



# Pirate Press

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Dear Pirate Family,

**-Porter Ridge students are Leaders. Please check out our Leader in Me concepts on [page 3](#).** Porter Ridge students are **Proactive!** Students take responsibility for their choices. Chose to come to school on time, chose to do academic work, chose to have good attendance when able, and chose to become involved in the life of the school! Right now our students are completing online leadership portfolios in advisory and class!

**-Senior Letter: [Click here](#) class of 2023 for the Senior Letter.** This letter is posted on pages 4 and 5 as well.

**-Spring Break** begins Friday, April 7 and students return to school on Monday, April 17.

**-Pirate Recovery:** Pirate Recovery for tutoring, attendance recovery, and unit recovery is on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday after school from 3:10 to 4:10 in the Media Center. We have English, social studies, math, and science teachers on site to help students. Your counselors will be in touch about unit recovery.

-Students who scored at Silver or above on the **WorkKeys testing** were honored with a breakfast this week! The names of the students are listed on [page 2](#).

**-Dress Code Reminder:** Dressing for school should be different than dressing for other events. [Click here](#) to review the dress code.

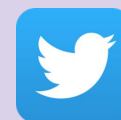
**-Please be on time to school.** Please [click here](#) to review the **PRHS Tardy Policy**. Students are expected to be in class when the tardy bell rings.

Students are reminded to continue to check the **[Student Daily Announcement Page](#)** to be updated daily on events at PRHS. Please review our table of contents on this page and use this newsletter to stay informed throughout the year, as well as, our **[PRHS Website](#)**. The Pirate Press is the main form of communication from school to home.

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**Remember to keep following us on social media:**





# CTE WORKKEYS HONORS



*Congrats Pirates for Scoring  
Silver, Gold, or Platinum on WorkKeys*

Ethan Adams  
Omar Andino  
Mark Apostu  
Ashlee Bardsley  
Braeden Bossert  
Megan Brandon  
Makhi Broadus  
Eduardo Casillas-Gutierrez  
Joshua Coffey  
Emma Countryman  
Isabella Crawford  
Anthony Crespo-Gonzalez  
Aon El-Tayyeb  
Xanatos Fincher  
Leticia Goncalves Santos  
Dezire Harper  
Kiersten Helms  
Kyren Herring  
Aaryn Humphrey  
Abbey Hunter  
Ryley Hunter  
A'merickis Kilpatrick  
Anastasiya Korotkova  
Emma Laffey  
Jacob Laney  
Zekiah LaSanta  
Gabriel LaVigne  
Carson LeGrand  
Zachary Light  
Madison Lucas

Alysa Marino  
Danny Martinez  
David Martinez-Castro  
Jonathan Martinez-Penaloza  
Calen McKinney  
Jacob McLamb  
Noah Mendez-Confer  
Joshua Mendoza  
Madison Moser  
Payton Oliver  
Gustavo Orecchio  
Haylee Orlowski  
Mercedes Padron  
Leonardo Perez  
Diego Perez-Hernandez  
Seth Quinones  
Juan Quintero  
Damian Ramirez  
Liam Santiago  
Elwood Sebert  
Jamal Stevens  
Dafne Uribe  
Ashley Valle Valle  
Kobie Vilaiphone  
Zane Wageman  
Connor Whitten  
Elizabeth Williams  
Daniel Yurko  
Maria Zavala Garcia  
Julia Zayachkowsky





# PORTER RIDGE STUDENT LEADERS



## Be Proactive

Take responsibility for your life and your choices. Don't blame your behavior on external factors such as circumstances, but own it as part of a conscious choice based on your values.

## Begin with the End in Mind

Envision what you want in the future so you can work and plan towards it.



## Put First Things First

**Identify what is important and prioritize it:**

- Important and Urgent
- Important and Not Urgent
- Not Important and Urgent
- Not Important and Not Urgent

## Think Win-Win



Be considerate of others. When conflicts arise, look for what will work best for all.

## Seek First to Understand



Be an empathetic listener. Listen and understand other people's perspectives before speaking.

# 7

## Habits of Highly Effective Students

## Synergize

Combine the strengths of people through positive teamwork in order to achieve goals.



## Sharpen the Saw

Physical, Mental, Emotional, and Spiritual Renewal.

Take care of yourself!





# CLASS OF '23 SENIOR LETTER



March 20, 2023

**Seniors,**

*We are so proud of your many accomplishments and cannot wait to celebrate the start of a new phase of your life! As the Class of 2023 you have impacted your school and your community in a positive way. We know that this spring will be full of memories and emotion as you move forward in your life. We have included information that you may need about Senior activities. Please remember to keep graduation in your sight - focus on finishing strong and in a way that makes you, your family, and your school proud of your accomplishments. Please read important information about Graduation below.*

**Arrival: Please arrive at the school as early as 6:30 pm and NO later than 6:45 pm on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Please park in the middle school parking lot and walk in through the bus lot doors. If you are being dropped off, your parents should drop you off at the middle school parking lot and then they should proceed to the student/staff lot for guest parking. You will check in to receive your name card and if you are graduating with honors, you will receive your medal. Hold on to this name card and do not lose it. This is how the presenter will read your name. You will then be directed where to join your advisory class. **Gates open for parents and guests at 7:00 pm. Parking for guests will be directed by staff and the Sheriff's dept. All guests should be parked by 7:30 pm to have time to walk to the stadium and find seating. Graduation will begin promptly at 8:00 pm.****

**Dress Code:** Shirt, tie and slacks, or a school appropriate dress. Heels must not be worn as you will be walking on the grass and climbing a steep set of stairs; however, wedges are acceptable. Remember, this is a formal event, and your picture will be taken. Caps and Gowns must not be altered in any capacity. Caps may not be decorated in any way. Gowns must be zipped up the full length. All cords & stoles are worn over the gown. ONLY PRHS issued cords and stoles are acceptable to wear. Tassels start on the right side.

**Processional/ Recessional:** We will have a formal processional and you will line up in two lines. Please follow the directions of staff and the Junior Marshals at all times. They will also be the ones to tell you where to sit and when and where to get up during the ceremony. Post-Graduation we will have a recessional where the graduates will exit directly out of the stadium through our PRHS Faculty as a final farewell. Parents and guests will remain in the stands while you exit through the faculty. Students can meet their parents in the parking lot area or at the rear of the school. We recommend you decide this location in advance. Students can take pictures before the graduation ceremony and the following day on the exterior of the PRHS Campus.

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# CLASS OF '23 SENIOR LETTER



**Guests:** 8 tickets per graduate are available and can be picked up during lunches Thursday 6/1 - Friday 6/2. After that date, seniors may pick up tickets in the main office from 1:00 - 3:00 pm during exam week. You will be asked to sign indicating that you received them. Please put them in a safe place as replacements will not be given. No noise makers, posters, or balloons are permitted at the ceremony. We ask that guests ride together as much as possible as we will have limited parking. Handicap parking is accessible through the student lot. If you have family/guests that need handicapped seating, complete the [form available](#) here and in the Pirate Press newsletter.

**Diploma Packets:** Students will receive their Diploma packets after walking across the stage. The Diploma packet will contain the graduate's Diploma, senior picture information, a keepsake Graduation Program, and an unofficial and official sealed transcript. **DO NOT OPEN** the sealed transcript; it is the responsibility of the graduate to mail the official transcript to the college/university they will be attending. Parents will be given 4 Graduation Programs to share with all family attending.

**Weather:** In the event of inclement weather, our first priority would be to delay the ceremony until weather passes. If this is not possible, we will move the ceremony to another date based on weather predictions. Please make sure that you are following all PRHS Social Media and checking the website the day of graduation for weather.

**Class of 2023 & Cap and Gown Pictures:** On **Tuesday, March 28th during Advisory** the Class of 2023 will take a '23' picture on the PRHS Football Field. Please wear PR clothes/colors. On **Wednesday, April 19th at 1:25 pm** Lifetouch will take Senior Cap and Gown group photos and individual photos.

## Senior Week Events and Activities

Mon 5/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress Up: Moving Slow Monday (senior citizens)</li> </ul>
Tues 5/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress Up: To the Future Tuesday (after high school plans)</li> <li>Academic Signing and Senior Awards Ceremony (1st and 2nd Block)</li> <li>Senior Breakfast following Awards (for seniors only)</li> <li>Kickball Tourney 5:15 @ PRHS</li> </ul>
Wed 5/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress Up: Walking Yearbook Wednesday (white t-shirts kids sign all day)</li> <li>Senior Switch Day (seniors who sign up may play the role of a staff member for the day)</li> <li>Influential Educator Award Ceremony 6:00 pm (Class of 2023 Top Twenty)</li> </ul>
Thurs 5/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress Up: Look-a-like Thursday (twin or group themes)</li> <li>Vball Tourney @ Chestnut Square Park (4:30 to 6:30)</li> <li>Band's Big Show 7:00 pm (auditorium)</li> </ul>
Fri 5/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress Up: Surfers vs Bikers Friday</li> <li>Graduation walks @ Elementary Schools (need cap, gown, and tassel)</li> <li>Senior Slideshow, Razzies, Senior Beach Bash</li> </ul>

Please email [ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us) with questions.





# STUDENT LIFE



**CLICK ON THE AD TO PURCHASE TICKETS**  
**FOLLOW OUR THEATRE INSTAGRAM**  
**[CLICK HERE](#)**

TICKETS: \$10  
APRIL 20TH,  
27TH AND 28TH



MUSIC BY  
ALAN MENKEN  
BOOKS & LYRICS BY  
HOWARD ASHMAN

## LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS



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ROGER CORMAN

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CHARLES GRIFFITH

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# STUDENT LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Science National Honor Society will be having our next meeting Monday, April 3rd at 3:10 pm in E207D. We will be having elections for officers next year as well as discussing upcoming events and service hours opportunities. We hope to see everyone there!
- French club meeting on Monday, April 3rd.
- **Attention Sophomores and Juniors -**
- Order your PRHS Class Ring!! [Click on this video](#) from Josten's to order - or stop by the table during lunches on Tuesday 3/14. There are some catalog copies in the main office if you would like to see the selection in a catalog.
- Reminder that **yearbook applications** and teacher recommendations are due Thursday, April 6th
- Buy your **yearbooks** at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)
- **SENIORS - Remember to backup your google account** before you graduate if you have any material that you want to keep past graduation. Once the school year ends, your UCPS student google account is deleted and cannot be recovered.
- Attention, Seniors! Submissions for the **Senior Slideshow** are now open. Send us pics of high school, athletics, extracurriculars, friends, family, and baby pics! DM your submissions to our Instagram @prseniorslideshow23 or email your submissions to prseniorslideshow23@gmail.com. Submissions close April 30th.
- The **PRHS Disc Golf club** will be playing at Rob Wallace Park at 1 pm this Saturday.
- "The next **MHA-SAVES** meeting will be on Monday, April 3rd, from 3-4 in G114! We will be writing affirmation notes to put up around the school! Hope to see you there!"
- Thursday, April 6th, the **Film Club and Gaming Club** are holding a joint event celebrating the upcoming Mario Movie. In Mr. Boyles room G112 from 3:05 - 5:00 there will be consoles with a variety of iconic Mario games including Smash Brothers, Mario Kart, Mario Party, and more! There will also be pizza and cake, so bring your appetite, your love for Mario, and a spare controller if you'd like. All are welcome to attend."
- The **Dungeons and Dragons Club** meeting originally scheduled for April 6th has been moved to April 20th. Please see Mr. Boyles with any questions.
- The **GREATRACE** is next Tuesday! All teams should report to the cafeteria to sign-in between 6:00 and 6:15! Close-toed shoes only to compete in the race--no flip flops, sandals, or crocs. Team captains please check your email for updates and teasers for extra door prize entries! See Ms. Yearick in E107 with any questions! Good luck, racers!





# SENIOR SLIDESHOW



## Attention, Seniors!

Submit pictures for the Senior Slideshow!



Submit photos via Instagram  
@prseniorslideshow23 OR email  
to  
prseniorslideshow23@gmail.com

### What We're Looking For:

Baby Pictures

Throwbacks

School Events

Family & Friends

High School Life

Individual Senior Pics

Athletics

Extracurriculars



Due April 30th





# PIRATE PTO PAGE



[CLICK](#)  
[HERE TO](#)  
[JOIN THE](#)  
[PTO](#)

Our School Nurse is looking for donations for water, juice, snacks, and candies. . Please sign up if you can provide! You can send them in with your student or drop off at the front desk. [Click here](#) to see what is needed and volunteer.





# PIRATE ATHLETICS



For more information about PRHS Athletics  
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SCHEDULES

[GIRLS SOCCER](#)

[BASEBALL](#)

[SOFTBALL](#)

[GIRLS LACROSSE](#)

[BOYS LACROSSE](#)

[TRACK](#)

[BOYS TENNIS](#)

[BOYS GOLF](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR](#)

[HOME EVENT TICKETS](#)

All tickets are sold on this website  
or at the GATE by credit/debit card.

[CLICK ON THE IMAGE TO BUY SPIRIT WEAR!](#)



## PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB



### SPIRIT WEAR & FAN SHOP



**Delivery the week of 4/4  
for the last set of orders.  
Spirit wear on sale at some  
Spring athletic events!**







**MERCHANDISE PICK UP AVAILABLE 3  
WEEKS AFTER ONLINE STORE CLOSURE. YOU  
WILL BE NOTIFIED TO PICK UP AT THE  
SCHOOL OFFICE.**





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# THIS WEEK AT PORTER RIDGE

### 3

MONDAY

TENNIS  
@ EAST MECL  
4:00

LACROSSE  
@ WEDDINGTON  
(W) 5:30 (M) 7:00

BASEBALL  
VS MARVIN RIDGE  
JV (HOME) 4:30  
V (AWAY) 6:00

### 4

TUESDAY

TENNIS  
@ CUTHBERTSON  
4:00

MENS VOLLEYBALL  
@ CUTHBERTSON  
4:30  
BASEBALL

VS MARVIN RIDGE  
V(HOME) 4:30  
JV (AWAY) 4:30

SOFTBALL  
@ SUN VALLEY 5:00

### 5

WEDNESDAY

TRACE  
-HOPME MEET  
4:00

### 6

THURSDAY

TENNIS  
VS MARVIN RIDGE 4:00

BASBALL  
@ MARVIN RIDGE 4:30/7:00

SOCCER  
@ CUTHBERTSON  
5:30

SOFTBALL VS PIEDMONT  
4:30

LACROSSE VS SV  
w 5:30 /m 7:00

### 7

FRIDAY

NO EVENTS

#committed



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## RESULTS FROM THE PAST WEEK IN PIRATE ATHLETICS

		JV	VARSITY
3/24	BASEBALL VS PIEDMONT	W 20-1	W 7-4
	SOFTBALL VS CUTHBERTSON		W 20-1
	WLAX VS CUTHBERTSON		LOSS
	MLAX VS CUTHBERTSON		LOSS
	TENNIS VS WEDDINGTON		LOSS
3/25	BASEBALL VS MYERS PARK	L 6-7	
3/27	BASEBALL VS CUTHBERTSON	L 3-10	W 4-1
	MLAX VS MARVIN RIDGE		LOSS
	WLAX VS MARVIN RIDGE		LOSS
	SOCCER VS INDEPENDENCE		TIE 1-1
	TENNIS VS SUN VALLEY		W 8-1
3/30	BASEBALL VS CUTHBERTSON	L 3-5	W 8-6
	SOFTBALL VS MARVIN RIDGE	LOSS	L 2-7
	TENNIS VS BUTLER		WIN 5-4





# COUNSELING CENTER



## Who is your counselor?

**Ashley Lawson**- last names A-Cou  
[ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Tanisha Anderson**- last names Cov-Hek  
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**Bryan James** – last names Hel-Mc  
[bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Cassidy Jarrett**– last names Me-San  
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**Alexandra Green**– last names Sap-Z  
[alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us)

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. If you have any questions please feel free to send your counselor an email.

## “2023-2024 CTE Internship”

UCPS Career & Technical Education (CTE) Internship program provides students the opportunity for hands-on experience in areas of career interest prior to college or post-secondary training. Students can find the Internship application by going into their Major Clarity account and clicking on Work-Based Learning on the left-hand side.

### Application Deadlines

-Summer 2023 Internship – April 15<sup>th</sup>

-Fall 2023 Semester – May 1<sup>st</sup>

-Spring 2024 Semester – October 1<sup>st</sup>

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Webb at [sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us).

## **DON'T FORGET!**

**IF YOU ARE TAKING  
SPRING SPCC  
CLASSES:**

**TEXTBOOK RE-  
IMBURSEMENT  
FORMS ARE  
DUE BY MARCH  
24TH!**



**FORMS ARE AVAILABE IN THE FRONT OFFICE  
AND MUST BE TURNED INTO MS. GREEN**

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# Registration Information

## Porter Ridge High School



### Rising 10th-12th Grade Course Selection Timeline

#### Monday 2/20 - Curriculum Night 6:00 pm



- Current HS Families are invited to PRHS Auditorium for a presentation about HS Grad Requirements and Course Selection.

#### Thursday, 2/23 - Course Selection Info



- During Advisory, students will view the course selection process video.

#### Friday 2/24 - Friday, 3/10 Course Selection Period



- Students will enter course requests in Powerschool. The system will close on 3/10 at midnight.

#### Tuesday 2/21, Thursday 2/23, & Tuesday, 2/28

#### Q & A Sessions 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm



- PRHS Counselors and Teachers will be available to answer questions about courses and sequencing

#### 3/13 - 4/6 Counselors meet with students individually



- Counselors will send an email to parents and students-parents and students must approve the course requests or they will not be processed







# Internship and Opportunities

## Girls on the Run Volunteer Opportunity

Girls on the Run of Union Co. will be hosting our celebratory 5K event on Saturday, April 29th in Lake Park. We will be celebrating the Spring season of girls completing their session!

Please visit this link to sign up for various volunteer opportunities - including ones that are pre-event (such as bag assembly and packet pick up). As a reminder, all roles will qualify for volunteer hours!

**Event Date: Saturday, April 29th - 5K starts at 8 am**  
**Event location: The Village of Lake Park (3801 Lake Park Rd, Indian Trail, NC)**

[2023 Spring GOTR 5K Volunteer Sign Up](#)

## COLLEGE REP VISITS

March

31

UNC Pembroke

April

5

University of Mississippi

April

20

University of South Carolina

APR  
22  
2023



**MISS UNION  
COUNTY  
SCHOLARSHIP  
Pageant**

Union County Agricultural Center,  
Monroe  
0-24 years old

Mini Miss Pageant 1:00-4:00pm  
Miss Union County Pageant 6:00-9:00pm

For more information email us:  
missunioncountypageant@gmail.com or find us on  
Facebook/missunioncountypageant

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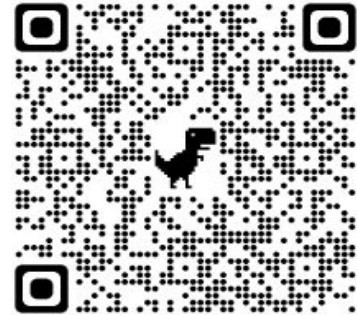


# SPCC & Military Academies

Want to take SPCC classes in high school?  
Want to get a jumpstart on your career?  
Confused about next steps after graduation?

**Let's Talk!**

Scan below to schedule a meeting:



**Shannon Minick**  
SPCC Career Coach  
sminick@spcc.edu

Do you want to take college classes while you are in high school that will transfer to NC colleges?

Do you have at least a 2.8 GPA?

## SPCC INFORMATION SESSION

April 5th during all lunches outside of the Auditorium

Can't make it but have questions?  
Email Ms. Minick at [sminick@spcc.edu](mailto:sminick@spcc.edu)

## U.S. Military Academies

If you're intending to apply to a military academy, there are some things you should start now: take the ASVAB and ACT or SAT, start thinking about nomination letters and how you'll make sure your representative knows you, write and get the pre-candidate questionnaires and candidate kits. Military academies, unlike most four year schools, really require that you start working on applications during your junior year.

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*United States Senator Thom Tillis*

## 2023 VIRTUAL U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY INFORMATION DAY

Please join Senator Thom Tillis to learn about post-high school graduation opportunities with the U.S. Service Academies, N.C. National Guard, and ROTC.



**April 15, 2023**  
**11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Please [click here](#) to register or visit [tillis.senate.gov/academy-nominations](https://tillis.senate.gov/academy-nominations). After registering you will be sent an email with additional information and instructions on how to join the webinar.

Please email [academynominations\\_tillis@tillis.senate.gov](mailto:academynominations_tillis@tillis.senate.gov) with questions.





# CLASS OF 2023 & COLLEGE ADVISER



**Porter Ridge Schedule:** Mondays, Tuesdays, and alternating Fridays

- National Decision Day is May 1st, so you do not need to submit any enrollment deposits until April 30th. You have plenty of time to tour schools, compare financial aid packages, and make your decision
- You have two excused absences for colleges visits and additional at principal discretion

## Important Links

[College Advising Website](#)

[Calendly for Meetings](#)

Instagram: @Pirates2College

[Calendar for Events and Deadlines](#)

11th Grade To Do:

- Fill out the [CFNC Next Steps form](#)

12th Grade To Do:

- [Apply to community colleges](#) on CFNC if that is your plan for next year
- As you receive answers, please make sure to update Scoir with the outcomes!
- **As you receive scholarship offers, please take a picture or screenshot of the offer and either email it to me or DM it to the @Pirates2College Instagram page.**
- Complete FAFSA if not yet done
- Apply to scholarships
  - [Scholarship Application Tracker](#)
  - [Pirate Scholarship Document](#)
  - [Ms. Schaeffer's Scholarships Page](#)



# SCHOLARSHIPS

As you learn about scholarships you've received, [please fill out this form](#) or send Ms. Schaeffer a picture of the letter!

## **Annie B. Cherry** \$1,000 | Due: April 1

Awarded to one student with an interest in pursuing higher learning and career goals with a demonstrated commitment to education and service. Look out for the application.

## **Waxhaw Women's Club** \$2,500-\$5,000 | Due: April 1

Seeking young women from the senior class of UCPS who plan to attend a 2- or 4-year college. [The application is HERE.](#)

## **UC Association of Educational Office Professionals** \$500 (3) | Due: April 3

- EOP Scholarship is open to seniors whose parent is a member of UCAEOP.
- Memorial Scholarship is open to all seniors who are children of UCPS employees.
- Billy Stegall Memorial Scholarship is open to all UCPS seniors.

[You can find the application HERE.](#) [There is also a Cover Sheet.](#)

## **Girls on the Run**

Did you know Girls on the Run Union County has a \$1000 college scholarship that Girls on the Run alumni can apply for? Any girl who participated in Girls on the Run in Union County and will enter college in the fall of 2023 is eligible to apply. **The application deadline is April 8th.** Visit [the GOTR website](#) for more info.

## **ADK Future Teacher** \$1,000 | Due: mid-April

Pi Chapter of ADK Teacher Organization offers a scholarship to a qualified senior female planning to major in education. Look out for the application.

## **Rosa L. Posten and Jeanette B. Sherrod** \$1,000 | Due: mid-April

Eligibility:

- A young African-American 12th grade women scheduled to graduate in the spring of the current year.
- accepted to at least one accredited four-year college/university with leadership potential as evidenced by her school and community activities.

[You can find the application HERE.](#)

## **Charlotte Knights** \$1,000 | Due: April 24

Eligibility:

- GPA of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale
- Minimum SAT score of 1200 SAT score or 26 ACT score
- Member of at least one (1) sports team at your high school or other extracurricular activity
- Heavy involvement in the community or multiple hours of volunteer experience
- Various scholarships available, including for STEM, education, and healthcare

[You can find the applications HERE.](#)

## **UC Extension Master Gardener** \$1,000 | Due: May 1

This award will be based on academic standing, student personal statement, and one teacher/counselor recommendation. Student statements should explain why the student deserves this scholarship, their educational goals, and what they plan to do with their degree. [You can find the application HERE.](#)





# UC Job Fair & CC College Visit

## Cabarrus College of Health Sciences

81 years | **LEADING EDUCATION CARING**

Campus Visit Day – Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 2 pm

Please click on the link below to register.

[Select a Date & Time - Calendly](#)

UNION COUNTY

## JOB FAIR

Wednesday, May 17

9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Union County Agricultural & Conference Center  
3230-D Presson Road Monroe, NC 28112

- CONNECT WITH LOCAL EMPLOYERS
- DISCOVER STAFFING AGENCIES
- TRANSLATORS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONSITE
- BUSINESS ATTIRE RECOMMENDED

Need a resume or help to prepare for the job fair? SPCC offers tuition-waived classes for individuals that are unemployed or underemployed.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



Contact:

Kristi Phifer

704-290-5216

[kphifer@spcc.edu](mailto:kphifer@spcc.edu)

## CAMPUS VISIT DAY

Saturday, March 25 | 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sessions begin every 45 minutes

Scan QR Code  
TO REGISTER NOW!

## CAREERS START AT CABARRUS COLLEGE

Join us to learn about our 16 degrees in 10 health science disciplines.

- Drop-in format with sessions beginning every 45 minutes
- Tour our state-of-the-art facility
- Meet our faculty
- Connect with current students in your program of interest
- Learn how our generous scholarships, loans and financial aid keep your costs low

Register now. We can't wait to meet you!



[CabarrusCollege.edu](http://CabarrusCollege.edu)  
[Admissions@CabarrusCollege.edu](mailto:Admissions@CabarrusCollege.edu)  
704-403-1555



*We are Healthcare Education.*



## SCHOLARSHIP

Are you?

- Attending a 4-year university this fall?
- Majoring in botany, environmental studies, forestry, landscape architecture, horticulture, crop sciences, local foods, animal husbandry or related fields?
- A resident of Union County, NC?
- Attending a high school in Union County, NC and maintaining a 3.0 GPA?

For more information and an application form, enter this URL into your browser:

<https://union.ces.ncsu.edu/2022/03/ucemgva-scholarship/>  
**Scholarship Application Deadline is April 1.** Winner will be notified by May 1.

**NC STATE** EXTENSION

Master Gardener | Union County  
Volunteer Association

VISIT



# Next Stop Teach UCPS

## NEXT STOP TEACH UCPS

Want to become **a teacher?**  
**Start your journey right** now in high school!

- Three pathways are offered
- Earn an Associate's Degree from SPCC at no cost
- Attend Wingate University to earn a Bachelor's Degree
- Earn a Gateway to Wingate Scholarship - Students pay no more than \$2,500 per year
- Participate in apprenticeship and internship programs, professional development and student teaching opportunities
- Become a certified teacher within four years after high school

When I enrolled in the Teaching as a Profession class, I expected to learn the basics of how to be a teacher. In other words, I anticipated purely learning how to share information with others, the process of grading tests, finding worksheets, and other responsibilities of a teacher. I learned so much more in this class than I ever had in mind. I gained new insight on how different ages of children act, how to curate a classroom that is inclusive, how each student has a unique learning style, and that a classroom is made up of several different parts, not just the academic instruction.

*- Mia Anderson*

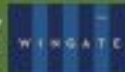
Senior, Waddington High



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR  
TO REGISTER FOR THE ACADEMY



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# Next Stop Teach UCPS

## Want to become a **teacher?** Start your journey right now in high school!

Union County Public Schools recently launched Next Stop: TeachUCPS, a teacher pipeline program for high school students. Through an innovative partnership with South Piedmont Community College (SPCC) and Wingate University, UCPS is growing its own teachers and providing a roadmap that removes financial barriers for pursuing a teaching license.

### ASSOCIATE'S PATHWAY

- Available to all UCPS high school students
- High school diploma and Associate's Degree from SPCC upon exiting high school
- Gateway to Wingate Scholarship
- Classroom teacher in 2 years after high graduation

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**COST:**

Associate's Degree – Zero Tuition

Gateway to Wingate Scholarship – No more than \$2,500 per year

### TRADITIONAL PATHWAY

#### PRE- APPRENTICE PATHWAY

- CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024
- Register as UCPS Teacher Preparation Pre-Apprentice
- Earn a high school diploma then to SPCC up to 2 years as a UCPS Apprentice while working as a UCPS Teacher Assistant
- Gateway to Wingate Scholarship
- Classroom teacher 2-4 years after high school graduation

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**COST:**

Associate's Degree – Zero Tuition

Gateway to Wingate Scholarship – No more than \$2,500 per year

#### UNIVERSITY PATHWAY

- CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024
- Complete the 3 Teaching as a Profession courses
- High school diploma
- May transfer up to 7 credits directly to a 4-year university
- Classroom teacher 4 years after high school graduation

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**COST:**

Student incurs cost

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q. If a student is enrolled in the Pre-Apprentice or Traditional Pathway, do they have to transfer to Weddington High School or Porter Ridge High School?  
A. No, students will stay at their home school and travel to take the Teaching as a Profession courses at either Weddington High School or Porter Ridge High School. Please see your Career Development Coordinator for information about transportation.
- Q. Is there a fee for this program?  
A. Under Next Stop: TeachUCPS, tuition fees are covered. The program does not fully cover additional fees.
- Q. If a student is enrolled in the Pre-Apprentice or Traditional Pathway, can they still participate in the Career and College Promise program?  
A. Yes, students have the opportunity to take community college courses through Career and College Promise while in the program.
- Q. Will the CTE Teaching as a Profession Pathway be expanded to other high schools?  
A. This will be reviewed annually and program expansion will be based on student interest and available funding.
- Q. How can I learn more about TeachUCPS and apply?  
A. Talk to the Career Development Coordinator at your school or visit [ucps.k12.nc.us](http://ucps.k12.nc.us) and click on: Academics – High School Education – NextStop: TeachUCPS



# UPCS OPPORTUNITIES & SAT/ACT PREP



## "Academy Pathway Applications for 2023-2024"

Academy applications for the 2023-2024 school year are now open. To learn more about the academies UCPS has to offer and for the application, please visit the UCPS Career Readiness (<https://ucpscte.org/>) page on the UCPS website or see your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb in guidance. To apply for an academy please visit <https://bit.ly/3YOWzxM>.

\*The application for Nurse Aide MUST be completed by Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Any application submitted after the deadline will be added to the waitlist.

\*The application for Cosmetology MUST be completed by Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Any application submitted after the deadline will be added to the waitlist.



**UCPS**  
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# Summer

CAMPAMENTOS DE ACELERACION DE CARRERA

Estás buscando actividades de verano GRATUITAS, divertidas y atractivas para tu estudiante de la escuela intermedia y secundaria? Las Escuelas Públicas del Condado Unión ofrecen más de 30 campamentos de Educación Profesional y Técnica que expondrán a los estudiantes a una variedad de carreras y les brindará experiencias prácticas. Las opciones del campamento incluyen Ingeniería, agricultura, diseño de juegos, robótica, producción musical, culinaria, finanzas, servicio automotriz y ciencias de la salud.

**DETALLES:**

**CUANDO:** Los campamentos son semanales en junio y julio  
**DONDE:** Varias escuelas intermedias y secundarias  
**COSTO:** Sin costo para las familias  
**COMIDAS:** Se proporcionará almuerzo  
**TRANSPORTACION:** No se proporciona transporte

— Información adicional e inscripción: Fecha límite para aplicar: 14 de mayo  
<https://ucpscte.org/summer-camps/>




**UCPS**  
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# Summer

CAREER ACCELERATOR CAMPS

Are you looking for FREE, fun and engaging summer activities for your middle or high school student? Union County Public Schools is offering more than 30 Career and Technical Education camps that will expose students to a variety of careers and provide hands-on experiences. Camp options include engineering, agriculture, game design, robotics, music production, culinary, finance, automotive service and health science.

**DETAILS:**

**WHEN:** Camps are weekly in June and July  
**WHERE:** Various middle and high schools  
**COST:** No cost for families  
**MEALS:** Lunch will be provided  
**TRANSPORTATION:** Transportation is not provided

Additional information and registration:  
 Application deadline is May 14  
<https://ucpscte.org/summer-camps/>



Join PRHS ACT Prep  
Go to the Albert App on your Student StartUp page to join the class!

**X47XHX8YU4C5**

Don't miss out on the chance to use the above code to improve your ACT scores!

Students:

1. Visit "www.albert.io/classes".
2. Click "Join Class" and enter the code above.

Join PRHS SAT Prep  
Go to the Albert App on your Student StartUp page to join the class!

**5N86BRCPA796**

Don't miss out on the opportunity to use the above code to improve your SAT scores

Students:

1. Visit "www.albert.io/classes".
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**PRE-APPRENTICESHIPS**

GET PAID TO GO TO COLLEGE WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL!  
GET COLLEGE & HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT AT THE SAME TIME!

**WANT MORE INFORMATION?**  
March 30, 2023  
6:00pm

**GREINER BIO-ONE**  
4238 Capitol Dr.  
Monroe, NC 28110

YOU CAN ALSO SEE YOUR CAREER DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR FOR MORE INFORMATION






# CAREER & COLLEGE PROMISE, PARENT INFORMATION



## SPCC CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE INFORMATION SESSION

*Join us for an information session about  
Career and College Promise (CCP) program at SPCC.*

### Topics covered:

- Pathways
- Eligibility
- Steps to Enrollment
- Career Coach vs. High School Counselor
- SPCC Technology
- Course Load
- Course Instructional Formats
- Accommodations
- Benefits of CCP
- and more

**DATES**  
 August 23, 2022  
 September 13, 2022  
 October 11, 2022  
 November 8, 2022  
 January 17, 2023  
 February 14, 2023  
 March 14, 2023  
 April 11, 2023

All info sessions begin at 6 PM.  
(Virtual Microsoft Teams Sessions)

### HOW TO ATTEND?

Simply click the link below to join:  
**Microsoft Teams meeting**  
Join on your computer or mobile app  
[CLICK HERE](#)

### CONTACT INFO

For more information, please  
contact Secondary Education  
Partnerships at [sep@spcc.edu](mailto:sep@spcc.edu) or  
704.290.5090



## COMMERCIAL FOOD POLICY AT PRHS

- The school will not accept commercial food items delivered to students during school hours. Students may either bring lunch from home, or may purchase lunch from the PRHS cafe.
- **Students are not to have commercial food delivered to school. Orders will be refused at the purchaser's expense.**

Parent Toolkit for Working with youth on the prevention of vaping and the use of e-cigarettes.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Students: STOP VAPING!

It's against UCPS rules, but most of all its not healthy! It is against YOU!







# ISSUES WITH CHROMEBOOKS, MAJOR CLARITY & CANVAS PARENT & POWER SCHOOL



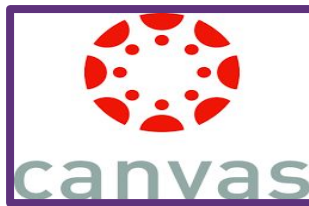
PowerSchool Parent Portal to keep up with attendance and grades.

[Click here](#) for information.



Parents Be a Canvas Observer

[Click here](#) for instructions



## "Major Clarity"

UCPS continues to utilize a program called Major Clarity for career resources. All Porter Ridge High School students have a Major Clarity account and they can access it by going to the UCPS High School Student Start Up page and click on their NCEdCloud IAM Clever title to login. Students will then click on the Clever tile. Click on Student & Teacher Log in with NCEdCloud and scroll down until they see More apps and select the Major Clarity tile. Once they are in their Major Clarity account, on the left hand side they can select assessments and take the Personality Assessment & Learning Styles Assessment. After the student takes the Personality Assessment, back on the left side they can click Career Exploration and either search for what they would like to see or if they scroll down, they will see careers that have a Fit Score and click on them to learn more about each career. Below are screenshots as well. Another resource in Major Clarity students can earn Micro-Credentials. Micro-Credentials can be received after students complete a mini course. These credentials can help students take the next step in their career discovery and help them stand-out by earning subject matter micro-credentials, built in partnership with leading employers and educational institutions. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email Ms. Webb at [sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us).

## GOT CHROMEBOOK ISSUES?

Location: D105 inside Media Center; Who: Mr. Walden or Ms. Snelson; [students can email jason.walden@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jason.walden@ucps.k12.nc.us) for support - Teachers can contact via MS Teams

**Tech Times: Monday -Wednesday -Friday Mr. Walden is here 7:45 - 11:30 am.**

**Tues and Thurs he is here 12:30pm - 3:00pm.**

Teachers and students STILL always have to put in a ticket also.

Before or after these times Ms. Snelson can help with the following: reconnecting to the wifi; resetting NC ED Cloud passwords; damaged computers- she can replace as long as she has computers available

\*\*Students should put in a help desk ticket the icon can be found on the student start-up page. It is a big red button in the last row.



# INFORMATION PORTAL



## Important Links

[School Forms- CLICK HERE](#)

[School Health and Safety Information- CLICK HERE](#)

[School Technology How to Page- CLICK HERE](#)

[Visitor on Campus Information- CLICK HERE](#)

[Transportation Information- CLICK HERE](#)

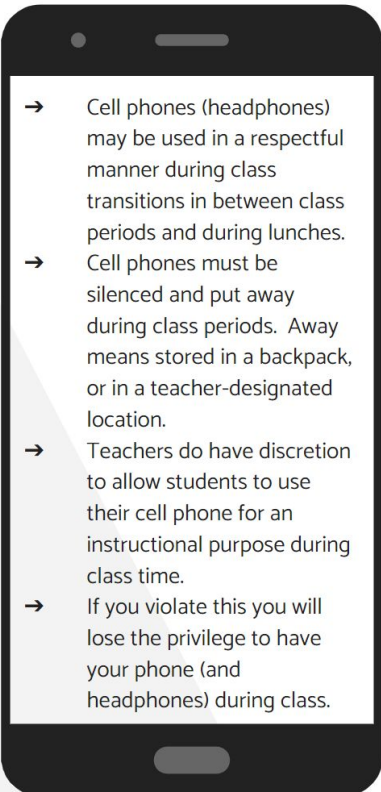
[Transportation information](#) can be found on the [UCPS Transportation pages](#).

The school system is using a **NEW app** this year to track your bus. Please see the flyer below: Video on how to install the app: [CLICK HERE](#)

For directions on **how to install** this Real-time bus app on your phone [please follow this link](#). There is a great video for your reference here.

## [Click here for the PRHS Student Handbook](#)

for the Tardy Policy, Dress Code, & Attendance Requirements



## School Nutrition Prices

**If you feel your family may qualify for free or reduced meals**, UCPS encourages parents to complete the [meal application](#) (click here)

Click [here](#) for more information on meal prices.

Click [here](#) to set up an account to **make payments** and monitor your child's lunch account.

If you have questions or need a paper copy of the application, please contact School Nutrition at 704-296-3000

## STUDENT ABSENCES

- Students must turn in absence excuse notes to the Attendance Counselor **BEFORE** the start of the school day.
- Students are allowed **FIVE school** days after the end of an absence to bring a parent/ doctor note to document the reason for the absence. A parent note must be signed by a parent or guardian with a work and home telephone number for further clarification. An absence will be recorded as unexcused until the parent/ doctor note is submitted.
- After **FIVE** days the absence is recorded as **unexcused/unlawful**. Doctor/Medical notes may be considered after this in special cases. Parent notes will not be accepted after five days.
- All parent notes are subject to review and may result in a required parent-administration meeting in order to be considered.



# PIRATE PORTS OF INFORMATION



## Ports of Information for Pirates:

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