

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 remember that tomorrow, Friday, is a Teacher Workday, so no school for students. Prom tickets are on sale online on the school website 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 is [here](#). Congratulations to Kaitlyn Speiser for competing in the statewide Poetry Out Loud competition and making it to the semifinals in Greensboro this past week. The Union County Community Arts Council is pleased to confirm a 2016-17 Arts in Schools grant award to CATA in the amount of \$500. Congratulations to the Performing Arts Academy Dance Program for winning this grant. The NHS raised a little over \$500 for the Literacy Council of Union County and presented the check this past week. What a great job by our performing arts academy this past week-end! Dance students presented Multiplicity which was a great show! Our Theatre students represented our school and state well in Kentucky earning the Spirit of SETC award, Best Ensemble award, and three students put on the all-star cast: Justin Rivers, Daniel Morrison, and Courtney Walker. The performance of Boal earned all Superior ratings and was in the top 5 of the competition. Congratulations to Mr. Robert Nichols, our Desktop Engineer who was named the UCPS employ of the Month for March. Way to go!

On Thursday, March 9th current 9th, 10th, and 11th graders received **registration materials** and watched registration videos to prepare them for the upcoming registration window. The registration system opens on Friday, March 10th and closes on Sunday, March 19th. Student must select their courses with their parents before the closing date. Starting Friday, March 17th to Friday, April 7th students will have individual meetings with their assigned counselor to review their course selections. More detailed information about registration and all forms is located on the School Counseling Website under the Registration Tab or click here <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/4527>.

The Senior Spring Letter is in this edition and will be emailed to students and sent home to senior parents in a Connect Ed. email. The Theater program is in need of "Flapper" dresses for the spring musical. Please contact Larry Robinson at larry.robinson@ucps.k12.nc.us for details. The Performing Arts Committee of the PTSO is selling ad space for the Sweeney Todd Spring Musical playbill. Please contact Emily Watts at sinara242@gmail.com for details. The Spring Musical, Sweeney Todd is 3/24 to 3/26 and 3/30 to 4/2. All shows are at 7 PM, except Sundays at 2:30 PM. The dinner theater is on 4/1 at 5:30 PM before the show. The CATA PTSO is hosting a Chick-fil-A night on Tuesday, March 28 from 5-8 in Monroe. This is a fundraiser for the PTSO to help our school.

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.

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



SPIRIT NIGHT at



Date: Tuesday March 28th

Time: 5pm to 8pm

Where: Chick-fil-A of Monroe

Meet your friends at Chick-fil-A and make money for your school! A portion of the school's designated sales will be donated to your school. It's easy - just place your receipt in the special drop box located inside and at the drive-thru window.

Below is a ticket for a great prize offered by Chick-fil-A. Place your ticket in the Fish Bowl at Chick-fil-A, a drawing will be held at approximately 8 pm; and the winner announced at school.

COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!

----- Tear or Cut Form Here -----

WIN A SPECIAL KID'S GIFT PACKAGE
Door Prize Ticket for Fundraising Night

Student: _____

Homeroom: _____

Drop this ticket in the Fish Bowl at Chick-fil-A!



Be in the Know by following us on Twitter

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Performing Arts @CougarArts

Athletics @CATA_Athletics

Football @CATA_cougarfb

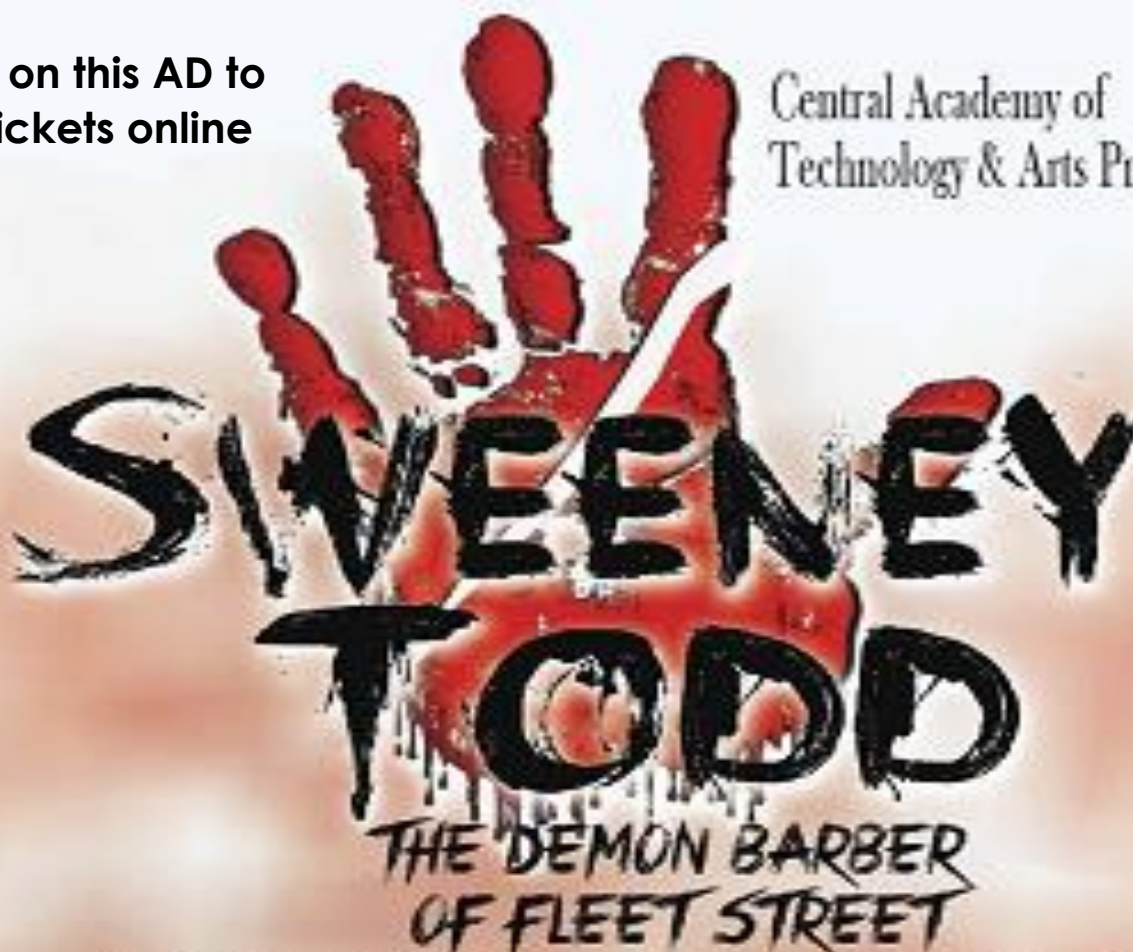
Band @catabanddirect

Student Council @StucoCata

UCPS @UCPS_MonroeNC

Click on this AD to
buy tickets online

Central Academy of
Technology & Arts Presents



SWEENEY TODD

THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET

SWEENEY TODD
The Demon Barber of Fleet Street
A Musical Thriller

Music and Lyrics by **STEPHEN SONDHEIM** Book by **HUGH WHEELER**

From an Adaption by
CHRISTOPHER BOND
Originally Directed on Broadway by
HAROLD PRINCE

Orchestrations by Jonathan Tunick
Originally Produced on Broadway by
Richard Barr, Charles Woodward, Robert
Fryer, Mary Lea Johnson, Martin Richards in
Association with Dean and Judy Mannos

March 24 (Fri.) 7:00 pm
March 25 (Sat.) ... 7:00 pm
March 26 (Sun.) ... 2:30 pm
March 30 (Thur.) .. 7:00 pm
March 31 (Fri.) 7:00 pm
April 1 (Sat.) 7:00 pm
April 2 (Sun.) 2:30 pm

DINNER THEATRE

APRIL 1st (Sat.) 5:30 pm
show starts @ 7:00 pm

TICKETS

Show Only \$10

Dinner Theatre \$30 (Includes Dinner & Show)

RSVP Your Seat Today at:

www.cata.seatyourself.biz



SWEENEY TODD

is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

www.MTIShows.com

This show contains mature language as well as material that some may find disturbing. Not suitable for children.

Around CATA

Friday, March 10— NO SCHOOL (Teacher workday)

Saturday, March 11—Science Olympiad (UNCC)

Sunday, March 12—Shooting Sports Practice, 2 PM (Take Aim Sports)

Monday, March 13—Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118); Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:30 (Media Center); Society of Women Engineers, 3:45 (Rm. 525)

Tuesday, March 14— BETA Club 8:25 and 3:35 (Media Center)

Wednesday, March 15— FCA Leadership, 8:00 AM; General Student Council Meeting, 3:30 (Media Center); Band Buffalo Wing Night, Monroe, 5-9 PM; World Language Club Meeting, 3:30 (Ms. McAbee's' Rm.); Hands Helping Others Meeting, 3:30 (Ms. Hinson's Rm.)

Thursday, March 16— FCA Meeting 8:00 AM, (Gym) Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118); HOSA Meeting, 8:15 AM and 3:45 (Medical Labs)

Friday, March 17— Science Olympiad, 3:30 (Ms. Cross);

Upcoming Events

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

3/9 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— PTSO Executive Meeting, 6:00 (Media Conference)

4/3—PTSO 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

Student Life Notes

- ◆ **Band of Blue Marching Band Registration is now open.** Please visit the band website at www.cataband.org and register before April 7th.
- ◆ **The World Language Club will be meeting in Ms. McAbee's room on Wed. 3/15 at 3:30**
- ◆ There will be a **Hands Helping Other's Meeting** this Wednesday, 3/15 at 3:30 in Mrs. Hinson's room

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. Metrolina, Lost vs. Union Academy, Lost vs. Porter Ridge

Baseball – Lost vs. Anson, Won vs. Victory Christian, Lost vs. North Side Christian

Softball – Lost vs. Anson, Won vs. Charlotte Latin

Women's Soccer – Loss vs. Sun Valley, Loss vs. Porter Ridge, Win vs. Anson

Men's Golf – Defeated Piedmont, Won RRC Match

Track & Field – No Events Last Week

Upcoming Events:

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 – Dickerson Park – 4:00 pm

Saturday, March 11th:

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

Monday, March 13th:

AWAY – Golf – Mt. Pleasant – 3:30 pm

AWAY – Soccer – Union Academy – 6:00 pm

HOME – Baseball vs. Graystone Day School – 6:00 pm – Walter Bickett Stadium

Tuesday, March 14th:

AWAY – Tennis – West Stanly – 4:00 pm

HOME – Softball – Metrolina – 5:00 pm

Wednesday, March 15th:

No Events

Thursday, March 16th:

HOME – Soccer vs. West Stanly – 5:00 pm

HOME – Tennis vs. Mt. Pleasant – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Golf @ Rolling Hills Country Club – 1:00 pm

AWAY – Softball @ North Stanly – 5:00 pm

Friday, March 17th:

AWAY – Soccer – Trinity – 6:00 pm

HOME – Baseball vs. Metrolina – 4:30/7:00 pm

Saturday, March 18th:

AWAY – Track & Field – Marvin Ridge – All Day Event

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](#)



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

Central Academy of Technology & Arts Presents:

Sweeney Todd

CATA's Theatre Academy and PTSO Performing Arts Committee invite you – as a patron, parent, fan, or local business – to reach a fabulous audience by purchasing an ad in our playbill for Sweeney Todd.

CATA Theatre will have seven performances of Sweeney Todd (March 24, 25, 26, 30, & 31 and April 1 & 2) with an estimated audience of 300 – 400 per performance. *

Ads will be available in full page, half page, quarter page, and business card sizes. All ads will be printed in black and white. (Please see chart below for image sizes and prices.)

Size	Dimensions in Pixels	Dimensions in Inches (300 dpi)	Price
Full Page	2120W x 3176H	7.067"W x 10.587"H	\$100
Half Page	2120 W x 1548H	7.067"W x 5.16"H	\$75
Quarter Page	1020W x 1548H	3.4"W x 5.16"H	\$50
Business Card	1856W x 1032H	3.497"W x 1.993"H	\$25

To order ad space, please complete these quick and easy steps:

- Send a check payable to **PTSO Performing Arts** for the appropriate amount to:
CATA
PTSO Performing Arts
600 Brewer Drive
Monroe, NC 28112
- Send an email with your name, contact information, desired ad size, and graphic (JPG, GIF, PNG, or PDF) to Emily Watts at sinara242@gmail.com.
- Deadline for ad submission and payment is **March 14, 2017**.
- For questions, feel free to contact Emily Watts at sinara242@gmail.com.

Thank you so much for supporting the students of CATA Theatre and the CATA PTSO Performing Arts! Every donation directly supports the talent and efforts of the students and staff of CATA. (And it's tax deductible, too!)

*actual attendance may vary and cannot be guaranteed

Poetry Out Loud– State Competition

Kaitlyn Speiser, 10th grader at CATA performed in the statewide Poetry Out Loud Competition. She was able to win through the semi-final round. We appreciate Kaitlyn's dedication to poetry. Ms. Henry was able to attend the completion and support Kaitlyn. The Poetry Out Loud organization at the state level, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation do a terrific job of organizing this contest bringing in impressive judges and qualified emcees for the early rounds. English teachers, keep up the great work making poetry vibrant and relevant to our students!



The Theater Academy is in need of flapper dresses that we could borrow for the musical Sweeney Todd? If you have any such dresses or costumes please contact Larry.robinsion@ucps.k12.nc.us



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.



Join us in the

WRITING LAB

Tuesdays **Wednesdays**
Ms. Foreman **Ms. Barran**
 Room 208 Room 110
 3:30pm – 4:30pm 3:30pm – 4:30pm

NO WORRIES!

Can't get started writing?
 Need help getting started?
 Need a subject?
 Unsure of your grammar skills?
 Worried you will plagiarize?
 Concerned about citing your sources?

There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you.
 Maya Angelou

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

Math Lab

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!

Trouble with MATH?

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

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



Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!!

- ◆ Congratulations to William Townsend for being invited to participate in the National Hispanic Recognition Program through CollegeBoard due to his high PSAT/NMSQT score!!!
- ◆ Congratulations to Alexander E Lay-Calvert, Austin Blevins, and Keylee Ray for being accepted to North Carolina Governor's School for the 2017 Session!!!! Alex and will be attending for Clarinet and Austin and Keylee will attend for Trumpet!!! Way to Go!!!
- ◆ The Union County Community Arts Council is pleased to confirm a 2016-17 Arts in Schools grant award to CATA in the amount of \$500. Congratulations to the Performing Arts Academy Dance Program for winning this grant.
- ◆ Congratulations to Kaitlyn Speiser for competing in the statewide Poetry Out Loud competition and making it to the semifinals.
- ◆ Olivia Pepin and Jessica Rubio were recognized by the City of Monroe at this past week's city council meeting by Mayor Kilgore for having their art displayed in city hall for one year as a part of the City of Monroe Student Art Showcase.
- ◆ Congratulations to Mr. Robert Nichols, our Desktop Engineer who was named the UCPS employ of the Month for March.
- ◆ Our Theatre students represented our school and state well in Kentucky earning the Spirit of SETC award, Best Ensemble award, and three students put on the all-star cast: Justin Rivers, Daniel Morrison, and Courtney Walker. The performance of Boal earned all Superior ratings and was in the top 5 of the competition.



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



Guidance News

Scholarship and College Information

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.**

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

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 in this edition



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

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 at <https://www.pltw.org/our-programs/ap-pltw>. Please be on the lookout for information about how to apply.



Splash UNC is an unique educational enrichment opportunity at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where high school students attend a series of classes taught and created by Carolina students. Classes include a variety of interesting topics ranging from chemistry and swing dancing to neuroscience and Harry Potter. Splash UNC is on Saturday, April 1 from 9 am to 5 pm. The program fee is \$20 and lunch is included. Financial assistance is available to attend Splash UNC. Payment accepted online through the registration page where students can also pre-order a Splash UNC t-shirt for \$10. To learn more and register, visit splashunc.com. Student registration closes on March 23, so don't delay! **"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.

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



Champ Camp Opportunity:

The school system is offering an opportunity for students with an organization called "The Champ Camp," which is a group of local and national business leaders committed to helping today's young adults navigate the complex world of business and entrepreneurship. Students will gather to listen to speakers and hear firsthand their success stories. Topics include leadership, motivation, self-discipline, and self-reflection. Students will be able to network with other students and leaders in the community. In addition, students will participate in hands-on activities that promote teamwork. Students are asked to dress in professional attire when attending this event. It is a dress-up affair. Please see Dr. Wall if you are interested.

Registration Site: [Click HERE](#)



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!

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.

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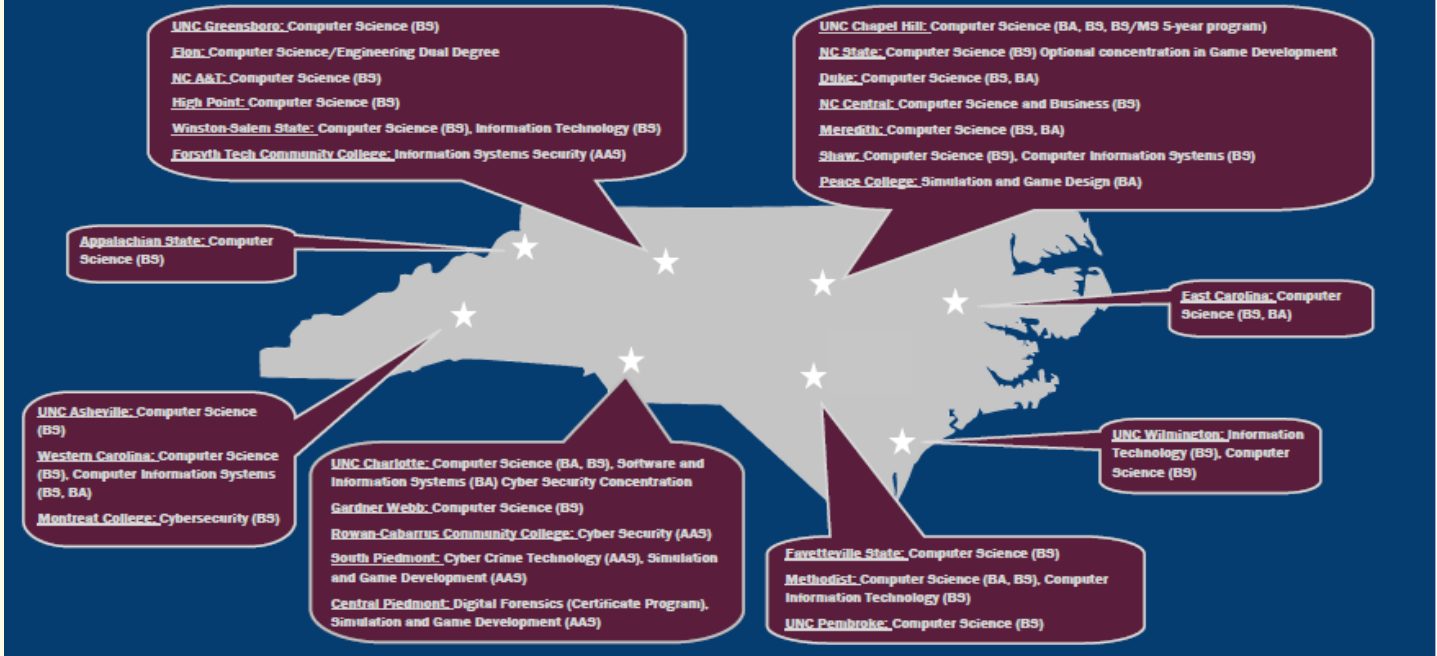
Central Academy of Technology & Arts PTSO has linked up with Amazon Smiles.
This is a simple and easy way to raise money for our school!

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.

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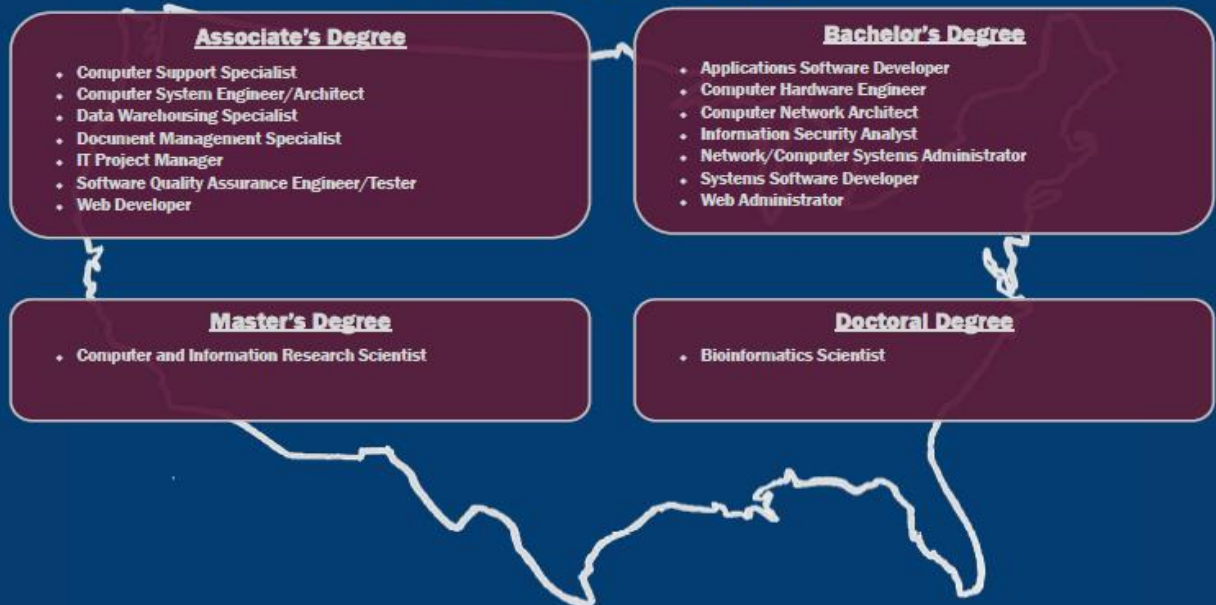
Information Systems Programs in North Carolina



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 **Information Systems**

from CATA to Career

Information Systems Careers



Class of 2017 Spring Letter

Dear Class of 2017,

We are very proud of every one of you. This spring semester we hope you will enjoy your time with your friends, family, and teachers while maintaining high academic performance. We hope you will have fond memories of CATA and of all the people here. Congratulations on making it to this point in your academic career. We would like to provide you some updated information for of your senior year. 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 all necessary information and expectations.

Graduation: The ceremony is on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Winthrop Coliseum (1162 Eden Terrace Rock Hill, SC 29733). Please arrive no later than 6:30 to line up. Please be aware of traffic and plan accordingly to arrive on time. A map and directions will be provided for you on a later date. If you have any questions or need directions, then please visit the website (www.winthrop.edu).

Graduation Practice: Practice is on **Friday, June 9, 2017 from 2:00-4:00 PM** in the gym. Please arrive no later than 1:45 PM. Be mindful that we must begin at 2:00. 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 and work schedules 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.

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 that is no longer than their gown or dark slacks. There should be no collar showing with the gown. 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. 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: The above described dress code is what you are expected to wear at the senior cap and gown picture on Tuesday, April 25 in the gym. This occurs during second block and you must be present and in appropriate attire to be included in the picture

(be here by 10:30 am if you flex first period).

Senior Week is May 22-26: Please see the schedule below. We will make a separate announcement about the Senior Week Field Trip.

Monday: Seniors wear black, Tie-dye shirts during second block

Tuesday: Senior Toga Tuesday, senior breakfast/ Crown decorating during first block

Wednesday: Senior Trip to the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro. Wear Tie-dye shirts

Thursday: College or career t-shirt, Field Day (third or fourth block)

Friday: Senior Awards Day 1st and 2nd block, ice cream party and receive yearbooks directly afterward

Senior Awards Ceremony: The ceremony is on Friday, May 26 at 9:00 AM in the auditorium. All seniors are expected to attend.

Graduation Speeches: Each academy has one senior give a speech at graduation. A committee of the faculty and staff of Central Academy choose the individuals for graduation speeches. Students may audition for consideration to this committee in May in the media center conference room. The dates for graduation speech auditions are Monday, May 8 and Tuesday, May 9 at 3:30 PM. Please come to one of the auditions for consideration.

Past due fees: Past due fees must be paid before students may participate in the graduation ceremony. Please make online technology payments through the Central Academy Website, and make all other payments at the school with the bookkeeper. Dr. Wall and other staff will be calling about past due fees in an attempt to settle all fees by the end of March. Students will not receive graduation packets, which include tickets if past due fees are not paid. Any unpaid fee owed to the school or school system must be paid by Wednesday, June 7 to be allowed to participate in a graduation ceremony. We are contacting parents and want to try to resolve fee issues as quickly as possible.

Tickets: Tickets will be on sale beginning May 8– May 26 before/after school in the main office, and will be available to be purchased online: Each senior will receive four (4) free tickets with the opportunity to buy extra tickets at \$7.00 a ticket. Students can pre-purchase as many tickets as they need (go to the CATA website, click on “Event Tickets” on the right tab starting May 8).

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.

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.

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 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.
- A professional photographer will take pictures of the graduates receiving their diploma. 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 of the arena. Guests and graduates will not be able to stay inside the coliseum for pictures.**