



Central Academy of Technology & Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year: On 3/1 counselors began 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. Report Cards** will go home on 3/14. The **PTSO** would like to serve our CATA Teachers and Staff a variety of pies on "**Pi Day**." This is just another creative way to show the teachers and staff that we are thinking about them. Please sign up today by clicking [here](#) and help us make this a successful "Pi Day." Please check out the **Cougar Pride Section** this week to see our **pre-engineering students'** accomplishments at the UNCC Civil Engineering Competition this past week.



The **Prom** is on Saturday, March 30 at Rolling Hills Country Club from 8 PM until 11:55 PM. Tickets are on sale March 1 to March 8 for \$65 on the CATA website. Ticket prices 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.

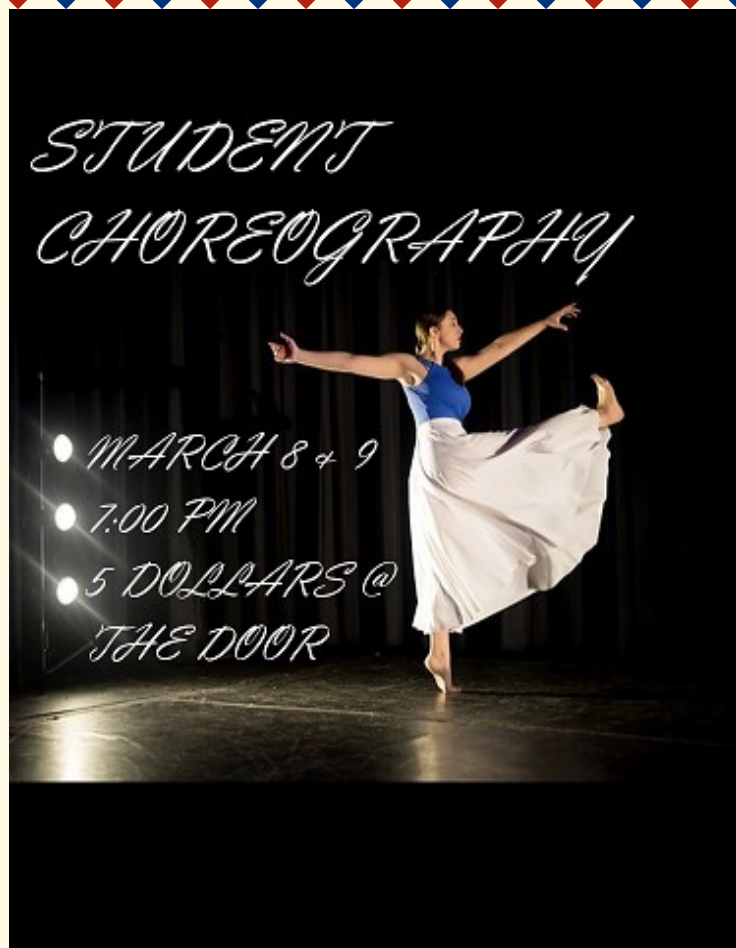
Please join the performing arts academy dancers this Friday and Saturday on 3/8 and 3/9 at 7 PM for their annual **Student Choreography Concert**. Tickets can be purchased online [here](#) or at the door for \$5. The performing arts **sophomore** theatre students are performing a **Scene Night** on 3/15 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. 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 PTSO website for more information [here](#). Purchase tickets [here](#) for our **Wednesday 4/10 night '80's Preview Celebration Performing Arts Fundraiser!** The event will be a totally awesome '80's night, where we will invite guests to dress in '80's clothes, dance it up with a DJ and even sing karaoke to '80's rock songs. There may even be prizes for the best costume and karaoke performance! The admission price will include hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, a "Rock of Ages" souvenir, DJ, and admission to the Wednesday night performance, along with a complimentary ticket to another Rock of Ages performance! Single Tickets are \$30 or get two for \$50!

CATA will host its 1st career fair on 3/27 from 9am-12pm! Each CATA Academy will be represented by career professionals from the community. The speakers will offer career & continuing education advice to the students and answer career related questions. We are excited about this opportunity for our students and the connections that they will make! Please contact Ms. Cain (Career Development Coordinator) or the Guidance Department with any additional questions or if you would like to volunteer as a presenter. Please see the ad in this edition. **The CATA PTSO will award six \$500 scholarships** to CATA seniors. Please be sure to seek details in this edition.

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](#).** The **Spring Senior Letter** will be coming out this month. 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



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.

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

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

University of Kentucky— 3/18 at 10:30 AM (Media Center)

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.](#)

The CATA PTSO will award six \$500 scholarships to CATA seniors. To be eligible, you must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and parent or student must be a member of the PTSO before the end of first semester. The student must be applying to attend a technical school, community college, or 4-year college/university. Click [here](#) for the application. Amount: \$500. **Deadline: March 29, 2019.**

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

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.

**Class of
2020**

**Class of
2021**

**CLASS OF
2022**



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/blltz11-17-18	SAT & ACT
Saturday, February 16, 2019	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	CATA 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112	http://bit.ly/blltz2-16-19	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

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)

Monday, March 11—Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:30 (Media Center Conference Rm.); Travel Club Meeting, 3:30 PM (Rm. 208, Ms. Foreman)

Tuesday, March 12— **ACT Make UP Date**; Beta Club Meetings, 8:30 and 3:35 (Media Center); Junior Beta Club Meetings, 8:15 AM (Rm. 401 Fish Bowl)

Wednesday, March 13—Art Club, 3:30 (Rm. 102 Ms. Pentecost);

Thursday, March 14— **Report Cards**; Yearbook Club, 3:30 (Rm 102, Ms. Pentecost); **Power School Registration Opens for Students until March 20**

Friday, March 15—Drexel University Visit, 2:30 PM (Guidance Conference Room); NCASC Convention (Student Council); CATA Theatre Sophomore Scene Night, 7 PM (Theatre)

Saturday, March 16—NCASC Convention (Student Council); CATA Theatre Sophomore Scene Night, 7 PM (Theatre)

Sunday, March 17—NCASC Convention (Student Council); Charlotte National College Fair (Park Expo), 12:00 PM

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

March Events:

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

3/18—University of Kentucky visit 10:30 AM (Media Center)

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)

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

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

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

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](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us). 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 – Win vs. Union Academy

Softball – No Events this week

Women's Soccer – Win vs. Central Davidson, Win vs. Monroe, Win vs. West Caldwell

Track & Field – Cougars did well in first event of the year, results were not available at the time of this issue.

Men's Golf – 1st place by 4 strokes in season opening RRC Match

Men's Tennis – Win vs. Monroe

Upcoming Events:

Friday, March 8th:

HOME – Softball vs. Forest Hills – 4:30 pm

Monday, March 11th:

HOME – Golf vs. RRC – Monroe Country Club – 3:30 pm

AWAY – Tennis vs. Parkwood – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Soccer vs. Marvin Ridge – 5:30 pm

AWAY – JV Baseball vs. Carmel Christian – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Varsity Baseball vs. Christ the King – 4:00 pm - Moor Field in Mooresville, NC. 691 S Broad St, Mooresville, NC 28115.

Tuesday, March 12th:

AWAY – Tennis vs. Forest Hills – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Softball vs. Charlotte Catholic – 4:30/6:00 pm – Double Header

Wednesday, March 13th:

AWAY – Baseball vs. Concord – 4:30/7:00 pm

AWAY – Softball vs. Concord – 6:00 pm

AWAY – Soccer vs. Concord – 6:00 pm

AWAY – Golf – Red Bridge Country Club – 3:30 pm

Thursday, March 14th:

HOME – JV Baseball vs. Metrolina – 4:30 pm

HOME – Varsity Baseball vs. Graystone Day – 7:00 pm

Friday, March 15th:

HOME – Soccer vs. Union Academy – 5:00 pm

HOME – Tennis vs. Mount Pleasant – 4:00 pm – Monroe High

Saturday, March 16th:

AWAY – Track & Field – Cuthbertson – All Day Event

News & Information: A volleyball interest meeting for next year is on March 12th in Coach Peacock's room, 608. This is for all new and returning members. If you are interested in playing next year but cannot make the meeting, you should email Coach Peacock prior to March 12th.

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

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



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!!!

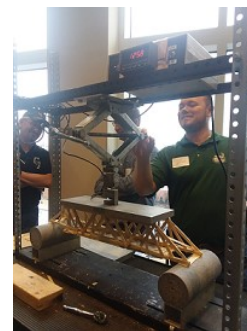
The Civil Engineering Competition at UNCC last Friday was fantastic! The competition consists of (5) pre-engineering students per team competing in four categories: Geotechnical (soils), Environmental (water filtration), Structural (bridge design/build) and Transportation. There were four school districts represented at the competition this year. The top three places received recognition in each category, plus a judge's award for Best Geotechnical Design. Out of 13 possible awards CATA won 10!

Environmental – 1st, 2nd & 3rd places

Geotechnical – 1st, 2nd & 3rd places and judges award for Best Design (swept all awards in this category 2 years in a row)

Structural – 1st & 2nd places

Transportation – 3rd place



First Block **Biomedical Innovations and Engineering** students in Mr. Recher's and Ms. Black's classes collaborated on an Emergency Room design project for the Biomedical Innovations students. The BI students will present their innovative ideas for the Engineering students, and faculty members based on completion of the collaboration

Our **2A State Wrestling Champions** were recognized by the City of Monroe and the Union County Public Schools Board of Education this past week.



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?

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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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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

