

# Central Academy of Technology and Arts **Cougar Chronicle**

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CATA families,

We hope that you will join the CATA Transportation Systems Academy for our annual Car Show this Saturday morning, April 30th, on the CATA Campus from 10-3. All proceeds will go to our Skills USA Team that did a great job in their State Competition last week. CATA students in the Collision Program earned 2nd and 3rd place in Automotive Painting and 2nd and 4th place in Collision Repair. Way to go Cougars!!

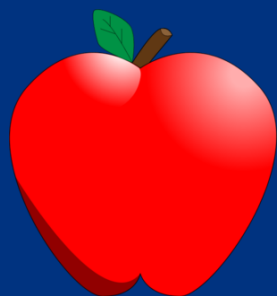
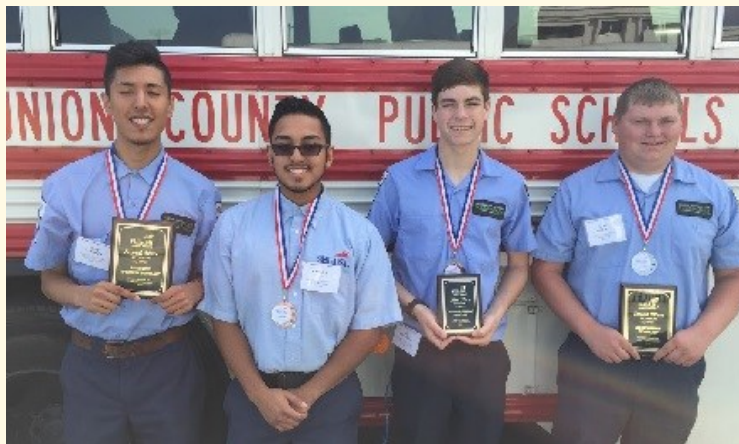
Prom is this Saturday night, April 30th and we are preparing for a great evening. Thank you to student council and our student council advisors for their incredibly hard work!!

Thank you to Rolling Hills Country Club for the venue! Parents, please remind your students that all school and UCPS rules do apply at the prom—we want all students to have a fun and SAFE time!

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week—please thank a teacher each day for all they do to work with our children! We have had a great **Spring Spirit Week** and we have one more day—check out the chronicle to see what to wear!!

Having **computer problems**? If so consider bringing your computer problems to our Information System Help Desk. See specific services that our computer savvy IT students and their teachers can help you with—details inside the Cougar Chronicle!!

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



**CATA  
APPRECIATES OUR  
TEACHERS  
May 2-6 IS  
Teacher  
Appreciation Week**



# RAGTIME



## 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 course-work. 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.

## PTSO looking for families to help celebrate National Teacher Appreciation Week

May 2 - 6 is National Teacher Appreciation Week. The CATA PTSO has planned some fun events and a luncheon to show our appreciation for our wonderful teachers and staff. The luncheon will be on Friday, May 6, 2016 in the guidance office during all three lunches. We need your help to make this a success. Please take a look at the list of requests to help support this event. **Please deliver all luncheon items to the office by 9 am on Friday, May 6, 2016. The Harris teeter gift cards will be used towards roasted chicken.**

If you have any questions, feel free to call Sarah May @ 704 780 1576 or Alyson Flood @ 704 604 5427. If you have any gift items "Teacher Gift cards or any Purchased Gifts or Baskets" we would greatly appreciate your donations. Please send those items in anytime between now and Friday May 6th by 9:00 am.....and marked "For PTSO". Thank you so much for your support!

Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4babaa2aa31-hawaiian> or Click here --->>



### CATA PTSO NEWS

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

Upcoming Events - Student STAR AWARDS  
Junior Class Design the Senior T Shirt Contest  
Teacher Appreciation Week

THANK YOU to our PTSO and Parents that supported student success with the Student Academic Recognition Breakfast this week!! Way to go students and Way to go Parents!!!!!!!!!!!!

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.



In this **Medical Sciences Academy lab** students followed a fictitious family who drank their well water and got sick. Students are testing chemicals in the water of the family as well as testing the school water.




# SPRING SPIRIT WEEK

## Friday: Vacation Destination Day


Freshmen:	Netflix and Stay Home-PJ's Comfortable Clothes
Sophomores:	Big City-Dress for New York
Juniors:	Smoky Mountains-Dress to hit the slopes or go hiking
Seniors:	Beach Week-School Appropriate Beachwear (NO BATHING SUITS or revealing clothes)
Staff:	Disney World

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## Pepe's Computer Repair



Come down to Mr. Markles Room 216 for Pepe to repair your coumputer! You pay only for replacement or upgrade parts but we do troubleshooting and virus removal for free!




IT'S SANIC FAST!



THAT WAS LEGITNESS!

We Optimize computers so your computer runs the fastest it ever will!



Much computer  
Many fix

### Does Your Computer Need Fixing?



Bring in home computers for inspection and repair!

### Come To The IT Repair Lab!

Room 216 and 203!



We will locate the problem and document our solution



Twenty four high school teams participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual UCPS/SPCC VEX Robotics Challenge on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at SPCC Health and Technology Building in Monroe. For these competitions, teams of students are tasked with designing and building a robot to play against other teams in a game-based engineering challenge. Classroom STEM concepts are put to the test on the playing field as students learn lifelong skills in teamwork, leadership, decision making, and communication.

At these events there are three different competitions in which students choose to participate: 1) Standard

Matches consist of two alliances of two teams each playing against each other, 2) Robot Skills involve one robot and driver playing alone against the clock, and 3) Programming Skills require one robot using sensors to run autonomously (this event was cancelled due to technical difficulties).

The CATA Daleks placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, and the CATA Cobra's placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the tournament. The Cobra's also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Robot Skills competition.

Four of the twenty-four teams were from Central Academy and these students put in significant time after school preparing for the competitions. The **Daleks**: Jonathan Lorrar, Will Stewart, Sarah Kalaf, Colin Stewart, and Parker Robinson. The **Cybermen**: Patrick Cur, Stephanie Shue, Jeffrey Holzman and William Recher. The **TAC**: Caleb Beckstein, Mac Wolfe, Kevin Gomez, Cayden Wilson, and Kersten Prince. The **Cobra's**: Karl Parlman, Bryan Gonzalez, Donovan Walker, Danny Gustafson and Aiden St.Hilaire. The advisors for the Robotics Club are: Mrs. Bounds, Mr. Markle and Mr. Recher.

# ITALY

## Spring 2017

If you are interested in traveling to ITALY during Spring Break, then there is a TRAVEL CLUB Meeting on Thursday May 5th at 6:00 PM in Ms. Foreman's Room.

## Army Drag Racing

The Army came out to speak to students in the Automotive, Pre-Engineering, and Information Systems Academy about all of the different people that are involved when it comes to not only building their drag race car, but driving it and maintaining it as well. Their race car was the first to reach 330 mph in a quarter-mile in 1999 with a head-turning run of 330.23 mph and the first to hit 330 mph at the

NHRA's current distance of 1,000 feet with a run of 330.30 mph in 2012. U.S. Army Soldiers and the Army Racing Team, perform with unparalleled precision, applying cutting-edge technology and innovative training with flawless execution.



## Car Show

600 Brewer Dr. Monroe, NC 28112

**Saturday  
April 30th, 2016**

**10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

All proceeds will go to the Skills USA Club

**Auto Body Program**

**Adults \$2.00**

No Rain Date: Pre-Reg. \$ will be returned

**Under 12 Free**

Registration on back



### 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 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!!



Registration for the Band of Blue marching band is now open. Please visit the website using the link on the CATA website 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>

There will be an information meeting for all CATA Band Students interested in joining the Band of Blue marching band on **Thursday, April 14th at 6:00 PM** in the band room. Important information such as the band calendar, fees and the show theme reveal will take place. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Student Recognition Opportunity –

If you have participated in PLTW courses and AP courses, you may be eligible to receive AP + PLTW recognition. College Board and Project Lead the Way have teamed up to offer this recognition that will demonstrate to colleges and employers that the student is ready for advanced course work and interested in careers in this discipline. There are three chosen pathways in which a student can participate: Biomedical Science, Engineering, and Computer Science. To qualify, students must complete three courses in their pathway:

- One AP course
- One PLTW course
- One additional AP or PLTW course

The Pathway Menu of Courses that students can select from can be found [HERE](#). Students that are interested in receiving this recognition need to apply by **June 30th, 2016**. Please be on the lookout for information about how to apply. [Or - Apply Now by clicking here.](#)



## Seniors

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

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

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

**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 !!!**

**Award Application: Seniors** – Have you been involved in your community this year? If so, you may be eligible for the Academic Excellence Community Service Award. One senior will be selected to receive the Community Service Award and will be recognized at graduation. To qualify, seniors must have participated in community-based or school-based community service in the past 12 months. To apply, students must submit an interest form along with a letter of application outlining community service efforts from the last 12 months and two letters of support that verify your record of community service. Interest forms are available in Guidance. **Deadline: April 26, 2016.**

### Scholarship Spotlight:

**Pledge your Collegiance:** Students can announce their college decision for a chance to win \$5,000 or one of eleven other cash prizes. To enter, students need to create a video for Instagram announcing your college choice and tag the video with #collegiance. Videos will be judged on creativity. To be eligible, students must be high school seniors that are planning to attend college for the first time in the fall of 2016. For more information, please visit: <https://collegiance.wcm.collegeboard.org/#top-content>. **Deadline: May 9, 2016.**

The LAST scholarship newsletter of the 2015-2016 school year is available. Check it out [HERE!](#)

Seniors – please turn in ALL scholarship offers you have received to Mrs. Cameron by May 23, 2016!!

### Seeking Graduation Speakers - Your Academy Needs You!

**Graduation speakers should have the following qualifications:**

- Willing to write, practice and revise a speech under Mrs. Henry's guidance
- Willing to speak on behalf of the entire academy he or she is a member of
- Good public speaking skills or willing to learn
- Good behavior record while a student at CATA
- Clearly on-track to graduate (no failing grades)

Students will try out with an original speech after school on either Monday, May 2 or Tuesday, May 3 in the media center conference room. Judges are selected from the administrative team, academy teachers, academic teachers and guidance counselors. The goal is to give each academy a distinct opportunity to reflect on the years at CATA and to look forward to the journey ahead! If you meet the qualifications, you are encouraged to try out!

## News from Guidance:

- **SAT.... ACT.... PSAT....** Info on the CATA website. [Click here to go to the page for registration dates, costs, AND information on SAT and ACT prep.](#)

### Volunteer Opportunity!!

Stallings Parks & Recreation is looking for high school students to volunteer. They need one-time volunteers and long-term volunteers. For more information, or to sign up, you can contact Abby Fowler at (704)821-0379 or at [afowler@admin.stallingsnc.org](mailto:afowler@admin.stallingsnc.org).

**Summer Opportunities!** Check out the [Summer Opportunities](#) page.

**DigiGirlz High Tech Camp** - This one-day camp takes place at Microsoft's Charlotte location and introduces high school girls to the many career fields offered within the high tech industry. During the camp, DigiGirlz will listen to executive speakers, participate in technology tours and demonstrations, network, and learn through hands-on experience in workshops. This event provides girls in grades 9-12 with career planning assistance, information about technology and business roles, thought-provoking exercises, and interesting Microsoft product demonstrations. This camp will occur June 14-16, 2016. There is no registration deadline; however, registration will close once all slots are filled. To register, please visit: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/programs/digigirlz/hightechcamp.aspx>

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. For more detailed information on each camp, and to register, please visit: <http://summercamps.uncc.edu/summer-camp/niner-academy>.

**Health Careers Summer Camp** June 20-22 from 8:00 – 2:00 at Piedmont High School, Union County Public Schools will be having a Health Careers Summer Camp for all Rising 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup> graders. The summer camp will focus on different careers within the Health Care system. The cost of the camp is \$40. For more information and the application, please visit [www.ucps.k12.nc.us/cte](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/cte) or see Mrs. Webb in guidance.

### "2016-2017 CTE Internships"

If you have picked up an internship application make sure you return it to Ms. Webb as soon as you can. Ms. Hunt, the Internship Coordinator, will be looking for placement for students shortly. The application is not considered complete unless all of the paperwork is filled out and turned back in; including a current shot record (medical only). If you are still interested in participating in an internship for next school year, are a rising 12<sup>th</sup> grader, and have taken at least 2 Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses, please see Ms. Webb in the guidance office to get an application or ask questions.

**Rising juniors and seniors** – Are you interested in conservation? Union County Soil & Water will sponsor one Union County high school student to attend a week long Resource Conservation workshop at NC State University with expenses paid. Students will get hands-on experience with a wide range of conservation topics, including: soil characteristics, soil conservation, wildlife and fishery management, forest management, non-agricultural uses for soils, and water quality and watershed management. This workshop will occur June 26<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Students must complete an application and write (in 250 words or less) about their interest in Conservation. Preference will be given to rising juniors and seniors. For more information, please visit: <http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/educational/RCW.html>. Applications can be emailed to [katie.dayton@unioncountync.gov](mailto:katie.dayton@unioncountync.gov) or mailed to 3230-B Presson Road, Monroe, NC 28112. Applications are available in Guidance. **Deadline: May 13, 2016.**

*CLASS OF 2019*

**CLASS OF 2018**

**CLASS OF 2017**

## IMPORTANT AP TESTING INFORMATION:

AP Exams will be administered May 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 11<sup>th</sup> this year. Please refer to the following schedule of AP exams:

Pre-Administration sessions will occur next week in the following manner:

- **Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** - students will participate during their regularly scheduled AP class, with the exception of 2<sup>nd</sup> period AP classes
- *Students with a 2<sup>nd</sup> period AP class who do not have another AP course will participate in their Pre-Administration on **Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** during their scheduled 2<sup>nd</sup> period AP class*
- *Students who do not have an AP class this semester will receive an appointment slip to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> period Pre-Administration session on **Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**.*

During the Pre-Administration sessions, students will fill in information on their answer sheet that will save valuable time on exam day. Students will also receive test day instructions and an AP Absence Permission form. This form will give students permission to miss their remaining classes the day(s) of their AP exam(s) with parent and teacher approval. This form is due to Guidance by **April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. Please contact Mrs. Cameron if you have any questions about AP exams.

AP Exam	Date	Time
AP Environmental Science	Monday, May 2	8:00 a.m.
AP Psychology	Monday, May 2	12:00 noon
AP Computer Science A	Tuesday, May 3	8:00 a.m.
AP Physics 1	Tuesday, May 3	12:00 noon
AP English Literature	Wednesday, May 4	8:00 a.m.
AP Calculus AB & BC	Thursday, May 5	8:00 a.m.
AP German	Friday, May 6	8:00 a.m.
AP US History	Friday, May 6	8:00 a.m.
AP Studio Art*	*May 4th deadline for completion of artwork. Electronic upload by school occurs on Friday, May 6	Submit by 8:00 p.m.
AP Biology	Monday, May 9	8:00 a.m.
AP US Government	Tuesday, May 10	8:00 a.m.
AP English Language	Wednesday, May 11	8:00 a.m.

### Final Exam Schedule

**Friday, June 3: First Period Exam, 2nd Period Review**

**Monday, June 6: Second Period Exam, 3rd Period Review**

**Tuesday, June 7: Third Period Exam, 4th Period Review**

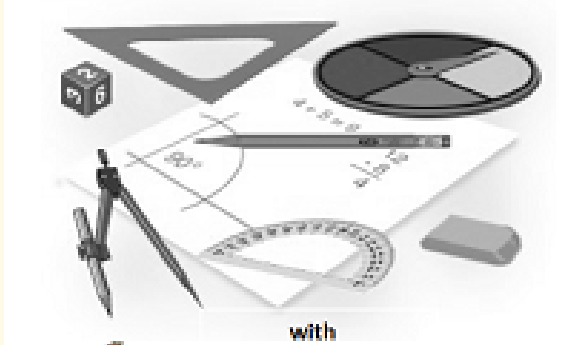
**Wednesday, June 8: Fourth Period Exam**

**Thursday, June 9: Exam Make-Up Day**

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

## 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

## 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, April 29: RELAY FOR LIFE, 6:00 PM (Sun Valley High);** AP Psychology Study Session, 7:15 AM (Rm. 401); AP Calculus Review, 3:30 (Ms. Royster's Rm.; US History AP Study Session, 3:45 PM Ms. Hibberd's Rm.)

**Saturday, April 30:** Annual CATA Car Show, 10 AM, CATA Prom, 8 PM (Rolling Hills Country Club)

**Monday, May 2:** Graduation Speaker Auditions, 3:30 PM (Media Center Conference Rm.)

**Tuesday, May 3:** NHS Meeting, 8:15 AM and 3:40 PM (Media Center); Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:30 PM (Rm. 208); Graduation Speaker Auditions, 3:30 PM (Media Center Conference Rm.); Jazz Band Rehearsal, 3:45 PM (Band Room)

**Wednesday, May 4: REPORT CARDS; )**; Graduation Speaker Auditions, 3:30 PM (Media Center Conference Rm.); FCA Leadership Meeting, 8:00 AM (Mr. Lindley's Room);

**Thursday, May 5: )**; FCA Weekly Meeting, 8:00 AM (Gym); AP U.S. History Review, 3:45 (Ms. Hibberd's Rm.); Travel Club Interest Meeting, Italy Trip 2017, 6 PM (Ms. Foreman's Rm.); Band Booster Meeting, 6:30 PM (Band Rm.)

**Friday, May 6:** SADD Meeting, 8:15 AM (Ms. Hibberd's Rm.)

**Saturday, May 7:** AP Biology Review, 10 AM (Ms. Suresh's Rm.)

**PLEASE CHECK THE AP EXAM PAGE IN THIS EDITION OF THE COUGAR CHRONICLE FOR TIMES AND DATES OF THE AP EXAMS**

### Upcoming Dates:

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

4/30—PROM—Rolling Hills Country Club

4/30—Annual CATA Car Show, 10 AM to 3 PM

### **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

5/10—Spring Band Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium)

5/14—Student Council Inductions,

5/13 & 5/14 —Spring Dance Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium)

5/17—PTSO Senior Breakfast, 8:50 AM

5/17—PTSO General Membership Mtg. 7 PM (Media Center)

5/18—Progress Reports

5/23 to 5/27—Senior Week

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

5/24—Band Banquet, 6 PM (Café)

5/25—NHS Talent Show, 7 PM (Auditorium)

5/25—Site Based Team Meeting, 3:40 (Media Center Conference Rm.)

5/26—Senior Whitewater Center Trip

5/27—Senior Awards, 9 AM (Auditorium)

5/27—Chorus Concert, 7:30 PM (Auditorium)

5/30—NO School—Memorial Day

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 Annual CATA Car Show is this Saturday at 10:00 AM.** Please see the flyer in this edition of the Cougar Chronicle along with registration information.

**Do you know of or have a cool car or truck? The Transportation Academy will host the 18th Annual Doug Nash Memorial Car Show this Saturday from 10:00 until 3:00.** Come on out before the prom and enjoy some really neat cars and trucks along with good food and a crazy DJ. Support our Auto Tech and Collision Repair programs here at CATA.

**Relay for Life is on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 PM at Sun Valley High School.** Please register at this site and join the CATA Life Saver Team.

**Registration Link:**

**[http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY16SA?pg=entry&fr\\_id=71025](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY16SA?pg=entry&fr_id=71025)**

- ♦ Click Sign Up
- ♦ Click Create a New Account and Follow the Directions
- ♦ Very easy and takes just a few minutes

**Hey Cougars!! Help support your "Hands Helping Others Club" with the fight against Cancer.** Donate \$1 during lunch to buy a FOOTPRINT, along with other items, to donate to Relay For Life! Items are going to be sold starting Monday April 18th through Friday April 29th during all lunches. Please Help!

**The National Honor Society will once again be hosting a Talent Show on May 25th.** In this contest of talent, the winner is determined by votes from the audience in the form of charitable donations. If you are interested in presenting your act, audition forms are available in the front office. The dates for auditions will be announced shortly.

**If you are interested in joining the Travel Club next spring on our trip to Italy, please see Ms. Foreman.** There will be a parent interest meeting on Thursday, May 5th at 6:00 in Ms. Foreman's room.

**This is a reminder to all NHS members that there is a meeting this coming Tuesday, May 3rd.** Seniors, your hours are due by this time, and you will need to bring \$20 for your stole. Also, elections for next year's officers will be held, so if you are running for a position please plan to be present at both the morning and afternoon meetings.

**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>**

**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)

## 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:** CATA 1 – Forest Hills 2, CATA 3 – Parkwood 15

**Softball:** CATA 0 – Forest Hills 15, CATA 0 – Parkwood 15

**Women's Soccer:** CATA 8 – Monroe 0, CATA 8 – West Stanly 0, CATA 6 – Mt. Pleasant 0

**Men's Tennis:** CATA 7 – Parkwood 2, CATA 3 – West Stanly 6

**Men's Golf:** Team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Rocky River Conference Tournament

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

### Upcoming Events:

**Friday April 29<sup>th</sup>** HOME Baseball vs. Parkwood 4:30/7:00 pm – Senior Night

**Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>** Union County Track Meet @ Forest Hills – All Day Event

**Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>** AWAY – Baseball & Softball – Rocky River Conference Tournament – TBA

AWAY – Soccer @ Forest Hills – 6:00 pm

AWAY – Men's Golf – Regionals – Mt. Airy – All Day Event

**Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>** AWAY JV Soccer @ Cannon School – 5:00 pm

AWAY Tennis @ NCHSAA Team Tournament – TBA

**Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>** HOME Soccer vs. Parkwood 5:00 pm – Senior Night

AWAY Track & Field @ RRC Meet – Monroe High – Time - TBA

**Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>** AWAY Soccer @ Community School of Davidson – 3:45 pm

AWAY Tennis @ NCHSAA Individual Regionals - Salisbury

**Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>** NOVANT Health Free Physical Day – last day to sign up is Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### News & Information:

#### Cougars rolling in Golf & Tennis:

- Men's Golf Team Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> @ RRC Tournament
- Gabe Horne – Rocky River Conference Golfer of the Year
- Men's Tennis won the Rocky River Conference Championship
- Thomas McCorkle and Nicholas Olson qualified for the NCHSAA Individual Tournament next week-end in Salisbury
- Thomas McCorkle was Men's Tennis Player of the Year and Singles Tournament Champion
- Spring sports awards night will be **Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 pm** -CATA Auditorium.
- Please make sure to follow CATA athletics on Twitter and CATA on Facebook for any updates due to the weather this spring.
- Summer workouts & fall sports are just around the corner. Please remember that fall sports start on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. You **MUST** be here for tryouts if you plan on participating in a fall sport.
- Summer workout calendars will be posted by **May 1<sup>st</sup>** on the CATA website.
- You **MUST** have a **current physical** on file with the Athletic Director to participate in summer workouts.
- All other required paperwork to participate in fall sports will be available after July 1<sup>st</sup>. Only physicals can be handed in prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> per state policy.
- Fall sports required parent meeting will be held on **Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm** in the CATA Auditorium.
- **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)

## **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)

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

**@CATA\_Athletics**



## **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)

## **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)



## **CATA Computer Repair**



**Bring your computer  
to room 216**

**We will give you suggestions  
and an estimate on cost**



we can:

- get rid of viruses, malware, adware
- optimize your computer
- install upgrades
- install hardware

**No additional charge other than parts**

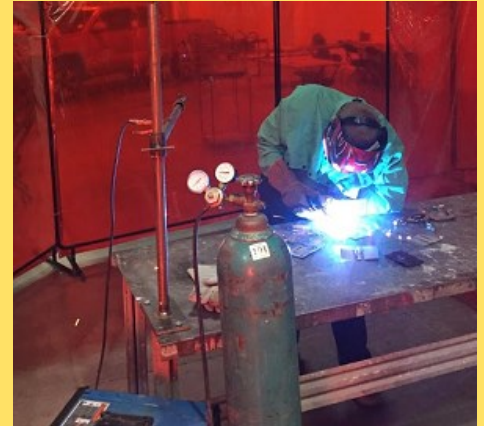
# Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

- ⇒ At the NC Eta State Delta Kappa Gamma Convention our Media Specialist, Ms. Deb Christensen, was awarded one of 12 Eta State Rising Star Awards. The Eta State Rising Star Award is intended to recognize and encourage key women educators in their early years of active membership in NC Delta Kappa Gamma. Way to Go Ms. Christensen!!
- ⇒ Students from Collision Repair placed in the top 5 at The NC State Skills USA Competition held this week from 4/19 to 4/21 in Greensboro;

Automotive Painting;  
Yosy Almanza-2nd place  
Dax Whitesides-3rd place

Collision Repair;  
Isaac Jackson-2nd place  
Carlos Reyes-4th place

These students won over \$45,000.  
in scholarships and represented this county  
and Central Academy well. Charlotte and Monroe businesses are al  
ready contacting us about these winners!!!!



- ⇒ Congratulations to the Theatre Academy on an awesome Opening Week-end for Ragtime!!!!
- ⇒ Congratulations to Stephanie Eberly on being selected by the Scholarship Committee as CATA's Charlotte Observer All-Star Scholar. She will go on to compete for a \$1,000 scholarship!
- ⇒ Congratulations to Abigail Hiley on being selected by the Scholarship Committee as CATA's recipient of the SECU's People Helping People Scholarship!
- ⇒ Congratulations to Olivia McKain, Abigail Hiley, Margaret Simons, and Marc Duemmler for being selected by the Scholarship Committee as recipients of the Cougar Council PTSO Scholarship!

## 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)

# Be a CATA Life Saver



**Join OUR TEAM**

**Relay for Life**

**Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> Starts at  
6:00 PM**

**Sun Valley High School.**

**Please register at this site to join the  
CATA Team**

**<http://goo.gl/O57JVh>**

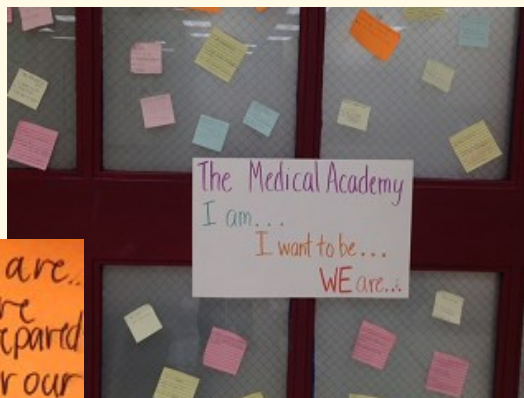
- ♦ Click Sign Up
- ♦ Click Create a New Account and Follow the Directions
- ♦ Very easy and takes just a few minutes

**I am...**

**I want to be...**

**We are.....**

I am... passionate  
I want to be... an occupational therapist.  
We are... more prepared for our futures



I AM: learning  
WE ARE: changing the world  
I WANT TO BE: the one to bring female athletic trainers into the NFL

**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.**