

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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CATA families,

This Friday and Saturday Dance Academy performs "Covered Canvas" at 7:00 both nights. This Dance Show is a collaboration between our dancers and our artists. Come see our dancers dance and our artists create artwork inspired by the dance in front of our eyes. Guests will have the opportunity to secure some of the artwork in a silent auction at the end of each night. This Saturday come out and watch the Union County Robotics Competition here at CATA.

Our grading period ends today and report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, December 2nd. Students with too many absences will be receiving a letter in the mail. This semester students have been given the opportunity to recover their time closer to the actual absence and students that have taken advantage of this are getting their attendance under better control. Remember that to learn optimally you should be at school every day.

Monday, 11/23—is Jostens Senior Make-up Day during lunch. This is the last opportunity for seniors to purchase their graduation attire during school. In order to participate in the graduation ceremony you must have the correct cap and gown. If you have questions please see your guidance counselor.

Thank you to our PTO for sponsoring the Invest in Excellence campaign to acquire additional instructional materials from our teachers' wish lists. Thank you to the many parents and families that have contributed to Invest in Excellence! Your support is so important to our teachers. Thank you also to all of those families that are supporting the Thanksgiving Teacher luncheon this Friday. You are the best!

Great job to our Medical Prep Academy for hosting the Fall 2015 CATA Blood Drive. This was a huge success with 70 units collected. This number of units can help 210 people. Way to go CATA!! Way to go Student Council on a fantastic Western District Conference this past weekend. We hosted over 400 delegates from North Carolina for an impressive conference!!



As Fall Athletics closed their season with our Fall Athletic Awards, our Winter Athletics rolled into their season with basketball playing two games this week. Keep up the hard work and best of luck to all winter athletic teams.

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. Kim Fisenne, Principal

**Happy Thanksgiving to
our wonderful CATA
Families! We are so
thankful for you!!!**

**MONROE
CHRISTMAS
PARADE THIS
SUNDAY 2:00
DOWNTOWN
MONROE. COME
SUPPORT CATA!!!**

CATA PTSO NEWS

It is not too late to join in the fun and opportunity to support the school - JOIN THE PTSO TODAY!!

The PTSO would like to wish all CATA families, staff and students a wonderful Thanksgiving. Blessings as you travel and gather. We are grateful for your support of our events, membership and activities this year. Thanks for joining the PTSO and for contributing to the Invest In Excellence Campaign. We are still accepting donations for Invest as well as always welcome new members. Any one who has a senior needs to make sure to join the PTSO by the end of November as membership is required for senior to apply for our scholarship that is awarded to 4 seniors each May. Information will follow.



Thanks to all who have signed up for our teacher's appreciation luncheon planned for Friday, November 20. We are so excited as are the CATA Staff! Please drop your things in the front office early Friday morning. There are some last minute requests and opportunities for people to support. See the link below!

Special thanks to the students from the Performing Arts Academy for participating in our November PTSO meeting earlier this month. We were treated to singing and some great information about the Dance Academy and upcoming performances. Our next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for February - we will have an outstanding speaker who will speak with our students and our parents. More information to follow!!!

Congratulations to Dr. Tarlton's class who won the Membership Contest! They had a pizza party last week!

Thanks again for everything! Kathie McKain
kathieptsocata@gmail.com
 Sincerely, 301-514-1890, cell

Kathie McKain, PTSO President

Help support our neighbor—Wolfe School—by sending your **Box Tops and Labels for Education** into the CATA main office. Your support will help some of our most wonderful children in UCPS have a great school experience.



Simple ways to support CATA - you must re-link each year!! Thank you!!

Support CATA when you use your VIC card at Harris Teeter. Link your card to our school's account - # 3612. Support CATA when you use your Target REDcard. Link your card to our school's account - # 81011.



Thanksgiving Teacher Luncheon Nov 20th, 2015

The PTSO is hosting a Thanksgiving Luncheon for the staff on Friday, November 20th.

The luncheon will be served in Guidance during all three lunches. **Please bring your item(s) to CATA front office by 10:30 AM on Friday the 20th.**

If you are donating gift cards or wrapped gifts for giveaways, please drop those off in the front office as soon as possible.

Please take a look at the list linked below and sign up to help.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact either Alyson Flood at **704-604-5427** or Sarah May at **704-256-1561**

The PTSO thanks you for your participation and donations as we show our thanks to the wonderful community at CATA.

Here is the sign up genius link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4babaa2aa31-thanksgiving2>

INVEST IN EXCELLENCE

You are invited to participate in the PTSO at CATA annual Invest In Excellence campaign! It is a simple way for individuals, businesses and corporations to invest in CATA. 100% Tax Deductible! 100% of the money invested in CATA!

CATA Departmental Wish List for PTSO Invest Dollars
-this list represents some of the instructional needs listed by teachers

Music Production and Recording Arts – Equipment and Software
Theatre Arts – Storage Building for Stage flats/platforms
English Department – How to read literature like a professor set, Book sets
Pre-engineering – Balsa wood for building and bridge models
Science Olympiad – Balsa wood, goggles
Science Dept. – Test tubes, beakers, Bunsen burners, dissection kits
Information Systems – USB microphones, wireless keyboard/mouse
Math Department – Sturdy compasses, Airliners to work with Smart board
Technology – Smart board replacement

_____ \$100 donation
_____ \$75 donation
_____ \$50 donation
_____ \$25 donation
_____ \$_____ Other

\$_____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Ask your employer about a matching gift program for charitable giving.

Please make checks payable to CATA PTSO and mail form to CATA at 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112 or your student can bring to school!

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Email Address (_____

Phone: (home) _____ (work/cell) _____

Student(s) Name: _____ Grade:— _____

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Every Dollar touches Every Student, Department and CATA
Invest In Excellence Donations +CATA PTSO = Wishes Come True

Coats for South Carolina Flood Victims Sponsored by FCA



For



Was a HUGE SUCCESS!! Thank you to all for supporting us and our southern neighbor!!

WorkKeys will be completed prior to Thanksgiving Break. Students will be notified of the day they will be tested.

What is WorkKeys?

The WorkKeys assessment is a multiple choice test that will be given online to seniors that have or are in the process of completing four Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses in a specific career cluster and consists of three sections (Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and Reading for Information). The assessments measure skills such as reading, math, listening, locating information, and teamwork.

Why is WorkKeys Important?

These are skills that employers feel are critical to job success and can help students understand how they can improve their skills for better paying jobs. Students who take the WorkKeys tests have a clear way to demonstrate their abilities to future employers. A large number of students are entering the workforce without adequate skills to qualify them for the jobs they want. By increasing their skill levels while they are still in school, students increase their opportunities for higher salaries in the future.

What do your WorkKeys Scores mean?

Students have the opportunity to earn an ACT National Career Readiness Certificate. A certificate is provided at the platinum, gold, silver, and bronze levels. Students can use their results to identify jobs for which they are qualified for and improve on areas where their skills are weak.

How can you Prepare for it?

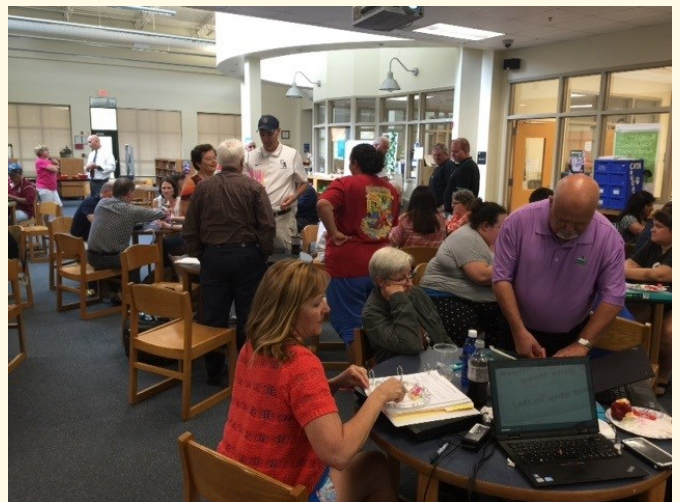
To prepare for the WorkKeys assessments students can login to Keytrain at: <http://login.keytrain.com> and enter their username: u+ your student ID # (ex. U1234567) and password: 8 digit date of birth (MMDDYYYY – March 3, 1997) (ex. 03031997).

For more information about the WorkKeys assessment and the Career Readiness Certificate, see your CDC (Mrs. Webb) or go to: <http://act.org/workkeys/careerseekers/scores.html>.

MEDIA MATTERS

Do you know what resources are available in the media center? There is a wide range of databases, electronic resources, print books, and magazines available for students to use in school and at home. To get to the Media Center website, from the CATA homepage go to the Academics tab at the top of the page, select Media Center and then click on the link to the new website. You can also get there from this URL: <https://goo.gl/ia8V5v>. This site is still being constructed but there is already a lot of information about research, citations, alternatives to PowerPoint or Google Presentations and more!

CATA's Media Center supports the NC School Library Association Young Adult Book Awards program. We currently have two copies of each nominated title in our library. Students are encouraged to read as many titles as possible and then vote for their favorite book in the spring. Students are also encouraged to suggest titles for next year's book award.



Around Campus... *(for all home and away sports times, see Athletics section)*

The CATA website Calendar is a great resource—please see that on the [main CATA page](#).

Friday, November 20: NCTC Play Festival (Greensboro, NC); Dance Covered Canvas Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium); WorkKeys Testing Day One; Student Life Organization Meeting, 8:20 am (Rm. 401)

Saturday, November 21: UCPS Robotics Competition (All Day); Dance Covered Canvas Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium)

Sunday, November 22: Monroe Christmas Parade, 2 pm; Shooting Sports Practice, 2 PM (Take Aim Training)

Monday, November 23: WorkKeys Testing Day 2; Jostens Senior Make Up Day; Poetry Out Loud, 2-3 PM (Auditorium); Debate Club, 3:45 PM (Rm. 209); Debate Team Practice, 4:30 PM (Rm. 209);

Tuesday, November 24: WorkKeys Testing, Day 3; Beta Club Meeting, 8:15 AM and 3:30 PM (Media Center); Student Council Officer meeting, 3:30 (Rm. 208)

Wednesday, November 25: NO School: Teacher Workday

Thursday, November 26: Holiday: Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27: NO SCHOOL

Monday, November, 30: Debate Club, 3:45 PM (Rm. 209); Debate Team Practice, 4:30 PM (Rm. 209)

Tuesday, December 1: National Honor Society Meeting 8:15 AM and 3:30 PM (Media Center)

Wednesday, December 2: Report Cards

Friday, November 4: SADD meeting, 8:15 (Rm. 604)

See page 13 in the chronicle.

Upcoming Dates:

11/19—End of Second Grading Period

11/20 to 11/21—, Dance Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium)

11/21—Robotics Competition

11/22—Monroe Christmas Parade, 2 PM

11/23—Jostens Senior Make-up Day

11/23—Poetry Out Loud

11/20 to 11/24—WorkKeys Testing

1/25-11/27—NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break

12/2—Report Cards

12/8—PTSO Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 PM (Media Center)

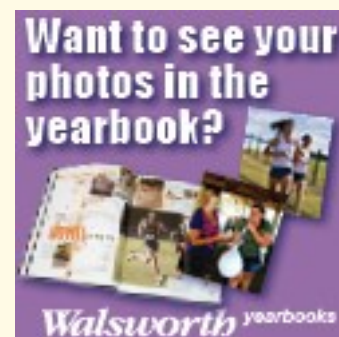
12/11 to 12/12—Holiday Collaborative, 7 PM (Auditorium)

12/14—CFNC Financial Aid Night, 6:30 (Auditorium)

12/16—Progress Reports

12/6 to 12/18—Benchmark Testing

12/21 to 1/1—NO SCHOOL, Winter Break



1/11-1/15—Final Exam and Review Days

1/12—PTSO Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 PM (Media Center)

1/18—NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Holiday

1/19/1/20—NO SCHOOL, Teacher Work Days

1/21—First Day of the Second Semester

1/27—Report Cards

Student Life Notes

Upcoming Events:

The Dance Academy Presents Covered Canvas, Friday, November 20th and Saturday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 at the door Art work will be created live throughout the concert and auctioned off. Come and experience dance and the art it inspires.

Speech and Debate meets every Monday as a CLUB—from 3:45 – 4:30 and as a competitive TEAM—from 4:30 – 5:30 pm.

Attention CATA writers, have you been looking for a place to workshop your skills, critique your work, or just have time to write? Those interested in a Creative Writing Club see Ms. Tesar in room 610.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes will start having their monthly meetings the first Monday in every month,. Thank you CATA students for helping! We have collected over 75 coats for the "Columbia Flood Victims"! Please continue to bring new or good used coats this week and place them in the box at the office.

This spring, the Travel Club will be traveling to Germany, Prague, and the Alps. The deadline for signing up is coming quickly. Please see Ms. Foreman if you are interested in a great international trip.

The next Fishing Club Meeting is Tuesday, December 1.

BE a LEADER JOIN a STUDENT LIFE ORGANIZATION TODAY

Questions??? OR an announcement needed, please e-mail Mr. Wall at josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us

Yearbook NEWS!!! Reserve your yearbook now to enjoy the great memories from this school year!!! Cost is \$85. Yearbooks were completely sold out last year, so don't get left out in the cold. Reserve your copy TODAY! www.yearbooksforever.com

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](#).

Varsity Results:

Men's Soccer: CATA 2 – Salisbury 3 – Overtime

Men's Basketball: CATA 21 – Cannon School 59, CATA 28 – Cuthbertson 55

Women's Basketball: CATA 26 – Cannon School 49, CATA 22 – Cuthbertson 51

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, November 21st

AWAY Wrestling @ Marvin Ridge Tournament – All Day Event

AWAY Swimming @ Wingate University – All Day Event

Monday, November 23rd

AWAY Basketball @ Marvin Ridge 6:00/7:30 pm

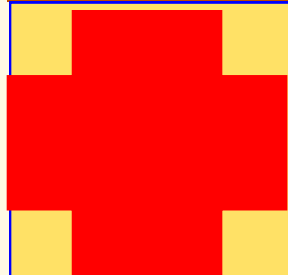
Tuesday, November 24th

AWAY Wrestling Mallard Creek – Start 5:00 pm

News & Information:

- Spring & Fall sports will enter the mandatory NCHSAA dead period starting on **Monday November 2nd** and running until **Wednesday December 2nd** there will be NO workouts during this period unless the sport is still in season.

Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: **@CATA_Athletics**



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Was a GREAT Success!!
72 Students donated blood on
Wednesday for a total of 70 units.
This will affect the lives of 210 people.
Gooooooooo Cougars!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



CATA Athletics Continued....

Winter Sports Head Coach Contact Information:

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

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

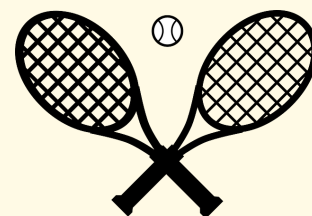
Women's Basketball – Tony Byrum

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

Men's & Women's Swimming – Kelly Lepsig – Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's & Women's Indoor Track – Field Miller – field.miller@aol.com

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



Spring Sports Head Coach Contact Information:

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

Baseball – Nelson Rowell – nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us

Softball – Doug Mayhew – doug.mayhew@ucps.k12.nc.us

Track & Field – Field Miller – field.miller@aol.com

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

Men's Tennis – Ken Neese – keneese@gmail.com



Hello, Parents!

You have been invited by your CATA coaches to sign up for **"Cougar Concessions."** Please click on the link below to view the online sign up sheet.

[Cougar Concessions—Please Click Here to Sign Up!!](#)

We need your help in our concession stands! Please sign up for a game date that you are available. Winter Sports starting soon!!! Thank you for your support. We could not do this without you!



Cougar Pride

- ⇒ Congratulations to all of our students that donated blood to help those in need!!
- ⇒ Congratulations to Liat Bell who has been selected to attend the USAFA Falcom Diersity Experience. Liat will be flying to Colorado Springs for this great experience! Way to go!!
- ⇒ Congratulations to Christopher Verrill for being nominated for the Belk Scholarship at Davidson College by the Scholarship Committee!
- ⇒ Congratulations to Hannah Register for being honored as Central Academy's Parade Princess!! She will represent the school in the Monroe Christmas Parade this Sunday!

The Theatre Department at Central Academy of Technology & Arts

has much to celebrate, as they bring home honors from the 2015 NCTC High School Play Festival, held at Porter Ridge High School on November 7, 2015. The theatre program, led by Mr. Larry Robinson, made the school and community proud with their presentation of "The Diviners" and "Vietnam 101" at the Festival, and is thrilled to bring home the following awards:

"Vietnam 101" – Rating: Superior

"The Diviners" – Rating: Superior

Excellence in Physical Storytelling (The Diviners)

Barbizon Design & Production Award – Excellence in Costume Design – Mackenzie Fensterstock, Ashley Hedgepeth, Gaige Robinson (both shows)

Barbizon Design & Production Award – Excellence in Production Design – Gaige Robinson (both shows)

Excellence in Acting – Amina Faye (The Diviners)

Excellence in Acting – Shidarius Barrett (both shows)

Outstanding Achievement in Acting – Gaige Robinson (The Diviners)

Excellence in Directing – Larry Robinson (both shows)

Ensemble Acting Award – Vietnam 101

Honorable Mention Distinguished Play – Vietnam 101

Audience Choice Distinguished Play – The Diviners

Way to Go!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CATA Spirit Wear available online. Support the Band and 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!!

CATA



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 acade-

my:

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

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

[Mini D'Rozario](#): Information Systems (CyberSecurity, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Recording Arts.

Viewing Student's Grades

- Parents can view student grades through the Parent Portal. Contact the school office if you have never obtained information on how to set up an account. If you had an account last year, the same account still works.
- Students can view their grades by using the my.ncedcloud.org on their chromebook (3rd icon—reads "HB-SIS Student-LEA-900"). The old Parent Portal is ONLY for parents, the student logins will no longer work on that link.
- A note about Canvas grades. Canvas is an instructional platform that is new this year. Teachers are using this to store resources, assignments, and at times—assessments. Teachers can score items on the Canvas platform and students can see grades for INDIVIDUAL assignments there. Students MUST remember that grades in Canvas only include Canvas-based assignments. Most teachers are grading more than what is in Canvas. The official grades are in accessed through the my.ncedcloud.org in that "HB-SIS Student-LEA-900" link. Averages of Canvas grades are NOT official grades. If students have questions they should ask their teacher or an administrator.



Theatre Program

Enjoy the warmth of the season with beautiful Thanksgiving flowers while supporting YOUR



Cougar Performing Arts. Look for an order form in your students backpack next week. The one candle centerpiece is \$40.00 and the two candle centerpiece is \$60.00. A portion of the sales will go directly to materials for set building. All centerpieces will be delivered to CATA and ready for pick up on Tuesday, November 24th from 3:30 - 5:00 in the CATA Cafe.

Dance Academy Master Class

The dance academy was honored to have Justin Mann in to teach master classes to our sophomore, junior, and senior classes. Justin has been recognized by every major dance

media, including Dancer Magazine and Dance Spirit Magazine, and was named Dance Instructor of the Year by Dancer Magazine. His cutting-edge choreography and unique style has won him national attention and has made Justin one of the most sought-after choreographers in the entertainment industry.



Central Academy is celebrating its' ten year anniversary this 2015-2016 school year. To celebrate this momentous occasion, the CATA Band Program will be sponsoring a 10 Year Anniversary T-Shirt Design Contest that is open to all CATA students. Bring on your artistic and creative side and your design could be on the commemorative t-shirt for years to come! The t-shirt will be sold through spirit wear and should represent Central Academy as a whole..... Below are the details and rules for the contest.

* 2 color t-shirt design, front only * Designs can be drawn by hand but must be able to be converted into an electronic file * Submitted and turned into Mr. Retzlaff (craig.retzlaff@ucps.k12.nc.us) by December 18th (Day before Winter Break) * Must adhere to school dress code and school board policy * Five finalists to be selected by the Band Boosters and then voted on by students * Winner receives t-shirt and Spirit Wear goodie pack: hoodie, hat and towel.



Seniors *Graduation—Friday, June 10, 2016 6:00 PM at Winthrop Coliseum*

Senior Graduation Packages: JOSTEN'S WILL BE ON CAMPUS MONDAY 11/23 DURING LUNCH—LAST OPPORTUNITY TO BUY AT SCHOOL!! You can contact Jostens by calling 1-800-582-6376 or email Mr. Honrine at Honrine@jostens.com. **Please note that to participate in the graduation ceremony you must wear the correct cap and gown.**

College Recommendations: Be sure to provide staff with a minimum of 3—4 weeks time to complete a recommendation for you.

Need a transcript?? The first 3 paper transcripts you request are FREE; for each additional transcript you will pay \$2 OR you can pay a \$10 flat fee for an unlimited amount of transcripts. However, not all colleges need a paper transcript! If you use the Common Application or CollegeNet to apply, or if your college uses SENDedu, your transcript can be sent electronically by your counselor. For more information, please visit: <http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/guidance/TranscriptRequests.php>

The new Scholarship Newsletter has been emailed to ALL current seniors directly and is also available on the CATA Guidance Webpage at <http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/4530>

The [Scholarship Website](#) has the most up-to-date information on scholarships.

Scholarship Spotlight: Elks National Foundation 'Most Valuable Student' Scholarship Competition:

The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships (ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,500) to the highest-rated applicants in the 2016 competition. Any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to apply. Applicants need not be related to a member of the Elks. Scholarship recipients must be students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university in the fall of 2016. Applications are due to the Elks Lodge closest to the applicant's home by the deadline. For more information, and to apply, please visit: <http://www.elks.org/ENF/scholars/mvs.cfm>. **Deadline: December 4, 2015.**

Union Power Cooperative is offering an exciting opportunity for rising seniors (current year Juniors) called the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. The delegates selected will join hundreds of other high school students from across the country in an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. The Youth Tour is an annual event, coordinated by National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC). The Youth Tour for 2016 is scheduled for **June 11 thru June 17**.

While in our nation's capital, the group will meet with congressional representatives, visit government agencies, and historical sites, as they learn more about government and cooperatives. We will be selecting (3) high school juniors to represent Union Power on the Youth Tour.

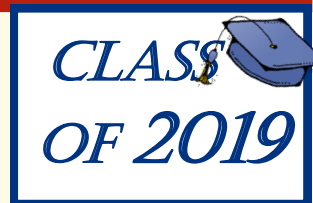
To be considered for the Youth Tour, students must fill out an application and write a 250 to 500-word essay on "What importance have electric cooperatives played in American history?" The essay must be typewritten. An application is attached and I will be sending a packet of posters and rack cards to your school in the next few weeks.

All entries must be postmarked by **December 7**. The winners will be announced in April. For more information you can visit: <http://union-power.com/youthtour>.

Link to the website with guidance information: <http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/guidance/guidance.php>

News from Guidance:

- The ACT is taken by all Juniors in North Carolina on Tuesday, March 1st.
- **SAT.... ACT.... PSAT....**LOTS of Info on the SAT and ACT is located on our School Counseling Tab of the CATA website. [Click here to go to the page for registration dates, costs, AND information on SAT and ACT prep.](#)



Please note that ALL juniors will participate in ACT prep at CATA during Cougar Time.

Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics

Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics (SVSM) provides an opportunity for current 10th and 11th grade students to foster identified interests in science and mathematics with its enriched program in a university research setting. SVSM is competitive entry by application only. Selected students participate in a rigorous, four-week academic program intended to reward and stimulate students who have already demonstrated their commitment to academic growth and development in science and mathematics. Students should be aware that the admissions committee evaluates both their academic record and their motivation to pursue science and mathematics activities beyond the classroom. SVSM is a state-supported initiative and there are NO program costs for participants.



Applications are to be completed online and can be accessed at www.summerventures.org. SVSM Admissions Policy requires that the student portion of the application must be completed on or before January 31st in the application year.



ATTENTION SOPHOMORES.....

Hugh O'Brian (HOBY) Youth Leadership Seminar:

HOBY's State Leadership Seminar was created for sophomores to recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders. Selected students will spend 3-4 days participating in hands-on leadership activities. They will also meet leaders from North Carolina, and explore their own leadership skills while learning how to be a leader and have a positive impact on the community. 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 (one page typed) in response to the following prompt: "Please describe the most rewarding and challenging aspect of being a leader in your school and community." The CATA Scholarship Committee will review essays and resumes in order to select one student representative and one alternate for CATA. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.hoby.org/programs/leadership-seminars/>. All materials must be returned to Mrs. Cameron in Guidance. **Deadline: November 20, 2015.**

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Programs for current 10th and 11th Grade Students

PROJECT UPLIFT Project Uplift is a unique opportunity that enables **high-achieving rising seniors** to experience college life on the Carolina campus. Students spend two days attending academic classes, meeting with faculty and staff, interacting with Carolina students, and participating in cultural and social activities. Students can select one of the following four dates to attend Project Uplift: May 19-21, May 26-28, June 2-4, and June 9-11. There is a non-refundable \$35 registration fee; beyond that, Project Uplift is an all-expense paid program, including meals, room, and program materials (excluding travel costs).

Who is eligible for nomination?

Project Uplift is designed for students from diverse backgrounds, including those from historically underrepresented populations (African American, American Indian, Latina/o, Asian American, first-generation college, rural areas and/or disadvantaged backgrounds). Students should be academically motivated, and be enrolled in the most rigorous academic curriculum that may include AP, IB, and/or dual enrollment courses. **Please know we will send additional information about the nomination process in November; however, if you have questions now, please email project_uplift@unc.edu.**

SEE MORE NEXT PAGE!!!.....

NORTH CAROLINA RENAISSANCE The North Carolina Renaissance program invites **rising juniors** from rural communities for an educational four-day enrichment program. Students will participate in specially designed sessions including leadership and team building, college admissions, financial aid, and community service. The objective of the program is to inspire high achieving scholars to pursue their educational aspirations while developing unique leadership skills. The program will run May 11-14. There is a non-refundable \$25 registration fee that covers all program materials, lodging, and meals (excluding travel costs).

Who is eligible for nomination?

North Carolina Renaissance is a program for emerging leaders from rural counties in North Carolina. Students should have some exposure to leadership and be academically motivated. **Please contact us at diversity@unc.edu if you have any questions about the nomination and/or application process.**

UPLIFT PLUS

Uplift PLUS is a six-week program that takes place during Carolina's Summer Session II. High achieving, Project Uplift participants are selected based off of their outstanding Project Uplift applications. During the six-week program, participants will live in Alexander Residence Hall, attend a SAT/ACT session and enroll in English 105 – a 3 credit hour course. To further expand participants' knowledge of different academic and career fields, Uplift PLUS participants will gain exposure to units across the campus community. In addition to serving as daily program advisors, UP staff members serve as tutors and program facilitators. Participants will also have an opportunity to engage with important campus resources throughout the summer.

Uplift Plus is approaching its third year, and students who have participated have seen an average of a 200-point increase on the SAT, and a majority of participants have matriculated to the University.

Who is eligible?

Uplift Plus is for students who attend Project Uplift – outstanding students are invited to participate based off of their Project Uplift applications. **Please contact us at diversity@unc.edu if you have any questions about the nomination and/or application process.**

Applications for all three programs will be available at diversity.unc.edu by December 1, 2015.

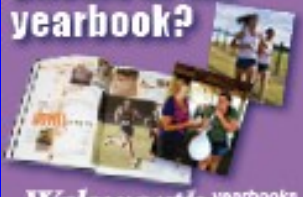
ASVAB will be given on December 14th. This is a widely used multiple aptitude test battery which assesses a student's ability to learn new skills and is a predictor of success in training and education programs. It is offered to 10th, 11th and 12th grade students who want to learn about their academic strengths and weaknesses. You will receive scores that will help students research careers and give them a good sense of their verbal, math, science and technical skills. Your scores do not affect your school grades. If you are interested in this free test, please sign up in the guidance office by Tuesday, December 8th. This three hour test will take place in the media center at 9 a.m. on the 14th. Please contact Mrs. D'Rozario in guidance if you have any questions.

Pre-engineering Department builds, programs, and launches student made drones on campus...

Students built the pieces, assembled, programmed the drones, refined them and finally got to fly the crafts around campus!!



Want to see your photos in the yearbook?



Students and parents - you may now upload your photos to be used in the yearbook directly from the CATA website. A link is included in this edition of the Cougar Chronicle. Follow these steps to upload any pictures from fall sports, spirit week, Homecoming, and the homecoming dance:

Click on this link to go to the CATA page on yearbookforever.com

Click on "Community Upload"

Enter the code: cougars15

Upload the photos and fill out the correct information. Photos will be reviewed by the yearbook staff, and you just may see yourself in the 2016 Felidae.

The NEW SAT

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The NEW SAT will have 154 questions and will last 3 hours

The NEW SAT will have **Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing**. NEW SAT will measure skills and knowledge students need to be ready for college and beyond. NEW SAT will better reflect what students learn in class and focus on math that research shows is used most in college and career. NEW SAT questions in the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section are passage-based, students are asked to support answers with evidence from a passage. The Essay Writing will be optional.



The NEW SAT scoring will range from 400 – 1600. **NO PENALTY** for guessing.



To find out more about the changes to the SAT please contact your student's school counselor or visit sat.org/new. #NewSAT

UCSP High Schools will be offering 2 more face to face **Driver's Ed classes** this semester. Classes are available to students 14 1/2 years old and older. Classes will run Monday through Friday for the duration of the class, and the times are from 4-7pm. The fee for the class is \$65 in the form of cash or check. Please see Mrs. Tweed in the guidance office for class schedules or to sign up.

