

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School

Dear CATA Family,

Please join the dance academy, 3/3 and 3/4 for a night of student created works. The show is titled "Multiplicity" and will be a performance you will not want to miss! Show starts at 7:00 pm and is \$5.00 at the door. The NHS Talent show raised funds last week for the Literacy Council of Union County. Congratulations to Priyanka Lala for winning the annual NHS Talent Show with her dance from India! The CATA to college and career posters are on display at CATA—check them out in our halls. In this edition we focus on Pre-engineering.

Students are encouraged to volunteer for the UCPS Reading Initiative, "Books and Brackets." Students can volunteer at East Elementary on 3/11 from 8-1 (Saturday) or at Walter Bickett Elementary on 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, and 3/31 for an hour during the school day. Please contact Dr. Wall, Assistant Principal for details.

Prom tickets will go on sale online on the school website starting Monday, 3/6 and go through 3/24 or until sold out. Tickets will be on sale during lunch 3/20 to 3/24. Students will not be given tickets until all past due balance fees are paid. Tickets are \$60 each the first week and \$65 the next two weeks. Outside guest rules and forms can be found in the front office. The link to buy tickets will go live on 3/6. CATA webpage; Click on "Event Tickets."

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Our Spring Sports season is in full swing, so please come out and support Women's Soccer, Softball, Men's Tennis, Baseball, Men's Golf, and Track and Field. We will have concessions at Softball, Baseball, and Women's Soccer to help support our athletic program. Baseball is played at Walter-Bickett Stadium in Monroe, and Softball and Soccer are played on campus. Information on how to join the CATA Lifesaver Relay for Life Team is in the edition. If you want to register and need assistance, then please contact Dr. Wall, Assistant Principal.

To stay up to date with CATA be sure to follow us on Twitter and Facebook. 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. Fisenne



Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!!

- ◆ Congratulations to Priyanka Lala for winning the annual NHS Talent Show with her dance from India!

Student Life Notes

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- ◆ **Band of Blue Marching Band Registration** is now open. Please visit the band website at www.cataband.org and register before April 7th.



Books & Bracket Student Volunteers needed at East and Walter Bickett

Interested Students need to see Dr. Wall for details

Books & Brackets - March Madness Volunteers at Walter Bickett Elementary School

We need volunteers for approximately 1 hour each Friday. This could be any time on Friday between 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The volunteers will be meeting in our media center during the contest to count our reading minutes each week. Each student will turn in their individual reading calendars on Friday mornings to be counted and checked by volunteers. Class totals and averages will also be calculated during these times. We need several volunteers on **March 10th, March 17th, March 24th, and March 31st** to donate one hour of their time to count class minutes. Volunteers will report to and count minutes in the library on the listed **Fridays anytime from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm**. Here is a sign up form that

your students, counselors, or designees can use for volunteering to count minutes at our school during the reading competition: <https://goo.gl/forms/gyefO02bs64SXL2s1>



Books & Brackets - March Madness Volunteers at East Elementary School

A County wide reading contest for 3rd graders called "Books & Brackets" is set to kick-off next week. Special recognition will be awarded to the Elementary School who's 3rd graders prove to read the greatest amount. East wants to compete....and WIN!

As a result, we will be hosting a **Saturday "Readathon" event for our 3rd graders on March 11th from 8 am-1 pm** to help our cause. In addition to reading @ this event we will be including additional festivities. **East is politely asking for available students willing to:**

- Be a reading buddy
- Assist with basketball in our gym
- Assist with soccer outside
- Assist with our Art station
- Assist our nail styling station



Seniors Graduation—Saturday, June 10, 2017, 7:30 PM at Winthrop Coliseum

SENIORS – did you miss Financial Aid night last Fall?? Check out CFNC's presentation [here!](#)

The link will be at the top of the page. You can learn about the FAFSA, financial aid basics, and more! **See your Counselor about Federal Financial Aid. Create an Account, have your parents fill out the information, and see if you qualify for MONEY**

[See the Fall Senior Letter by clicking here!!](#)

The Spring Letter is coming this March !!



Guidance News

Scholarship and College Information

Blumenthal Performing Arts Gordon Hay Scholarship: This \$5,000 merit-based scholarship will be awarded to one senior who plans to pursue a non-performing career in the performing arts field. Please click on the link below to find out requirements for the Scholarship. Financial need will also be considered. In addition to completing an application, students must complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), a one-page essay (topic found on the website below), two references from two performing arts teachers, and a copy of their high school transcript. For more information, and to apply, please visit <http://www.blumenthalarts.org/blumenthal-enrichment/community-outreach/scholarships/gordon-hay-scholarship>. The application and all supporting materials must be mailed in one packet, by the deadline, to the address listed on the above website. **Deadline: March 9, 2017.**

Michael A. DeMayo Scholarship: The Law Offices of Michael A. DeMayo is offering 15 scholarships valued at \$2,500 to high school seniors. To be eligible, you must be a current high school (or home-schooled) senior who attends school in Union County, who has been accepted to or has plans to attend a four-year university, and has a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. All applicants must submit a single package with following items included: (1) Scholarship application that is typed or neatly printed (**forms can be found in guidance**), a recent photo must be attached with the form, (2) a presentation (video/PowerPoint/brochure/website/essay) that encourages fellow teens to abstain from underage drinking and driving and/or highlights the dangers of drinking and driving, (3) official or unofficial high school transcript (must include class rank, size, and test scores), (4) SAT/ACT scores (if not included in transcript, a printout from CollegeBoard.com is acceptable), (5) and two letters of recommendation (from school, club, or community leaders) that assess the applicant's academic potential, his/her progress and academic achievements, community/school involvement, or volunteer activities. All of these items must be turned in at the same time. Items submitted separately will not be accepted. For information on how to submit an application packet, please see Ms. Cole in guidance. **Deadline: March 10, 2017.**

Donald and Barbara Mozley Scholarship: This \$5,000 will be awarded to seven students interested in pursuing an engineering degree. To be eligible, students must: 1). Be a U.S. resident; 2). Have a minimum 3.5 GPA; 3). Have an SAT I math score of 600 or above and critical reading score of 550 or above, and/or an ACT composite score of 27 or above; and 4). Demonstrate financial need. Student will need to submit one letter of recommendation and their completed FAFSA form. For more information, please visit: <http://students.sae.org/scholarships/mozley/>. **Deadline: March 15, 2017.**

Upcoming College Visits

UNC Greensboro will be here on 3/7 in the media center conference room during Cougar Time

UNC Charlotte will be here on 3/9 in the media center from 9:30-10:15

Both of these are open to juniors and to seniors who have either applied or been accepted to one of these schools.

Seniors – Your Scholarship Newsletter is available! Find a copy [here!](#)

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, Auto Tech, Collision, Cyber-Security, and Software and Game Design

[Ashley Cole](#): Pre-Engineering, Dance, Theatre, MPRA, Computer Engineering

Class Information and College and Career Corner

Attention Rising Juniors and Seniors - Are you interested in taking **Career and College Promise** courses during the 2017 -2018 school year? If so there is an interest meeting on Wednesday, March 8th at 9:00 am. Please come to the guidance office to sign up for this presentation. See Ms. Lawson for any questions.

A representative from South Piedmont Community College will be at CATA on Wednesday, March 8th at 9:00 am to share information about Career and College Promise courses. Career and College Promise courses are college courses that high school students are eligible to take for high school credit and college credit. Current 10th and 11th grade students are allowed to take these courses. If you are interested in learning more information please sign up in the Guidance Office by Mon. 3/6.

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"2017-2018 CTE Internship" Attention Rising 12th graders, if you have taken at least two Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses, and are interested in participating in a CTE Internship next school year, stop by the guidance office and pick up an application from Mrs. Webb. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Webb at sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us.

Summer Opportunities for all Students: Does this cold weather have you thinking about the summer? If so, you should check out our [Summer Opportunities](#) page to check out summer camps and programs that will be offered this upcoming summer. Registration deadlines will be here before you know it, and some camps fill up on a first come, first served basis, so check out these opportunities today!

Below is the link to a **FREE online tutorial for the SAT** that ALL of our HS students should be taking advantage of! Get College Ready by preparing for the SAT—an important college entrance exam. Need help paying for the SAT? You may qualify for a fee waiver—contact your counselor.. <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat>

"2017-2018 Pre-Apprenticeship Program"

Attention Rising 12th graders, are you interested in getting paid to go to college while in high school; if so, then you should apply to the Pre-Apprenticeship Program. The Pre-Apprenticeship Program is partnered with Greiner Bio-One, South Piedmont Community College, and Union County Public Schools. If selected for the Pre-Apprenticeship Program; the student will take morning classes at CATA while their afternoon is split between classes at SPCC and working at Greiner Bio-One, as well as, be paid for approximately 20 hours per week which is a combination of training, attending classes and work. While in the Pre-Apprenticeship Program, students will receive High School Credit for their Community College courses and it provides a potential opportunity to be selected for the Registered Apprenticeship Program, as well as, providing hands on training to develop technical skills. In order to qualify for the Pre-Apprenticeship Program students must be a rising high school senior, have a current GPA of at least a 2.5, with a minimum GPA of 2.8 at Graduation to be considered for the Registered Apprenticeship Program, have enough high school credits to allow community college courses in their senior schedule and be able to attend a 3-4 week summer program beginning on July 10 2017. A Pre-Apprentice Information Session will be held on April 3, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the SPCC Tyson Family Center for Technology 3509 Old Charlotte Highway Monroe, NC 28110.

For more information, please contact Sarah Webb at sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us.

**Class of
2020**

**CLASS
OF 2019**

**CLASS OF
2018**

Attend Splash UNC on April 1, 2017.

Be a UNC-Chapel Hill student for a day.

Register by
3/23
at midnight



Learn about anything from biology to origami from Carolina students.

Splash UNC is an educational enrichment program which lets curious high school students take a series of short classes at UNC-Chapel Hill taught by Carolina students. High school students in grades 9 through 12 get a taste of college by designing a schedule from over 200 short, fun classes about anything Carolina students are passionate about. Students may register for \$20. Financial aid is available. T-shirts are available for \$10.

Register and learn more at
splashunc.com



Programming Competition

When: Saturday, April 8th
8:00 am - 5:30 pm

Who: Teams of 2 - 4 high school students

Where: UNC-Asheville,
Karpen Hall Rooms 036, 037, 038
Transportation provided by parents

Code using any of the following languages: C, C#, C++, Go, Haskell, Java, Javascript, Objective-C, PHP, Prolog, Python 2, Python 3, Ruby and Scala.

IDE's allowed: Eclipse (Java), NetBeans (Java, Javascript), Node.js (Javascript), Microsoft Visual Studio 2015 (C++, C#), and Python IDLE.

Competition Website for more information:

<http://arden.cs.unca.edu/~cameron/HSContest/contact.html>

If interested, see Mrs. Bounds, Mr. Bryan or Mr. Markle for registration information. Registration information is due back to Mrs. Bounds by Friday, March 10th.

Laptops are provided at competition with above languages and IDE's.

CATA Rat Rod Harper Corp of America R.A.T. Rod Round-up Challenge - \$5,000 Grant. Currently students from Transportation, Information Systems, Family and Consumer Sciences, Engineering, and Art are involved in the creation of this build. This project will create a bond between academies as they strive to a common goal. The Rat Rod vehicle will consist of a minimum of 10 different parts from 10 different vehicles, and will be road legal and drivable. [CLICK HERE FOR THE RATROD WEBSITE](#)



Join the CATA Life Savers Relay for Life Team at the following link:

<https://goo.gl/rtJyjb>

Register TODAY!

Prom Tickets For Sale

- ~ Online Ticket Sales from March 6th -24th
 - ~CATA webpage; Click on “Event Tickets”
 - ~ \$60 tickets from March 6th -10th
 - ~ \$65 tickets from March 11th -24th
- ~ Cafeteria Ticket Sales from March 20th -24th
 - ~ \$65 in Cafeteria cash or check

Get your prom tickets *ASAP* for a Discounted Price and a *Magical Night!*



All school fees must be paid in full to receive tickets

NHS Presents CATA's Got Talent

This past Friday, the NHS held its annual talent show to raise money for the Literacy Council of Union County! There were ten acts featuring Gabrielle and Gabriel Hoff, Priyanka Lala, Mark DeChant, Taiyana Arellano, Lauren Burke, Elizabeth Tellone, and Alexis Tucker, Jesse McMillan, Jacob Butler, Gabrielle Hoff, Manasi Mudumbai, and Molly Boda, Katherine Dohrman, Grace Fehlman, Maria Fehlman, Charity Haren, Hope Haren, Tiffeny Ramirez, Haylee Ritz, Joey Schneider, and Arianna Villafuerte. Adam Hinson served as the entertainer on the piano, and Kaylianna Ritz and Justin Rivers served as the hosts. Thank you to the NHS students and advisers Ms. Christensen and Ms. Barron for this wonderful event and congratulations to Priyanka Lala for winning with her dance from India.



Dance Academy Concert

Multiplicity

March 3 and 4

7 PM

\$ 5 Admission



Be in the Know by following us on Twitter

Follow CATA at @cata_monroe

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Athletics @CATA_Athletics

Football @CATA_cougarfb

Band @catabanddirect

Student Council @StucoCata

UCPS @UCPS_MonroeNC

Get Your Yearbooks!

Yearbooks are now on sale for \$85! Buy your 2017 yearbook today!

Order online at www.yearbookforever.com and search for CATA or bring a check (made out to Central Academy) or cash to Ms. Christensen.



Support the Wolfe School, a school for students with very special needs, by bringing in the following items for Box tops for Education: Bring items to the guidance suite. Please click on the link to see what items to bring.



THERE IS NO GREATER AGONY THAN
BEARING AN UNTOLD STORY INSIDE YOU.

Maya Angelou

Join us in the

WRITING LAB



Tuesdays
Ms. Foreman
Room 208
3:30pm – 4:30pm

Wednesdays
Ms. Barran
Room 110
3:30pm – 4:30pm



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

STUDENT PARKING SPACES AVAILABLE

6 SPOTS LEFT: ONCE GONE, THEN WE HAVE NO MORE PARKING AVAILABLE. PLEASE OBTAIN FORMS AND PAY FEES IN THE FRONT OFFICE BEFORE SCHOOL.



THE ONLY WAY TO LEARN MATHEMATICS IS TO DO MATHEMATICS
Paul Halmos

Math Lab

Trouble with MATH?

Bring your math problems!
Improve your math skills with
NHS Peer Tutors
Every
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
8:15am – 8:40am
Media Center

Mr. Broome
Every Monday and Wednesday
3:30pm – 4:30pm
Room 519

DO THE MATH!

Around CATA

Friday, March 3— Dance Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium);

Saturday, March 4— Dance Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium)

Sunday, March 5—Shooting Sports Practice, 2 PM (Take Aim Sports)

Monday, March 6—**Winter Sports Awards, Night, 7 PM (Auditorium)**; Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118); Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:30 (Media Center); PTO Executive Board Meeting, 6:00 PM (Media Conference); Prom Ticket Sales Begin ONLINE

Tuesday, March 7— NHS Meeting, 8:15 and 3::35 (Media Center); MPA Full Band Rehearsal, 4:00 PM (Band Room)

Wednesday, March 8— FCA Leadership, 8:00 AM

Thursday, March 9— FCA Meeting 8:00 AM, (Gym) Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118); Science Olympiad, 3:30 (Room 605); MPA Full Band 4:00 PM (Band Room); Band Boosters, 6:30 (Band Room)

Friday, March 10— **NO SCHOOL** (Teacher workday)

Upcoming Events

3/3 to 3/4—Student Dance Choreography, 7 PM

3/6—Winter Sport's Awards Night, 7 PM (Auditorium)

3/6 to 3/17—Benchmark Window

3/6 to 3/17— Prom ticket sales online

3/8—End of Grading Period

3/9—CATA Band Boosters, 6:30 PM

3/10—NO SCHOOL— Teacher Workday

3/13 to 3/19— Student Online Registration

3/14— Parent Surveys go home (3rd Block)

3/15—Buffalo Wild Wing Night, Band 5-9 PM

3/16—Parent Surveys Due (3rd Block)

3/17 to 4/7— Students Register during 2nd period classes

3/20 to 3/24— Prom Ticket Sales at Lunch

3/21—Report Cards

3/22—Early Release Day, 12:30

3/23—Josten's Senior Delivery Day

3/24 to 3/26—Spring Musical Weekend 1

3/29—Site Based Team Meeting , 3:30 (Media Conference)

3/30 to 4/2—Spring Musical Weekend 2

4/3— PTO Executive Meeting, 6:00 (Media Conference)

4/3—PTO Meeting, 6:30 (Media Center)- Automotive and Information Systems

4/4—Progress Reports

4/10 to 4/14—NO SCHOOL— Spring Break

4/20—CATA Band Boosters, 6:30

4/22— Prom, Rolling Hills CC, (8-12)

4/24—Junior Night , 6:30 PM (Auditorium)

4/25— Senior Cap and Gown Picture

4/26—Site Based Team Meeting, 3:30

5/1 to 5/12— AP Exam Window

Attendance Letters and Recovery

-Attendance at school is a 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.

-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.

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](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us). Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: [@CATA_Athletics](https://twitter.com/CATA_Athletics)

Last Week's Results:

Men's Tennis – Lost vs. Union Academy

Baseball – Lost vs. Union Academy

Softball – Lost vs. Porter Ridge, Win vs. Union Academy

Women's Soccer – Win vs. JM Robinson

Men's Golf and Track & Field – No Events Last Week

Upcoming Events:

Friday, March 3rd

HOME – Soccer vs. Porter Ridge – 4:00 pm

HOME – Baseball vs. Victory Christian School – 5:00 pm

Monday, March 6th

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

HOME – Golf vs. Piedmont – Monroe Country Club – 3:30 pm

HOME – Soccer vs. Anson – 4:00 pm

Winter Sports Awards – 7:00 pm – CATA Auditorium

Tuesday, March 7th

HOME – Golf vs. Rocky River Conference – Monroe Country Club – 3:30 pm

HOME – Baseball vs. North Side Christian – Walter Bickett Stadium – 6:00 pm

HOME – Tennis vs. Porter Ridge – Monroe High – 3:30 pm

AWAY – Softball vs. Charlotte Latin – 4:15 pm

Wednesday, March 8th

HOME – Soccer vs. Piedmont – 4:00 pm

HOME – Baseball vs. Gray Stone Day School – 6:00 pm

Thursday, March 9th

HOME – Tennis vs. Monroe – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Softball vs. Anson – 4:30 pm

AWAY – Track & Field – Forest Hills High School – 3:45 pm

Friday, March 10th

HOME – Soccer vs. Lake Norman Charter – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Softball vs. Union Academy – Dickerson Park – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Baseball vs. Union Academy – Walter Bickett Stadium – 5:30 pm

Saturday, March 11th

AWAY – Track & Field @ Weddington Invite – All Day Event

Other News:

Winter Sports Awards Night – Monday March 6th @ 7:00 pm in the CATA Auditorium

Spring Head Coach Contact Information:

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

Track & Field – David Daniels – david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us

Track & Field – Kim Inuwa – kim.inuwa@gmail.com

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

Baseball – Aaron Hammers – aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

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

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



ATTENDANCE FACT #5

"80% of Success is showing up"

Parent Involvement

PTSO – To get involved, please send an email to thecougarcouncil@gmail.com or call the main office and leave a message for the PTSO. Please see the Carnations and Teddy Bear Fundraiser in this edition.

PTSO MEETING DATES (the media center) **April 3rd at 6:30 pm**

This is an opportunity to hear about what your students learn and do in their academy.

Don't miss out!! (4/3 will feature Transportation and Information Systems)

Shop at Harris Teeter. Simply link your HT card to CATA. You do need to re-link after August 1st each year. **CATA school # is 3612.**

- **Band Booster Club** - Contact Band Booster president Aimi Gundersen to volunteer at catabandpresident@gmail.com
- **Cougar Athletics** – contact Jay Niessner at mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us
- **Performing Arts Committee** – contact the PTSO (see above) for information on how to help

Connecting Families The Cougar Council is trying to make it easier for families to connect with each other based on their student's academies, geographic location, sports played, clubs involved with, etc. We realize that since our school covers the entire county it can sometimes be hard to make connections with other families. If you are interested in participating, please fill out the form using the link below. Please know that your information will only be shared with other CATA families who are in the directory. This is a great place to go for contacts if you need to find someone to carpool with or just to network with other parents in your student's academy.

<https://goo.gl/forms/MNtCilKqJRia6pNP2>

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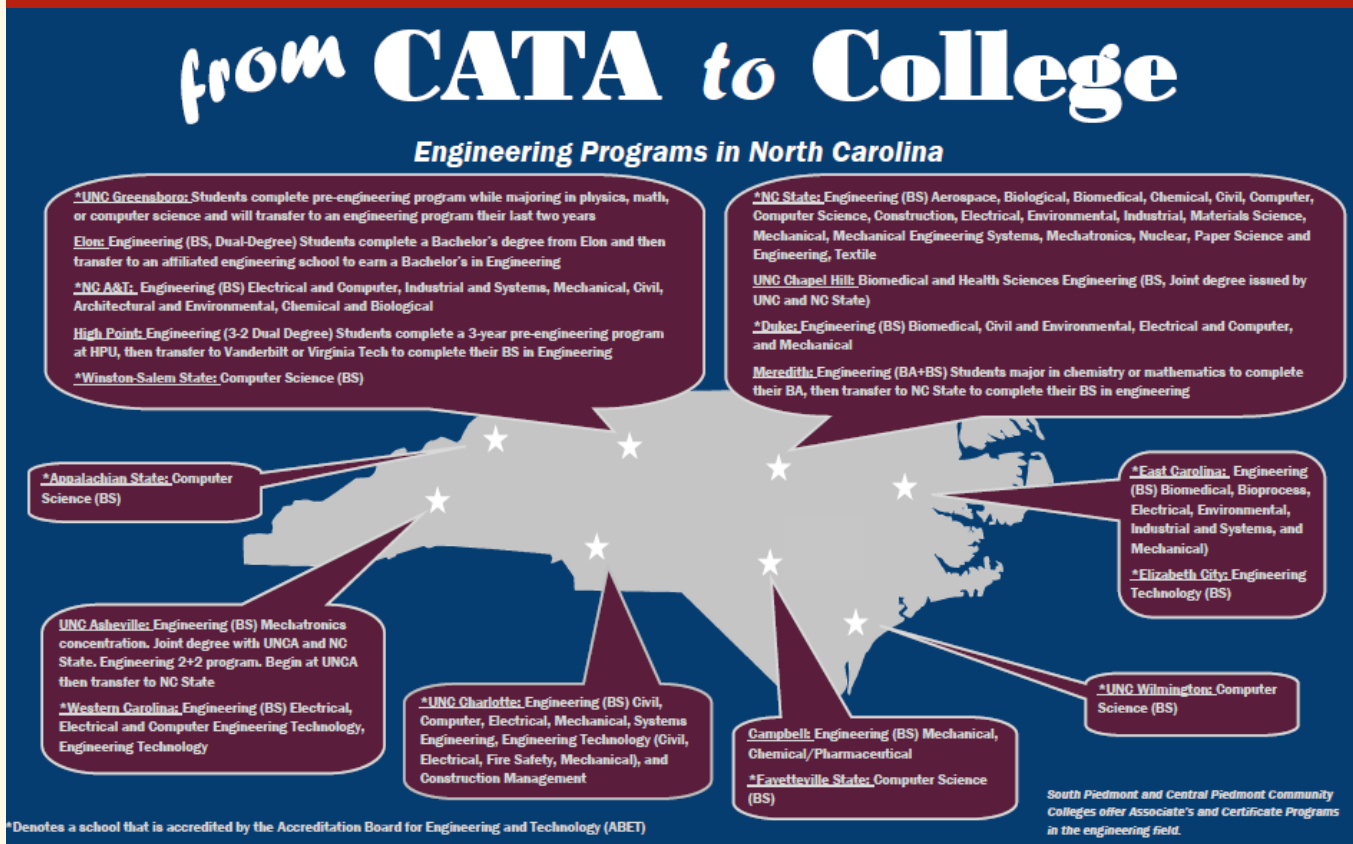
CATA's Link

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Central Academy of Technolgy & Arts PTSO has linked up with Amazon Smiles.
This is a simple and easy way to raise money for our school!

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support CATA every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 5% of the purchase price to CATA.

Use your existing account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.



Students should be on the look-out during March for "From CATA to College and Career" posters to surface around the school linking Academy learning to Careers and Colleges!! This week we are spotlighting **PRE-ENGINEERING**

