

# Central Academy of Technology and Arts

## Cougar Chronicle

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CATA families,

This past week we had sixty students register to vote with the non-partisan group—League of Women Voters. Great job CATA students for recognizing the importance of this civil right!! Juniors and Seniors—Please know that March 23rd is the last day to buy a prom ticket. This is a hard deadline since we must provide final numbers to the prom facility. If you are encountering a problem due to prior money owed, students should speak with their administrator or counselor and we can work out a plan.

We hope all CATA families will consider running for our teachers and our students by signing up to Run for U—the Union County Education Foundation on April 9th right here at CATA. Information in the Chronicle. Last weekend, CATA Student Council Members, along with advisors Ms. Foreman and Dr. Tarlton, boarded a bus to Fayetteville, NC to go to the North Carolina Association of Student Council's 90th State Convention where the conference was opened by North Carolina native Michael Jordan who motivated CATA student council officers with a speech about leadership.

Registration will take place in the PowerSchool Student Portal through Class Registration. Directions on how to use this program are located on the CATA Website under the School Counselor Link (under Parent tab) under Registration. The registration window will open **Monday, March 21st** and close **Tuesday, April 5th** (note these dates include Spring Break). Starting **Wednesday, April 6th** students will meet with their assigned counselor to review course selections. The expectation is that students and parents select courses together. Course Recommendations have been submitted by your teachers and should be followed. All documents needed for registration are on the CATA Website under the School Counseling link under Registration.

Students and staff have completed lockdown and tornado safety drills this spring. Great job to all.

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



### Run for Teachers...Run for Kids...RUN FOR U! April 9th, 8 am

Registration is now open for the 4th Annual Run for U. Come out and "Support Students and Encourage Educators" on our NEW course at Central Academy of Technology and Arts.

The first 50 people to register will be placed in a drawing to receive a one month membership at the Monroe Aquatics Center OR a one month membership at the Wesley Chapel YMCA! Click the logo below to register or for more information.

Benefiting the Union County Education Foundation



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(or click here -> <http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/4527> )

- PowerSchool Student Portal Class Registration Directions
- Registration Cards (to help with course selections)
- Academy Pathways (to help with course selections)
- Link to the Program of Study
- Waiver Form
- AP Commitment Contract
- FLEX Day Form (rising seniors only)
- Peer Tutor Form (rising seniors only)
- Career and College Promise Form
- Early Graduation, Media Literacy, & Yearbook Application
- Online Course Form

During the counselor/student meetings your counselor will review your course selections to confirm accuracy. Changes will be made if needed. Students should bring all forms needed to the scheduled meeting (forms are located on the CATA website and in the guidance office). The 2nd block teachers will share when your student is scheduled to see their counselor. Students will leave the counselor/student meeting with a copy of the courses selected for the 2016 - 2017 school year. Please note that changes will not be honored if a course is listed on course selection sheet. If you have questions please contact the assigned School Counselor.



## CATA's Junior Student Council presents your 2016 Prom.

The theme is "Vintage Hollywood" and pays homage to all the glitz and glam from that era. BEFORE YOU CAN BUY TICKETS YOU MUST PAY ALL FEES OWED TO THE SCHOOL (Payment plans are available—see an administrator). To see if you owe money please check during lunch. It will be the same place where prom tickets are sold. Tickets are \$60 and we will stop selling on Wednesday March 23rd. **Be sure to buy your ticket and we hope to see you there!!**

# Digestive Systems

- Health Science I



## Attendance Information for Parents and Students

Students with more than 7 absences in a course can fail the class due to Absences alone, regardless of their grade average in the class.

Attendance at school is Priority. It is so important to be present in order to learn and to gain opportunities for mastering coursework. This is also a very important life lesson for our children to learn—in life we have expectations of going to work and working to the best of our ability, and this good life habit starts with attendance at school.

- To ensure maximum student attendance we will be contacting students and parents when students reach 3, 6, and 8 absences. The numbers 3, 6, and 8 are for Total absences, both excused and unexcused.
- According to UCPS attendance policy students should not miss more than 7 classes in each class. **The goal is to not miss ANY school**, but if a student has a valid reason, such as an illness or other excused absence, they can have up to 7 absences and still pass the class.
- **It is important that excuse notes be written and turned into the office within 3 days after an absence. After the three days, then the absences are recorded as unexcused permanently.**
- At each absence threshold (3,6,8) CATA staff will make the determination if the student needs to begin the recovery process to make up absences and notify parents and students on how to make up time missed from school. Recovery should be done during the semester and in the two week time span given or the student will not be allowed to recover the absences at a later date. There are UCPS limits on how many classes can be recovered. Recovery will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school with Ms. Riley, or with the student's individual teacher. Students are expected to work on content during recovery time. This plan is in place so that your student makes up content close to the date it was delivered in class. CATA feels this is most effective.





**Seniors** *Senior Parents*—see the Senior Letter at the end of the chronicle

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

**April 18—Caps and Gowns distributed**

**Tuesday 4/26—Senior Class of 2016 Picture**

**Graduation Practice (REQUIRED to participate) Thursday 6/9 at 2:00**

**Senior Trip—Seniors!! Reserve your spot on the Senior Trip to the Whitewater Rafting Center in Charlotte scheduled for Thursday, May 26 by paying a deposit of \$40. You should take your cash or check (made out to CATA) to Mrs. Bivens by Wednesday, March 23. If you do not reserve your spot by paying the deposit, you will not be able to go on the trip. If you have questions about the trip, please see Mrs. Henry.**

**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.**

**Need a transcript??** 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 MARCH/APRIL SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER IS OUT - CHECK IT OUT !!!**

## Scholarship Spotlight:

### The Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship Fund:

This \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded to a senior that demonstrates interest and above-average ability in the performing arts. To be eligible, students must: 1). Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher; 2). Have financial need; 3). Demonstrate an interest and ability in one or more areas of performing arts; 4). Plan to pursue an undergraduate degree in music, dance, theatre, technical theatre, or arts administration or teaching; and 5). Have been accepted by, or applied to, a college or university with a performing arts program with the intentions to enroll full-time.

In addition to completing and submitting an application, applicants must: 1). complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); 2). Complete a one-page essay entitled, "Why I Am the Right Choice for the Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship"; 3). Provide a reference from at least two performing arts teachers; 4). Provide an official transcript; 5). Provide a copy of your 2015-2016 Student Aid Report (SAR); and 6) include a copy of a college acceptance letter and any financial aid reward letters received. All application materials must be mailed in one packet to the provided address. For more information, and to apply, please visit: <http://www.blumenthalarts.org/blumenthal-enrichment/community-outreach/scholarships/mary-doctor-scholarship>. **Deadline: March 24, 2016.**

**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!!



## News from Guidance:

- **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.](#)



### \*Volunteer Opportunity\*

The UC Extension Master Gardener Volunteers are hosting the Union County Heritage Festival on April 9th and 10th, 2016. They are seeking students of all ages to help with anything from helping vendors set up to handing out programs. Click [here](#) for more information. Click [here](#) for the youth volunteer application. If you have questions, please email Barbara Apelian at [bdeluca@carolina.rr.com](mailto:bdeluca@carolina.rr.com).



SUMMER is right around the corner! Do you know what you'll be doing?? Check out the [Summer Opportunities](#) page to learn about a wide variety of camps and opportunities you can register for.



UNC Charlotte is offering a wide variety of summer camps for students in grades 9 -12. **Niner Academy at UNC Charlotte** will give students the opportunity to learn about academic disciplines and careers that high school curricula may not offer, preparing them for both college and career. The week long camp offerings include: MedCamp, Robotics 301, Fire Science & Emergency Services Academy, Mock Trial Law Camp, Minecraft 301, Model United Nations, VetCamp, John Green Geeks: Multimedia Lit Club, and Change Leaders: Service and Social Impact. Camps begin the week of June 13th and end the week of August 1st. The cost of each camp is \$230/week. For more detailed information on each camp, and to register, please visit: <http://summercamps.uncc.edu/summer-camp/niner-academy>.

**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.

Updated College visit list:

- **Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD)** - March 18, 2016 @ 2:15 p.m.
- **UNC Asheville** - March 21, 2016 @ 10:30 a.m.
- **Navy ROTC Scholarship Information** - March 21, 2016 @ 11:15 a.m.
- **Embry Riddle Aeronautical University** - March 23, 2016 @ 2:15 p.m.
- **Meredith College** - April 14, 2016 @ 2:30 p.m.
- **Elon University** - April 21, 2016 @ 2:15 p.m.

### NACAC's Charlotte National College Fair - March 20, 2016:

NACAC will be holding a college fair at the Charlotte Convention Center from 12:00-4:00 p.m. You can view a list of participating colleges [here](#). To register, please visit <http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/SpringNCF/Pages/default.aspx>.

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



### 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.

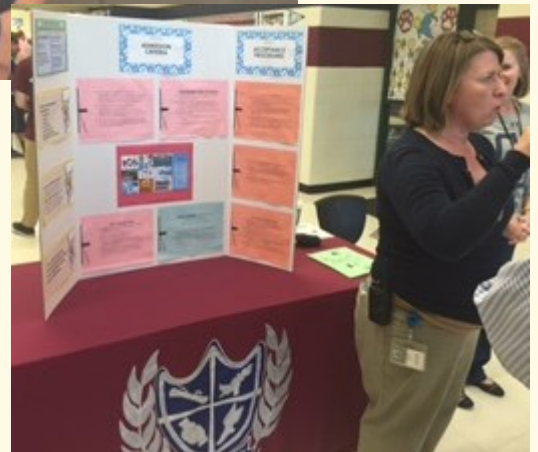
Please see the list of counselors by academy:

[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.

# CATA Crawl....





## 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](https://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](https://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.

Parent link

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B\\_hklag0h2SDX01iSIZZTmJ5d2s/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_hklag0h2SDX01iSIZZTmJ5d2s/view?usp=sharing)

Student link

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B\\_hklag0h2SDejZZkt3dDRhMHM/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_hklag0h2SDejZZkt3dDRhMHM/view?usp=sharing)

## CATA PTSO NEWS

Parents of seniors, be on the lookout for information regarding the PTSO Scholarship application. Applications will soon become available in the Guidance Office.

Kathie McKain  
[kathieptsocata@gmail.com](mailto:kathieptsocata@gmail.com)  
 301-514-1890, cell



We are proud to let you know that we have purchased the Deb Watwood Memorial Piano and it is at the school ready to go! This is a great tribute to all of the work and talent of the late Ms. Watwood who dedicated her life to young people and music! We will be having a dedication soon.

Upcoming Events - PIE Day

Student STAR AWARDS

Junior Class Design the Senior T Shirt Contest

Teacher Appreciation Week

Performing Arts Committee will be hosting a dinner theater on Sunday, February 28th at 6:00 pm followed by the play The Diviners - Dine Away Diner...A special evening of dining and entertainment. Tickets and reservations can be purchased online. The students are busy fundraising and practicing for the SETC competition held in March as well as preparing for their spring play Ragtime. All the students in the performing arts academy are busy with their music, dance, performing and production.

The PTSO is looking for officers and committee chairs for the 2016 - 2017 school year. Please contact Kathie McKain if you are interested in getting more involved.

Thanks to one and all for all of your wonderful support of the PTSO!

**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.



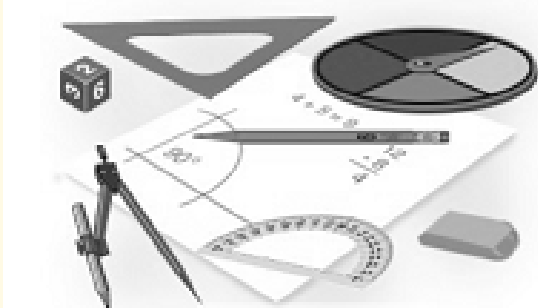
# Where Leadership Legends Begin

CATA Student Council Members, along with Ms. Foreman and Dr. Tarlton, boarded a bus to Fayetteville, NC on Friday, March 11 to go to the North Carolina Association of Student Council's 90<sup>th</sup> State Convention. Opening the convention was North Carolina native Michael Jordan, former NBA Star of the Chicago Bulls. His phenomenal speech about his leadership really motivated the students to have an amazing weekend. Students also hear speeches from Grammy winning artist KJ Scriven and State Superintendent June Atkinson. Throughout the weekend various awards were given out and our own Taylor MacLellan was given one of five North Carolina Distinguished Service award. Throughout the weekend, students had the opportunities to view war memorials and have diverse foods. This was a great investment for our current leaders to learn where their legends begin.



## Math Lab

Bring me your math problems



Sweep up  
your math skills

with  
Mr. Broome  
In room 519  
every

Help solve  
Problems!

Wednesday

3:30-4:30

&

Thursday

3:30-4:30

ALL students are welcome to the CATA Math Lab. Bring your math problems and sweep up your math skills! See flyer to the right for more information. Of course, tutoring with your math teacher is still available!!

## 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)



## 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](#).

**Saturday, March 19:** Fishing Club Tournament, 8 AM

**Sunday, March 20:** Shooting Sports Practice, 2 PM (Take Aim Training)

**Monday, March 21:** MPA Full Band Rehearsal, 3:30 PM (Band Rm.)

**Tuesday, March 22:** Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:30 PM (Rm. 208); BETA Club Meeting 8:20 am and 3:35 PM (Media Center)

**Wednesday, March 23:** FCA Leadership Meeting, 8:00 AM (Mr. Lindley's Room); Site Based Team Meeting, 3:40 (Media Center Conference Rm. )

**Thursday, March 24:** FCA Weekly Meeting, 8:00 AM (Gym); Student Council Junior Class Meeting, 3:30 (Media Center)

**Friday, March 25 to April 1: NO SCHOOL, Spring Break**

### Upcoming Dates:

3/14 to 3/24— Benchmark I Testing

3/18 to 4/5—Student Council Officer Application Process

3/23— Site Based Management Team Meeting, 3:40 (Media Center Conference)

3/23– Senior Whitewater Center Trip deposit, permission form, and release form due

3/25 to 4/1—NO SCHOOL, Spring Break

4/4 to 4/8—Parent Surveys

4/5— VIP Program

4/6—Progress Reports

4/9 Run for U – Union County Education 5k at CATA

4/14 to 4/16—Spring Musical

4/18— Junior Night, 6:30 PM (Auditorium)

4/18 Senior Caps and Gowns distributed during lunch

4/19— Red Cross Blood Drive during the school day

4/21 to 4/24—Spring Musical Weekend II

4/26 Senior Class of 2016 picture taken

4/27—Site Based Management Team Meeting, 3:40 (Media Center Conference)

4/27—Senior Whitewater Center Trip—Remaining Balance Due

4/29— Relay for Life (Sun Valley High School)

4/30— PROM– Rolling Hills Country Club

4/30— Annual CATA Car Show,

5/2 to 5/6—Teacher Appreciation Week

5/2 to 5/13— AP Exam Window

5/4—Report Cards

5/9 to 5/20—Benchmark Testing

5/10—PTSO Executive Board Meeting/PTSO General Membership Meeting: A day in the life of the Engineering/IT Academies STEM and Student Life at CATA, 6:30 PM

5/17—PTSO Senior Breakfast, 8:50 AM

5/18—Progress Reports

5/23 to 5/27—Senior Week

5/23—Spring Sports Awards Night, 7 PM (Auditorium)

5/25—NHS Talent Show

5/26—Senior Whitewater Center Trip

5/27—Senior Awards, 9 AM (Auditorium)

6/3 to 6/9—Final Exams

6/9—Graduation Practice, (CATA GYM)

6/10—Graduation at Winthrop University, 6:00 PM



## Student Life Notes

The last day to buy **prom tickets** Wednesday, March 23. Tickets are \$60 each and are sold at every lunch. Please do not wait until the last minute to buy your tickets! The junior class has been diligently planning this year's Vintage Hollywood prom and is very excited to see you all there!

**Seniors!!** Reserve your spot on the **Senior Trip to the Whitewater Rafting Center** on Thursday, May 26th. \$40 deposit due by March 23rd - bring to Ms. Bivens in the media center. No late deposits accepted. Please pick up permission forms and Release forms from Ms. Bivens and return both forms signed by parents with your payment.

There will be **Beta club** meeting next Tuesday, March 22 before and after school in the media center.

**Attention Student Council members:** are you interested in running for office next year? If so, applications to be a Student Council officer for the next school year open on Monday, March 14th. For more information and the application, please see Ms. Foreman.

**Registration for the Band of Blue** marching band is now open. Please visit the website below for more information on registration and band camp dates. Registration will close on May 5th  
<https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/cata-band/marching-band>

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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!

The **Guitar Club** will meet each Wednesday in Room 612 immediately after school at 3:30. The Guitar Club is open to experienced as well as novice players. The Club is open to those who do not know how to play a guitar but would like to learn.

**Robotics Club-** meetings are held each Tuesday and Thursday in Room 118 from 3:30 to 5:30. See you there!

Does your car need to be washed? The **CATA Band Program** is selling car washes from Autobell now thru March 24th. For only \$15.99, you will receive a Full Service car wash which includes an exterior cleaning including wheels, vacuum of seats and carpet, interior window cleaning, wipe down of dash and console, and a hand-dry. Half of the proceeds go to the CATA Band and wash never expires! Please see Mr. Retzlaff or a CATA Band student for more details.

**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)

## 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:

**Baseball:** Wins over Forest Hills (8-1, 9-3), Rain delayed 6th inning vs. GCAA, Wins over Union Academy (3-2, 7-4)

**Softball:** Lost 6-5 vs. Metrolina, Won 10-2 vs. Union Academy

**Women's Soccer:** Tied both: 3-3 vs. Union Academy, 0-0 vs. Olympic

**Men's Tennis:** CATA over Sun Valley 8-1, CATA over Monroe 9-0

**Men's Golf:** CATA 2nd out of 6 teams @ Mt. Pleasant Meet, Loss to Weddington

**Track & Field:** No events last week

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>**

AWAY Baseball vs. North Side Christian 4:30 pm

#### **Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup>**

AWAY Track & Field – Marvin Ridge – All Day Event

#### **Monday March 21<sup>st</sup>**

AWAY Golf @ Stone Bridge Country Club 3:30 pm

AWAY Varsity Baseball @ GCAA 4:00 pm

#### **Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

HOME Baseball vs. Monroe 4:30 & 6:30 pm

HOME Softball vs. Monroe 4:00 & 5:30 pm

AWAY Tennis @ Mt. Pleasant 4:00 pm

AWAY Soccer @ Marvin Ridge 5:00 pm

#### **Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

HOME Soccer vs. Monroe 5:00 pm

#### **Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup>**

AWAY Tennis @ Forest Hills 4:00 pm

AWAY Track @ Monroe High 4:30 pm

AWAY JV Soccer @ Sun Valley 4:30 pm



### **News & Information:**

Please make sure to follow CATA athletics on Twitter and CATA on Facebook for any updates due to the weather this spring.

### **NOVANT Health – FREE Physical Day**

**Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Registration will be open from **April 1<sup>st</sup>** through **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Please click on the tab on the CATA home page under athletics for more information.

Remember these are **FREE** – and good for all of 2016-2017 school year – don't wait come and get one!



# CATA Athletics Continued....

Athletic Trainer – Sarak Hang – [sarak.hang@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarak.hang@ucps.k12.nc.us)

## 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)

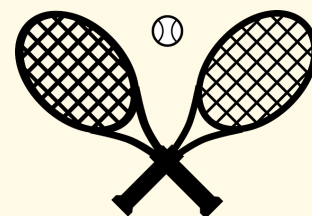
Men's Basketball – David Daniels – [david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us)

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)

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



## 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)



## Fall Sports Head Coach Contact Information:

Athletic Director & Men's Soccer – Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Football – Shane Griffin – [edward.griffin@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:edward.griffin@ucps.k12.nc.us)

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

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

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

Women's Tennis – Nelson Rowell – [nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Cross Country – Kim Inuwa – [iam4kim@yahoo.com](mailto:iam4kim@yahoo.com)

Athletic Trainer – Sarak Hang – [sarak.hang@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarak.hang@ucps.k12.nc.us)

## COUGAR CONCESSIONS SIGN UP

**We need parent volunteers. Please click go to this link to support our Spring Sports Concessions. Concessions proceeds benefit the whole athletic department.**

**<http://goo.gl/XChVJd>**

## CATA Students Play on State Championship Hockey Team!!!

**Mason Horkan, Logan Young** and **Andrew Chard** play for the Charlotte Jr Checkers 16u-AA hockey team. Their hockey team won the North Carolina state championship by defeating the Raleigh Jr Hurricanes in overtime. They will head to New Jersey at the end of this month to represent the state of North Carolina in the USA Hockey National tournament.

## Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

- ⇒ Congratulations to Taylor MacLellan for being awarded one of five North Carolina Distinguished Service award for Student Councils. She was presented the award by State Superintendent June Atkinson!!
- ⇒ Congratulations to Brice Martin and Joey Schneider on being selected to the NC Governor's School.
- ⇒ Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of Diviner's—Runner Up for Best Show in the Southeastern Theatre Conference!!
- ⇒ Congratulations to Gaige Robinson for earning Best Actor at SETC!!
- ⇒ Congratulations to Amina Faye, Shidarius Barrett, and Evan Whiteside for being named All Star Cast!!
- ⇒ Congratulations to Chris Verrill for being named to the 2016 NC All-state Senior High School Band!!
- ⇒ Congratulations to Seniors participating in the Union Symphony Youth Orchestra—Abril Ruiz-Lopez.
- ⇒ Congratulations and thanks to Julian Coley for directing and producing our NEW CATA Crawl video! Thanks also to all students and staff that participated!!



Cast and Crew of The Diviners  
SETC Best Show Runner Up

# SENIORS ONLY WHITEWATER CENTER RAFTING TRIP

## THURSDAY, MAY 26

**\$40 DEPOSIT DUE BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23**

**PICK UP PERMISSION FORMS AND RELEASE FORMS IN THE MEDIA CENTER FROM MS. BIVENS AND RETURN BOTH FORMS TO MS. BIVENS WITH YOUR DEPOSIT PAYMENT BY MARCH 23**

**THE TOTAL COST IS \$63 OR \$70 WITH LUNCH (You still have an option to buy your own lunch).**

**THE REMAINING BALANCE IS DUE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**



U.S. NATIONAL  
WHITEWATER CENTER



**Central Academy of Technology and Arts**  
**Graduation Information**  
**Class of 2016**

Dear Class of 2016,

We are so very proud of each and every one of you. This spring semester we hope that you will enjoy your time with your friends and teachers while maintaining your school work. In just a short time you will no longer be a "high school student" and will be looked at as an adult. You have worked hard, we have worked hard, and your parents have worked hard to prepare you for this challenge. You are each a reflection of your family and your school and, more importantly, you are a reflection of your core values. We hope that you will have fond memories of CATA and of the people here. We certainly have wonderful memories of each one of you.

The rest of this letter contains important information you need to know in a very factual format. We ask that you review the entire letter with your family. We are excited about the remainder of your Senior Year and want to be sure you know the expectations that are set. Feel free to come and ask any questions you may have.

**Congratulations Class of 2016!**

**Date and Time:** Graduation will be held at Winthrop University (701 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, SC 29730) on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Students will need to arrive at the university by 5:00 at the latest.

A map and directions will be provided for you at a later date. If you have any questions or need directions, then please visit the website ([www.winthrop.edu](http://www.winthrop.edu))

**Attire:** Students are expected to dress appropriately and professionally since this is a dignified ceremony. Students at CATA are only permitted to wear CATA issued cords, medallions, and cap and gown. No graduation regalia may be altered in any way.

**Ladies:** Ladies will need to wear an appropriate dress (or dark slacks) that is no longer than their gown. There should be No collar showing with the gown. Shoes should be brown, tan, black, or navy since the robes are navy. Flip-flops and tennis shoes are not appropriate, however, dressy sandals are appropriate.

**Gentlemen:** dark pants, a white shirt, black or dark tie or bowtie, and dark shoes (brown, tan, black or navy). No tennis shoes or flip-flops will be allowed.

IF you have any questions about your attire, then please ask administration.

**Senior Cap and Gown Picture: \*\*Above is the same attire you will be expected to wear at the senior cap and gown picture on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> in the gym.\*\*** (Ladies, you do not need to run out and buy your graduation dress now, something that you have that fits this general dress code is fine). This occurs during 2<sup>nd</sup> block and you must be present and in appropriate attire to be included in the picture (be here by 10:00 am if you flex first period).

**Tickets:** Tickets will be on sale beginning May 9<sup>th</sup> – May 13<sup>th</sup> before/after school in the main office, and will also be available to be purchased online:

- Each senior will receive **four** (4) free tickets with the opportunity to buy extra tickets at \$5.00 a ticket. Students can pre-purchase as many tickets as they need (go to the CATA website, click on "online school payments" on the right tab starting May 4<sup>th</sup>).
- Tickets will also be sold at the door before the Graduation ceremony.
- Everyone (including children) must have a ticket to enter the arena.
- Students will not receive their tickets until the end of Graduation practice.
- Students owing fees will not receive tickets until fees are paid (see below).
- Please keep your receipt for the tickets in case there are any questions.
- Students can pay cash/check to pay for the tickets, or order online as shown above.

**Graduation Practice:** Graduation practice will be held on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> in the school gym from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. Please make sure to make plans to attend the entire practice. **Failure to do so will result in not walking at Graduation.** It is your responsibility to schedule any college functions around final exams, graduation practice, and graduation itself.

You do not have to wear your cap and gown to practice.

If you are speaking at Graduation, then you should bring a copy of your speech so you can practice it a couple of times.

You will not receive your tickets until the end of practice so make arrangements beforehand.

**Graduating from high school** is dependent upon earning the number and type of credits needed to earn a diploma.

**Participating in the graduation ceremony is a privilege**, one that your family will truly value as they have spent a lot of time supporting you in your academic studies. Please take time to ensure that you are eligible to graduate by earning the credits needed. Please take time to ensure that you are able to participate in the graduation ceremony by making good choices for the remainder of your senior year, and by making sure that you have taken care of all financial responsibilities. Specifically, students must pay all fees owed to the school in order to be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies. This includes fees such as (but not limited to) - cafeteria, media center, textbook, transcript, technology, property fees. Any unpaid fee owed to the school or school system must be paid by Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> to be allowed to participate in a graduation ceremony. Multiple invoices have been sent this year. If you have an outstanding balance we strongly urge you to meet with your grade level administrator now to set up a payment plan.

**Senior Week: Senior Week is May 23<sup>rd</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>.**

**Extra Information about graduation day:**

- Graduates must park at the back of the coliseum – this will be designated on the directions you receive and signs will be up at the coliseum. Guests must park at the front of the coliseum. If any of your guests are handicapped, there is a handicap accessible entrance at the front of the coliseum – cars can drive up to this entrance to drop their guest off and CATA staff will assist them in getting into the coliseum while the driver parks the car.
- Winthrop Coliseum will have police officers and security at the graduation event. Please remind your guests that no noisemakers are permitted in the coliseum. The officers represent Winthrop and will enforce the Winthrop rules. Guests to the ceremony should plan on arriving 30 minutes to an hour in advance to allow for traffic. Winthrop will close the doors to the coliseum once the graduation ceremony begins, so all guests need to be in place prior to the 6:00 start time.
- Students should not bring any valuables with them, including phones, into the coliseum as there will be no place for them to store valuables. Please leave them with your parents.
- Pictures of the graduates receiving their diploma will be taken by a professional photographer. Students will receive information on how to order the pictures in their Senior Envelope that they get after the ceremony. Only graduates and staff are permitted on the arena floor.
- At the end of the graduation ceremony all seniors will proceed out of the coliseum and will use the coliseum tunnel to exit at the back of the coliseum, where they will receive their actual diploma, final transcript, picture information, and other important items. An official transcript in a sealed envelope will be in the packet. It is YOUR responsibility to mail it to your college. It is REQUIRED by your college for admission. **Please make plans to meet your families by walking around the outside of the coliseum toward the front. There are plenty of places to take pictures outside. Since the University will have to reset after our graduation for the next events, guests and graduates will not be able to stay inside the coliseum for pictures.**