

February is  
**Black History**  
Month



Mr. La Bianca's students take a break from English class to explore our Black History Gallery



Our School counselors have enlightened the counseling hallway with an inspiring message from Famous African American leaders





# REGISTRATION INFO

**ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE ATTENDING CLASSES  
REMOTELY TOMORROW TO GET INFORMATION  
ABOUT THE REGISTRATION PROCESS**

## Porter Ridge High School

### Rising 10th-12th Grade Registration Timeline



#### Friday, 2/12 - Registration Info

- On this Remote Learning Day, students will view the registration process video during 2nd block.



#### Friday, 2-12 - Thursday, 2/18 Registration Period

- Students will enter course requests in Powerschool. The system will close on 2/18 at midnight.



#### Tuesday, 2/16- Q & A

- Parents and Students session with counselors. Links will be posted here.



#### Friday, 2/19 - Counselors meet with students.

- Counselors will send an email to parents and students with a google form sign-off, parents and students must approve the course requests or they will not be processed





## **INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE:**

- **Black History Month Spotlight**
- **PTO - Candy Donation**
- **Community Resources- Wifi Bus Info**
- **Graduation Dates- Seniors**
- **Love The Bus Week Celebrations**
- **CTE Month Teacher Spotlight**
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- **Student Club Announcements**
- **Attendance Information**
- **SPCC Information and sign up**
- **ACT Information**
- **Counseling Updates- Scholarship info and more**







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*





## LOVE THE BUS WEEK

**IT'S NATIONAL LOVE THE BUS WEEK!**

WE'RE SO GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE BUS DRIVERS WHO KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE.



THANKS TO ALL THE PRHS DRIVERS!








# COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Stay connected!- Remote Learning resources




## FREE WI-FI AND INTERNET ACCESS FOR UCPS STUDENTS

**ABOUT**  
UCPS buses will serve as hotspots to provide free Wi-Fi and Internet access for students. Buses will be parked at the following locations.

**DATES AND TIMES**  
**Monday – Thursday**  
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
**Friday**  
7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**BUS LOCATIONS**

- 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.)
- Willow Oaks Community

  
ucps.k12.nc.us

You can find

 Union County Public Schools

in the app store.



## New Meal Option for 2020-2021

Monday – Friday  
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.



### Curbside Pickup Locations

- Forest Hills High
- Health Sciences Academy at Monroe Middle
- Parkwood Middle
- Porter Ridge Elementary
- Rocky River Elementary
- Sardis Elementary
- Shiloh Valley Primary

Meal sites are open to serve students who are learning virtually and/or on remote learning days.

Open to any person 18 years and under.  
Student ID numbers are not required.

*One complimentary breakfast and lunch are available every day for students in the school cafeteria. Extra entrees and additional snacks and drinks are also available for purchase daily. One complimentary lunch and snack are available every day for all children 18 years and younger at any of the 8 curbside locations. Friday curbside service includes 3 complimentary lunches and 3 complimentary snacks to be enjoyed over the weekend. Complimentary meals are free of charge for the remainder of the school year.*

## Nueva opción de almuerzos para 2020-2021

Lunes a Viernes  
11 a.m. a 1 p.m.



### Lugares Donde Recoger

- Forest Hills High
- Health Sciences Academy at Monroe Middle
- Parkwood Middle
- Porter Ridge Elementary
- Rocky River Elementary
- Sardis Elementary
- Shiloh Valley Primary

Los sitios de comidas están abiertos para atender a los estudiantes que están aprendiendo virtualmente y / o en días de aprendizaje remoto.

Abierto a cualquier persona menor de 18 años. No se requieren números de identificación de estudiante.





# CTE SPOTLIGHT

## Meet Ms. Taylor- Fashion Merchandising Teacher

Ms. Taylor has taught at Porter Ridge High for 5 years. Before teaching, she was an internal business consultant and program manager. Ms. Taylor commented, "I'd spent most of my career as a Senior Vice President, Senior Change Manager at Bank of America in Charlotte. I was responsible for managing cross-functional teams and multi-million dollar projects focused on product launches and merger integration involving technology and process design changes."

My favorite thing about teaching in CTE is that students can apply what they learn in my classes in any industry and the content is so relevant and exciting! I come to school each day hoping that students will discover their passion and start paving the road for a successful career post-high school."



SHINE A LIGHT ON  
**#CTEmonth**

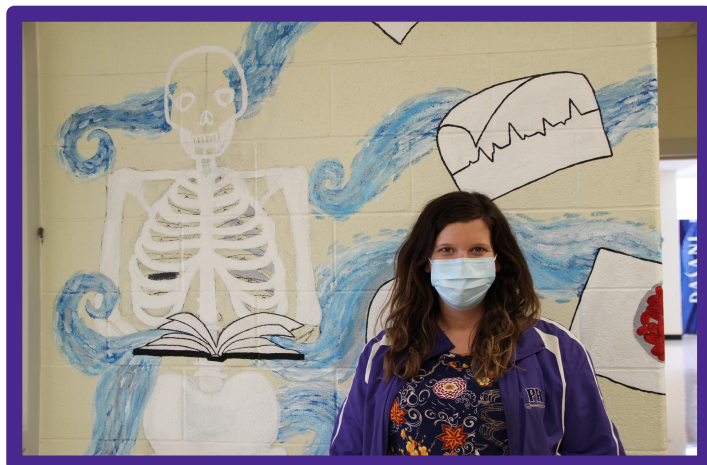


## Meet Mr. Raynor - Public Safety Teacher

This is Mr. Raynor's 2<sup>nd</sup> year at PRHS. Mr. Raynor was formerly a Police Officer, Probation Officer and Private Security Manager. His favorite thing about teaching CTE is passing on his career knowledge and interacting with this generation of awesome kids!

## Meet Ms. Clontz - Health Science Teacher

Ms. Clontz has been at Porter Ridge for 4 years. Her previous career was Nursing and what she loves about teaching CTE is watching kids get excited about the medical field and asking questions about careers they are interested in.





To learn more about the academies UCPS has to offer and for the application, please visit the [UCPS Career Readiness \(https://ucpscte.org/\)](https://ucpscte.org/) page on the UCPS website or see your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb in guidance.

The diagram is a bubble chart with a central purple bubble labeled "Multimedia Artist & Animator". Surrounding it are several smaller bubbles: "Graphic Designer" (top left), "Video Editor" (top right), "Film & Video Editor" (far right), "Sound Effects Designer" (bottom right), "Production Designer" (bottom left), and "Storyboard Artist" (left). Lines connect these bubbles to the central one. Below the diagram is a purple banner with the text "PR" in large white letters, followed by "Public Relations" in smaller white text. Below this banner are three columns of text: "Publications Courses", "Newsroom & Broadcast Courses", and "College & Credit Courses". Each column lists several related careers or courses. At the bottom of the page is a purple banner with the text "Career Pathway".

**Digital Media**

Graphic Designer

Video Editor

Film & Video Editor

Sound Effects Designer

Production Designer

Storyboard Artist

**PR**

Public Relations

**Publications Courses**

- Journalism
- Public Relations
- Advertising
- Media Studies
- Journalism
- Public Relations
- Advertising
- Media Studies

**Newsroom & Broadcast Courses**

- Journalism
- Public Relations
- Advertising
- Media Studies
- Journalism
- Public Relations
- Advertising
- Media Studies

**College & Credit Courses**

- Journalism
- Public Relations
- Advertising
- Media Studies
- Journalism
- Public Relations
- Advertising
- Media Studies

**Career Pathway**







## 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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Key Club is a student-led program that aims to make an impact on PRHS and the community through service projects. All are welcome to join. If you are interested, please contact Mr. La Bianca

## 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](mailto:jason.walden@ucps.k12.nc.us)

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?excmid=mtg680-st-1-gen>

and sign up for the College Board BigFuture Days A-S-A-P!

Interested in taking the ASVAB? The ASVAB Career Exploration Program helps you identify your skills and interests, explore jobs, and develop after high school plans. The ASVAB is also used by the military branches to help identify which military jobs would be best for you. Must be a in 10th, 11th or 12th grade to take the test. Sign up at <https://forms.gle/keUdRqV76f6ns8SY7> if interested by 2/28.

Porter Ridge Student Council is excited to be hosting GooseChase once again! GooseChase is a mobile scavenger hunt that connects students and staff members in an interactive, fun, and competitive way. Signups have begun and last until Feb. 12th. Don't forget to follow us on [Instagram @prhsgoosechase](#) to look for more information and the link to sign up.







# 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."

What should you do if no one laughs at your science jokes? Keep trying until you get a "reaction!" The Science Honors Society is a brand new club starting at Porter Ridge, and will be holding a virtual interest meeting on February 12th at 1pm. Please contact Ms. Self or Mrs. Broadbent for more information.

The next virtual Beta Club meeting will be on Friday 2/12 on Microsoft Teams. Members will be sent a link to their school email the morning of the meeting.

HOSA will be meeting on Friday Feb. 5th at 10:30am. Please email Ms. Clontz for the Teams link. We will be discussing our service project for February.

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!

.Anyone interested in men's or women's golf should attend the interest meeting Monday 2/15 at 4:00 pm at the Divide Golf Course.



# SPCC WORKSHOP

**LAVA** Raffles & Giveaways!  
Latin American Workgroup/Students

## HIGH SCHOOL SERIES

REGISTER AT: [bit.ly/LAWA-HSS](https://bit.ly/LAWA-HSS)

FREE WORKSHOP PRESENTED BY: LAVA, SOUTH  
PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE & LOWE'S

TRADE & VOCATIONAL CAREERS

TOPICS INCLUDE:  
CYBER SECURITY AND IT  
MANUFACTURING  
HVAC  
ELECTRICAL/CONSTRUCTION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 9-11:30 AM  
ZOOM LINK WILL BE EMAILED UPON REGISTERING.

**LOWE'S** **SP** SOUTH  
PIEDMONT  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## South Piedmont Community College Workshop

Our next HSS workshop is at SPCC! Join us on **February 20**, and for participating in our workshop you will be automatically entered in a raffle to win a **FREE LAPTOP**, ACT, and SAT practice guides and many other gifts.

Please see the flyer and click on the button below to sign-up today and a link will be provided to join.

**SIGN-UP HERE**

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

Connect With Us



## 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.



## IMPORTANT DATES



**The ACT will be  
given to all  
Juniors  
on Tuesday,  
February 23 @  
PRHS**

**Bring your calculator, chromebook and pencils**

Checkout **ALBERT** Test Prep -  
access on the high school student  
startup page



**Tuesday 2/23 will be an IN-PERSON day for ALL JUNIORS  
And a remote learning day for ALL other grade levels.**





# IMPORTANT DATES

Check out these important events coming up . Contact your counselor if you need more information

*You're invited!*

For more info & to register for events, visit <http://bit.ly/SACACfair>

**SACAC**  
Southern Association  
for College Admission Counseling

**VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIR**

February 11 | Thursday  
5:00 - 7:45 PM Eastern

STRIVE SCAN

Want tips on how to navigate the college fair? Join us for one of our Mini Camps!

*sponsored by*  
**Cambridge Assessment International Education**

**MINI CAMPS**  
February 6 | Saturday  
2 - 3 PM Eastern  
February 10 | Wednesday  
7 - 8 PM Eastern

*Scholarships*

PRHS Counselors Present  
**COLLEGE PLANNING STUDENT WEBINARS**

**COLLEGE SEARCH**  
WED 2/24 @ 3:15PM OR  
FRI 2/26 @ 10:30AM

**COLLEGE ESSAY**  
TUES. 3/2 @ 3:15PM OR  
FRI. 3/5 @ 10:30AM

**SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID**  
MON. 3/8 @ 3:15PM OR  
FRI. 3/12 @ 10:30AM

Students sign up to attend the sessions you are interested in at:  
<https://forms.gle/ffPDfNvihnUuVNb27>  
Microsoft teams links will be emailed to you.

## PRHS Counselors

Tondra White (A- Cou)  
Carly Patterson (Cov- Hek)  
Bryan James (Hel- Mc)  
Cassidy Lippert (Me- San)  
Shari Davison (Sam- Z)



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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/12dYWgldGcp0FkghSKUhwb2fHw5l8AYAq/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/1RlyGuNx8ap6opAokl2k2UBuU2Lgo48-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](mailto: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





# School Counseling

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Follow us on Instagram: prhscounseling

## Upcoming Events

**\*\*The ACT School Day will be given to Juniors on February 23rd at no cost.\*\***

- UCPS offers ALBERT ACT practice to our students which can be accessed at <https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/ucps-secondary-startup-page/high-school>
- [ALBERT Tutorial](#)

### ACT Blitz

UCPS has partnered with Huntington Learning Center to provide a free ACT Blitz on Saturday, February 20 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Register here: [bit.ly/2021actblitz](http://bit.ly/2021actblitz)

### South Piedmont Community College Workshop

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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](mailto: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/bigfuturesdays](https://cb.org/bigfuturesdays)

- 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**

Interested in taking the ASVAB? The **ASVAB Career Exploration Program** helps you identify your skills and interests, explore jobs, and develop after high school plans. The ASVAB is also used by the military branches to help identify which military jobs would be best for you. Must be in 10th, 11th or 12th grade to take the test.

**Sign up at <https://forms.gle/keUdRqV76f6ns8SY7> if interested by 2/28.**

#### **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](mailto: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**





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## 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>



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## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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              |
| Parkwood High                               | June 3 | 8 a.m.     | Parkwood 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          |
| Waddington High                             | June 2 | 8 a.m.     | Waddington High Stadium          |
| Welfe School                                | May 28 | 6:30 p.m.  | CATA (Live stream not available) |



[ucps.k12.nc.us](http://ucps.k12.nc.us)







## 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.**



## Pirate Ports of Information



### Ports of Information for Pirates:

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@prhss\_2020 (student section) @jamesangelia (w.basketball)

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