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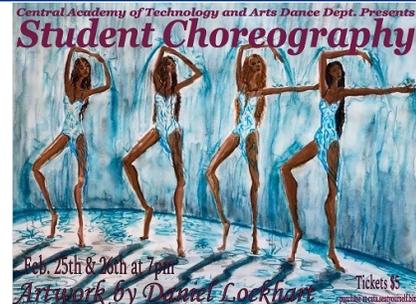
February 17, 2022



Dear CATA Family,

- CATA's CTE Teacher of the Year is Ms. Turner from our Medical Science Academy! Congratulations Ms. Turner!
- Attention Seniors and Parents Cap & Gown portraits are now available to view and purchase through Cady! Order here: cady.com/capgown22
- Black History Month Special Program: This is a student lead event on Tuesday, February 22 at 7 PM in our Theatre. There is not charge to come out and hear our students sing songs, recite poetry, speak, dance, and create art! All are welcome!
- 80s Dance: Students are invited to a night of music, food, and dancing in the Gym on Saturday, February 19 from 8-11 PM. The dress code is semi-formal or 80's attire. Tickets are on sale online now! Make sure to complete the **dance attendance google form** after you pay for your ticket. Off Campus guest forms are in the front office or outside of Ms. Casey's door, Rm. 616. Each student has been emailed information: [click here](#) to pay, [click here](#) to fill out the attendance form after you pay.
- The Performing Arts Academy Dancers presents the **Student Choreography Concert** on February 25 and 26 at 7 PM in the theatre! Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at CA-TA.seatyourself.biz
- Administrative Advisory Council- Apply February 21-25 by [clicking here](#). Improve your school and make your voice heard. There will be one Junior and Senior appointed per Academy Pathway. The council will meet with administration once a term and with their academies once a month. Applicants must be interviewed, submit a teacher recommendation, and participate in an interview. See Ms. Cole for more information.
- HOSA is sponsoring a **Medical Awareness Week** February 22-25. Please join us each day by wearing the specified color to bring awareness to many health concerns. We will have **ACADEMY coin wars** in the cafeteria each day during lunch--earn a chance to win one of 5 gift cards with every \$1 you give! All proceeds go to the Council on Aging of Union County. See the caption on this page for what color to wear each day.
- Registration: We have a virtual Registration 101 Parent Night on Monday, February 28 at 6:30 PM. [Click here](#) to sign up and receive the link. A registration timeline listed on **Page 4**.
- Trojan Women Performance: Friday, March 4. This is our final performance before heading to the SETC competition, and serves as a fundraiser. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at CATA.seatyourself.biz. There is also an option to donate if anyone cannot attend, but would like to help our students go to SETC.
- Athletics: Check out the CATA Sports page in this edition on **Page 6** or go to our athletics website by [clicking here](#).
- Tickets for all CATA Home Athletics can be purchased [HERE](#). -Spirit Wear: [Click here](#) to purchase.
- Student Life announcements on **page 2**, Senior Class of 2022 Information is on **Page 3**, Counseling Center & Career Development Information: Announcements and information on **Page 4 & 5**, PTSO Information: **Page 7**, Media Center Information- The DEN on **Page 3**, School Procedure Information **Page 8**

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. Go Cougars! Ms. Merritt



Tues 2/22 Mental Health Awareness-wear GREEN

Wed 2/23 Heart Health Awareness- wear RED

Thurs 2/24 Cystic Fibrosis Wear PURPLE

Diabetes-wear BLUE

Friday 2/25 Golden Years Awareness-wear GOLD or SILVER

Academy COIN WARS during lunch! Be entered into a drawing for various GIFT CARDS for every \$1 given to support the Council on Aging of Union County



Student Life Information



Student Life Meetings and Activities This Week

CATA Robotics wins Sportsmanship Award at the State Qualification Vex Tournament! Way to go CATA Robotics Team!

Minority Student Union: Friday, February 18, 4 PM, the Den

Fashion Club: Monday, February 21, 4 PM, Rm. 616

Yearbook : Tuesday February 22, 4 PM, Rm. 102

Rho Kappa General: Weds. Feb. 23, 8:30 AM, Rm. 604

Speech and Debate : Thurs., February 24, 3:45 Rm. 601

NHS Officer Meeting: Friday, February 25, 8:30 AM, Rm. 604

Spring Track will begin on February 22
Practices: M-F 4PM – 5:45 PM

GOOGLE FORM



Apply
February
21-25

APPLY TO JOIN
 ADMIN ADVISORY
 COUNCIL

+ 1 Jr & 1 Sr per pathway	+ Meet directly with Admin each term
+ Hear issues within academies	+ Must fill out form, submit teacher recommendation and be interviewed



Yearbooks are on sale for \$80.00

New for Twenty-Two Book Clubs
 "Books are a uniquely portable magic."
 Stephen King



CATA's chapter of the National English Honors Society is offering CATA students and staff opportunities to read for pleasure and to discuss those books with friends. This is a student-led endeavor although each group has a faculty sponsor. Be aware that some of the titles have mature themes and may not be suitable for younger readers or may introduce uncomfortable topics or language. Students and their parents are strongly encouraged to thoroughly vet a title before engaging. The English department has multiple copies of some of these titles: check with the faculty sponsor to see if you can borrow a copy.

- Stardust* by Neil Gaiman*
NEHS member Austin Anderson, faculty sponsor Ms. Hutson
 - Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline*
NEHS member Christian Day, faculty sponsor Mr. Hidalgo
 - They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera*
NEHS member Emma Gwyn, faculty sponsor Ms. Atwood
 - The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver
NEHS member Buggs Nelson, faculty sponsor Ms. Starkey
 - Parkland: Birth of a Movement* by Dave Cullen*
NEHS member Charvi Kavadekar, faculty sponsor Ms. Barron
 - Beloved* by Toni Morrison*
NEHS member Lasya Kandukuri, faculty sponsor Ms. Henry
 - Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
NEHS members Ally O'Day and Bridget McBride, faculty sponsor Ms. Thompson
- *mature themes and potentially strong language in the book



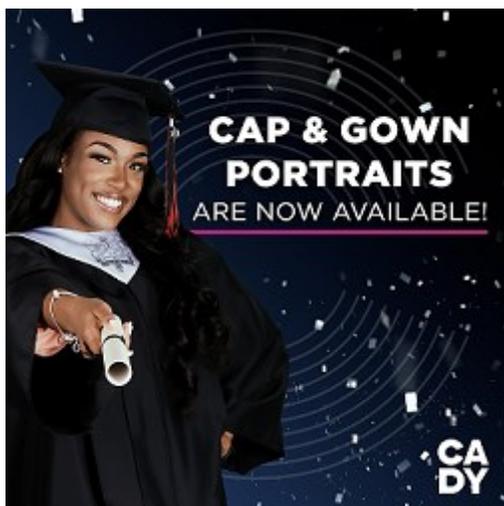
Senior Class of 2022 Information

[Click here](#) for the Fall Senior Letter.

**Den
Digest**

Class of 2022 Graduation Date: Tuesday, June 7 at 8:00 AM at Walter Bickett Stadium. [Click here](#) for the Fall Senior Letter.

Seniors: mid-year transcripts are being uploaded into Scoir. Your counselor will automatically send to every school that requires one. You do not need to request it via Scoir or email.



Attention Seniors and Parents, Cap & Gown portraits are now available to view and purchase through Cady! Celebrate this special achievement. Click below to order now!
cady.com/capgown22



The Den Digest

Check out the Virtual Learning Commons and see what is offered. Find links to databases, research help, reading lists, how to evaluate news sources and more.

<https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/cata-media-center/>

Want to check out a book? Stop into the media center and check one out or Login to Destiny and put one on hold.

Need a calculator? Fill out this form and have your parent/guardian sign. You can pick the calculator up in the Den or it will be given to your math or science teacher.

<https://forms.gle/UopHczyHpjzf6QBb8>

Remember that you can access e-books and other resources through our online catalog

<https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/105625>



College and Career Corner

Information from the Counseling Department

[Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling](#)
[Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling](#)



[Please click here for all information from our Counseling Department](#)
[Click here to sign up for CATA College Visits](#)
[Scholarship Spotlight- Click HERE SCHOLARSHIP PAGE](#)
[CATA Counseling Canvas Page- Click HERE](#)

REGISTRATION

Classroom presentations (Feb. 14 - 25): Counselors will present to their academy classes about the registration process.

Registration Window (March 2 - 9): Students will be able to register in PowerSchool during this window.

2nd Block Counselor Meetings (March 14 - 31): Every student will meet with their counselor during 2nd block to review their registration. Each second block class is assigned a specific day for their meeting (swipe for schedule). Students who do not register within the window will meet with their counselor on the make-up days.

Make-Up Counselor Meetings (April 1st and 4th): These meetings will be for students who were absent on their assigned day or who did not register during the window.

Registration 101: Parent Info Night

Join us for a virtual presentation to learn more about the registration process.

Feb. 28 | 6:30pm

Please sign up to receive the link

CATA Counseling 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 Cole](#) : Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance) & Guidance Department Chairperson

[Sarah Goodwin](#): Information Systems (Cyber Security, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Re-cording Arts

[Stephanie Graham](#): Medical Science, Transportation (Auto Technology & Collision Repair)



College and Career Corner

Information from the Counseling Department

[Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling](#)
[Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling](#)

Attention Juniors: Are you interested in an internship next year? The application is open in MajorClarity under the work based learning link for you to apply for a summer internship or a full internship where you can get class credit in the fall or spring next year. You must have had two CTE courses and one 2nd level to apply. See Ms. Bartell for details.

INTERNSHIP

CATA

The UCPS Career and Technical Education (CTE) Internship Program provides high school seniors opportunity for hands-on experience in areas of career or academic interest prior to college or post-secondary training. Internships may be paid or unpaid. Applications are ranked and processed based on program criteria.

QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST

- Senior during school year / rising senior for summer
- Has successfully completed at least two CTE courses and reached concentrator status within a career pathway (Priority given to students completed coursework in their internship field.)
- No more than 7 absences in any semester for the current and past two (2) years
- No suspensions (ISS or OSS) or serious disciplinary incidents on high school record
- Reliable transportation
- Encourage at least 2.5 overall GPA
- Can attend at least eight hours per week
- Positive feedback on references

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Complete application in Major Clarity
- If you arrange your own internship, fill in details and contact information on the application
- For medical internships, submit vaccination records
- Interview with prospective sponsor(s), if necessary
- **Deadlines:** April 15 for a summer internship, May 1 for a first semester internship the following school year and October 1 (medical) or October 15 (non-medical) for a second semester internship.

REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS

- Most assignments are completed online
- Time Sheet
 - Journal
 - Analysis Questions
 - Terminology
 - Workplace Readiness Modules
 - Reflection Questions
 - Capstone Project
 - Career Development Articles
 - Major Clarity Assignments

GRADE / CREDIT

Grade is based on required assignments, attendance at scheduled meetings and sponsor evaluation. Successful completion of the course will result in one unit of general elective credit.

- Semester**
- Grade shows on report card for each grading period
- Summer**
- Grade added to transcript after completion of course requirements

SCHEDULING

Community sponsor and student determine schedule based on the business' hours of operation and their mutual convenience.

- Minimum of 135 total hours required (100 contact hours)
- Student attends at least eight hours per week (two or three days per week for three to four hours per day)

- Semester**
- Placement must be confirmed by Internship Coordinator before course is added to class schedule
 - Completed during first or second semester with one release period

- Summer**
- Hours and assignments completed before the beginning of first semester

BENEFITS to STUDENT

- Obtain a more realistic view of a career field and the world of work
- Connect classroom learning with career opportunities
- Make more informed decisions regarding post-secondary education or training
- Gain industry experience
- Make contacts that will help when applying for specific college programs or scholarships

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

- Go to the CTE website: ucpscte.org
- Log onto Major Clarity and select Work Based Learning Opportunities
- Contact Elizabeth Bartell, Career Development Coordinator
 Central Academy of Technology & Arts
alizabeth.bartell@ucps.k12.nc.us, 704-296-0105
 Location: Guidance Office



SPCC CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE INFORMATION SESSION

Join us for an information session that will cover everything you need to know about the Career and College Promise (CCP) program at SPCC.

Topics covered:

- Pathways
- Eligibility
- Steps to Enrollment
- Career Coach vs. High School Counselor
- SPCC Technology
- Course Load
- Course Instructional Formats
- Accommodations
- Benefits of CCP
- More!

DATES & TIMES

- January 18th @ 6pm
- February 8th @ 6pm
- March 8th @ 6pm
(Virtual Microsoft Teams Sessions)

HOW TO ATTEND!

Simply click the link below to join:
Microsoft Teams meeting
 Join on your computer or mobile app
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

CONTACT INFO

For any questions, please contact Secondary Education Partnerships at:
sep@spcc.edu
 704.290.5090



CATA's CTE Teacher of the Year goes to Ms. Turner from our Medical Science Academy! Congratulations Ms. Turner!



COUGAR ATHLETICS

Athletics website: <https://www.ucpsathletics.com/centralacademy>

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

Last Week's Results

Friday, Feb 11: WBB 28 - .Parkwood 38; MBB 43- Parkwood 64

Swim 3A State Championships: Caleb Huff places **10th** in the state for his 50 Free & **12th** in 100.The 200 Free Relay of Caleb Huff, Carter Williams, Jacob Curtiss, & Carson Brackenbush placed **5th**

Saturday, Feb 12: Wrestling @ 3A Regionals - Eastern Guilford HS 3A MidWest Regional Wrestling Champs - 4th Consecutive Regional Team Title!; Individual Champions included: Kyle Montaperto(126), Aiden Curry (160), & Brady Ross (182); Runners up: Elijah Harris (132) & Logan Fite (145); 3rd Place: Colin Lutz (152); Amazing performances f/Jackson Smith, Garrett Gainer, Josh Keller & Alex Jukoski who scored 28 team pts; Meet named Most Outstanding Wrestler Award to: Kyle Montaperto (lower weights)& Brady Ross (upper weights)

3A Indoor Track State Championship @ JDL: Manny Williams placed **2nd** in the 500m (1:07.84) & **4th** in High Jump (5' 10"); The 4x400 Relay Team of Ben Wojtkowiak, Manny Williams, Jonathan Kamenick, & Isaac Brown (3:35.81) finished **3rd**; Seth Averill takes **11th** in shot; Men's team finished 9th overall

Tuesday, February 15: WBB & MBB lost in the first round of the conference tournament.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, February 17 - 19: (A) Wrestling @ 3A State Championship

Tuesday, February 22: Spring Sports Team Pictures - after school (Soccer, Golf, Baseball, Softball, & Tennis)

News & Information

Spring Track will begin on February 22, Practices: M-F 4PM – 5:45 PM

Coaches Needed: CATA is looking for assistant coaches for baseball, softball, and track (field events & sprints). Please email our Athletic Director if you know anyone who is interested.

Spring Sports Parent Meeting: Parents please make sure you have completed [Contact Info Google Form](#) for Spring Sports. Also, please make sure you watch the [NCHSAA Videos](#). Here is the [LINK](#) to the Slides if you were unable to attend the meeting.

Physicals: The newest NCHSAA [physical form](#) for the 2021-2022 school year is on our athletics website under forms.

FAMILY ID: If you plan to participate in Athletics during the 2021-2022 school year, then you need to register with Family ID. You only have to register once and you are good for the entire school year. Same email & password as last year, if you are new to CATA you will need to create a new account. The link to the CATA Family ID page can be found under FORMS on the CATA Athletics Website

HERE.

Tickets: Tickets for all CATA Home Athletics can be purchased [HERE](#). We will not be taking any cash at the gate.

Season Sports Passes - Go to [CATA Athletics Website](#) for Season Pass Information.: Student All Sports Pass - \$40, Parent Spring Season Pass - \$50

Spring Contact Information:

Baseball – Erik von Husen
erik.vonHusen@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Men's Tennis – Terry Lewis –
soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com

Softball – Robert Steffman
robert.steffman@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



CATA PTSO Website: www.cataptso.org **Facebook:** @catacougarcouncil **Twitter:** @CATA_ptso
Email: catacougarcouncil@gmail.com

Free Money Reminders

Did you know that our local grocery stores will donate a portion of your grocery bill to the school? AND it does not cost you a penny more! Both Harris Teeter and Publix have partnerships with the local area schools to give back. Here are the details of each programs:

Harris Teeter – be sure your VIC card is linked to Central Academy of Technology & Arts (code: 3612).

Publix – To support your school, **sign up** for Publix Partners through your Club Publix account (if you don't already have one) and select your desired school (Central Academy of Technology & Arts - Monroe, NC). Then, enter your phone number at checkout each time you make an eligible purchase.

Amazon will also donate back to the school, it's just as easy! Same products, same prices, same service. When you shop at <https://smile.amazon.com/>, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases. Simply select Central Academy of Technology & Arts PTSO Inc as your charity of choice.



UCPS is offering five workshops to help parents with resources and tools to navigate tough situations. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend one or all of the following sessions.

UNDERSTANDING TRAUMA AND RESILIENCE

Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. - Cuthbertson High School

- Practical strategies to treat trauma.
- Principles for mitigating the impact of traumas as parents and a school community.

PRESENTER: Rachel Milbourn, LCSW - Sage Counseling

GRIEF

March 17 at 6 p.m. - Piedmont High School

- How to identify grief and types of losses?
- How to support grieving children?

PRESENTER: Judy Cline, MSW, LCSW - Bereavement Technician

SUICIDE AWARENESS

March 24 at 6 p.m. - Porter Ridge High School

- Warning signs and myths.
- Current national and state trends.

PRESENTERS: Dr. Tracey Carney - S&L Coordinator, Dr. Melissa Todd - School Psychologist
 Susan Slattery-Rogers, MSW - School Social Worker, Belle Walker, MSW - Lead School Social Worker
 and Kelly Whitley, M.A. - School Counselor

RULES: WHAT EVERY TECH HEALTHY FAMILY NEEDS TO KNOW

April 28 at 6 p.m. - Forest Hills High School

- How to develop a tech-healthy family?
- Trends and resources to help navigate social media.

PRESENTER: Janell Burley Hoffman

FAMILY WELLNESS

May 19 at 6 p.m. - Sun Valley High School

- How to develop a wellness plan for my family?
- Resources/apps to help my family.

PRESENTER: Tracey A. Leitner, RN, ISN - Atrium Healthcare



Items to Remember

Attendance and Absence Notes: Absence notes must be emailed and/or scanned to [Mr. William Smith](#) our data manager upon the student's return to school in order for the absence to be considered excused. Absences will be coded unexcused in PowerSchool until an email excuse is received. Please allow 24 hours for excusal notes to be coded in PowerSchool. Students may fail if they have 8 or more unexcused absences per class. Attendance is taken each class period. Students will have a chance to recover up to three unexcused absences per class. Parents will receive notification upon the 3rd, 6th, and 8th unexcused absence.



Bus Transportation: Parents should email [Ms. Tweed](#) if they need bus transportation. Bus riders and parents should sign up for the **Here Comes the Bus App**. This app allows you to view the real-time location of your child's school bus on your smartphone, tablet or computer. Be sure that your child is at their bus stop at least **20 minutes** before the scheduled arrival time. [Bus App Letter English](#) [Bus App Letter Spanish](#)



Parking Passes— are now being sold on a first come first served basis. After we run out of spots, then students will be put on a waiting list. The process for purchasing parking passes will be on the online platform "**FamilyID**". An account has to be created if you do not already have one. Parking passes MAY NOT be purchased by any student who owes outstanding fees. After completion of the application, CATA will review your submission. The student will then receive a spot number and a link to pay for the pass once the application has been approved via the email provided in the registration form. Passes are \$45. Link for the application: <https://bit.ly/3s9faWh>



Early Dismissal: If a student driver needs to be dismissed early from school, a parent note must be emailed to [Mr. William Smith](#), our data manager prior to the start of the school day in order for the student to receive an early dismissal pass. The emailed parent note must contain the date, student's full name, the time that the student needs to be dismissed from school and the parent's phone number. Any student being picked up early from school by someone other than a parent, must follow the same protocol stated above while giving permission for someone else to pick up the student. Email the Mr. William Smith. In the event that a parent does not email a note, the parent must call the school to speak to someone in the front office.



CATA Student Handbook Link: Information about attendance, tardy policy, leaving school early, the dress code, and more. [Click here](#)

-CATA Honor Code: Created by Faculty and now in use and on display in each class. [Click here to view.](#)

-CATA Dress Code and Tardy Policy: Parents and Students please review: [Click here](#) and go to pages 21-23.



Breakfast and Lunch: All breakfast and lunch meals are free to students this year! Students can purchase ala carte items if they would like. This includes premium chicken items, cookies, chips, sodas and water. To add money to their student's account they can visit k12paymentcenter.com

Technology Help Desk

Justin.Penegar@ucps.k12.nc.us

Help Desk Hours for Students: Room 519

Monday 9AM – 10:30AM
 Tuesday 12:30PM – 2PM
 Wednesday 9AM – 10:30AM
 Thursday 12:30PM – 2PM
 Friday 9AM – 10:30AM

