

# Central Academy of Technology and Arts

## Cougar Chronicle

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CATA families,

Exam week has gone very well this week! Great job to students for their hard work and studying. Thank you to teachers for preparing students so well for the final assessments. Parents and students should remember that exams count for 25% of the entire course grade, so students should spend adequate time studying. As final exam grades come in teachers will update the official Gradebook. English 2 and English 3 are exams that take longer to score due to the essay portions and so these scores will not be up until some time next week.

Remember that Friday, 1/15, is for make up exams. Students asked to attend call-backs for theatre are encouraged to be here as well. Students are off on Monday 1/18 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday and we then have two teacher workdays. This means that **students return to school on Thursday 1/21 for the start of second semester**. Students will receive their updated schedule on Thursday 1/21 in their Advisory.

The yearbook staff will be having another senior ad night for parents to come and create a senior recognition ad for their student. This will be on February 1st from 6-7pm in Ms. Eaton's room, the same night and time as the Spring Open House for parents to meet teachers.

We hope you enjoy the picture of the last class for our last graduating class of Teacher Prep Academy students. The Teacher Prep Academy stopped accepting new students three years ago and our final group of students that started in Fall 2012 completed their student

teaching internships this Fall. We applaud their wonderful efforts in the classroom at CATA and in their internships in neighborhood schools. We certainly hope that they will continue in the field of education and return to Union County Public Schools to educate children in the future!! We are very proud of each student and of this program.



Thank you for donating over \$3,700 to our Invest in Excellence campaign. We were able to fill instructional needs for Music Production and Band classes, Performing Arts, English, Pre-engineering, Science and Medical Prep, Information Systems, and Math, as well as materials to help Science Olympiad get started. 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

## CATA PTSO NEWS

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

- Continued thanks to all at CATA who have supported the activities and events at CATA since the start of the school year! Participation and engagement is high! We continue to be thankful!
- Invest In Excellence - To date over 3,700.00 has been donated through our Invest In Excellence Campaign! Donations and matching gifts continue to come into the school! The PTSO Executive Committee has worked with the CATA staff to allocate this money. Thank you to all who supported this important fundraiser!!!



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### Invest in Excellence:

Thank you to all families that supported this important campaign. The following instructional items are being purchased with the money that you donated this year:

- ♦ SmartMusic Software for Music Production and Recording Arts as well as Band classes!!
- ♦ Ragtime Musical script rental for the Performing Arts Academy spring musical production!!
- ♦ New textbook set for Advanced Inquiry in English along with teacher resources for English Teachers!!
- ♦ Balsa wood for building and bridge models for Pre-engineering Academy!!
- ♦ Balsa wood, goggles and assorted items needed for Science Olympiad!!
- ♦ Lab equipment, lung function model kit, and dissection materials for Science Department and Medical Prep Academy!!
- ♦ Microphones, USB drives, xbox controller, new wireless keyboard/mouse for Information Systems Academy!!
- ♦ Compass and instructional angle sets for Math classes!!!

**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.



## Cougar Pride

- ⇒ **Congratulations to the following CATA Band Students for making All-District Band: Alexander Lay-Calvert; Gianluca Tosala; Earl Styne; Brice Martin; Joey Schneider; Chris Verrill; Alex Alamos. These students will represent CATA at the SCDBA All-District Band Clinic on January 29-30th in Gaston County.**
- ⇒ **Congratulations to the Theatre Academy who was recognized this week by the UCPS Board of Education for their success at the NC Theatre Conference. Both The Diviners and Vietnam 101 received awards, and The Diviners will continue on to represent North Carolina at the Southeastern Theatre Competition!! Congratulations to the following for their individual awards:**
  - ⇒ **Mr. Robinson -Excellence in Directing**
  - ⇒ **Ashley Hedgepath –Excellence in Stage Management**
  - ⇒ **Gaige Robinson –Excellence in Set Design, Outstanding Achievement in Acting**
  - ⇒ **Amina Faye –Outstanding Achievement in Acting**
- ⇒ **Congratulations to Brice M. Martin and Joseph C. Schneider for being selected to move on to the next round of Governor's School. These two students will perform in February before a committee in Raleigh and will find out in late March if they will be a member of the 2016 North Carolina Governor's School.**



## 2nd Semester Schedule Changes

The Guidance Department will begin to accept 2nd Semester Schedule Change requests on Wednesday, January 13th and the last day to request a change is Wednesday, January 27th. Please be reminded these are the reasons for a schedule change request -

- There is a hole in your schedule (fewer than 8 classes)
- There is a class listed twice
- There is a class listed which you have already passed
- There is a class listed for which you have not passed the prerequisite

The counselors will accept a schedule change form, which is located in the guidance lobby or on the web-site or through an email directly from a parent. Please contact the assigned school counselor with any questions.

## Student Life Notes

**The yearbook staff will be having another senior ad night for parents to come and create a senior recognition ad for their student. This will be on February 1st from 6-7 pm in Ms. Eaton's room. This is the same night as second semester Open House. Please call or email Ms. Eaton for details and questions.**

**NHS members, your 10 community service hours are due by Thursday, January 21. Please use the upcoming mini-break to make sure you have completed all your required hours.**

**There will be a Junior Class Student Council Meeting/ Prom Committee meeting January 28th.**

**The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will meet in the gym Thursday mornings every week in the gym from 8:00 am until 8:40. Join FCA for a good snack and good news!**

### **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](mailto:josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us)

## **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, January 15: Exam Make-up Day;** End of Grading Period

**Sunday, January 17:** Shooting Sports Practice, 2 PM (Take Aim Training)

**Monday, January 18: NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King Holiday**

**Tuesday, January 19: NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day**

**Wednesday, January 20: NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day**

**Thursday, January 21: First Day of the Second Semester;** FCA Weekly Meeting, 8 AM (GYM)

### Upcoming Dates:

**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**

1/21 to 2/22—Hands Helping Others Animal Shelter Drive

1/27—Report Cards

1/27—Winter Sports Pictures after school (Gym)

1/28—UCPS Poetry Out Loud Competition, 4 PM (Auditorium)

2/1—OPEN HOUSE, 6-7 PM

2/1—Senior yearbook Ad Night for Parents, 6-7 PM

2/15—NO School, Optional Teacher Workday

2/16 to 2/17—Jostens Ring Orders during lunches

2/16—Jostens Ring Parent Night, 3:30-6:00 (Cafeteria)

2/17—Progress Reports

2/20—Sadie Hawkins Dance, 8-11 pm (Gym)

2/24—Site Based Management Team Meeting, 3:40 (Media Conference Room)

2/29—PTSO Sponsored Social Media Presentation for Parents, 7 PM (Auditorium)

3/1—ACT Test for all 11th graders



## 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 Basketball:** Losses vs. Mt. Island Charter, Union Academy & Monroe

**Women's Basketball:** Losses vs. Mt. Island Charter, Union Academy & Monroe

**Wrestling:** Defeated Chesterfield, Lost vs. Monroe

### **Upcoming Events:**

**1/15**

HOME Basketball vs. West Stanly 4:00 pm Start

AWAY Wrestling vs. West Stanly 6:30 pm

**1/16**

AWAY Wrestling @ West Mecklenburg – All Day Event

**1/19**

HOME Basketball vs. Mt. Pleasant 4:00 pm Start

**1/20**

AWAY Swim @ Charlotte Latin MAC vs. Union County Meet  
9:00 am Start

**1/21**

AWAY Wrestling @ Mt. Pleasant 6:30 pm

**1/22**

HOME Basketball vs. Forest Hills – 4:00 pm Start

**1/23**

AWAY Wrestling @ Vance High School – All Day Event



### **News & Information:**

Spring sports **mandatory** parent night is **Monday – February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016** @ 7:00 pm in the auditorium

Winter Sports Awards Night is **Monday – March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm** in the auditorium

As we near the start of spring sports – **February 15<sup>th</sup>** – please make sure that your student athlete has an up to date physical and up to date paperwork on file with the Athletic Director – **PLEASE** don't wait until the last minute, we want everyone to be able to go on the first day of spring sports!

Spring sports workouts are underway - please see your sport's coach for more information.

**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](http://www.yearbooksforever.com)

# CATA Athletics Continued....

## Winter Sports Head Coach Contact Information:

Athletic Director – Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Cheerleading – Ashley Lawson – [Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

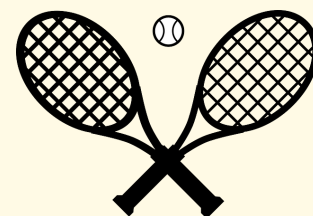
Women's Basketball – Tony Byrum – [tb93bball@yahoo.com](mailto:tb93bball@yahoo.com)

Men's Basketball – David Daniels – [david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Men's & Women's Swimming – Kelly Lepsig – [Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Men's & Women's Indoor Track – Kim Inuwa – [iam4kim@yahoo.com](mailto:iam4kim@yahoo.com)

Wrestling – Mike Jacobus – [mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto: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](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Baseball – Nelson Rowell – [nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Softball – Doug Mayhew – [doug.mayhew@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:doug.mayhew@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Track & Field – Kim Inuwa – [iam4kim@yahoo.com](mailto:iam4kim@yahoo.com)

Men's Golf – Mike Jacobus – [mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Men's Tennis – Ken Neese – [keneese@gmail.com](mailto:keneese@gmail.com)



## 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:

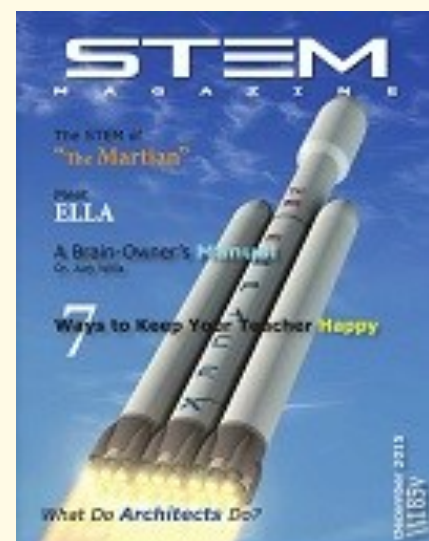
[Ashley Lawson](#): Medical Science, Teacher Prep (Seniors only), Transportation & Guidance Department Chairperson

[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.

## STEM Magazine

Please click on the STEM magazine to read some great content about Science, Technology, Engineering & Math!!!



# **The NEW SAT**

## **First Administration MARCH 2016**

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](http://sat.org/new). #NewSAT

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



## **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](http://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](http://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.



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

**Senior Graduation Packages:** You can contact Jostens by calling 1-800-582-6376 or email Mr. Honrine at [Honrine@jostens.com](mailto: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 SENDeu, your transcript can be sent electronically by your counselor. For more information, please visit: <http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/guidance/TranscriptRequests.php>

The Scholarship Newsletter is produced every two months and is 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.

### FINANCIAL AID—IMPORTANT INFO

**FAFSA Day is February 20, 2016** - Get help from college aid professionals to complete and submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This **FREE** event will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at a State Employee's Credit Union near you AND at SPCC campuses in both Union and Anson counties.

[Click here to link to CFNC page with registration and informational flyer.](#)

Make sure you bring 2015 federal tax returns (for you and your parents), FSA ID for you and one parent (visit <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>), and 2016-17 FAFSA on the Web Worksheet (visit <https://fafsa.gov/>). For more information, please visit <https://www.cfnc.org/fafsaday/www.cfnc.org/fafsaday>.

### Union & Anson County Winter College Fair - January 30, 2016:

East Union Middle School will be hosting this FREE college fair! Admissions representatives from community colleges and other N.C. colleges and universities will be present. This college fair will occur from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at East Union Middle School (located in Marshville, NC).

### Scholarship Spotlight:

#### Polly Holliday Award Theatre Scholarship:

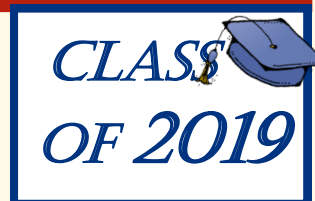
This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a high school student in the Southeastern Theatre Conference Region who is planning to attend a regionally accredited college or university with the intent of majoring in Theatre Arts. This award is based on financial need, talent, and the potential for academic success in college. For more information, and for details on how to apply, please visit: <http://www.setc.org/scholarships-awards/undergraduate-studies-scholarships-a-awards-scholarships/polly-holliday-award>. Deadline: January 21, 2016.

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](http://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.



Students – are you looking for **volunteer hours**?? The Extreme Ice Center and the Charlotte Jr. Checkers are gearing up to host the USA Hockey National Championships! They are in need of volunteers for this event, happening March 30, 2016 – April 4, 2016. If you are interested in this volunteering opportunity, please contact Lorna McKirdy at the Extreme Ice Center at 704-882-1830 ext. 220.

**Wake Forest University Summer Immersion Program** - Rising 10th, 11th, and 12th graders will have the opportunity to explore a particular field of study in-depth at Wake Forest University's Charlotte Center (located at 200 North College St., Charlotte, NC 28202) or in Winston-Salem (as a residential program). Six institutes will be offered in total: Business and Entrepreneurship, Medicine, Leadership, Sports Marketing, Law, and Technology. Two of these institutes, Medicine and Business & Entrepreneurship will also be offered at the Winston-Salem campus.

Each institute lasts for one week and is non-residential. Tuition for the each institute is \$1,450, except for the Medicine Institute which is \$1,600. Tuition covers lunch, books and supplies, all institute-sponsored field trips and activities, as well as transportation to those activities. Tuition scholarships are available; contact summerimmersion@wfu.edu for more information. For more information, and for a detailed list of activities and events for each institute, please visit: <http://charlotte.wfu.edu/summer-immersion-program/>. Admissions to the program will be ongoing.

**College Visits:** A representative from the colleges listed below will be here at the dates and times listed to discuss the admissions process and answer questions. Please sign up in Guidance if you are a *sophomore or junior* interested in attending any of these sessions.

- **NC Wesleyan** - February 3, 2016 @ 2:15 p.m.\*\*
- **UNC Greensboro** - February 9, 2016 @ 2:15 p.m.
- **Wofford College** - February 17, 2016 @ 2:15 p.m.
- **University of South Carolina** - February 18, 2016 @ 11:00 a.m.
- **Virginia Tech** - February 19, 2016 @ 11:00 a.m.
- **Queens University** - February 23, 2016 @ 11:15 a.m.
- **Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD)** - March 18, 2016 @ 2:15 p.m.
- **Meredith College** - April 14, 2016 @ 2:30 p.m.

*\*\*This college will do on-site admissions for seniors! Students **MUST** bring a copy of their SAT/ACT test scores and an official transcript if interested in on-site admissions.*

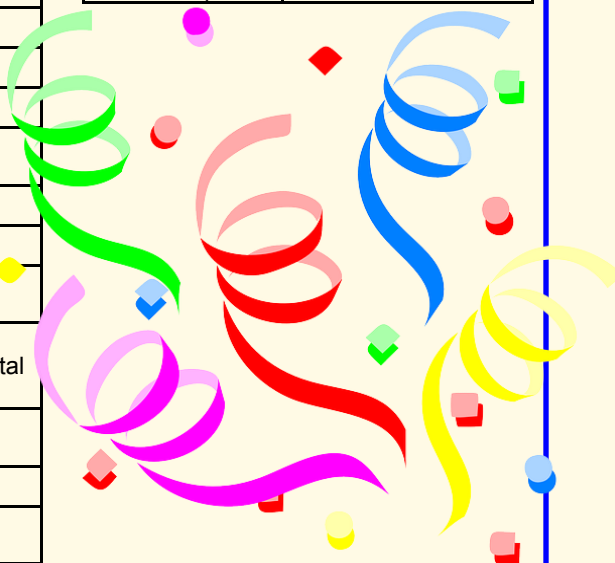
# Academic Recognition Breakfast

Congratulations to all students recognized by their teachers earlier this week at the Student Academic Recognition Breakfast!

Student Name	Course
Aiden St. Hilaire	IED
Alex Lay Calvert	Foundations of Information Technology
Alex Reilly	Network I
Alexander Healy	Honors biology
Alexis Cherry	AP Physics 1
Alisa Wall	Honors American History I
Amaya Williams	Medical Interventions
Amon Chambers	Intro
Andrew Branca	Tech Theatre 2
Annah Jonas	Health Science II
Austin Blevins	Eliza Rust
Avery Arthur	Math II Honors
Blake Rorie	HN English II
Brandon LaRue	Excel / Access
Caitlin Crump	Theatre III
Caitlyn George	AP Language
Candice Medley	Principles of Biomedical Science
Carissa Mause	CP Math 2
Catherine Jimenez	Calculus AB
Charity Haren	Hon Math 3
Chloe Christoffer	World History CP
Chris Jeffcoat	Computer Engineering
Conner Flood	Physical Science
Conner Jones	English I Honors
Danial Juarez	Drafting
David Ahmedov	Art 1
Diana Sanchez	AP Biology
Elijah Powley	American History II
Eliza Rust	English IV Honors
Emily Lawrence	Freshman Health/Physical Education
Eugenia Morris	Art 2
Evan Whiteside	Play Production
Grace Fehlman	World History Honors
Grace Joyner	Spanish 1 Medical
Grace Plyler	Spanish I

Halen Mattison	AE
Haley Beard	Advanced Inquiry and Research
Hanneh Gundersen	AP Literature
Howie Sells	Game Art and Design
Isabelle Downing	American History I
Jack Heda	Discrete Honors
Jack Sloan	Computer Programming I
Jacob Butler	SAS I
Jacob Johnson	Automotive Advanced Studies
Jessie Appleyard	AP 2-D studio art
Joe Freeman	Automotive Computer Controls
Joey Schneider	AT2
Jordan Donohue	Art 4
Jose Rangel Tellez	AFM
Josh Weirich	English III Honors
Jovany Moreno	Steering and Suspension
Kailey Webb	Dance III
Karl Parlman	Math 3
Kelsey Lawing	Yearbook
Kenny Schneider	Network III Honors
Keylee Ray	Spanish III (Honors)
Kyle Ronquillo	Health Science I
Lehana Jones	biology I
Logan Polk	Art 3
Logan Turner	Weightlifting I
Logan Young	CP Chemistry
Luke Edwards	Tech 1
Madison Carpenter	Theatre IV
Maggie Horne	Honors Chemistry
Maiah Greene	Apparel I
Makayla Hrenyo	PLTW HBS
Makenna Larsen	Honors Earth/Environmental Science
Max Hockenberry	Bio Innovations
Meagan Briggs	Julian Coley
Miranda Goodwin	Math 2 Honors

Miranda Olson	AP Environmental Science
Nick Salas	English III CP
Olivia Pepin	Dance II
Patrick Jackson	Math 2
Payton Farley	AT1
Rachel Lathan	Teacher Cadet
Rachel Stivalletti	World History Honors
Reagan Rushing	German I
Rebecca Komer	PLTW Digital Electronics
Ryan Boldyn	Honors America I
Sara Kalaf	CIM
Sophia Maupin	Honors biology
Stewart Bovi	Honors Civics & Economics
Sydney Calcaterra	Dance IV
Sydney Smith	Math I
Tiffany Ramirez	CTE Advance Studies
Tim Bausinger	Civics and Economics
Unique Perez	Theatre I
Virginia Bennett	PLTW EDD
William "Bryce" Crooke	Multimedia and Webpage Design
William Stewart	English IV College Prep
Zane Reep	Symphonic Band - III
Zaria Reep	PreCalculus



# MEDIA MATTERS

New Media Center Website - <https://goo.gl/ia8V5v>.



## Youth Media Award Winners Announced!

On Monday, January 11, 2016, the American Library Association (ALA) announced the winners of the Youth Media Awards including the Caldecott, Newbery, Printz, and Coretta Scott King, among others.



CATA is fortunate to already own the Printz award winner "Bone Gap," written by Laura Ruby. The **Michael L. Printz Award** is for excellence in literature written for young adults. We also already own one of the two honor books, "The Ghosts of Heaven," by Marcus Sedgwick.

From the winner and honor books in the **YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults** category, CATA owns "Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War," written by Steve Sheinkin and "Symphony for the City of the Dead: Dmitri Shostakovich and the Siege of Leningrad," written by M.T. Anderson.



We also already have on our shelves one of the honor books for the **Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award** for most distinguished informational book for children, "Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans," written and illustrated by Don Brown.

Author David Levithan won the **Margaret A. Edwards Award** for lifetime achievement in writing for young adults and we have a number of his books in the library too.



The **Coretta Scott King (Author) Book Award** recognizes an African American author and illustrator of outstanding books for children and young adults and the honor books that we own are "The Boy in the Black Suit," by Jason Reynolds and "X: A Novel," by Ilyasah Shabazz with Kekla Magoon.



The winner of the **William C. Morris Award** for a debut book published by a first-time author writing for teens is "Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda," written by Becky Albertalli and we own that too! We also own two of the honor books in this category, "Conviction," written by Kelly Loy Gilbert and "The Weight of Feathers," written by Anna-Marie McLemore. Come on down and check out one of these award winners. Check out the CATA Media Center website for suggestions of places to go to find what books might interest you: <https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/cata-media-center/homepage/Reading>.