

# Central Academy of Technology and Arts

## Cougar Chronicle

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### U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School

Dear CATA Family,

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 theatre 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. Join us! CATA students raised \$531.10 this week in honor of World Water Day. This means CATA raised funds to provide water for 21 people who didn't have access to safe drinking water! The winning classroom was Mrs. Henry's 2nd Block. Mr. Niessner's 2nd block came in 2nd and Mr. Anderson's 2nd Block came in 3rd. Congratulations to CATA Shooting Sports for winning the SGT. Barry Rowell Sportsmanship Award at the NC Hunter Youth Education Skills Tournament, in addition, Matthew Thompson won first place in the NC Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament. This week at CATA we had teacher training on best practices. We also had a guest speaker for freshmen in the Pre-Engineering Academy, Mr. Roman who talked about engineering. In addition he spoke to seniors to discuss real world examples of Civil Engineering projects.

The exciting time of electing PTSO officers for the 2017-2018 school year is upon us, and the PTSO needs your help with nominations. If you know someone who adores CATA and leadership (and we know you do!), please consider nominating that person for an office or position in the PTSO. It's a great way to contribute to so many areas and facets of an amazing school. If you think you'd be a perfect fit for the CATA PTSO yourself, let us know that, too, because we know we'd love to have you.

Prom tickets are on sale online on the school website through tomorrow, Friday 3/24. Tickets will be on sale tomorrow during lunch. Students will not be given tickets until all past due balance fees are paid. Tickets are \$65. The Annual Senior Field Trip will be at the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro on Wednesday, May 24th and the cost is \$20. Permission slips are available at Room 210 (Ms. Royster's Room) or Room 604 (Ms. Hibberd's Room). Money and permission slips are due Friday Morning 4/7. Contact Ms. Royster or Ms. Hibberd if you have any questions.

Students interested in being a Student Council officer next year should stop by Ms. Foreman's room for important information. Applications will open on 3/20.

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



# Parent Involvement

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**PTSO** – To get involved, please send an email to [thecougarcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:thecougarcouncil@gmail.com) or call the main office and leave a message for the PTSO.

**PTSO MEETING DATES** (the media center) **April 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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. 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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**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](https://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.

# from CATA to College

## Medical Programs in North Carolina

**UNC Greensboro:** Nursing (BSN), Human Nutrition and Dietetics (BS), Nutrition and Wellness (BS), Nutrition Science (BS), Pre-Dentistry, Pre-Medicine, Pre-Occupational Therapy, Pre-Pharmacy, Pre-Physical Therapy, Pre-Veterinary Medicine

**Elon:** Exercise Science (BS)

**NC A&T:** Sports Science and Fitness Management (BS), Nursing (BSN, RN-BSN, Accelerated BSN)

**High Point:** Exercise Science (BS)

**Wake Forest University:** Health and Exercise Science (BS)

**Winston-Salem State:** Healthcare Management (BS), Exercise Physiology (BS)

**UNC Chapel Hill:** Exercise and Sports Science (BS), Dental Hygiene (2-year Bachelor's), Dental Assisting (10-month program), Graduate: School of Dentistry, School of Pharmacology, School of Medicine, School of Nursing

**Duke:** School of Nursing (ABSN), School of Medicine (Graduate)

**NC Central:** Pre-Medicine/Pre-Dentistry (BS, Biomedical Sciences), Pre-Medicine/Pre-Dentistry/Pre-Pharmacy (BS, Chemistry), Nursing (BSN, RN, ABSN), Pharmaceutical Sciences (BS), Athletic Training (BS)

**Meredith:** Exercise and Sports Science (BS)

**NC State:** School of Veterinary Medicine (Graduate)

**Appalachian State:** Athletic Training (BS), Exercise Science (BS), Health Care Management (BS), Health Promotion (BS), Nursing (BSN, RN-BSN), Nutrition and Foods—Dietetics (BS)

**Western Carolina:** Athletic Training (BS), Emergency Medical Care (BS), Nursing (BSN, RN-BSN), Nutrition and Dietetics (BS), Recreational Therapy (BS)

**UNC Charlotte:** Athletic Training (BS), Nursing (RN-BSN), Exercise Science (BS), Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science (BS), Respiratory Therapy (BS)

**Wingate:** Athletic Training (BS), Exercise Science (BS), Nursing (BSN) Physician's Assistant Program, Pre-Pharmacy (program prepares students to enter the School of Pharmacy)

**Carolina's College of Health Sciences:** Surgical Tech, Histotechnology, Medical Lab Science, Radiation Therapy, Radiologic Tech, Nursing

**Fayetteville State:** Nursing (BSN)

**Campbell:** Nursing (BSN), Pharmaceutical Sciences (BS)

**UNC Pembroke:** Athletic Training (BS), Nursing (BSN, RN-BSN)

**East Carolina:** Athletic Training (BS), Exercise Physiology (BS), Health Fitness Specialist (BS), Health Services Management (BS), Nutrition and Dietetics (BS), Public Health Studies (BS), Recreational Therapy (BS)

**Elizabeth City State University:** Pharmaceutical Science (BS), Pre-Health, Pre-Medicine, Pre-Dentistry

**UNC Wilmington:** Athletic Training (BS), Exercise Science (BS), Recreation Therapy (BS), Nursing (BS, RN-BSN)

South Piedmont and Central Piedmont Community Colleges offer Associate's and Certificate Programs in the medical field.

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 **Medical Sciences**

# from CATA to Career

## Medical Careers

### Associate's Degree

- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Dental Hygienist
- Diagnostic Medical Sonographer
- Nuclear Medicine Technologist
- Radiation Therapist
- Registered Nurse
- Surgical Technologist

### Bachelor's Degree

- Art Therapist
- Athletic Trainer
- Cytogenetic Technologist
- Dietitian/Nutritionist
- Exercise Physiologist
- Music Therapist
- Recreational Therapist

### Master's Degree

- Acupuncturist
- Genetic Counselor
- Nurse Anesthetist
- Nurse Midwife
- Nurse Practitioner
- Occupational Therapist
- Speech-Language Pathologist

### Doctorate Degree

- Audiologist
- Naturopathic Physician
- Neurologist
- Prosthodontist
- Radiologist
- Sports Medicine Physician
- Urologist



# SPIRIT NIGHT<sub>at</sub>



of Monroe

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!



## 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.

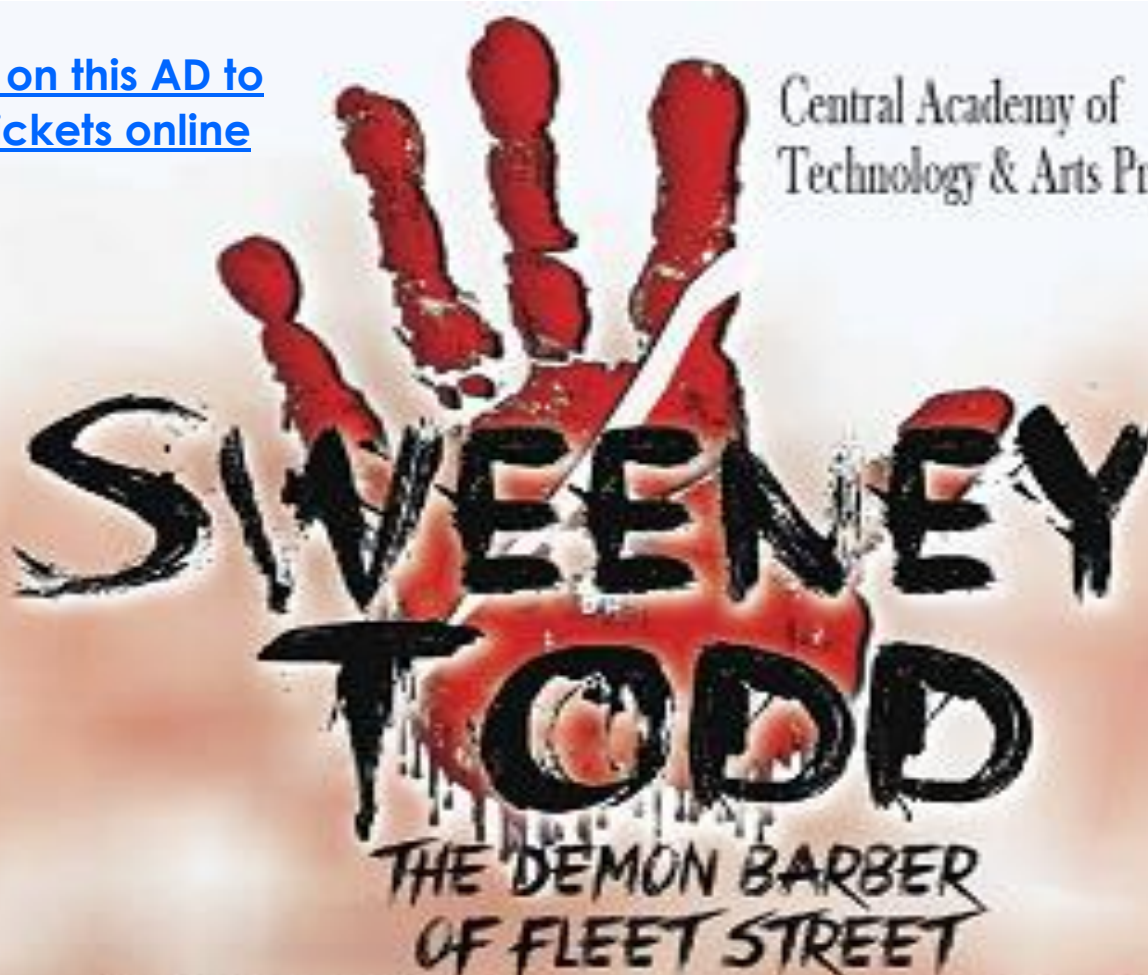
After the three days, then the absences are recorded as unexcused permanently.

- 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.

[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](http://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](http://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 24**— Spring Musical, Weekend One, 7 PM, (Auditorium)

**Saturday, March 25**— Spring Musical, Weekend One, 7 PM, (Auditorium)

**Sunday, March 26**— Spring Musical, Weekend One, 2:30 PM, (Auditorium); Shooting Sports Practice, 2 PM (Take Aim Sports)

**Monday, March 27**—Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118); Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:30 (Media Center); Fashion Club, 3 PM (Rm. 616); Society of Women Engineers, 3:45 (Rm. 525)

**Tuesday, March 28**— **PTSO Sponsored Chic fil A Night, 5-8 PM (Hwy. 74 Monroe)**

**Wednesday, March 29**— FCA Leadership, 8:00 AM

**Thursday, March 30**— FCA Meeting 8:00 AM, (Gym) Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118)

**Friday, March 31**— Spring Musical, Weekend One, 7 PM, (Auditorium)

**Saturday, April 1**— Spring Musical, Weekend Two, 7 PM, (Auditorium); Dinner Theater 5:30 PM (Café)

**Sunday, April 2**— Spring Musical, Weekend Two, 2:30 PM, (Auditorium); Shooting Sports Practice, 2 PM (Take Aim Sports)

## **Upcoming Events**

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

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

3/24 to 3/26—Spring Musical Weekend 1

3/28—PTSO Chic-fil-A Night, 5-8 (Monroe)

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](http://www.cataband.org) and register before April 7th.
- ♦ **Students interested in being a Student Council officer** next year should stop by Ms. Foreman's room for important information. Applications will open on 3/20.
- ♦ The **Beta Club** is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Please pick up an application from Mrs. Henry in Room 108 and return it with two letters of recommendation from current teachers by May 8.
- ♦ The CATA Spring **Blood Drive** is **April 4th**. Sign-ups begin next week during lunches.
- ♦ There will be an informational meeting and tryout for current CATA students for the 2017 **Band of Blue Colorguard** on Tuesday, April 18th from 4:00-6:00 PM in the band room. Please wear athletic gear and ready to go out outside. Please see Mr. Retzlaff in the band room for more questions.



## 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** – Loss vs. Mt. Pleasant, Win vs. Forest Hills

**Baseball** – Win vs. Metrolina, Two Wins vs. Monroe

**Softball** – Lost vs. North Stanly, Two wins vs. Monroe

**Women's Soccer** – Win vs. West Stanly, Loss vs. Trinity, Win vs. Monroe

**Men's Golf** – First place in Rocky River Conference Match

**Track & Field** – Jesse Ballew finished 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Marvin Ridge Invite, team finished tope 20 in both men's and women's

### Upcoming Events:

#### **Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>:**

HOME – Softball – North Stanly – 5:00 pm

AWAY - Soccer – Richmond Senior – 7:00 pm

#### **Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Golf – Red Bridge Country Club – 3:30 pm

AWAY – Soccer – Mt. Pleasant – 6:00 pm

HOME – Softball – Carolina International School – 5:00 pm

#### **Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>:**

HOME – Baseball vs. West Stanly @ Walter Bickett 4:30/7:00 pm

AWAY – Tennis @ Monroe – 4:00 pm

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

AWAY – Track @ Forest Hills Invite – 3:45 pm

#### **Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Soccer @ Forest Hills – 6:00 pm

HOME – Baseball vs. Carolina International School – 5:00 pm

HOME – Tennis vs. West Stanly @ Monroe High – 4:00 pm

#### **Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Tennis vs. West Stanly – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Softball vs. West Stanly – 6:00 pm

AWAY – Golf @ Union County Match – Rolling Hills – 1:00 pm

#### **Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>:**

AWAY – Baseball @ West Stanly – 4:30/7:00 pm

AWAY – Soccer @ Covenant Classical School – 4:30 pm

### Spring Head Coach Contact Information:

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

Track & Field – David Daniels – [david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Track & Field – Kim Inuwa – [kim.inuwa@gmail.com](mailto:kim.inuwa@gmail.com)

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

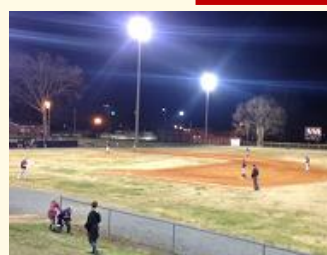
Baseball – Aaron Hammers – [aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us)

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)

**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**



## Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!!



- ♦ CATA students raised \$531.10 this week in honor of World Water Day. This means CATA raised funds to provide water for 21 people who didn't have access to safe drinking water! The winning classroom was Mrs. Henry's 2nd Block with \$122.89 in donations. Mr. Niessner's 2nd block came in 2nd with \$92.05 in donations, and Mr. Anderson's 2nd Block came in 3rd with \$68.34 in donations.
- ♦ Congratulations to CATA Shooting Sports for winning the SGT. Barry Rowell Sportsmanship Award at the NC Hunter Youth Education Skills Tournament, in addition, Matthew Thompson won first place in the NC Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament.

## Books & Bracket Student Volunteers needed at Walter Bickett

### Interested Students need to see Dr. Wall for details

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. We need several volunteers on **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>

## REGISTRATION

Registration: Please make sure your students put a lot of thought into their course selections because schedule changes will not be honored in August for any course selected during registration. Individual student/counselor meetings through 2nd block classes began on Friday, March 17th and end on Friday, April 7th. Registration information is listed on the CATA School Counseling Website under the Registration Tab. Click here: <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/4527>.

## **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**  
**The Spring Letter is in this edition**

**"Attention Seniors"** Are you interested in finding a summer job or a permanent job when you graduate? Interested seniors will take a field trip to attend the Union County Job Fair at SPCC on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please see Mrs. Webb in guidance to pick up a permission slip by Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Permission slips must be returned to Mrs. Webb by Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Webb at [sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us).

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# Guidance News

## Scholarship and College Information

**Hispanic Scholarship Fund:** The HSF Scholarship aims to help students of Hispanic Heritage obtain a college degree. Awards range from \$500 to \$5,000. To be eligible, students must: 1). Be of Hispanic Heritage; 2). Have a minimum 3.0 GPA; 3). Plan to enroll full-time at an accredited not-for-profit, 4-year university in the fall; 4). Be a U.S. citizen, Permanent Legal Resident, DACA or Eligible Non-Citizen (as defined by FAFSA); and 5). Complete the FAFSA. All majors of study will be considered, but there is an emphasis on students majoring in STEM fields. For more information, and to apply, please visit: <https://hsf.net/en/scholarships/programs/general-college-scholarships>. **Deadline: March 30, 2017.**

**Automotive Aftermarket Scholarships:** Scholarships are available for students training to become automotive, heavy duty or collision repair technicians, and to students in business, marketing, engineering, or other major courses of study. The Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium (GAAS) and more than 30 additional organizations award automotive scholarships. All you need to do is complete one application and you will be considered for all scholarships in which you meet the eligibility criteria for. In addition to your application, you will need to provide: a one page essay stating your career goals, one letter of reference, and your high school transcript. There is no minimum GPA requirement. For more information, and to apply, please visit: [http://www.automotivescholarships.com/apply\\_online.cfm](http://www.automotivescholarships.com/apply_online.cfm). **Deadline: March 31, 2017.**

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Creative Patriotic Art Awards:** Applicants must express patriotism in art form. The contest rules are: Art must be on paper or canvas. Water color, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen-and-ink, or oil may be used. Digital art and photography are not accepted. Do not frame your artwork. Submit canvas entries on stretcher frames or canvas board. Other entries must be matted on white. Do not use other color mats. In matting, use heavy paper to reinforce back. Mounted and floating mats may also be used. The art should be no smaller than 8"x10" but no larger than 18"x24", not including mat. Be sure to complete the entry form and attach to back of entry. You must be sponsored by a VFW Auxiliary. Entry may be signed by the student. If you use an American Flag in the entry, it must conform to the Federal Flag Code as far as color, number of stars and stripes, and other pertinent rules of the code. Entry must have been done during the current school year. You must have your teacher's or supervisory adult's signature. Each student may submit only one entry. Eligible students must be in grades 9-12 and must attend a school in the same state as the sponsoring VFW Auxiliary. Students must be no older than 18 years at the time of entry. You must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national. **Student deadline: March 31, 2017. Entries must be dropped off at the VFW in Indian Trail.** The first place winner from each VFW Auxiliary will be sent to the Department Scholarships Chairman for judging. **Department judging deadline: April 15, 2017.** First place department winner is eligible for the national competition. **National deadline: May 5, 2017.** Award amounts: First place - \$10,000; Second Place - \$5,000; Third Place - \$2,500; Fourth Place - \$1,500; Fifth-Eighth Place - \$500. For questions, call Chick Earley at (704) 219-0733. Come by guidance for an application form.

### 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

CATA's Beta Club is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. The Beta Club is an organization dedicated to serving the community while maintaining high academic status. Applicants must be rising sophomores, juniors, or seniors. Applications may be printed from this [link](#) or paper copies may be picked up from Mrs. Henry. Applicants must attach two printed teacher recommendations to the application and have a 3.5 unweighted GPA at the end of this academic year. Students must apply to be members of CATA's chapter even if they were members of a Junior Beta Club in middle school. As members, students will be required to complete 15 service hours per semester, attend all meetings, and attend at least one club sponsored service project per semester. The deadline for applications to be returned to Mrs. Henry is May 8.

Applicants accepted for membership will be notified at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year. Please email club co-sponsors Mrs. Calandro [Miranda.calandro@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Miranda.calandro@ucps.k12.nc.us) or Mrs. Henry [sarah.henry@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.henry@ucps.k12.nc.us) if you have any questions about Beta Club.



**Class of  
2020**



**CLASS OF  
2018**

**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: Bio-medical 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.

**"2017-2018 CTE Internship"** Attention Rising 12<sup>th</sup> graders, if you have taken at least 2 Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses, one being a level 2, 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](mailto:sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us).

**"2017-2018 Pre-Apprenticeship Program"** Attention Rising 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us).

**"Health Careers Summer Camp"** June 26-28 from 9:00 – 3:00 at Piedmont High School, Union County Public Schools will be hosting a Health Careers Summer Camp for all Rising 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup> graders. The summer camp will focus on different careers within the Health Care system. The cost of the camp is \$40. For more information and the application, please visit [www.ucps.k12.nc.us/cte](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/cte) or see Mrs. Webb in guidance.



## **Annual Car Show**

### **Saturday, May 13, 2017**

### **9am - 1pm**



**Central Academy of Technology & Arts**  
**600 Brewer Drive**  
**Monroe, NC 28112**

**704-254-6502**  
**myrahledbetter@gmail.com**

Central Academy of Technology & Arts is proud to announce that we are hosting our annual Car Show on May 13, 2017. This car show is an exciting family fun event that will feature all classes of cars, trucks, motorcycles, tractors and more! Families will enjoy a fun and exciting event that will be a major fundraiser for the school.

Car clubs and car enthusiasts - this is your opportunity to showcase your cars and show your support for your local school.

There are several different ways that you can participate in this great event. Whether you would like to register to display your car or have it judged, be a sponsor for the event, a vendor displaying your services and products, or would be willing to make a monetary donation or items for the raffle - we have an opportunity for you to participate! Please make plans now to attend this great event!

**WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR SPONSORS FOR THE STUDENTS' CHOICE AND TEACHERS' CHOICE AWARDS!!**  
**DON'T MISS THIS GREAT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY!**

**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 Until March 24<sup>th</sup>
  - ~CATA webpage; Click on “Event Tickets”
  - ~ **\$65** tickets from March 16<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>
- ~ Cafeteria Ticket Sales from March 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>
  - ~ **\$65** in Cafeteria cash or check

*Get your prom tickets ASAP for a*

*Magical Night!*



**All school fees must be paid in full to receive tickets**

Union County Alumnae Chapter of  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
presents  
**No Longer Hidden**  
An intimate conversation with  
**Dr. Christine Mann Darden**  
Retired NASA Senior Executive Service  
and Monroe, North Carolina's own "Hidden Figure"



**Saturday,  
April 22, 2017  
2:00 pm  
Monroe High  
School Auditorium**  
1 High School Dr., Monroe, NC 28112  
**MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

Darden was recently included in the book  
"Hidden Figures," by author Margot Shetterly.

Free Tickets available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/no-longer-hidden-an-intimate-conversation-with-dr-christine-darden-tickets-32875022076?aff=UCPS>



Monroe High is hosting an event for middle and high school students to learn more about STEM.

**On April 22 at 2 p.m.,** Dr. Christine Mann Darden, retired NASA Senior Executive and Monroe native, will share her experiences with students and talk about her work at NASA.

This event is being sponsored by the Union County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

[Click here to reserve your spot.](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/no-longer-hidden-an-intimate-conversation-with-dr-christine-darden-tickets-32875022076?aff=UCPS)

**There are no more parking spaces available for sale.** Students may come to the office to get on a waiting list if they wish to possibly purchase a parking pass for this school year. Parking passes are not guaranteed as bus service is provided to the school and we have a limited supply of parking for the school.



## Opportunity for students to serve on the Site Based Team

Students who are interested may apply to be on CATA's Site Based Team for 2017-2018. In order to qualify, the student must be in officer position on the student council. Commitment is meeting with staff and parents once per month after school. Please see Dr. Wall for details.

**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!

Join us in the

**WRITING LAB**

**Tuesdays**  
**Ms. Foreman**  
Room 208  
3:30pm - 4:30pm

**Wednesdays**  
**Ms. Barron**  
Room 110  
3:30pm - 4:30pm

**Support the Wolfe School, a school for students with very special needs, by brining 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.**



**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

## Be in the Know by following us on Twitter

Follow CATA at @cata\_monroe  
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Performing Arts @CougarArts  
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](http://www.yearbookforever.com), and search for CATA or bring a check (made out to Central Academy) or cash to Ms. Christensen.

## 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**