

# Central Academy of Technology and Arts

## Cougar Chronicle

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CATA families,

Congratulations to our Central Academy Teacher of the Year—Dr. Adam Tarlton. Dr. Tarlton is an English Teacher at CATA and has been very involved in Student Council and working with Beginning Teachers here at CATA. Congratulations to Dr. Tarlton as he serves to represent CATA in the Teacher of the Year process. Spirit Week has been wonderful this week and students and staff are showing a lot of Cougar Spirit!!



CATA was also recognized this week for our 100% graduation rate last year. This is a testament to the hard work that both students and staff put in every day!! Way to go!

Powder Puff has been postponed until Thursday, October 22nd at Walter Bickett Stadium. Practice times will be announced on Monday via school announcements, the CATA website and the CATA Facebook/Twitter pages. Any student that still wishes to play may bring \$20 to Ms. Eaton and pick up a permission form.

Students and parents - you may now upload your photos to be used in the yearbook directly from the CATA website. A link is included in this edition of the Cougar Chronicle.

Information about Driver's Ed and the PSAT is included in this edition, as well as information on attendance and grading platforms. Additionally, we hope parents will read our stories about our English class trip to the Jewish Community Center to learn about the Holocaust and our Dance Students Master Class experience and their performances at Charlotte's Festival in the Park last week. Way to go!!

Check out all of our athletic teams in this week's Cougar Chronicle. We have some exciting matches coming up that you won't want to miss!! A shout out to our women's Tennis Team who are doing phenomenally well this season!! 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

Please enjoy this issue of STEM Magazine!! Click on the magazine cover to be taken to the electronic magazine!



## Athletic Program Fundraising - A Huge Success for Fall Athletics!!

A **HUGE** thank you to all who donated to the CATA fundraiser this fall.

The money is already being put to good use:

- Football – team will be purchasing new shoulder pads at the end of the season for next year! Some new helmets were also added this year.
- Volleyball – padded indoor chairs will be coming soon to a CATA gym near you!
- Men's Soccer – team purchased a training goal – already being used every day at practice!
- Cheerleading – new pom-poms can already be seen on Friday Nights and new uniforms for the squad will be debuting in 2016!
- Cross Country & Women's Tennis - have new tents ordered and on the way to offer shelter and shade to our athletes during competition!
- Women's Golf – polo shirts for the girls, and covering the costs of new equipment for 2016!



Stay tuned for more updates and pictures as items come in - of what CATA fundraising has helped to do for all of our athletic teams! Go Cougars!

**CATA recognized for 100% Graduation Rate in the 2014-2015 school year. This was the highest graduation rate in NC for schools with 200-299 students in their graduation cohort. Way to go Cougars!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



The CATA Band Program is running its annual "Bank for Band" Fund-raiser Thursday, September 24th through Monday, October 12th. Please invest in our band by contributing \$5.00 each. If you want to contribute, please see Mr. Retzlaff in the band room, or parents, email him at [Craig.retzlaff@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Craig.retzlaff@ucps.k12.nc.us)



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

## Cougar Pride

- ⇒ Congratulations to Fallon Stegall for being selected as CATA's DAR Good Citizen for the 2015-2015 school year by the Scholarship Committee.
- ⇒ Congratulations to Hannah Register for being selected as CATA's Union County Parade Princess and Alex Kahle Scholarship nominee by the Scholarship Committee.
- ⇒ Congratulations to Kerrigan Laney for being nominated by the Scholarship Committee for the John H. Crowder Award.
- ⇒ Congratulations to our Women's Tennis team on leading their conference with wins at this point in the season!!
- ⇒ Congratulations to two students chosen by the Blumenthal to participate in the Broadway Experience on Oct. 23-25. They are Nicole Palmer and David Moberg, both seniors.
- ⇒ Congratulations to Dr. Adam Tarlton for being recognized as CATA's Teacher of the Year.



**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.**

## Attendance Information for Parents and Students

**Ninth grade parents, please note that High School Attendance is different than middle school. It is taken by class, not by day. 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.



## CATA PTSO NEWS

**JOIN THE PTSO** - Don't forget to join the CATA PTSO.

**PTSO Volunteers**—The CATA PTSO welcomes anyone who is interested in participating with us. There are many facets of the school and areas that are always seeking an extra hand. From selling concessions at a sports game, to proctoring an exam, to helping to raise money and organize and serve at teacher hospitality and appreciation events. You are welcome and invited to participate. our goal this year is to engage our membership and our community to get involved in our events at school.



**Invest in Excellence** will roll out to you in October! Be on alert for an email and additional information! Your support will assist each academy in the school. Your gift will play a key role in helping CATA remain a strong academic school.

The executive committee approved a motion in September to hold 4 General Membership Meetings with the goal of providing an educational/service to our members as well as seek your input into our events and activities. We are confirming speakers and dates and will post them in the cougar chronicle and promote them throughout the school! We are partnering with the goal of the school to make connections within Academies and the community to involve families with the mission and vision of CATA!!!

**Upcoming events:** Invest In Excellence

Executive Committee Mtg – Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30

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

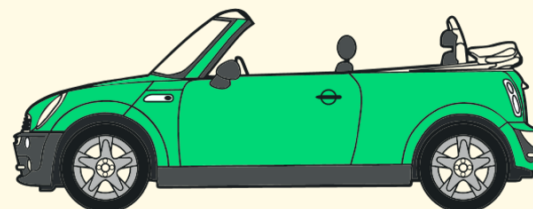
**Simple ways to support CATA - you must re-link each year!! Thank you!!**

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.



UCSP High Schools will be offering 3 face to face **Driver's Ed classes** first semester only. Classes are available to students 14 1/2 years old and older. Classes will run Monday through Friday for the duration of the class, and the times are from 4-7pm. The fee for the class is \$65 in the form of cash or check. Please see Mrs. Tweed in the guidance office for class schedules or to sign up. OLDER students who register immediately will get preference over younger students currently.



## 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, October 9: SPIRIT WEEK: Color Wars (Seniors: Black, Juniors: White, Sophomore: Blue, Freshman: Red); Homecoming PEP Rally fourth period;** Last day of the canned food drive; Science Olympiad, 3:30 (Rm. 305)

**Saturday, October 10: Homecoming Dance, 8-11 pm (Gym)**

**Sunday, October 11:** Shooting Sports Practice, 2 PM (Take Aim Training)

**Monday, October 12: NO SCHOOL-OPTIONAL TEACHER WORK DAY**

**Tuesday, October 13:** Student Council Officer meeting, 3:30 (Rm. 208); Gamers Unite, 3:30 pm (Rm. 217)

**Wednesday, October 14: PSAT for ALL Juniors and any freshmen and sophomores who signed up to take the test.** Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 8:00 am (Gym)

**Thursday, October 15:** Shooting Sports Meeting, 8 am (Rm. 102);

### Upcoming Dates:

10/9—Fourth Period Canned Food Drive Competition –Last Day

10/10—Homecoming Dance, 8-11 pm

10/12—No School, Optional Teacher Workday

10/14—PSAT for all Juniors

10/20—Underclassmen Make up Pictures

10/21—Report Cards

10/22— Powder Puff, 6:30 Walter Bickett Stadium

10/27— Winter Sports Parent Night, 7 pm (Auditorium)

10/28—Site Based Team Meeting, 3:40 (Media Conference Room)

10/30—Trunk or Treat

11/2-11/6—Free College Application Week

11/4—Progress Reports

11/11—NO SCHOOL, Veterans Day

11/14—NCASC Western District Conference, All Day at CATA

11/23—Jostens Senior Make-up Day

11/23—Poetry Out Loud

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

12/2—Report Cards



See page 13 in the chronicle.



## CAN CAN CAN YOU HELP US OUT

Final day for Canned Food Drive—Friday 10/9

Please support Union County food pantries.

Sponsored by Hands Helping Others and HOSA.

Way to go cougars!!!!



## **Student Life Notes      Upcoming Events:**

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

**Join the Society of Women Engineers, please see Mr. Recher for details**

Science Olympiad is meeting Friday, October 9 immediately after school in Mrs. Cross' room. Please have your \$10.00 dues payment at the beginning of the meeting.

**CATA's Annual Powder Puff Game will take place on Thursday, October 22 at 6:30 pm at Walter Bickett Stadium.**

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will have their first meeting Wednesday, October 14 morning in the gym starting at 8:00 am until 8:40 am. We will have a guest speaker

**Join us for a carnival in Paris on Saturday, October 10th at 8:00 PM. Tickets for this year's homecoming dance will be on sale during lunches.**

**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)

### **POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL**

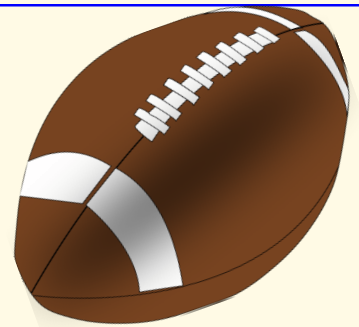
**COME OUT TO WATCH THE ANNUAL POWDER PUFF GAMES.  
WALTER BICKETT STADIUM  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 6:30 PM**

**FRESHMEN VS. SOPHOMORES      JUNIORS VS SENIORS  
WINNER VS WINNER**

**ANY ADDITIONAL STUDENTS THAT WANT TO PLAY—SEE MS. EATON (COST IS \$20)**

**TICKETS ARE \$3  
ON SALE AT LUNCH AND AT  
THE**

**A CHANCE TO WIN TICKETS TO THE HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME WITH PURCHASE**



## 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:

**Football:** No Game last Week

**Men's Soccer:** CATA 4 – West Stanly 0, CATA 6 – Mt. Pleasant 0, CATA 7 – Forest Hills 1

**Volleyball:** CATA 1 – West Stanly 3, CATA 3 – Monroe 0

**Tennis:** CATA 6 – West Stanly 3, CATA 5 – Mt. Pleasant 4

**Cross Country:** No Events due to weather

**Women's Golf:** 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Chesterfield, SC Country Club Match

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **October 9<sup>th</sup>**

HOME Football vs. Monroe 7:30 pm @ Walter Bickett Stadium

Homecoming – Gates Open @ 6:00 pm

Band performs @ 7:00 pm

#### **October 10<sup>th</sup>**

AWAY Cross Country – Ivey Redmon Park – Morning Event

#### **October 12<sup>th</sup>**

HOME Soccer vs. Parkwood 5:00/6:30 pm

AWAY Tennis @ Parkwood 4:00 pm

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** HOME Cross Country 4:30 pm

AWAY Volleyball @ Forest Hills 4:30/6:00 pm

AWAY Golf @ Green Oaks Country Club – Cabarus County 4:00 pm

HOME Tennis vs. Monroe 4:00 pm – Monroe High School

**October 14<sup>th</sup>** AWAY Soccer @ Monroe 6:00 pm

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** AWAY Tennis @ Rocky River Conference Tournament – Mt. Pleasant High School 10:00 am start time – All Day Event

HOME Volleyball vs. Parkwood – Senior Night 4:30/6:00 pm

**October 16<sup>th</sup>** AWAY Football vs. West Stanly 7:30 pm

### **News & Information:**

- Winter & Spring Sports Workouts are underway – please contact your coach for more information.
- Anyone attending workouts MUST have a current physical on file with the athletic department
- Winter Sports Parent Night will be on **Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm** in the auditorium.
- Fall Sports Awards Night will be **Monday November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm** in the auditorium.

# CATA Athletics Continued....

## 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)

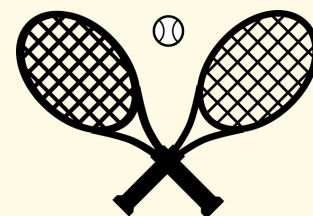
Cheerleading – Ashley Lawson – [ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Women's Golf – Kevin Allran – [kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us)

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

Cross Country – Field Miller – [field.miller@aol.com](mailto:field.miller@aol.com)

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 – TBA

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 – Field Miller – [field.miller@aol.com](mailto:field.miller@aol.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 – Field Miller – [field.miller@aol.com](mailto:field.miller@aol.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**

Hello, Parents!

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

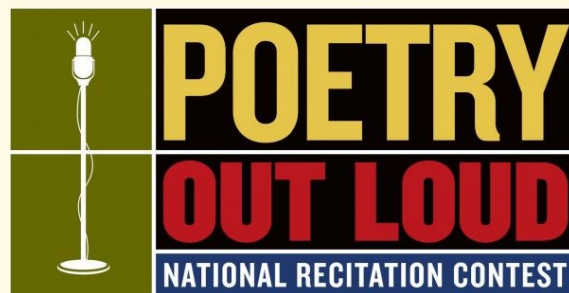
**[Cougar Concessions—Please Click Here to Sign Up!!](#)**

We need your help in our concession stands! Please sign up for a game date that you are available. Please notice that some games are at CATA and some are at Walter Bickett Stadium. Thank you for your support. We could not do this without you!





**Poetry Out Loud** Students will participate in the annual classroom competitions for Poetry-Out-Loud beginning in October. If you are interested in participating in the poetry recitation contest but don't have English this semester, please see Mrs. Henry for how to get in involved. Your participation is welcome and we will happily "compare thee to a summer's day"!



**CATA Spirit Wear available** online and at home Football Games. 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!!

### CATA Guidance Department

A high school guidance department can help your student with a LOT during high school—counseling during a problem/or stress, college planning, career/college questions, interview skills, problem solving with classes/teachers, friendship/social issues. Counselors also help with scheduling and what courses to take. Counselors are available to answer parent questions as well. Please see the list of counselors by acade-

my:

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

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

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

## Viewing Student's Grades

- Parents can view student grades through the Parent Portal. Contact the school office if you have never obtained information on how to set up an account. If you had an account last year, the same account still works.
- Students can view their grades by using the [my.ncedcloud.org](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—Fri., 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. Remember that it is your responsibility to meet deadlines, teachers cannot put aside their teaching or family responsibilities because you neglected to ask them in advance.

**More Senior Information:** Guidance has begun scheduling college visits. A representative from the college(s) 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 interested. Each session will be limited to 40 students. Students will be limited in the number of college visits they can attend. Students must get approval from their classroom teacher and guidance counselor:

- **October 9, 2015** - High Point University @ 2:05 p.m.
- **October 15, 2015** - Gardner-Webb University @ 2:15 p.m.
- **October 16, 2015** - UNC Greensboro @ 10:45 a.m.
- **October 19, 2015** - Montreat College @ 2:30 p.m.
- **October 22, 2015** - University of Alabama @ 11 a.m.
- **October 26, 2015** - Johnson & Wales University @ 10:45 a.m.
- **November 4, 2015** - Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) @ 11:00 a.m.

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

**College Open House Information:** Seniors - Check out the '[College Information and Events](#)' page!

Here is a list of N.C. College Open Houses with admissions deadlines: [https://www.cfnc.org/static/pdf/home/sc/pdf/admissions\\_deadlines.pdf](https://www.cfnc.org/static/pdf/home/sc/pdf/admissions_deadlines.pdf)

### College Day - **October 17, 2015:**

The Union County Public Library will be hosting their first annual College Day is tentatively scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 17th, 2015. Representatives from North Carolina and South Carolina colleges will be in attendance. Students will be able to attend information sessions and panel discussions. Possible events include: *Acing the College Interview*, *Student Athletes: Balancing Class Work With Sports*, and *Preparing for College: What Should I Do Now?*

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

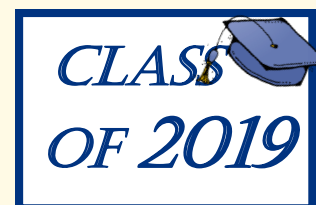
### Scholarship Spotlight:

#### Goodnight Scholars Program at NC State University:

The Goodnight Scholars Program awards approximately 50 students with a \$17,500 scholarship that is renewable for up to four years. Ideal candidates are from middle income families that plan to study in the STEM disciplines or affiliated Education majors. The cornerstones of the program are Academic excellence, professional achievement, and civic engagement. *Students that meet the criteria will receive invitations in December to apply for the program.* However, students that do not receive an invitation can self-nominate until December 10, 2015. To ensure that you receive an invitation, you must: apply to NC State University by October 15, 2015; have a total household income within the middle-income range for North Carolina (between \$30,000 – \$99,000) and demonstrate financial need (confirmed via the FAFSA); be a North Carolina resident; select a STEM or STEM Education major; demonstrate academic excellence (typically students are in the top 2% of their class, have a Critical Reading and Math SAT score above 1400, have an ACT score above 32, and have at least a 3.9 unweighted GPA and/or 4.8 weighted GPA). For more information, please visit: <http://emas.ncsu.edu/goodnight/how-to-apply/>. **Deadline: October 15, 2015.**

## News from Guidance:

- The ACT is taken by all Juniors in North Carolina on Tuesday, March 1st.
- On **Wednesday, October 14th** the PSAT will be given to ALL JUNIORS this year free of charge! The PSAT is a practice test for the SAT and juniors can earn National Merit Scholarship opportunities based on the earned score. 9th and 10th grade students have the opportunity to take the PSAT too. The fee is \$18. Sign ups will begin on Tuesday, September 8th and will end on Friday, September 25th. Please come to the guidance office and see Mrs. Tweed.
- **Health Careers Day on the Hill - October 23, 2015:** The NC Health Careers Access Program is sponsoring this one day conference at UNC Chapel Hill for student in grades 9-12 that are interested in pursuing a career in a health field. Students will hear presentations from UNC Admissions, UNC School of Medicine, UNC School of Dentistry, UNC School of Nursing, UNC School of Pharmacy, and UNC Department of Allied Health Sciences. Registration is \$15. The conference will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Koury Oral Building - UNC School of Dentistry. For more information, and to register, please visit: [nchcap.unc.edu](http://nchcap.unc.edu) or call Mrs. Amber McGregor at 919-966-2264.
- **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.

## 2016 Governor's School of North Carolina

The Governor's School of North Carolina is a five-week summer residential program for intellectually gifted high school students, integrating academic disciplines, the arts, and unique courses on each of two campuses. The curriculum focuses on the exploration of the most recent ideas and concepts in each discipline, and does not involve credit, tests, or grades.

The Governor's School is the oldest statewide summer residential program for academically or intellectually gifted high school students in the nation. The program, which is open to rising seniors only, with exceptions made for rising juniors in selected performing/visual arts areas, is located on two campuses of up to 305 students each: Governor's School West at [Salem College](#) in Winston-Salem (begun in 1963), and Governor's School East at [Meredith College](#) in Raleigh (begun in 1978). The program is administered by the Public Schools of North Carolina, the State Board of Education, and the Department of Public Instruction through the Exceptional Children Division. A Board of Governors, appointed by the State Board of Education, acts as an advisory body.

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

Applications are available at [www.ncgovschool.org](http://www.ncgovschool.org). All information will be available for downloading and printing; the forms will allow for electronic completion, saving and printing. The completed application is due to Ms. Lawson on Friday, October 16th at 3:30 pm. Please see Ms. Lawson if you are interested in applying or if you have questions.

## Dance Student for a Day at App State:

Juniors and seniors interested in DANCE can be a Dance Student for a Day @ Appalachian State University on October 12, 2015. Students will be able to participate in actual dance classes at ASU and will meet with dance faculty and have the chance to speak informally with current students. For more information, and to register, please visit: <http://theatreanddance.appstate.edu/ds4d>.



# Understanding the Memories

by Dr. Adam Tarlton

On October 7, 2015, students in Dr. Tarlton's English II Honors class made the journey to the Levine Jewish Community Center in Charlotte. As a culmination of their studies on the Holocaust, students were able to hear a speech from Mr. Irving Bienstock, a Holocaust survivor, discuss the impacts of the Holocaust on his family. The most resounding piece of his speech was the night of *Kristallnacht*, the night of broken glass, when Jewish homes, businesses, and synagogues were looted and the glass was broken. Mr. Bienstock escaped and made his way in under the quota to the United States, and then he served in the army for the United States at the end of World War II. After hearing him speak, students were split in to two groups. One group painted a ceramic butterfly in memory of a child that perished during the Holocaust while the other group discussed the Pyramid of Hate and how bullying can escalate to violence and ultimately genocide. Students finished the day with a presentation on Israel and played an Israeli game to teach cooperation and understanding of their peers. From this project, students will be completing their Holocaust Memorial Museum which will begin touring around the beginning of November.



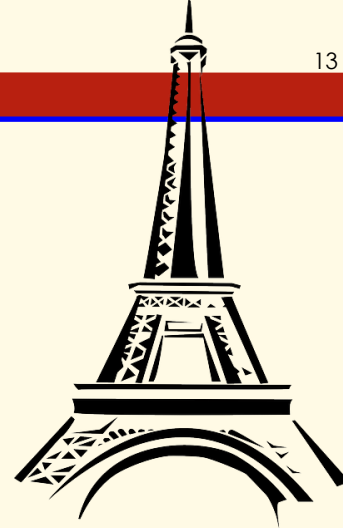
## Dance Academy Learns from the Masters.....

Lesli Todd came to CATA Wednesday to teach master classes to the dance academy. The sophomores and juniors a jazz class, while the seniors were taught a jazz war-up and contemporary combination. Lesli focused on proper alignment and technique, while giving the dance students time to show off their styles.





**Join us for a carnival in Paris on Saturday, October 10th at 8:00 PM. Tickets for this year's homecoming dance will be on sale during lunches on Friday as well. (\$15 per person/ \$20 per couple)**



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## **What is WorkKeys?**

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

## **Why is WorkKeys Important?**

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

## **What do your WorkKeys Scores mean?**

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

## **How can you Prepare for it?**

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

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

## Dance students at Festival in the Park

Dance Academy students had two choreographed pieces selected for performance at the Festival in the Park.



## SPIRIT WEEK PICS

