



Central Academy of Technology & Arts Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,

Our Annual PTSO Invest in Excellence Campaign will run August 19 - October 4. Instead of paying technology fees again we are asking that you donate \$25 to our school. Last year, we raised over \$20,000 when all matching funds were accounted for and this year we can do the same. We have big ticketed projects in mind that will enhance our school. I believe as a result of your contributions and support we had very little teacher turn-over and huge academic success. Please continue to support our PTSO Invest in Excellence campaign each year. You can give through your child's first period classes or online by clicking [here](#). **Fall Sports Fundraiser:** The 2019 Fall Sports Fundraiser is underway; please help spread the word by sharing the following link. All money raised helps to support the CATA Athletic Department and all of our teams: Click [here](#) to give. We must have community donations to enhance our athletic program. Please consider giving and remember this is a competition among the various athletic teams at the school. Which team can raise the most money. Please check out the [athletics page](#) for schedules and events.

Senior makeup pictures are on Thursday, 9/19 & 9/20. Appointment information will be sent to students who were unable to get their picture taken this summer. On 9/20 there will be a time for students to have **retakes** if they are unhappy with their photos for a \$30 sitting fee. **Yearbooks** are \$75.00 until 11/30 when the price increases to \$85.00. Send check or cash to Ms. Christensen in The Den or order online at [yearbookforever.com](#) (search for CATA). See information about **Senior Tributes** in the yearbook in this edition. Seniors, do not forget to order your **Senior Bundle (shirt and sign)**; click [here](#) for an order form. **Cougar Athletic Passes** are on sale: Students - \$25 & Adults - \$50. Passes are good for admission to ALL regular season HOME games for the entire year and can be purchased in the main office, at home athletic events, or by clicking [here](#). **CATA Cougar Spirit Wear** is now on sale at selected home athletic events; click [here](#) to purchase online. Please call or text Mickie Carter at 980-257-4174 with questions. **Blue Crew student section shirts** are available for purchase online and in the front office. Shirts are \$12; click [here](#) to buy a shirt. All parents and students, please make a note of the **UCPS Student Code of Conduct Policy** at this [link](#) and our **attendance procedures and new attendance policy** by clicking [here](#). Our **2020 Junior/Senior Prom** is on Saturday, March 21 from 8 to 11:55 PM. At Rolling Hills Country Club. We need one more student reps. for the 2019-2020 school year to serve on the **CATA Site Based Committee**. The committee has three administrators, one counselor, six teachers, four parents, and two students who help to make decisions for the school. Meetings are once a month, the last Wednesday at 3:45. Please contact Ms. [Ashley Lawson](#), if you are interested. We will not have **Cougar Time** the week of 9/9 and it will begin the following week.

Please take time to read over this newsletter. 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

**Connect with us on Social Media on Instagram, Twitter, & Facebook.
Click the icons to visit and follow our pages**





Invest in Excellence

Invest in Excellence at CATA

Central Academy of Technology & Arts Cougar Council PTSO needs your help!



The mission of Central Academy of Technology & Arts is to prepare students for informed decision-making, effective citizenship, personal achievement, higher education, and rewarding careers. We are kicking off the annual **Invest in Excellence at CATA** campaign.

It is a simple, one-time, straightforward way for individuals, businesses, and corporations to invest in the excellence of CATA.

Please consider a tax-deductible investment!
100% of the money donated is reinvested in CATA.

CAMPAIGN RUNS AUGUST 19th THROUGH OCTOBER 4th

CATA DEPARTMENT WISH LIST

- **SCHOOL PROJECT:** Improved School Signage
- **SCIENCE:** Supplemental Instructional Materials and Science Lab Stools
- **PRE-ENGINEERING:** Engineering Toys
- **MEDICAL SCIENCE:** Disciplinary Literacy Subscriptions
- **INFORMATION SYSTEMS:** Classroom Design Enhancement Features for Game Art & Design
- **TRANSPORTATION:** Tools and Industrial Fans
- **PERFORMING ARTS:** Dance Floor for the Theater Stage, Stage Backdrop Cone, Repurpose Classroom to Small Theater
- **MATH:** Handheld Teaching Tools
- **ENGLISH:** Turnitin Plagiarism System
- **SOCIAL STUDIES:** Classroom Design Enhancement Features (Furnishing and Lighting)

INVEST IN EXCELLENCE DONATIONS

- \$25 \$50
 \$75 \$100
 OTHER
 CORPORATE MATCHING AVAILABLE

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Student Name _____

Grade _____

Please make checks payable to CATA PTSO
 Visit our website to pay online: www.cataptso.org



Performing Arts

[Click here to see the Performing Arts Committee of the PTSO's Information](#)

- ◇ The new Performing Arts Website,
- ◇ Season Tickets,
- ◇ Performing Arts Giving Plans
- ◇ Performing Arts Volunteer Needs
- ◇



The **International Thespian Society** meets every first Thursday of the month at 3:40 in Rm. 616. Please see Ms. Casey, Mrs. Starkey, or Mr. Stiver for more information. ITS is an Honors Society focused on performing arts including singing, acting, dancing, and technical theatre. **All Academies are Welcome!**



Be in the Know by following us on Social Media

Follow CATA at @cata_monroe
 CATA Official Instagram @catacougars
 Dance @CATA_DANCE
 Performing Arts @CougarArts
 Athletics @CATA_Athletics
 Football @cata_football
 Band @catabanddirect
 Student Council @StucoCata
 Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling
 Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling
 Cheerleading @CATACougarCheer
 Baseball @CATA_Baseball
 Theatre Instagram: @CATA_PerformingArts
 Women's Basketball Twitter-@cata_girlsbasketball
 UCPS @UCPS_MonroeNC



College and Career Corner

Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

**Class of
2020**

Attention Seniors Class of 2020 Information Coming this Fall

Graduation is on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Winthrop Coliseum in Rock Hill, SC

PSAT: ALL **sophomores** will be taking the **PSAT** and the **juniors** who earned 90% on the one they took when they were 10th graders. The date of the PSAT is 10/16.

ACT—All juniors will be taking the **ACT** on 2/25, a college entrance exam. In order to best prepare all juniors will work on ACT preparation during Cougar Time two times per week.

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.



**Class of
2021**





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Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

- ◆ Congratulations to Lauren Sharpe, 11th grader in the Theatre Academy, for becoming a member of the CATA Site Base Committee. We are still in need of one more student for this committee. Please contact Ms. Lawson if interested.
- ◆ Congratulations to parents, Ms. Michele Ayers and Ms. Jessica Curry for being selected to

Scholarship Spotlight– Click [HERE](#) for more scholarships

John Crowder Service Award- This award is designed to honor a student for outstanding community service. Student must be academically sound and have no discipline referrals for the school year. Student must have an established history of community service in more than one area or with more than one organization. Application: Students interested in being nominated for this award must complete the Scholarship Nomination Interest Form (found at the top of this page) Amount: No amount awarded, Deadline to submit form: September 9, 2019.

Morehead-Cain Scholarship at UNC Chapel Hill- The Morehead-Cain is a four-year, fully funded educational experience for students of the highest caliber. It not only provides a full ride, but it offers life-changing summer enrichment and Discovery Fund experiences. The Morehead-Cain Foundation seeks motivated, courageous, and inquisitive leaders interested in embracing new and unknown experiences. Applicants must exhibit four criteria: leadership, moral force of character, scholarship, and physical vigor. To be eligible, a student must be a competitive applicant to UNC Chapel Hill and on track to graduate in the spring of 2020. Students can apply Early Decision to another institution and still apply for the Morehead-Cain. Students will be notified of their semifinalist status before the Early Decision deadline for other institutions. Application: Students interested in being nominated for this award must fill out the Scholarship Nomination Interest Form (found at the top of this page). Students will be notified of their nomination by Sept. 27, 2019. Nominees will then be given further directions on how to apply for the scholarship. Amount: Full ride, Deadline to submit nomination form: September 13, 2019.

Park Scholarship at NC State- The Park Scholarship looks for exceptional students who are accomplished and have potential in the areas of character, leadership, scholarship, and service. Students must be applying to NC State. Students do not have to be a resident of the United States to apply. Application: Students interested in being nominated for this award must fill out the Scholarship Nomination Interest Form (found at the top of this page). Amount: Four-year award valued at up to \$111,000 for in-state students Deadline to submit nomination form: September 20, 2019

DAR Good Citizens Awards and Scholarship Contest

The DAR Good Citizens program is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The student selected as the DAR Good Citizen must have the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism (unselfish interest in family, school, community, and nation) to an outstanding degree. The student chosen as CATA's Good Citizen will be given information on the scholarship contest. Application: Students interested should complete the Scholarship Nomination Interest Form (found at the top of this page). Amount: \$250 - \$5,000. Deadline to submit nomination form: September 23, 2019.



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](https://twitter.com/CATA_Athletics) **Athletic Director:** Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Last Week's Results:

JV Football – Win 9-6 vs. Forest Hills

Volleyball – Lost vs. Lake Norman Charter,

Win vs. Corvian Community, Loss vs.

Piedmont

Men's Soccer – Win vs. Lake Norman

Charter, Loss vs. Piedmont

Women's Tennis – Win vs. Mount Pleasant, Win vs. Union Academy

Cross Country – Men finished 3rd @ Metrolina Invite.

CATA COUGAR SPIRIT WEAR

**CATA Spirit Wear will be on sale online.
Our Band Boosters sell Cougar Spirit Wear!**

Click [here](#) to purchase online.

Please call or text Mickie Carter at 980-257-4174 with questions.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, September 6th: HOME – Tennis vs. Parkwood – 4:00 pm, HOME – Soccer vs. Parkwood – 4:00/5:30 pm, HOME – Volleyball vs. Parkwood – 5:30/7:00 pm: One ticket gets you into soccer & volleyball

Saturday, September 7th: HOME – Cross Country – CATA Invite – 8:00 am

Monday, September 9th: HOME – Tennis vs. Monroe – 4:00 pm, HOME – Soccer vs. Hickory Ridge – 4:30/6:00 pm – Walter Bickett Stadium

Tuesday, September 10th: AWAY – Soccer @ Butler – 4:30/6:00 pm, HOME – Volleyball vs. Forest Hills – 4:30/6:00 pm, AWAY – Cross Country @ West Stanly Course – 4:30 pm

Wednesday, September 11th: HOME – Tennis vs. Piedmont – 4:00 pm

Thursday, September 12th: AWAY – Tennis @ Forest Hills – 4:00 pm, AWAY – Soccer @ Salisbury – 6:00 pm, AWAY – JV Football @ Albemarle – 6:30 pm

Friday, September 13th: No Events

Fall Sports Fundraiser:

The 2019 Fall Sports Fundraiser is underway; please help spread the word by sharing the following link. All money raised helps to support the CATA Athletic Department and all of our teams:

https://give.livingtree.com/c/cata-athletics_1

Fall Sports Coaches Contact Information:

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

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

Cross Country - Kim Inuwa – kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Football – Drew Hackett – drew.hackett@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Volleyball - Stephanie Peacock – Stephanie.peacock@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Women's Tennis - Terry Lewis – soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com



Around CATA

Monday, September 9— Queens University Visit, Media Center, Science Olympiad, 3:30, Rm. 605; Knitting for Good, 3:30, Rm. 617; Yearbook Club, 3:30, Rm. 102; Society of Women Engineers, 3:40, Rm. 525

Tuesday, September 10— University of South Carolina Visit, Media Center; Beta Club, 8:00 AM & 3:35, Media Center

Wednesday, September 11—September 11 Luncheon, 12 PM, Media Center, Appalachian State University visit, Media Center; Art Club, 3:30, Rm. 102

Thursday, September 12— YCI, 8:00 AM, Rm. 605; Grand Canyon University Visit, Guidance Conference Rm.; Canine Club, 3:30, Rm. 604; Speech & Debate, 3:30 Rm. 617; SAT Future Prep, 4:00, Rm. 401

Friday, September 13— Maker Club, 3:45, Rm. 612

Saturday, September 14—SAT Future Prep Practice SAT, 8:30 AM, Rm. 401

Upcoming Events– September

Until 10/4— PTSO Invest in Excellence

Until 10/1—Cougar Athletic Fundraiser

9/16—Progress Reports

9/17, BETA Club Inductions, Theatre, 7 PM

9/19 & 9/20— Senior Absentee Photos

9/21—Union County Band Preview, MRHS

9/24—NHS Induction Ceremony, Theatre, 6 PM

9/25—Rho Kappa Induction Ceremony, Theatre, 5 PM

9/26—Site Based Committee Meeting, Media Conference Rm. 3:45

9/27—George Mason University Visit, Media Center

9/27—University of Alabama Huntsville Visit, Media Center

9/30—No School– Required Teacher Workday

Student Life

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

- There will be an interest meeting for those that enjoy **chess**. The meeting will be Wednesday, September 11th in room 216 at 345.
- There is a **Society of Women Engineers** Meeting on Monday, September 9 at 3:40 in Rm. 525
- There will be an organization meeting for everyone interested in the **robotics club** on Monday, Sept 9th at 345 in room 216.
- **FCA** will have a meet and greet welcome on September 12th at 8:00am in room 403. Come out and join us
- This year the **Travel Club** is exploring Scotland, England and France during 2020 Spring Break. There is still room available to sign up. See Mrs. Pentecost for more information. For those already signed up, mark your calendar for our monthly meetings to prepare for the adventure. We will meet the 3rd Thursday of each month.
- Do you like to sketch, paint, doodle or craft? Bring some friends with you to **Art Club**. No talent needed, just a willingness to create. Art Club will meet in the Art Room on Wednesday, September 11th from 3:30-4:30.
- There will be an informational meeting on Fri. Sept. 6 for anyone interested in becoming a member of the **Jr. Beta Club**. We will meet at 8:15 and 3:30 in the Fish Bowl, Mr. Neisner's Room. Room 401. Come to only one of these times.
- Would you like to learn to knit while helping your local and global community? Please join the **Knitting for Good Club** for tea and cookies and an informational meeting on September 9 at 3:35 in room 617.
- Anyone interested in joining **CATA's student council**, please see Mr. McDowell and have your dues turned in by September 18th.
- All Juniors and Seniors please check your school email. Invitations for the **National Honor Society** have been sent to eli-



Chromebooks, Yearbooks, and Summer Read

CHROMEBOOKS – 2019-2020

CATA is the school of Technology and all students are required to use their Chromebooks at school. UCPS Technology Initiative provides learning anywhere, anytime for our students. We are very excited for all of our CATA students to receive their Chromebook again to use for schoolwork during the school year. This is an amazing initiative that students in UCPS will again benefit from. Students at CATA are required to bring their Chromebook to school every day.

Parents—both you and your child will be required to sign a Chrome book Student /Parent Agreement. **EVERY student received a form on the first day of school.**

There is NO technology fee this year!



2019-2020 Yearbooks

Yearbooks are \$75.00 until November 30th when the price increases to \$85.00. Send check or cash to Ms. Christensen in The Den or order online at yearbookforever.com (search for CATA).

Senior tributes are now on sale.

Full page \$295	maximum of 9 pictures
½ page \$195	maximum of 6 pictures
¼ page \$100	maximum of 3 pictures
1/8 page \$65	maximum of 1 picture

make checks payable to CATA
or order online at <https://yearbookforever.com/>

We cannot guarantee a spot after the September 30th deadline as the placement of pages will be set for the book and cannot be changed.

All photos and the message must be received by October 31st to provide enough time to create the tributes and meet our deadlines.



Student Section and Parking Passes

The Student Section at CATA is the...

BLUE CREW

Every year a new Blue Crew shirt is designed and voted on by students. Purchase the 19-20 Blue Crew Shirt by going to [our online link.](#)



Shirts cost **\$12** and will be available for pick up on August 9th if ordered online.

Student Section Shirts will be sold at Freshman Orientation and at the Upperclassmen Open House

Parking Passes

- ALL past due student fees must be paid before you are permitted to purchase a parking pass—this includes the 2016-2017 AND 2017-2018 technology fees, 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.**



STUDENTS WHO DRIVE TO SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY WILL NEED TO HAVE A HANG TAG TO PARK IN A RESERVED SPACE. 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.