 pm – Double Header – Parks Williams

Thursday, March 7th:

AWAY – Golf @ Lancaster Country Club – 3:30 pm

Friday, March 8th:

AWAY – Softball vs. Forest Hills – 4:30/6:00 pm – Double Header
AWAY – Soccer @ East Lincoln Tournament – Time TBA

Spring Sports Information:

Baseball – Aaron Hammers – aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Golf – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Tennis – Terry Lewis – terry.lewis@kw.com

Softball – Greg Peters – Gregory.peters@ucps.k12.nc.us

Track & Field – Kim Inuwa – kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Soccer – Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

News & Information:

FAMILY ID: If you plan on participating in Athletics during the 2018-2019 school year you need to create a NEW Family ID account and get registered. Once you have registered, you must get approved before you can participate. You only have to register once and you are good for the entire school year. The link to the CATA Family ID page can be found under **FORMS** on the CATA Athletics Website. Anyone participating in off season workouts must be registered and approved to participate.

Student Parking Passes

ALL past due student fees must be paid before you are permitted to purchase a parking pass—this includes the 2015-2016, 2016-2017, AND 2017-2018 technology fee, media center fees, cafeteria, and any fees owed to CATA.



- ALL Students, **MUST** print and bring ALL required documents with you along with the cash (exact amount) or check for **\$40** made payable to Central Academy of Technology & Arts. Any incomplete application packets will delay the process and you **canNOT** reserve your parking spot until all documents and check are turned in. Please make sure to have your parent sign the registration forms. They are available on the CATA website under "Students". [Click here for the link.](#)
- Students may choose their parking spot number if they purchase BEFORE the first day of school. After that we will sell remaining spots in order.
- **If you pay with cash, you MUST have exact change.**

Parking passes are not guaranteed available throughout the school year. Once we sell out we will start a waiting list. Students obtaining their license during the school year are not guaranteed a spot, and may have to wait until the following year to drive. We will have a waitlist for those students bringing in all appropriate documentation. **We have no spaces left and students will now be put on a waiting list .**

Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

- ♦ **Congratulations to our Transportation Systems Skills USA Regional Winners!**
Refinishing technology: Brandon Edwards 2nd place, Michael Kenary 3rd place, and Preston Scarborough 5th place., **Collision repair:** Brandon Faulk 2nd place, Ryan Long 4th place, and Dawson Maher 5th place. **Automotive services:** William Carlson 1st place, Zachary Porter 2nd place.
- ♦ **Congratulations to our automotive students who were recognized by the UCPS Career and Technical Education Department.** Our student entry, CATA Transportation – a project between the Automotive Technology & Collision Technology classes, was selected as a winner in the CTE Month Student Contest. The teachers of a winning submission can request up to \$1,000 of materials or resources to be used in their classrooms! We would like to recognize the students: **Jordan Gonzales, Megan O'Neill, River Johnson, and Brandon Edwards** for building Rod. Rod was made from salvaged engine rods (the reason for the name). Students took the engines apart to get the rods and pistons out. They removed the pistons from the rods and cleaned them in a sand blaster to make them ready for welding and painting. Rod is pictured on the front page.



Cougar Council PTSO Information

Click [here](#) to view important PTSO information, minutes, and agendas.

If anyone is interested in being a committee chair we have several openings for Fundraising and Membership chairs. Please contact catacougarcouncil@gmail.com for more information. We are still looking for a **membership** and **fundraising chairperson**. Please re-link your **Harris Teeter VIC** cards.

President: Nicole D'Amico

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Membership: Vacant

Fundraising: Vacant



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Volunteering at Central Academy:

We are happy to have our parents volunteer for events, field trips, and other school activities. Please click [here](#) to fill out an application to volunteer.

Chromebooks: This is a reminder that students/parents/guardians are responsible for the cost of all damages incurred if the protective case is removed from the Chromebook regardless of the cause. **This means students must keep the protective cases on the Chromebook.**



CATA Families-

Did you know that when customers shop on AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers?

So please select Central Academy and help support our great school and get your shopping done at the same time 😊

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THE DEN

Click [here](#) on the media center website to learn about offerings of books to read, research materials for class, and tools to enhance educational experiences! Contact [Deb Christensen](#), media specialist for details.



Math Tutoring



with
Mr. Broome
In room 519

Mondays
3:30-4:30

Yearbooks

Have you purchased a yearbook yet? Yearbooks are now \$85.00. Metal name tags can be ordered until March (select itag at checkout). You can order online at <https://yearbookforever.com/> (search for CATA) or send a check (made payable to CATA). The yearbook staff is hard at work designing another fabulous book. **If you have any questions about yearbook sales, please contact Ms. Deb Christensen at deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us or call 704-296-3088, ext. 7140.**

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Yearbook

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Band @catabanddirect
Student Council @StucoCata
Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling
Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling
Cheerleading @CATACougarCheer
Baseball @CATA_Baseball
Theatre Instagram: @C.A.T.A.Theatre

Chromebook and Technology Help Desk: Students may see Mr. Ed-dins during the following times for help with Technology

Monday, Wednesday,
Friday

- 7:30AM-8:50AM
- 12:00PM-2:00PM

