



Pirate PRESS

Dear Pirate Community,

Special thanks to our Umoja Club for providing a Celebration of Culture display during Black History Month for students in the cafeteria. Awesome involvement in promoting diversity! **Congratulations** to our Wrestlers who were in the State 4A Wrestling Tournament last week: Alex Gallagher was highly successful in the State competition. Jack Arnett advanced to consolation quarter final level. Joseph Coble medalled with a 6th in the State - way to go and Drew Dickson medaled at 2nd in the states for his weight class. Way to go!! Get excited for some music on Monday night at 7:00 for our Band Outreach Concert! Student Council is proud to present our Team Trivia Night that starts on Monday at 5:30 in our cafe.

On Tuesday February 26th **Ms. Minnie Jean Brown Trickey of the Little Rock Nine** will be coming to speak to Porter Ridge HS students. In preparation for this event students watched a video describing the historical and societal events at this time and created questions for our assembly this Tuesday. Sophomores will be in the auditorium and the rest of our student body will be watching from their second period classes. We are excited for our whole school to enjoy this opportunity. Next week is **Pirate Palooza where the entire student body is encouraged to really showcase their school spirit**. Gatorball is Wednesday and Color Run Sunday. Show your spirit by participating in the dress up days! Wear your best red, white and blue on America Monday, followed by Fashion Disaster Tuesday. See the website for all student spirit days.

The Counseling Department continued the **registration process** with a sophomore assembly to provide information about High School Registration. This week we will speak with juniors. Ms. Ponder covered **curriculum and graduation requirements**. Dr. Fisenne will lead a Curriculum Night Presentation for all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students on **March 11th**. Please save the date to hear about offerings such as **Advanced Placement** courses, College Prep and Honors classes, PR Pathways that focus on careers for all students, Academies at PR, and opportunities for community college courses. Students will get official registration process paperwork and access the week of **March 6th** and choices are due March 15th. Stay tuned to the Pirate Press for all the details as we go through the registration process.

Prom tickets are on sale now. Tickets are **\$70 for Juniors and \$60 for Seniors**. They can be purchased in the cafeteria during all lunches. The PR Prom is Saturday, April 13th. Our **Porter Ridge Athletic Booster Club** works so hard to support the PR Athletic Program. They are once again cooking and hosting the **Annual PR Athletic BBQ on Friday March 8th from 11-6!** Spring athletes have tickets to sell for an \$8 plate or 3 sandwiches with chips. For \$10 you can purchase a pound of Q. Any companies with 10 orders or more should contact our Athletic Director Thompson (ina.thompson@ucps.k12.nc.us) to arrange for lunchtime deliveries. Congratulations to all spring athletes as we kick off the spring season. Please see calendar for upcoming games and follow us on facebook and twitter so that you can keep on top of any schedule changes due to our spring weather.

Please take time to read over this newsletter. These newsletters allow our whole community to know about the great things our children and teachers are doing here at Porter Ridge High School. The Pirate Press, in addition to our website, facebook, and twitter, is the main form of communication from school to home. Go Pirates!!! Dr. Fisenne





School Counseling

Counselors presented registration overview information to 9th and 10th grades and will present to 11th grade this week. Counselors continue to meet with Juniors one on one to discuss scheduling.

Charlotte National College Fair on Sunday, March 17th

The Park Expo Center in Charlotte

For more information go to <https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national-college-fairs/charlotte-college-fair/>

Seniors and Scholarships! Keep researching. Keep applying.

Parents of seniors, here is the presentation counselors gave to your students about scholarships. Your student can view this through their school Google account.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Mt1wSgl8_tUMlrZ_qsnYMHnt1ygEoHdQujl7vEppC_4/edit#slide=id.p

If you have questions, please contact your school counselor. Please let Ms. Ponder in counseling know if you have received a scholarship.

Counselor concerns: Counselors have ongoing concerns about student's vaping and over-using technology. Here are some parent resources on both topics for consideration.

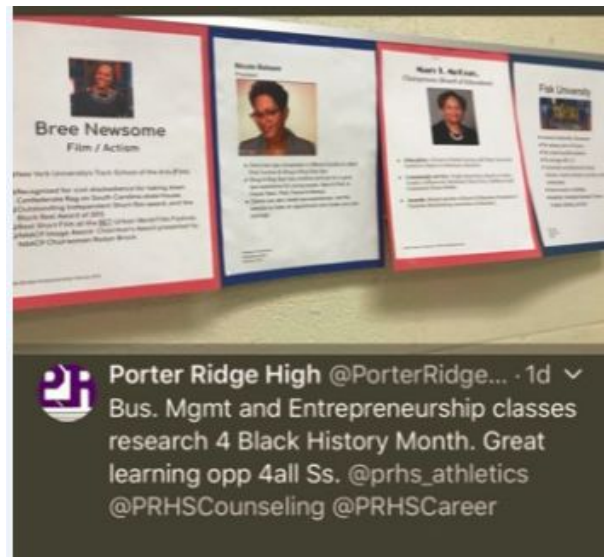
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/18/health/vaping-nicotine-teenagers.html>

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/more-feeling/201712/can-t-fight-feeling-technology-and-teen-anxiety>

Updated transcripts are now available. If you have applied to a school that requires a mid-year report you can now go in and make the request for the transcript to be sent. ***ONLY MAKE A REQUEST FOR SCHOOLS THAT REQUIRE A MID-YEAR TRANSCRIPT TO BE SENT***

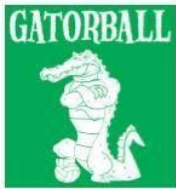
Scholarship season is upon us!! Check your emails regularly. **Every Monday** Ms. Burgess will be sending out the Scholarship Spotlight which will detail 1-2 scholarships. The email will also have the link to her updated Scholarship List for other scholarships. To access the list now click [here](#). The list is continuously updated when new information is received.

Current Sophomore & Juniors: Are you interested in taking **Career and College Promise Courses** through SPCC next school year? The counselors will be having an interest meeting very soon. Use [this](#) link to sign up for the meeting. Details to follow.





The Porter Ridge Student Council Proudly Presents...



Piratepalaza 2019



Color Run Sat. 3/2 9:00am

DRESS-UP DAYS

FEB 25TH - MARCH 1ST

'Merica Monday



Team Trivia @
5:37pm in the
Cafeteria
Free to Play!

Fashion Disaster

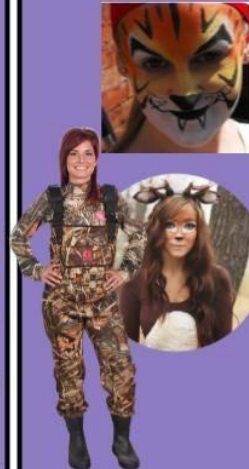


Jersey Day



Gatorball is after
school @ 6:00pm
Tickets are \$1

Hunter Vs Hunted



Rockers, Rappers & Country



Lip Sync Battle held
during 4th Block
\$1 to Watch



Huntington Learning Center-Weddington is partnering with UCPS to provide our students with test taking tips and tricks for the ACT and SAT. Students who attend earn participation points toward their school's #UCPSCollegeReady goal!

UCPS will be administering the ACT and SAT to all juniors for free.

- UCPS ACT administration date: February 20, 2019
- UCPS SAT administration date: April 9, 2019

Date	Time	Location	Registration Link	Test(s) Addressed
Saturday, November 17, 2018	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	CATA 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112	SOLD OUT	SAT & ACT
Saturday, February 16, 2019	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	CATA 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112	http://bit.ly/blitz2-16-19	ACT
Saturday, April 6, 2019	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Porter Ridge High 2839 Ridge Road Indian Trail, NC 28079	http://bit.ly/blitz4-6-19	SAT



Feb. 19 (4:00 p.m.) — **Black Comic Book Heroes** (Griffin Room, Monroe Library) Professional artist, John Hairston, Jr., will discuss the depiction of black super heroes as a reflection of popular culture and history. A mini workshop with art tips will follow. Ages: 8+

Feb. 23 (2:00 p.m.) — **Finding Once Enslaved Ancestors in the 1870 Census: A Genealogy Internet Workshop (STEAM Lab, Monroe Library)** This internet class will use a variety of databases including Ancestry.com Library Edition, in searching for formerly enslaved persons on the 1870 census. Must be comfortable using a computer and mouse. Registration required. Call 704-283-8184 x5236 or email: UCPL.genealogy@unioncountync.gov.

Feb. 23 (2:00 p.m.) — **Movie Showing: *Black Panther*** (Union West Library / Indian Trail) Join us as we watch Marvel Studios' *Black Panther* in honor of Black History Month. Feel free to bring a pillow or blanket to get comfy in the program room. Popcorn provided! Film is rated PG-13.

Displays and More! (February 1-28)

- All Libraries: Themed book displays
- All Libraries: Curated Brochure of African American movie downloads—available through digital content provider Hoopla. Access is available with a valid library card.
- Edwards Memorial/ Marshville: Modeling Greatness—biographical poster display featuring notable African Americans.
- Monroe Library: Artwork of Amun Ra Arts, featuring Ryan Emil Cureton—showcased in the Alcove Gallery and the Griffin Room.
- Monroe Library, Display Case: Little Known Firsts—Copies of articles and images illustrating little known "firsts" from our local black community.
- Union West/Indian Trail: The African American Experience — brochure featuring books pertaining to the African American experience.
- Waxhaw: Prominent Black Female Judges in American History—poster display.

Union County Public Library

Monroe Library (Main)
316 E. Windsor St.
Monroe, NC 28112
704-283-8184

Edwards Memorial Library
414 Hasty St
Marshville, NC 28103
704-624-2828

Union West Regional Library
123 Unionville-Indian Trail Rd
Indian Trail, NC 28079
704-821-7475

Waxhaw Library
509 South Providence
Waxhaw, NC 28173
704-843-3131

www.unioncountync.gov/library

Black History Month 2019

Events and Displays at
Union County Public Library

Artwork courtesy of Ryan Emil Cureton

PUBLIC LIBRARY
UNION COUNTY
Monroe • Indian Trail
Marshville • Waxhaw
www.unioncountync.gov/library

Library Programs

Feb. 2 (1:30 p.m.) — **Oral History: Interviewing & Composing a Compelling Family Narrative** (Hunley Room, Monroe Library) Learn tips on oral history, as well as how to craft those stories, from Gene Stowe, former newspaper journalist and author of *Inherit The Land*. Workshop lasts approximately 2 hours. Reservations advised. Contact Patricia at 704-283-8184 ext. 5236 or Patricia.Poland@unioncountync.gov.

Feb. 2 (6:00 p.m.) — **Black History Month Art Reception** (Griffin Room, Monroe Library) Come get the first look at the Black History Art Display from Amun Ra Arts featuring Ryan Emil Cureton. Please use the Meeting Room entrance for this after-hours event.

Feb. 9 (1:30 p.m.) — **Bright Star Theatre Presents: Black History Hall of Fame** (Griffin Room, Monroe Library) You will be introduced to over a dozen groundbreakers and hall-of-famers that have largely contributed to shaping our nation's past, present, and future. For ages 5+

Feb. 9 (3:30 p.m.) — **Bright Star Theatre Presents: George Washington Carver and Friends** (Union West Library / Indian Trail) Incredible groundbreakers in Black History brought to life! For grades Pre-K through 5th and their families.

Feb. 10 (2:00 p.m.) — **Political Pioneers: NC African American Congressmen from the Reconstruction Era** (Griffin Room, Monroe Library) Learn about local history as Professor Jayson N. Gardner of Livingstone College discusses North Carolina African American Congressmen of the Reconstruction Era.

Feb. 13 (5:30 p.m.) — **Capoeira and its African Roots** (Griffin Room, Monroe Library) Ransom "Doc" Hall will discuss the history of Capoeira dating back to its African roots. There will be a presentation of this beautiful martial art form followed by audience participation.

Feb. 15 (3:30 p.m.) — **Family Movie: *Fences*** (Edwards Memorial Library / Marshville) A working-class African-American father tries to raise his family in the 1950s, while coming to terms with the events of his life. Film is rated PG-13.

FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

Event Color Key: Monroe Library (Green), Edwards Memorial (Red), Union West Regional (Blue)

1:30 Oral History (Sat 9)
 6:00 Art Reception (Sat 9)
 1:30 Bright Star (Thu 7)
 3:30 Bright Star (Thu 7)
 3:30 Fences Movie Showing (Fri 15)
 2:00 Finding Once Enslaved Ancestors (Sat 23)
 2:00 Black Panther Movie Showing (Sat 23)
 4:00 Political Pioneers (Sun 10)
 5:30 Capoeira (Wed 13)
 4:00 Black Comic Book Heroes (Tue 18)

For more information please contact Gypsy at 704-283-8184 ext. 5245 or gypsy.houston@unioncountync.gov.



AP SOCIAL STUDIES MOCK EXAMS

WHEN

April 6th, 2019
Doors open at **8:00 am**
Exams start at **8:30 am**
Ends when you finish

WHERE

UCPS Professional Development Center
721 Brewer Dr., Monroe, NC 28112
(Next to CATA)

REGISTER HERE:

bit.ly/SSAP2019

SUBJECTS

AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

AP PSYCHOLOGY

AP UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

AP UNITED STATES HISTORY

AP WORLD HISTORY

PLEASE BRING:

- #2 Pencils
- Blue/black ink pens
- Water & Snack

QUESTIONS?

Contact Jeff Schneider @ jeffrey.schneider@ucps.k12.nc.us

UCPS
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Growing Possibilities...

AP English Mock Exams!

AP Literature! AP Language!

Register Here: bit.ly/19APmock
March 23rd 2019

Student registration begins at 8:00am Sharp! Test ends around 12:30pm

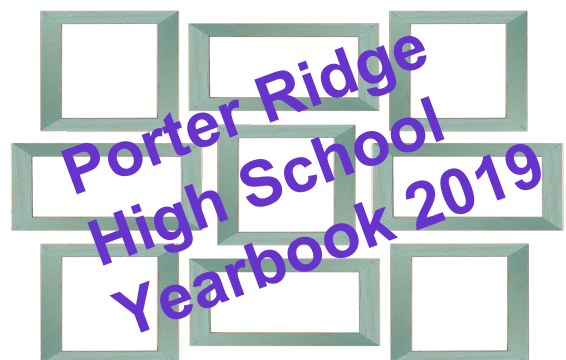
Porter Ridge High School - 2839 Ridge Road, Indian Trail, NC 28079

Questions? Email: tylerbeard@ucps.k12.nc.us

Please bring:

- Blue or black ink pens.
- Water/ Snacks
- No. 2 Pencils!

Yearbooks -- \$80. Prices will increase. You can order yearbooks online (www.jostens.com) by clicking below or get an order form from Ms. Watson in G205. **Senior Yearbook Ads are on sale now to be featured in the yearbook.** Order forms are available in the front office, in Ms. Watson's room (G205), and online @ (www.Jostens.com).





Announcements

- Students, the 3rd annual **PRHS Color Run** is coming up! The race will take place on **March 2nd** at 9 a.m.
- Charlotte National College Fair will be on Sunday, March 17th at The Park Expo Center in Charlotte For more information go to <https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national-college-fairs/charlotte-college-fair/>
- **AP English Mock Exam** . March 23rd.
- **THE GREAT RACE** is back and better than ever! **Thursday, April 11th at 6:00**. Mark your calendars!!! For those of you not familiar with **THE GREAT RACE**, click here for a little synopsis: Goo.gl/KduCJV
- Do you belong to or coach a sport? Do you belong to or sponsor a club? Stop by the tables during all lunches to purchase a **spirit pin** from our TTA classes. **Lollipops, bath fizzies, and lanyards** are also available for purchase. Bath fizzies come in a variety of scents such as lavender, eucalyptus, jasmine, rose, rosemary and peppermint. Ask about our Porter Ridge and Holiday gift sets! Place your orders today!
- **Yearbooks** are now on sale for **\$80**. This is your last chance to get yearbooks at a reduced price before they increase again. Take advantage of the early bird savings! To order, visit Jostens.com or see Ms. Watson in G205 for an order form.
- **NC State University's Youth Engineering Summer Camp** Are you creative or interested in Engineering? If so, NC State University College of Engineering will be running a summer camp in Roger's Hall at Queens University of Charlotte this summer. Camp registration is now open and will stay open until all spots are filled. To enroll for the camp please visit www.engineeringcampcharlotte.com.
- FBLA will be collecting books for the **annual book madness literacy drive**. You can bring in any used or new books to room F100. These books should be for elementary school students. The drive will be held now until February 27th.
- Bonjour French students past and present! If you would like to expand or revise your vocabulary through games and songs while learning about culture join the French Club Tuesday, February 26th from 3 to 4pm in room F108.
- Ladies, are you looking to sell or donate gently used dresses in preparation for prom? Want to buy a dress from a fellow pirate? Please follow the Porter Ridge Instagram [@pirate.prom](https://www.instagram.com/pirate.prom) and directly send a message to our team with a photo of your dress, the size and color, and if you are donating the dress or if you plan to sell with the price. Please bring any donated dresses to Ms. Lukasik in room G211 by March 8th.

Porter Ridge Career Pathways:

PRHS has a host of **career pathways** that support students as they select their courses throughout their high school years. Each of these pathways includes careers students can explore and related courses offered at PR. These pathways assist students in choosing courses as they prepare for future studies and the workforce.

Pathways at Porter Ridge

High School include: JROTC, Animal Science, Architect, Arts, Business Management, Culinary, Digital Media, Education, Engineering, Finance, Health Science, Law & Public Safety, and Liberal Arts.

Academies include:

Culinary Arts
 Veterinary Assisting
 Pharmacy Technician
 Architecture, Eng. & Design
 Digital Film

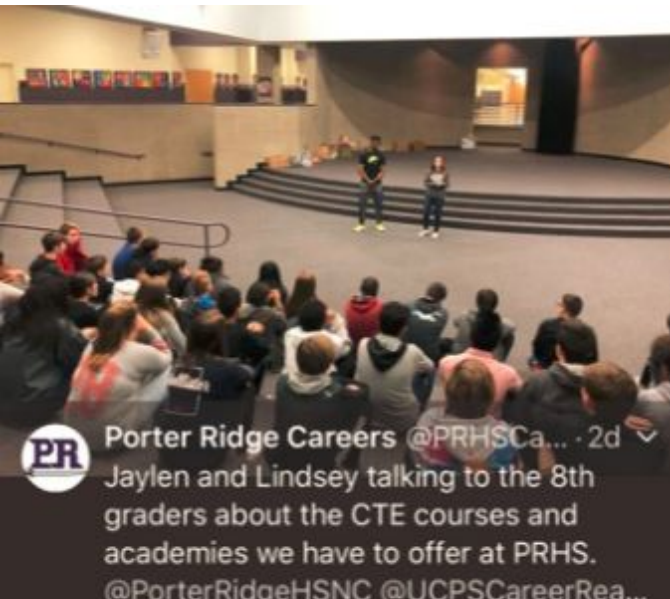
[Click here for more info ==>](#)

Animal Science



[Click for More Information](#)

Pathway Courses	Related PR Courses	College Level Courses
<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Science I <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Science II - Small Animals <input type="checkbox"/> Equine Science I <input type="checkbox"/> Equine Science II <input type="checkbox"/> Vet Assisting <input type="checkbox"/> CTE Internship	<input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy & Physiology <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Science <input type="checkbox"/> Health Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> AP Biology <input type="checkbox"/> AP Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> CCP Animal Science <input type="checkbox"/> CCP Farm Business Mgmt





Athletics

Wed 2/27	Soccer vs AK HOME 6:00; Softball @ Piedmont HS 5:30
Thurs 2/28	JV Baseball @CharChristian; V Baseball ; Women's Lax @ IHS 5:00, Men's Lax at IHS 7:00
Fri 3/1	Baseball AT South Meck 6:30; Women's Soccer AT SV 6:00; Softball vs Catholic AT Jack Hughes Park 5:00
Mon 3/4	Softball AT CATA 4:00; Tennis AT East Meck 4:00; Men's LAX vs Providence 5:30; Winter Sports Awards Night 6:30
Tue 3/5	Baseball AT East Meck 4:30; Softball AT East Meck 4:00; Soccer vs Hopewell 4:30
Wed 3/6	Baseball vs Country Day 4:30; Soccer vs JMR 4:30; Women's LAX AT Sun Valley 5:00
Thu 3/7	Men's LAX vs Myers park 5:30
Fri 3/8	Softball vs Butler 4:00; Soccer AT Providence 4:30; Baseball vs East Meck 4:30; Women's LAX vs Myers Park 5:00

Pirate Events

Mon 2/25	GSA Meeting F108 3:00; Band Outreach Concert Auditorium 5:30; Team Trivia Showdown Cafeteria 5:30
Tue 2/26	Government Studies Club F106 7:30; NHS Meeting Auditorium 7:30; Guest speaker Minnijean Brown Trickey Auditorium
Wed 2/27	Graphic Design Club E105 3:00; Spanish Club F105 3:15; Gatorball Tourney both Gyms 6:00
Thu 2/28	Gaming Club Meeting E102 3:00
Fri 3/1	Lip Sync Battle Auditorium 1:30
Mon 3/4	FCCLA D101 3:00
Tue 3/5	Robotics Club G104 3:00
Wed 3/6	Spanish Club F102 3:15
Thu 3/7	Gaming Club E102 3:00



PRHS Academy Spotlight ~ Pharmacy Tech

The Pharmacy Tech academy offered at Porter Ridge prepares students for the growing pharmaceutical industry by providing them with the clinical and business skills needed to work successfully alongside pharmacists and physicians. Pharmacy Technicians play a very critical role in pharmacies and healthcare organizations by handling prescriptions and medication orders, as well as, provide assistance to licensed pharmacists. Students may pursue rewarding careers in a variety of settings, including hospitals, retail pharmacies, nursing homes, pharmaceutical companies and wholesalers, and the federal government.

Upon successful completion of the Pharmacy Tech course and after graduation, students are eligible to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) exam.



Don't forget about the many other pathways offered at PRHS, as Pharmacy Tech is just one of them. [Click Here](#) to learn more about the different Career Pathways offered at PRHS.





2019 - 2020 CTE Internship

Attention Rising 12th 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.

Academy Pathway Applications for 2019 - 2020

Academy applications for the 2019-2020 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](#) page on the UCPS website or see Mrs. Webb in guidance.

Union County Parks & Recreation Job Fair

Looking for a seasonal job, the Union County Parks & Recreation is holding their 1st Annual Job Fair on February 23, 2019 from 10 am - 2 pm.



UNION COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

1st Annual Job Fair

*For Seasonal Employment at Cane Creek Park
15 Years Old and Up*

**FEBRUARY 23, 2019
10 AM - 2 PM**

**ADDRESS:
5213 HARKEY RD.
WAXHAW, NC 28173**

Seasonal Jobs Available:

- Office Attendant
- Lifeguard
- Park Attendant I
- Head Lifeguard
- Park Attendant II
- Park Ranger (18 and up)
- Camp Counselor (18 and up)
- Maintenance Tech. (18 and up)

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PARKS & RECREATION

Jared.Steele@unioncountync.gov
(704)-283-3885 Ext. 5289

 
www.unioncountync.gov/parks



Pre-Apprenticeship Program Overview

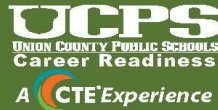
- Student takes morning classes at High School while afternoon is split between classes at SPCC and working at Greiner Bio-One, or other partner company.
- Student is paid for approximately 20 hours per week which is a combination of training, attending classes and work.
- Fall Classes at SPCC would begin Mid-August, 2019
- Students receive High School Credit for their Community College Courses Provides a potential opportunity to be selected for Registered Apprenticeship Program
- Provides hands on training to develop technical skills.



Participating companies include



along with other local businesses.



Career Readiness Department

400 N. Church Street
Monroe, NC 28112
(704) 296-6360 (P)
(704) 283-2435 (F)

<http://cte.ucps.k12.nc.us>



Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Sign up to get paid to go to school!

Pre-Apprenticeship Program Qualifications

- Rising High School Senior
- Current GPA must be at least a 2.5. Student must have a minimum 2.8 GPA at Graduation to be considered for the Registered Apprenticeship Program.
- Sufficient High School Credits to allow Community College courses in Senior schedule.
- Be able to attend a 3-4 week summer program beginning on June 10, 2019 through June 28, 2019.



Coursework

Coursework during the Pre-Apprenticeship Program will be designed to work with degree programs. Some of the coursework may include:

- Industry Safety
- Hydraulics/Pneumatics
- Introduction to PLC
- ELC/Fluid Power Diagrams
- Circuit Analysis I
- Basic Welding Processes

Apprenticeship Programs

- Completion of the Pre-Apprenticeship program allows students opportunity to be selected into the Registered Apprenticeship program for Greiner Bio-One, or other partner companies.
- Apprenticeship Program is a Four Year, 8,000 hour program which allows candidates to graduate with an AAS technology degree from SPCC.
- It is a Dual Training system, go to school and work. The hours of work and education will vary from semester to semester; the employee will be paid 40 hours per week to include work time and education time.

For more information, contact your Career Development Coordinator

There will be an Information Session

March 28, 2019
at 6:00pm

Tyson Family Center for Technology
3509 Old Charlotte Highway
Monroe, NC 28110