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Mobile Applications



UCPS Mobile



Canvas Parent



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School Nutrition



Here Comes the Bus



Free Wi-Fi and Internet access for students

Monday – Thursday • 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Friday • 7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.



- Creekridge Community
- Flagstone Apartments
- Grace Gardens Apartments
- Icemorlee Apartments
- Manor Ridge Apartments
- Mill Tree Apartments
- Riverside Community
- Sandy Ridge Baptist Church
- Suburban Estates Community
- Union Station Apartments
- West Ridge Apartments (Boyte St.)





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Black History Spotlight



It is important to me to volunteer in the community. To do this work is about doing things from your heart, not about recognition. I have found it to be fun, and I encourage others to take the chance to get involved in their communities through volunteering.---As far as college, I hope to attend North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.



Jada Pickering, Junior

Janella Olaleye, Junior



Helping others is a blessing, and as I help others I understand that it really is one of the most unselfish things a person can do. The pandemic has interfered with my ability to serve others as I normally would. However, what this time has taught me is that there is always a way you can give back. The need to support and volunteer is a constant.---I will attend college, but I am currently undecided on where that will be.



Black History Spotlight



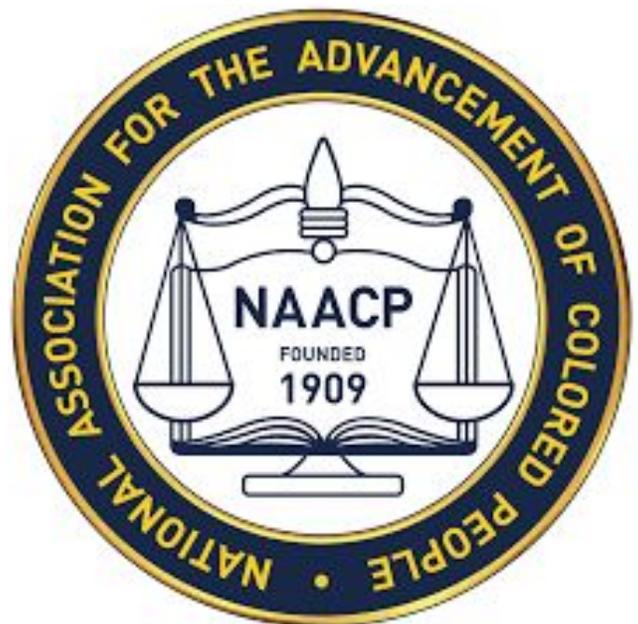
“I started with the NAACP as early as 6 or 7 years old. It has provided great exposure to those leaders who are dedicated to growing, assisting, and leading Black communities. More importantly, I love how the organization is focused on bringing all groups of people and cultures together. Being a member has not only allowed me to help and advocate for others, but it has helped me to grow my leadership.--I’m undecided on where I want to attend college, but I know I would like to attend a Historically Black College or University.”



Jacob Anderson , Junior

PRHS NAACP Youth Council Members

Jacob Anderson
Malachi Anderson
Joshua Bernadis
Zalema Callejas-Soriana
Jada Cheek
Jacelyn Davis
Viviana Fernandez
Alvaro Gonzalez-Torres
Mya Swanston





PTO

PTO NEEDS CANDY!

Hey Pirates!

*We are hoping to provide the PRHS Teachers and Staff with some March Fun! We are collecting **Individually** wrapped candy of ANY kind and ANY size as prizes for an event in March. Please label donations for PTO and drop off in the front office on your student's in person learning day! Any amount you would like to donate is appreciated.*

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." – Aesop



INTERNSHIP

INTERNSHIP ^{FLEX} Semester

The UCPS Career and Technical Education (CTE) Internship Program provides high school seniors opportunity for hands-on experience in areas of career or academic interest prior to college or post-secondary training. Internships may be paid or unpaid. Applications are ranked and processed based on program criteria.

QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST

- Senior during school year / rising senior for summer
- Has successfully completed two CTE courses within the same career cluster (Priority given to students who successfully completed a second-level CTE course and those who completed coursework in their internship area.)
- No more than 7 absences in any semester for the current and past two (2) years
- No suspensions (ISS or OSS) or serious disciplinary incidents on high school record
- Reliable transportation
- Minimum 2.5 overall GPA
- Can attend at least 8 hours per week
- Positive feedback on references

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply online: <https://ucpsccte.org/work-based-learning/>
- If you arrange your own internship, fill in details and contact information on the application
- For medical internships, send or turn in vaccination record
- Interview with prospective sponsor(s) if requested
- **Flex** applications accepted through April 30 for summer and through January 15 for the school year
- **Semester** applications accepted through October 1 (medical) or October 15 (non-medical) for second semester internship and through May 1 for a first semester internship the following school year

REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS

Most assignments are completed online

- Time Sheet
- Journal
- Topics Questions
- Terminology
- Reflection Questions
- Capstone Project
- Career Development Articles
- Online Job Shadow
- Workplace Readiness Modules

GRADE / CREDIT

Grade is based on required assignments, attendance at scheduled meetings and sponsor evaluation

Flex

- Grade entered directly into transcript after internship is completed
- Grade not factored in GPA calculation
- Elective credit: 68 hours = ½ unit 135 hours = 1 unit

Semester

- Grade shows on report card for each grading period
- Grade factored in GPA calculation
- Elective credit: 135 hours = 1 unit

SCHEDULING

Community sponsor and student determine schedule based on the business' hours of operation and their mutual convenience

Flex

- Minimum of 88 hours required (50 contact hours)
- Not bound by school calendar
- Completed any time school is not in session: after school, weekends, workdays, school breaks, summer

Semester

- Minimum of 135 hours required (100 contact hours)
- Placement must be confirmed before internship is added to class schedule
- Completed during first or second semester with one release period

BENEFITS to STUDENT

- Obtain a more realistic view of a career field and the world of work
- Connect classroom learning with career opportunities
- Make more informed decisions regarding post-secondary education or training
- Gain industry experience
- Make contacts that will help when applying for specific college programs or scholarships

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sarah Webb, Career Development Coordinator
Porter Ridge High School
sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us 704-292-7662
Located In the Main Office

or

UCPS Internship Coordinators:
Karen Adcock
karen.adcock@ucps.k12.nc.us
704-296-6366

Jeanne Hunt
jeanne.hunt@ucps.k12.nc.us
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CTE SPOTLIGHT



SHINE A LIGHT ON #CTEmonth

Meet Chef Templeton - Culinary Teacher

Chef Templeton has been at PRHS 7 years. Prior to teaching at PRHS she was a chef and restaurant owner. Her favorite part about teaching CTE at PRHS is one afternoon a senior was doing attendance recovery in the kitchen. It was his final semester at Porter Ridge, and he was taking my Intro to Culinary to fill a space in his schedule. I offered him some Mediterranean cucumber salad. While we were eating he said, "I could do this." I said, "Eat the salad?" He said, "Well yes, that too. Before taking your class, I would have never tried something like this before. But what I meant was, I could do this... kitchen stuff. I like it and I think I want to do this for a career." He went on to graduate from CPCA Culinary and is now a chef in Charlotte. We keep in touch and it's a reminder to me that career classes can make a difference for students, even if they initially do not realize the impact it can make on their future.



Meet Ms. Goldberg - Apparel Teacher

Ms. Goldberg has been PRHS have been teaching at PRHS for 5 years. Prior to teaching Ms Goldberg was in retail management/merchandising. I love teaching life skills that will prepare students for careers . I am happy how many of my students have chosen to major in Textiles at the NC State Wilson College of Textiles.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Class Cup will be having weekly art contests. You can find the submission link for art [here](#). This week's theme is your favorite location. Feel free to recreate a landscape that inspires you. Stay tuned for next week's theme! Winners will be announced on Fridays on the prhs_classcup Instagram.

The Porter Ridge Student Council Proudly Presents...

PALOOZA WEEK 2021

Dress-up Days March 1st - March 5th

3/1 Role Model Monday Dress up as your role model or favorite celebrity! Capture the Flag! 4:15-5:45pm	3/2 Heroes vs Villains Come dressed as your favorite hero or villain! Team Trivia Throwdown! 4:15-6pm	3/3 Work Clothes Wednesday Wear your current work uniform or one of your dream jobs! Gatorball! 4:30-6:30pm	3/4 Time Travel Thursday Choose an outfit from a past decade or dress as a different stage in life! Gatorball! 4:30-6:30pm	3/5 Favorite Team Friday Wear your favorite team's jersey or dress as an athlete! Gatorball! 4:30-6:30pm
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ATT: Seniors and Parents of Seniors

We need your help building the **Class of 2021 Senior Slideshow!**

Send us:

- Baby pics
- Throwbacks (elementary and middle school)
- High school memory pictures with friends
- Family photos
- Individual senior pictures
- Pictures/Videos of this unique senior year (masks, social distancing, quarantine hobbies, etc)

Send your pictures to prseniorslide2021@gmail.com or DM @prhsseniorslide2021 on Instagram and don't forget to include your name/senior's name!

Student Council's annual Gatorball Tournament is back! Join us at the tennis courts on March 4th, 2021 at 4:30 pm. There are limited team spots available so be sure to sign up soon to ensure your team's spot in the tournament! Team sign-ups are \$25 and each team **MUST** follow apparel guidelines described in the Gatorball 2021 rules. Follow the Gatorball Instagram @prhsgatorball and look for flyers around the school for more information.

<https://forms.gle/yH2MpYWAQbXvrJKH7>.



Sport Tryouts

Tryouts for many sports are around the corner. In order to try out you must register online through [FamilyID](#) and have a current physical on file. Check out the athletics website for more info.

Women's Soccer



March 2nd & 4th

Men's Tennis



March 1st & 2nd

Softball



March 1st & 2nd

M's & W's Golf



March 1st & 2nd



ATHLETICS

Tryout Information

To be eligible to participate in sports the athlete must pass their 1st semester classes and register in [FamilyID](#) and have a current physical on file.

If you have any questions, contact Coach Thompson, the Athletic Director, at ina.thompson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Sport	Coach	Email	Tryout Dates
Softball	Andy Myers	AMyers@mayerelectric.com	March 1 & 2
Women's Soccer	Ron Ladimir	ron.ladimir@ucps.k12.nc.us	March 1 & 2
Men's Tennis	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net	March 1 & 2
Men's Golf	David Scholl	djscholl1@gmail.com	March 1 & 2
Women's Golf	David Scholl	djscholl1@gmail.com	March 1 & 2
Women's Tennis	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net	April 12 & 13
Wrestling	Randy Durbin	randy.durbin@ucps.k12.nc.us	April 12 & 13
Baseball	Shane Brown	Shane.Brown@ucps.k12.nc.us	April 12 & 13
Men's & Women's Track	Tim Beckerman	tb2006itnc@gmail.com	April 12 & 13

*Dates and Times will be updated as each season gets closer.
If you have any questions, feel free to email the coach.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hey PRHS sophomores and juniors! Applying to college is a complicated process, so we've got an event you simply cannot miss. **College Board is hosting four virtual college fairs** that are designed for you to have real conversations with hundreds of colleges, admission reps, and current college students. You can sign up to attend any event and more than one to explore colleges in each region across the nation.

Learn more at <https://pages.collegeboard.org/big-future-days?excmpid=mtg680-st-1-gen> and sign up for the College Board BigFuture Days A-S-A-P!

Seniors - you received an email from Mr. Beard with a link to this year's senior superlative survey Monday afternoon. Be sure to complete this survey by Friday, 2/26, at 11:59pm!

GOT CHROMEBOOK ISSUES?

Location: D105 inside Media Center;
Who: Mr. Walden or Ms. Snelson;
Hours: Mon-Thurs 7:30- 8:45 am and
Mon-Thurs 10:15- 12:00 pm;

Friday- Make an appointment w/ Mr. Walden by email

jason.walden@ucps.k12.nc.us

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Students sign up in SCOIR to hear from the following college admissions reps. These are virtual events. Feb 5, Grand Canyon University, Feb 26 - Savannah College of Art & Design, and March 12 East Carolina University. Access Scoir from the student start up page.”

Report cards were given out to students on campus this week during lunches. Any student that did not receive theirs can come by the front office to pick it up.

This is a reminder to buy your 2021 yearbook today at jostens.com

Senior Ad Sales

Attention seniors - the deadline to purchase and create your senior ads is approaching fast. Visit jostensadservice.com to order your senior ad.

This week is National Future Business Leaders of America Week! Here's a business fact: According to USNews.com, “In the U.S. today, services represent approximately 70% of GDP, which makes having good business skills even more important than in prior decades...” You will notice on job posting sites like indeed.com, nearly every job requires some level of business skills. By signing up for CTE classes and joining the FBLA Club you can be on your way to a successful career in business! See Mrs. Taylor in Rm D100 if you are interested in joining the club. Happy National FBLA Week!

HOSA is hosting a school wide band-aid drive! All band-aids will be donated to schools in our cluster. Anyone can drop off band-aid donations in room E212 or the front office from now until March 1st. Please contact Mrs. Clontz with any questions!





YOUTH SUMMIT

LATINO YES YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT VIRTUAL

VIERNES
12 de Marzo
10:00am – 1:00pm
via **zoom**

Orador Principal
"LIDERAZGO EN TIEMPOS DE INCERTIDUMBRE"
AMIR ISMAIL
CEO/Fundador de AIC Mindset

SESIONES

- Liderazgo & Empoderamiento
- Estudios Universitarios & Carrera
- Oportunidades de Empleo
- Expo Virtual de Recursos

Registro abierto
CLICK AQUÍ

Read the information on this year's Latino Youth Empowerment Summit. They are looking for high school students to join! They have created a virtual experience this year due to the restrictions of meeting in person. This is a free event full of resources and information for students and families. Visit our website:

<https://sites.google.com/cms.k12.nc.us/latinoyes2021/home>



LATINO YES YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT VIRTUAL

FRIDAY
March 12th
10:00am – 1:00pm
via **zoom**

Keynote Speaker
"LEADING IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY"
AMIR ISMAIL
CEO/Founder of AIC Mindset

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- Leadership & Empowerment
- College & Career
- Employment Opportunities
- Virtual Resource Expo

Registration is now open!
REGISTER HERE



COUNSELING DEPT. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pirate Scholarship Newsletter

Spring Edition

Seniors! If you are wondering when you should begin applying for scholarships...the answer is **NOW!** There are opportunities to earn **FREE** money and you can take advantage of them right away. Below, you will find a list of scholarships that are due now through the end of the year. Remember, this is not a list of all scholarships, and you can search for scholarships that have requirements that are unique to you or your situation (i.e. first generation college student, child of a veteran, future nursing student, engineers, etc.). New scholarships will be added as they are received so keep checking back for the most recent scholarship information. If you have any questions, please see your counselor or Ms. Carly Patterson. As you begin receiving scholarship offers, please send them to Ms. Patterson.



Our students' safety and well-being are important to us. If you have concerns about your student's social, emotional, or mental health, please do not hesitate to contact us.

A link has been added to our webpage that will advise you about the resources available for your child at [Porter Ridge High School](#). Our school counselors are [Tondra White \(A- Cou\)](#), [Carly Patterson \(Cov- Hek\)](#), [Bryan James \(Hel- Mc\)](#), [Cassidy Lippert \(Me- San\)](#) and [Shari Davison \(Sam- Z\)](#).

Our school social worker is [Laura Weir](#). Our school's therapist is [Shekita Brown](#). The link to contact any of our support staff and the social and emotional learning resources page is located at the top right-hand side of our school's webpage under the "I WANT TO" box.

Click this [link](#) for contact information for our school support staff and to access SEL resources.

Follow this [link](#) to the full edition of the scholarship newsletter

Seniors!

Remember to turn in all scholarship offers to Ms. Patterson in the School Counseling Office!



From the School Counseling Office

Congratulations! You have been working hard and this is an exciting time for you all. Moving forward you have important decisions to make, and if you have questions about an admissions letter and what it means for you, please see your counselor.

If you receive ANY scholarships or grants, please notify Ms. Patterson with the name of the college or scholarship/grant and the amount. Even if you are not attending that school or accepting the award, please notify Ms. Patterson. You can print the letter and put it in her box in the counseling office or forward the email to carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us.

Estudiantes de el grado 12, comienzan a recibir ofertas de admision de colegios y universidades ...Felicidades! Han estado trabajando duro y este es un momento emocionante para todos. En el futuro, tendran que tomar decisiones importantes y, si tienen preguntas sobre una carta de admision y lo que significa para usted, consulte a su consejero.

Si reciben ALGUNA beca , notifiquen a la Sra. Patterson con el nombre de la universidad o beca y la cantidad. Si no asisten a esa escuela o no aceptan el premio, todavia notifique a la Sra. Patterson. Pueden imprimir la carta y entregar en la oficina de consejeria o enviar el correo electronico a carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us.

Male Students- We want you to remember that when you turn 17.5 to 18, it's the law that you register with Selective Service.

Registration with Selective Service is your civic responsibility and keeps you eligible for student loans, job training, government jobs, and driver's licenses in most states.

Get a Selective Service registration card at your local post office or register online at www.ss.gov. You can even register with your smart phones. If you have any questions regarding registration, talk to Mr. James. He's your Selective Service Registrar.

If you are required to register and you don't, you will not be eligible for federal student aid, federal job training, or a federal job. You may be prosecuted and face a fine of up to \$250,000 and/or jail time of up to five years. If you're an immigrant to the U.S., you will not be eligible for citizenship.

Food Pantry Assistance

- **Common Heart** has a mobile pantry at Mill Grove United Methodist (7311 Mill Grove Rd., Indian Trail) on Mondays from 7-8 pm. Families can come once a month.
- Also on Thursdays at **Light It Up Monroe** (1411 Helms St, Monroe), 6:00-7:30 pm, free groceries, clothes, hot food (served that night), coffee (Blessed Beans), basketball (Coach James usually attends), and more! Families can come each week.

Esta informacion es para familias que ocupen asistencia de despensas de comida.

- **Common Heart** tiene una despensa movil en Mill Grove United Methodist (7311 Mill Grove Rd., Indian Trail) los Lunes de 7:00 a 8 pm. Las familias pueden venir una vez al mes.
- Tambien todos los Jueves en **Light It Up Monroe**(1411 Helms St, Monroe) de 6: 00-7: 30 pm hay despensas de comida, ropa, comida caliente (servida esa noche), cafe (Blessed Beans), baloncesto (nuestra entrenadora de baloncesto Sra. James generalmente asiste) y mas! Las familias pueden venir cada semana.



School Counseling

Seniors-We have created several videos to help you plan for after high school. We know that many of you are working on college applications however others are considering other options. We are asking that you watch the videos that match your goals for important information on next steps. Then complete the following google form to let us know what your current plans are. Senior Check In form (please complete) - <https://forms.gle/1bFi1nvmuwMTpxGp8>

Estudiantes de grado 12: hemos creado varios videos para ayudarlos a planificar sus actividades despues de la escuela secundaria. Sabemos que muchos de ustedes estan trabajando en solicitudes para la universidad, sin embargo, otros estan considerando otras opciones. Les pedimos que vean los videos que coinciden con sus objetivos para obtener informacion importante sobre los proximos pasos. Luego complete el siguiente formulario de Google para informarnos cuales son sus planes actuales.

Formulario de registro para estudiantes de grado 12 (complete) - <https://forms.gle/1bFi1nvmuwMTpxGp8>

- PRHS Counseling Canvas - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UpEroRS5BclmeCA2crF3QsrxxhOxZek6/view?usp=sharing>
- Two Year College Information - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/12dYWgldGcp0FkghSKUhwb2fHw518AYAq/view?usp=sharing>
- Four Year College Information - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kV9EGhZlTR7Nj7FjyG34jZFUTMsqTeKU/view?usp=sharing>
- Major Clarity - career research program - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EeoK680PzPWx9RnPxUoUh2Vbe2BjV0A0/view?usp=sharing>
- Scholarships - how to research scholarships - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RjyGuNx8ap6opAokl2k2UBuU2Lgo48-v/view?usp=sharing>.

The counselors are here to support you with school. You can set up a meeting to speak to your counselor about academic, career, college, post high school plans or personal needs. Each counselor has set up an appointment calendar through which you can schedule a meeting either virtual or in person for a day and time that works for your schedule. If you just have a question please feel free to send your counselor an email.

Los consejeros estan aqui para apoyarte con la escuela. Pueden pedir una reunion para hablar con su consejero sobre tus planes academicos, profesionales, universitarios, posteriores a la escuela secundaria o necesidades personales. Cada consejero ha establecido un calendario de citas a traves del cual pueden programar una reunion, ya sea virtual o en persona, para un dia y una hora que se adapte a su horario. Si solo tiene una pregunta, no dude en enviar un correo electronico a su consejero.

Tondra White – last names A-Cou

tondra.white@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting - <https://calendly.com/tondra-white/15min>

Carly Patterson - last names Cov-Hek

carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting - <https://calendly.com/carly-patterson/studentofficehours>

Bryan James – last names Hel-Mc

bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting - <https://calendly.com/bryan-james-1/office-hours>

Cassidy Lippert– last names Me-San

cassidy.lippert@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting; <https://calendly.com/cassidy-lippert/appointment-with-ms-lippert>

Shari Davison – last names Sap-Z

shari.davison@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting - <https://calendly.com/shari-davison/student-office-hours>



School Counseling

Follow us on Twitter: @PRHSCounseling

Follow us on Instagram: prhscounseling

Upcoming Events

South Piedmont Community College Workshop

The next High School Series workshop is at SPCC! Join on **February 20**, and for participating in the workshop you will be automatically entered in a raffle to win a FREE LAPTOP, ACT and SAT practice guides and many other gifts.

Taller de South Piedmont Community College

Nuestro proximo taller de HSS es en SPCC! Unase a nosotros el 20 de Febrero y por participar en nuestro taller, ingresara automaticamente en una rifa para ganar una COMPUTADORA GRATIS, guias de practica ACT y SAT y muchos otros premios.

Sign up here: <https://pages.services/alumni.lawanc.org/high-school-series-sign-up/>

Career & College Promise Program

SPCC will be hosting virtual Information Sessions to learn about the Career and College Promise Program every second Monday at 6pm during the spring semester. Contact Ms. White if you have any questions (tondra.white@ucps.k12.nc.us).

Dates: 3/8, 4/12, 5/10

<https://spcc.edu/areas-of-study/high-schools/>.

PRHS Counselors Present: College Planning Student Webinars

- College Search
 - Wednesday 2/24 @ 3:15 PM or
 - Friday 2/26 @ 10:30 AM
- College Essay
 - Tuesday 3/2 @ 3:15 PM or
 - Friday 3/5 @ 10:30 AM
- Scholarships & Financial Aid
 - Monday 3/8 @ 3:15 PM or
 - Friday 3/12 @ 10:30 AM



BigFuture Days- Virtual College Fair

College Board will launch its inaugural BigFuture Days, a regional series of virtual college fairs for high school sophomores and juniors to help connect them with hundreds of colleges, admissions officers, and current college students. BigFuture Days are designed to give students a tailored experience so that they can establish connections with colleges and take action on important college planning tasks, like building a college list and identifying scholarships to apply for. Students and educators can register for multiple events, including the region they live in and/or the region(s) that represents the schools they are most interested in as well as learn more about the event(s) here: cb.org/bigfuturedays

- BigFuture Day Southeast, Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 5:00 – 9:00pm ET
- BigFuture Day Northeast, Sunday, March 7, 4:00 – 8:00pm ET
- BigFuture Day Midwest, Thursday, March 11, 5:00 – 9:00pm ET

[UCPS College Readiness Parent Series](#)

Check out the webinars at the link above offered by the UCPS College Readiness Office.

March 8, 2021- College Entrance Exams 101

April 19, 2021 - College Recruiting for Athletes

Scholarships & Opportunities

ASVAB

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Union County Association of Educators Scholarship

Are you a senior planning to major in education? The Union County Association of Educators in cooperation with the Retired Teachers of Union County proudly announce one \$1,750 scholarship. Please see or email Ms. Patterson (carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us) for full application materials.

Applications must be postmarked by April 13, 2021.

Questbridge College Prep Scholars Program

QuestBridge is a nationally recognized nonprofit that equips academically outstanding, low-income students to gain admission and full four-year scholarships to [45 top colleges](#). Being a College Prep Scholar is a notable distinction that shows 45 college partners that you are a competitive candidate for admission. In addition, your application will automatically carry over for the National College Match when you're a senior, giving you a head start on applying for a full four-year scholarship to our college partners. *College Prep Scholars are historically five times more likely than other applicants to receive full four-year scholarships through the National College Match.*

For more information: <https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/college-prep-scholars>

Deadline to apply: March 24, 2020



School Counseling

College Board Opportunity Scholarships

- Complete Your Journey: \$40,000
 - Seniors who complete all required scholarship actions will earn a chance at a \$40,000 [Complete Your Journey Scholarship](#)
- Build Your College List
 - Juniors: Save at least six schools to your college list to earn an entry for this \$500 [Build Your College List](#) scholarship.
- Practice for the SAT
 - Begin using Official SAT® Practice on Khan Academy® by completing a Timed Mini Section (if you already have a PSAT-related assessment or SAT score) or Diagnostic Quiz (if you don't yet have a score) to earn an entry for this \$500 [Practice for the SAT](#) scholarship.

UNC Charlotte STEM Pre-College Program- Summer Research Internship Experience

Summer Research Experience internship program is offered to qualifying 11th and 12th grade students in Mecklenburg or surrounding counties. This is a rigorous program providing opportunities for students to work under the supervision of University STEM Research Faculty and staff in state-of-art laboratories. The program is designed to accomplish the following goals for interns:

- Engage in rigorous, inquiry-based instruction and research experiences.
- Develop a greater understanding of the research process and acquire the fundamental skills used in research
- Increase the student's ability to utilize technology.
- Forge partnerships between student participants and practicing researchers.
- Engage students and researchers in designing, executing, analyzing, and presenting original research.
- To encourage students to evaluate the ethical implications of recent scientific and technological advances.
- To expose participants to current information on science/mathematics/technology-related fields, baccalaureate programs, careers, and additional research opportunities.

Application opens March 1, 2021. Deadline is March 31, 2021

More information:

<https://cstem.uncc.edu/5-12-stem-student-programs/stem-pre-college-program/summer-research-experience>

UNC Charlotte STEM Pre-College Program- Summer Scholars

The Summer Scholars Program offers students interactive experiences that refine the skills, knowledge, and attributes related to mathematical and scientific careers. The students are engaged in instructional content in math, science research, engineering activities, and technical writing skills for two weeks during the month of June and/or July. Additional activities may include a field trip to an educational site, guest speakers, local area competitions, preparatory activities for the science fair and public speaking. An enrollment fee for Summer Scholars is required. There are ten instructional days in Summer Scholars.

Application opens March 1. Deadline is May 31.

More information: <https://cstem.uncc.edu/5-12-stem-student-programs/stem-pre-college-program/summer-scholars>

NCHSAA Endowed Fund Scholarships

The NCHSAA Endowed Fund offers several scholarships to eligible student-athletes of NCHSAA member schools. Please click the link below for more information about each scholarship opportunity.

<https://www.nchsaa.org/students-parents/nchsaa-endowed-fund-scholarships>



School Counseling

Prestigious Pearls of Anson and Union Counties Scholarship

The Prestigious Pearls of Anson and Union Counties, an official Interest Group of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated will award two college scholarships for the 2021 -2022 Academic Year, to a deserving high school senior within the Anson and Union Counties area.

Interested students may apply for scholarships in one or both of the following categories:

- 1. The Prestigious Pearls Scholarship Fund** - • This scholarship will be awarded to an applicant who will attend ANY four-year college or university.
- 2. The Belynda Little Horne Scholarship** - • This scholarship will be awarded to an applicant who will attend Winston Salem State University. Mrs. Horne was an educator and loved her students and community. She was also a proud alum of Winston Salem State University. These scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievement, financial need, leadership, and character. The selection process for semifinalists will include an in-person interview and workshop attendance. Before submission, it is strongly recommended that applicants carefully review their application packet for completion, grammar, spelling, and content. Incomplete applications will be subject to automatic disqualification. Please see or email Ms. Patterson (carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us) for full application materials.

Deadline: March 16, 2021

NC Society of Accountants Scholarship Foundation

The NC Society of Accountants Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 1970 to provide scholarships for deserving students who indicate a desire to enter the profession of Accounting. The Scholarship awards for 2021-2022 school year will be \$1,000 each.

Please see or email Ms. Patterson (carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us) for full application materials.

Deadline: April 15, 2021

The Summer Textile Exploration Program (STEP) is a chance for rising high school seniors to experience the best of what the Wilson College of Textiles and NC State have to offer. During one of the five weeks in the summer of 2021, students will have the opportunity to meet faculty, staff, current students and alumni while exploring textiles through projects, workshops and other activities. STEP will take place during the following weeks:

- June 13 - 18
- June 20 - 25
- June 27 - July 2
- July 11 - 16
- July 18 - 23

Apply here: <https://textiles.ncsu.edu/step/>

State Employees Association of North Carolina Scholarship

The SEANC Scholarship Foundation will award **up to \$40,000**, to be divided between each scholarship category for the 2021-2022 school year. Only SEANC members, in good standing, their spouses and/or dependent child(ren) and SEANC retired members, in good standing, grandchild(ren) are eligible to receive scholarships.

The scholarship applications are available online at <https://www.seanc.org/scholarship> and must be returned to their SEANC District Scholarship Chairperson (District Number is located on the SEANC's membership card). Students **MUST NOT** mail applications to the SEANC Office. This will delay the District judging process. Scholarship Applications **MUST** be mailed to their District Scholarship Chair, and the mailing addresses can be found here:

<https://www.seanc.org/scholarship>.

All applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2021.



GRADUATION DATES

Save the Date Senior Pirates!

Ticket information is not available at this time. Ticket numbers will be determined based on health/safety protocols at that time.



GRADUATION SCHEDULE

Union County Public Schools will hold graduations for traditional high schools in stadiums May 28 – June 4, 2021. The graduations will be livestreamed for public viewing.

UCPS will follow the latest health and safety guidelines from the North Carolina Health and Human Services Department and the Union County Health Department. Protocols will be implemented to practice social distancing.

In the event of severe weather, rain dates have been set to reschedule ceremonies. Principals will communicate directly to seniors and their families, if the date of their graduation is changed.

School	Date	Start Time	Location
Central Academy of Technology & Arts (CATA)	June 4	8 a.m.	Walter Bickett Stadium
Cuthbertson High	June 3	8 p.m.	Cuthbertson High Stadium
Forest Hills High	June 2	8 a.m.	Forest Hills High Stadium
Marvin Ridge High	June 4	8 a.m.	Marvin Ridge High Stadium
Monroe High	June 2	8 p.m.	Monroe High Stadium
Parlowood High	June 3	8 a.m.	Parlowood High Stadium
Piedmont High	June 3	8 a.m.	Piedmont High Stadium
Porter Ridge High	June 2	8 p.m.	Porter Ridge High Stadium
South Providence School	June 1	6:30 p.m.	CATA (Live stream not available)
Sun Valley High	June 4	8 p.m.	Sun Valley High Stadium
Union County Early College	June 3	8 p.m.	Sun Valley High Stadium
Weddington High	June 2	8 a.m.	Weddington High Stadium
Wolfe School	May 28	6:30 p.m.	CATA (Live stream not available)



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Transportation Info Fall 2020

**Attestation Forms MUST
be filled out Weekly!**



Transportation

Weekly Attestation Form – Must be turned in to the bus driver each week

- [Printable form](#) [Printable form in Spanish](#)
- -OR-
- [Google form](#) [Google form in Spanish](#)

Parent Acknowledgement Form – Must be completed prior to the first day a student rides the bus

- [Printable form](#) [Printable form in Spanish](#)
- -OR-
- [Google form](#) [Google form in Spanish](#)

[Here Comes the Bus Phone App Information and Sign-Up](#)

[Transportation FAQ](#)

Bus Information can also be obtained through the Here Comes the Bus Phone App above. Please call the school with any concerns.



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