



# Pirate Press

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## 2024.2025 PRHS REGISTRATION TIMELINE

**2/13 AT 6:30 – RISING 10TH TO 12TH  
REGISTRATION PARENT NIGHT**

**2/22 – REGISTRATION  
PRESENTATION SHOWN IN ADVISORY**

**2/23 TO 3/1 – POWERSCHOOL OPENS  
TO SELECT COURSES**

**3/6 TO 4/11 – STUDENTS MEET WITH COUNSELORS  
DURING 2ND BLOCK TO REVIEW CHOSEN COURSES**

## ACT WorkKeys Breakfast for Students Gift Card Donations Needed- [click here](#)

The PTO would like the opportunity to provide a breakfast for the students who have met their goals on their ACT WorkKeys testing. This breakfast will be provided towards the end of March. We will offer biscuits, doughnuts, juice and water. We are asking for gift cards to purchase these items. Please turn them into the office by March 15th. Thank you!

Porter Ridge High School has a thriving **AP CAPSTONE PROGRAM** where students take the cornerstone courses of AP Seminar and AP Research, along with a combination of challenging courses aligned with their interests! Talk to your counselor about AP Capstone, or visit Mr. Boyles or Ms. Stegall to learn more about Seminar and Research! Talk to our other incredible AP Teachers to see what other AP classes are right for you!

## PRHS PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIES & PROGRAMS

PRHS IS THE ONLY  
LEADERSHIP HIGH  
SCHOOL IN UCPS

FULLY IMPLEMENTED  
AP CAPSTONE  
PROGRAM



### 7 CAREER ACADEMIES

- CULINARY
- DRAFTING
- FILM EDITING & PRODUCTION
- PHARMACY TECH
- ROBOTICS
- TEACHING AS A PROFESSION
- VET ASSISTING



### 14 PATHWAYS



- AIR FORCE JROTC
- ANIMAL SCIENCE
- ARCHITECT
- ARTS
- BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
- CULINARY
- DIGITAL MEDIA
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- FINANCE
- HEALTH SCIENCE
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
- LIBERAL ARTS

CollegeBoard AP

## Explore Your Passion with AP Capstone™

**THE AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA PROGRAM LETS YOU:**

- Study topics of your own choosing, in depth.
- Master key skills you'll use in college and career.
- Stand out in your college applications and interviews.

Porter Ridge High School participates in the AP Capstone Diploma Program. It's a two-year program based on two AP courses—AP Seminar and AP Research. Other AP courses teach you, in depth, about a specific subject, like biology or U.S. history. AP Seminar and AP Research are different. They focus on helping you develop academic skills you can use in any discipline. Students must take a combination of AP courses that include AP Seminar in the Junior Year and AP Research in the senior year.

Participating in AP Capstone can help students:

- Stand out to colleges in the application process.
- Develop key academic skills they'll use in college and beyond.
- Become self-confident, independent thinkers and problem solvers.
- Earn college credit: Many colleges offer credit for qualifying scores.

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



- ❖ **Growing Green** - Are you needing more room in your closet? **Growing Green is throwing a clothing drive** to help the community. Let's do some spring cleaning and donate your old clothes. There will be boxes in each wing, at the entrance of the school, or bring clothes to Ms. Goodine's room, E111. Label the clothing to enter your name in a raffle to win a \$20 amazon gift card. We ask that you do not donate undergarments, swimsuits, socks, or shoes. The clothing drive goes until March 15th. Bring your clothes in today!
- ❖ Buy your **yearbooks** at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)
- ❖ We have **several colleges visiting** our campus over the next few weeks. If you are interested in learning more about Western Carolina, UNC-Greensboro, and Appalachian State please sign up for these events through your Scoir account now!
- ❖ The **Spanish club** will be changing their meeting days and hours to every other Monday from 7:45 to 8:05 beginning this month. The first meeting will take place Monday February 26, in room f102. All active members are expected to attend the meeting, plans for community service and school activities volunteer work will be discuss. For more information contact Sra.Koonce
- ❖ The **Drivers Ed** vision screening is scheduled for Monday February 26th, after school. Students must have completed the Driver's Ed Modules and passed the exam. Make sure you bring a copy of your birth certificate, the 800 Form and the 30 Hour Parent letter. Paperwork can be found on the Driver's Ed website within the Modules or in the main office.
- ❖ Join us for **GSA's** next meeting this Friday, February 23rd in G106 to discuss our upcoming Awareness Week events and play an LGBTQIA+ trivia game!
- ❖ **MHA-SAVES**, the Mental Health Awareness club, has their next meeting on Wednesday, February 28th afterschool until 4:00 in G110. Everyone is welcome!
- ❖ **The Disc Golf club** will be playing at Rob Wallace this Saturday at 1pm.
- ❖ Join **NEHS / Creative Writing Club** on Feb 26 after school in Mrs. Wright's room, F105C. We will be giving out permission slips for our Reading Buddies program for people who have completed the training.
- ❖ If you want to see improvements around the school that you haven't seen yet, or if you have suggestions on ideas/ activities that we could add throughout the school; **the lighthouse team has a suggestion box** for you in the guidance room, where you can submit your ideas anonymously. There are also fliers around the school with the QR code if you wish to submit your suggestions online. Use your voice to bring the change you want!

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. **Please follow us on social media linked on this page!**



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# PRHS Student Announcements

## Piratepalooza

**Anything but a Backpack Rules.**  
 Cannot be alive, must be able to be carried up stairs, You and it must fit in a 3x3 ft area, must not violate any school policies.

### No Pajamas All week!!

2/26	2/27	2/28	2/29	3/1
<p>class wars            9th: green            10th: yellow            11th: blue            12th: red  <b>Class Wars during fourth block</b></p>	<p><b>Teacher Swap Tuesday</b></p>	<p>Wayback Wednesday</p> <p><b>Team Trivia @5:37</b></p>	<p>Rhyme Without A Reason</p> <p>Fanta Santa  <b>Ridge Madness @5:30</b></p>	<p>Anything but a Backpack Day</p> <p><b>GatorBall @6:00</b></p>

growinggreen\_prhs  
 Porter Ridge High School

Friday, February 23rd 2024  
 @ 3:05pm

# Campus Clean-Up

Have questions? DM this account

NICKELODEON™

# THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL

BASED ON THE SERIES BY STEPHEN HILLENBURG  
 BOOK BY KYLE JARROW  
 MUSICAL PRODUCTION  
 CONCEIVED BY TINA LANDAU

MARCH  
 8TH/14TH/15TH

SONGS BY  
 YOLANDA ADAMS, STEVEN TYLER AND JOE PERRY OF AEROSMITH, SARA BAREILLES, JONATHAN COULTON, ALEX EBERT OF EDWARD SHARPE & THE MAGNETIC ZEROS, THE FLAMING LIPS, LADY A, CYNDI LAUPER, JOHN LEGEND, PANIC! AT THE DISCO, PLAIN WHITE T'S, THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS, T.I. AND SONGS BY DAVID BOWIE, TOM KENNY & ANDY PALEY. ADDITIONAL LYRICS BY

TICKETS: \$10

GET TICKETS AT  
 PORTERRIDGEHS.SEATYOURSELF.BIZ  
 ADDITIONAL MUSIC BY TOM KITT



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# PRHS Student Announcements

## GROWING GREEN CLOTHING DRIVE

February 5th to March 15h



Locate a box in each wing and  
 front entrance!

### National FFA Week

February 19th -23rd

- MONDAY 19TH**  
NO SCHOOL
- TUESDAY 20TH**  
American Day  
(Red, White & Blue)
- WEDNESDAY 21ST**  
Farm vs. Frat  
Wear a hat!
- THURSDAY 22ND**  
Blue & Gold  
Teacher Appreciation
- FRIDAY 23RD**  
FLANNEL FRIDAY  
Farm Fact Friday

**No Pajamas**

FFA Sponsored

Support your FFA chapter!!!

## UNION COUNTY STUDENT SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

**I AM. WE ARE.**  
 DOCUMENTARY OR NARRATIVE  
 SHORT FILMS EXPLORING  
 TOPICS OF INDIVIDUALITY,  
 COMMUNITY, AUTHENTICITY,  
 CONNECTIONS.

**FREE SUBMISSIONS**  
 FOR UNION COUNTY HIGH  
 SCHOOL STUDENTS (9-12)  
 7 MINUTE MAXIMUM  
 LENGTH  
 MP4 SMART PHONE  
 FORMAT ONLY

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO  
 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD PLACE  
 1ST PLACE = \$300  
 2ND PLACE = \$200  
 3RD PLACE = \$100



**ENTRY DUE**  
**3/10**

**NOTIFICATION**  
**3/31**

**FESTIVAL**  
**4/13**

FOR SUBMISSION INFORMATION VISIT  
[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/YUYQ2T3M](http://tinyurl.com/yuyq2t3m)



## GROWING GREEN CLOTHING DRIVE



PLEASE LABEL THE CLOTHES  
 YOU ARE DONATING WITH  
 YOUR NAME TO BE ENTERED  
 INTO THE RAFFLE TO WIN  
 \$20!

WE ASK THAT YOU DO NOT  
 DONATE UNDERGARMENTS,  
 SWIMSUITS, CROP TOPS, OR  
 CUT UP CLOTHING!

HAVE QUESTIONS? DM US  
 ON INSTAGRAM OR SEE MS.  
 GOODINE IN ROOM E111



**AN INNOVATIVE LEADER**

Rallies others toward a common goal through creativity, integrity and determination. Works to connect with other people through empathy and partnership.



**A RESILIENT PROBLEM-SOLVER**

Capitalizes on productive struggle, inquiry, discourse and social learning to think critically and solve relevant and meaningful problems. Lifelong learning is driven by the desire for continuous improvement.



**A KEY CONTRIBUTOR**

Actively participates in the community and is civic-minded, independent, and financially literate. Meets the demands of future opportunities with resilience and generosity.



**AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR**

Accomplished in the skills of reading, writing, listening, speaking, and the use of technology. Possesses confidence and works in an organized manner.



**A SKILLED COLLABORATOR**

Works respectfully as a productive member of a team. Demonstrates flexibility and adaptability for success in a rapidly-changing world.

**THE 7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEENS**

- Be Proactive
- Begin With the End in Mind
- Put First Things First
- Think Win-Win
- Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood
- Synergize
- Sharpen the Saw

Pirate staff work on increasing effective use of academic language during teacher PD led by teacher - Ms. Lukasik and Instructional Coach - Mr. Broome.





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# Senior Announcements

## ATTENTION SENIORS

submit pictures for the Senior Slideshow



submit photos via instagram

@prseniorslideshow24

or

email prseniorslideshow24@gmail.com

What we're looking for:

- baby pictures
- throwbacks
- school events
- high school events
- individual senior pics
- sports
- extracurriculars



**Due April 29th**

*PPS Stadium*

*Class of 2024 Graduation*  
*Tuesday June 11th 8:00 pm*



## JOIN PTO

Parents, would you like a chance to be more involved with the students and teachers at PRHS? We'd love to have your help kicking off the PRHS PTO! We're looking for PTO Board members and chairs, parents willing to pay the \$10 membership fee to support the PTO's work, parents willing to donate items for teacher appreciation events, and parents willing to volunteer at teacher appreciation events.

Please email Amy Dieffenbach at [amy.dieffenbach@yahoo.com](mailto:amy.dieffenbach@yahoo.com) or Alana White at [alanahwhite@gmail.com](mailto:alanahwhite@gmail.com) if you're interested in helping with the PTO in any capacity. We'd love to hear from you and look forward to serving together at our wonderful school!

## JOIN OR DONATE USING QR CODE



## INFORMATION TO LINK VIC CARD

Please help the PRHS PTO raise money to support teachers, staff, and students by allowing us to link your Harris Teeter VIC Card to our organization! Your card can be linked to more than one organization and you'll multiply the rewards that go toward education. By providing your last name and phone number below, you give us permission to link your VIC card for you. [Click here](#) or on the link above.



Follow the PTO  
Instagram Page at  
[prhs\\_pto](https://www.instagram.com/prhs_pto)



# PIRATE ATHLETICS



## PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

**26**

MONDAY

-Softball vs Legion Collegiate 4PM

-Soccer @ Independence 6PM

-WLAX @ AK 5:30

-MLAX @ AK 7:30

**27**

TUESDAY

-Soccer vs Parkwood 6PM

**28**

WEDNESDAY

-WLAX vs S Meck 5:30

-MLAX vs S Meck 7:30

-Softball vs Hough 4:00

-Baseball vs Piedmont 4:30

**29**

THURSDAY

-Soccer @ CATA 6:00

**01**

FRIDAY

-Softball @ Piedmont 6:00

-Baseball @ Catholic 4:30/7:00

**02**

SATURDAY

#COMMITTED



CLICK [HERE](#) FOR ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

TICKETS FOR THE SCC CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT. OUR GIRLS TEAM IS IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME VS MARVIN RIDGE THIS FRIDAY 2/23 AT 6:00 PM. GET YOUR TICKET AT THE QR CODE OR BY [CLICKING HERE](#)

TICKETS



[CLICK HERE FOR HOME EVENT TICKETS](#)

All tickets are sold on this [website](#) or at the [GATE](#) by [credit/debit card](#).

PORTER  
RIDGE  
ATHLETIC  
ZONE



# PIRATE ATHLETICS



prhs\_volleyball



## TRYOUTS MENS VOLLEYBALL

TUES & WED FEB 27 & 28

3-5pm in PRHS Main Gym

\*Must have Family ID completed to tryout. Email Coach Welch [heather.welch@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:heather.welch@ucps.k12.nc.us) with any questions

The **Baseball Team** will be hosting a family and community day on Saturday, February 24th. The start time will be 10:00 am. Events will include An age-appropriate home run derby, player introductions, and the final preseason intrasquad scrimmage game. There will be catering on-site for lunch as well. Come out and support your Baseball Pirates!

## THANK YOU WRESTLING FOR A GREAT SEASON

### State Placers

Khaliq Butler 4th at 144 lbs  
Khaleal Henson 5th at 157 lbs  
Eddison Morales 6th at 190 lbs  
Andy Morales 6th at 285 lbs

### Porter Ridge Wrestling 2023 -2024 Season

Overall Record 26-4  
Conference Record 4-0  
Southern Carolina Conference Team Champions  
Eddison Morales - Regional Champion at 190 lbs

### SCC All Conference Wrestlers

Khaliq Butler 144  
Andy Morales 285  
Khaleal Henson 157  
Maddox Cheek 126  
Joseph Courtney 150  
Krizangel Flores 175  
Eddison Morales 190  
Jackson Suggs 138  
Joziah Chandler 215  
Aslan Demurchiyev 132

### Achieved 100 plus wins in their career.

Khaleal Henson  
Khaliq Butler

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## ! NEW PROTOCOLS FOR UCPS EVENTS

UCPS has experienced a number of safety incidents at athletic events around the county.

**For winter sports, UCPS will implement the following protocols.**

- Only clear bags, no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" will be allowed in events/games. Medical and baby bags are subject to search.
- Middle and elementary students must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or older) to attend events and games.
- All ticket sales will end at the beginning of halftime of the final event.



# PIRATE ATHLETICS

STATE MEET RESULTS



ANDY MORALES 6TH



EDDIE MAORALES 6TH



KHALEEL HINSON 5TH



KHALIQ BUTLER 4TH

#COMMITTED



2023 - 2024  
SCC Regular Season



# CONFERENCE CHAMPS

# PIRATE ATHLETICS



## PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB 2024 GOLF TOURNAMENT

### MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024



**ROLLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**  
2722 W. ROOSEVELT BLVD  
MONROE, NC 28110



## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Rolling Hills Country Club ... June 17, 2024

### PRABC Champion Sponsor—\$7,500

This is an exclusive opportunity for ONE sponsor to support the Porter Ridge Athletic Booster Club at the highest level of recognition for the school year. Sponsorship includes standalone signage at and logo inclusion on all printed and electronic materials at two PRABC events to include the April BBQ and June golf tournament. Sponsor has the opportunity to provide swag item for each golf tournament participant.

*Includes two foursomes at June golf tournament*

### Presenting Sponsor—\$5,000

(two available) Sponsorship includes logo recognition on all printed and electronic materials including but not limited to swag bags, score cards, etc. A logoed golf towel will be included for each player, opportunity to provide additional swag item.

*Includes foursome*

### Albatross Sponsor—\$2,500

**Swag Bag Sponsor** (two available)  
Logoed balls included for each player,  
opportunity to provide additional swag item  
*Includes foursome*

**Beverage Cart Sponsor** (two available)  
Logoed koozie included for each player,  
opportunity to provide additional swag item  
*Includes foursome*

**Golf Cart Sponsor**  
Logo inclusion on golf carts  
*Includes foursome*

**Lunch Sponsor**  
Logo inclusion on lunch containers  
*Includes foursome*

### Eagle Sponsor—\$1,500

**Contest Sponsor**  
Logo inclusion on long drive and closest to pin materials  
*Includes foursome*

**Putting Green**  
Signage at putting green and on practice balls  
*Includes foursome*

**Mulligan/Raffle**  
Logo inclusion on long drive and closest to pin materials  
*Includes foursome*

**Driving Range**  
Signage at putting green and on practice tees  
*Includes foursome*

### Birdie Sponsor—\$1,000

**Hole Sponsor** (18 available)  
Signage at hole, opportunity to set up table at hole  
*Includes foursome*

### Par Sponsor—\$500

**Hole Sponsor** (18 available)  
Signage at hole  
*DOES NOT include foursome*

### Individual Golfer—\$200



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# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

**The SECU Foundation  
 Scholarship Information as  
 sent to SENIORS via email.  
 Make sure to check it.**

## 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  
[tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

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

**Cassidy Jarrett**- last names Me-Sao  
[cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**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.



**SECU Foundation**  
 PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE™

**\$10,000  
 Scholarship**

SECU Foundation takes an active role in assisting communities across North Carolina because we believe in "People Helping People®." To support this commitment, the People Helping People scholarship was established to help North Carolina public high school students attend college.

### Eligibility requirements:

- Current senior at a North Carolina public high school
- SECU member or eligible for membership through a parent/guardian
- North Carolina resident and eligible for in-state tuition
- Accepted to attend one of the 16 UNC system universities as a full-time undergraduate
- Demonstrated scholastic achievement with a 2.5 or higher unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Exhibited leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement
- Filed FAFSA as part of the application

## WE ARE GOING LIVE



UCPS is offering three virtual sessions this spring to help parents with resources and tools to navigate tough situations. Join us on **Facebook @UCPSNC** on February 8, March 20 and April 10 at 6 p.m.

### SOCIAL MEDIA DANGERS

**Feb. 8 at 6 p.m.**  
 This presentation is for parents and guardians of children ages 5-17. Parents will learn facts about online risks, statistics, videos, and other resources. Mr. Traceski will also share tips for keeping children safer online.

PRESENTER: Eric Traceski, Senior Special Agent, U.S. Secret Service

### SUICIDE AWARENESS

**March 20 at 6 p.m.**  
 Parents will learn about terminology related to suicidal activity, prevalence, risk factors, characteristics and warning signs. They will also receive information about community resources.

PRESENTERS: Belle Walker and Susan Slattery-Rogers, UCPS Student Support Staff

### VAPING

**April 10 at 6 p.m.**  
 Parents will learn about e-cigarettes (e-cigs, vapes) and how to identify the different shapes and sizes. The presenters will also discuss the epidemic use of e-cigs in teens and the harmful effects. In addition, parents will receive resources to prevent the use of e-cigs and where to get help for teens who are using e-cigs.

PRESENTERS: Carolyn Ford and Erica High, Community Engagement Specialist, Community Support and Outreach, Union County Government

2024-2025



## CSS PROFILE

The CSS Profile is an online application used by colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal institutional aid.

### Participating NC Schools

Duke  
 Davidson  
 Elon  
 UNC Chapel Hill  
 Wake Forest

Complete the CSS Application if you are applying to any of these schools!



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# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS



**Attention Seniors!**

**HAVE YOU RECEIVED  
ANY SCHOLARSHIPS?**

If so, please email ALL offers to  
 Ms. Lawson at  
[ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us).

Mrs. Jarrett will start her maternity leave effective this week. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you so much.

Me - Neu - Lawson

New - Peo - Anderson

Per - Rho - James

Ri - San - Green



**Alumni Scholarship**

**NOW ACCEPTING  
APPLICATIONS!**

application deadline - April 8th  
 apply @ [www.girlsontherununion.org](http://www.girlsontherununion.org)

**PRHS**  
**FAFSA NIGHTS**

Tuesday February 13th 4:00 to 5:00  
 Thursday February 15th 4:00 to 5:00  
 Monday February 26th 7:00 to 8:00

**2024 GIRLS ON THE RUN OF UNION CO.  
ALUMNI COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**  
 Now Accepting Applications



**ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Graduating seniors who participated in any GOTR or Heart & Sole Program in Union Co. is eligible to apply for our \$1,000 scholarship!



*PRHS  
Registration Help Sessions*

**Tuesday, February 13th  
5:00 to 7:00  
PRHS Cafe**

**Thursday, February 15th  
5:00 to 7:00  
PRHS Cafe**

**Monday, February 26th  
5:00 to 7:00  
PRHS Cafe**



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# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

## “Academy Pathway Applications for 2024-2025”

Academy applications for the 2024-2025 school year will open on February 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## “2024-2025 CTE Internship”

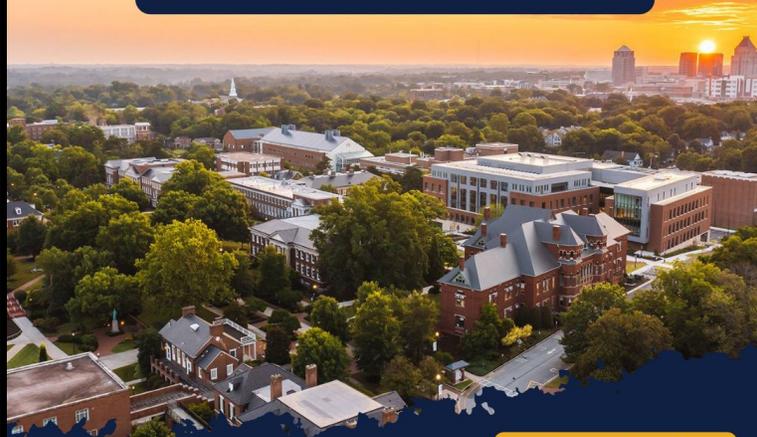
UCPS Career & Technical Education (CTE) Internship program provides students the opportunity for hands-on experience in areas of career interest prior to college or post-secondary training. The 2024-2025 CTE Internship application will open on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Students can find the Internship application by going into their Major Clarity account and clicking on Work-Based Learning on the left-hand side.

### Application Deadlines

- Ø Summer 2024 Internship – April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Ø Fall 2024 Semester – May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Ø Spring 2025 Semester – October 1<sup>st</sup>

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

## UNC-Greensboro Visit

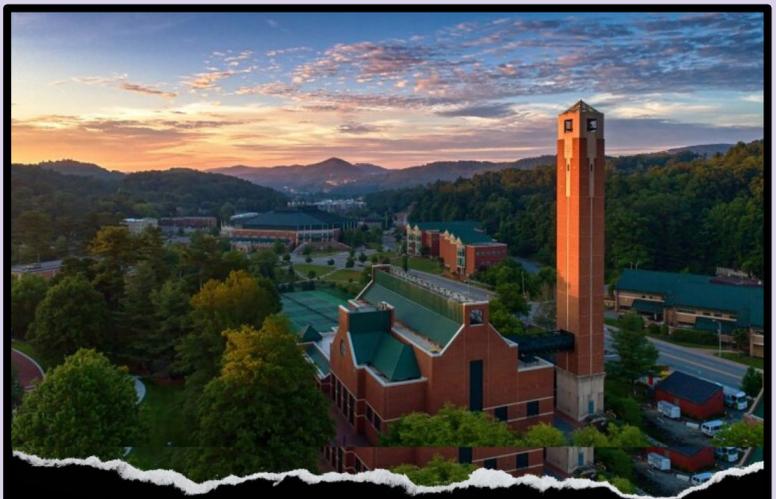


Feb. 23rd 12-1pm

in the Cafeteria



Sign up for the event through your student Scoir account now!



## APPALACHIAN STATE VISIT

SIGN UP  
THROUGH  
SCOIR NOW!

FEBRUARY  
29TH @ 12PM  
CAFETERIA





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# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

## OPEN HOUSE



**The first step to your college and career goals!**

- Tour campuses and labs
- Learn about degrees and workforce programs
- Get help with financial aid
- Meet with instructors and academic advisers
- Learn about student clubs and organizations

### When & Where

**March 12 | 4pm - 7pm**

Old Charlotte Highway Campus,  
 4209 Old Charlotte Highway,  
 Monroe, N.C.

**March 19 | 4pm - 7pm**

L.L. Polk Campus,  
 680 Highway 74,  
 Polkton, N.C.



Scan here to register for Open House.

\*\*Registration requested but not required.



## Experience CAROLINA

with the University Office for Diversity and Inclusion at UNC-Chapel Hill

Have you ever wondered what a typical day on campus is like? Project Uplift and Uplift PLUS offer an opportunity to experience campus life at UNC-Chapel Hill. Led by current UNC students, we provide a warm and inviting space for you to experience Carolina.



### PROJECT UPLIFT

**2024 Dates : June 1, 8, and 22**

Project Uplift is a one-day summer enrichment and college access program that provides students with exposure to life at Carolina



Enjoy a one-day immersive Carolina experience.



Engage in an essay writing workshop.



Get the inside scoop from current Tar Heels on what it's like to be a Carolina student!



Learn about admissions, scholarships and student aid.



### UPLIFT PLUS

**2024 Dates : July 7 - July 20**

Uplift PLUS is an intensive, 2-week on-campus program, providing an immersive and engaging experience to prepare the next generation of leaders.



Participate in academic, social, cultural and experiential learning activities.



Complete an essay writing course in which you draft your college admissions essay.



Receive one-on-one mentoring from current Carolina students.



Gain exposure to campus resources and various schools and units at UNC-Chapel Hill.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Apply online at [go.unc.edu/ProjectUplift](http://go.unc.edu/ProjectUplift). Please indicate on your application if you would like to be considered for Uplift PLUS.
2. Upload a PDF copy of your unofficial high school transcript.

### DEADLINES

We encourage you to start your application early!

Application Opens: January 15, 2024  
 Application Deadline: March 15, 2024  
 Decision Notification: April 2024

LEARN MORE AT [GO.UNC.EDU/PROJECTUPLIFT](http://GO.UNC.EDU/PROJECTUPLIFT)



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## ANNOUNCEMENT

**SPRING SPCC TEXTBOOK REIMBURSEMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN MARCH**

- **New forms will be online**
- **Keep up with SPCC Canvas announcements for more info**

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN

**NAIL CARE? BRAID EXTENSIONS? BRAIDS? CUTTING? COLORING? STYLING?**

# COSMETOLOGY OPEN HOUSE

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2024**  
**3:30 - 5:30PM**

**WALTER BICKETT EDUCATION CENTER**  
 704 S. Washington Street  
 Monroe, NC 28112

See your Career Development Coordinator for more information about the event.





# PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

Click on the text box for the application for Academy Pathways



## 2023-2024 UCPS College Readiness Series

For more info and to register visit <https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions>

### Live Events

- Scior for Seniors - Aug.
- Practice SAT - Sept./Oct.
- ACT/SAT Blitz - Sept.
- College Entrance Exams 101 - Oct.
- Union County College Fair - Oct.
- HS Programs Expo - Dec.
- Paying for College - Dec.
- Practice ACT - Jan./Feb.
- ACT Blitz - Feb.
- Getting Ready for College - Mar.
- SAT Blitz - Apr.
- Writing a College Essay - May

### On-Demand Library

Always available at the link above.

- Scior for Underclassmen
- College Recruiting for Athletes
- Choosing the Right Path in HS



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### "Academy Pathway Applications 2024-2025" – Rising 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

Academy applications for the 2024-2025 school year will open on February 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### Nurse Aide & EMT Academy Deadline

\*The application for Nurse Aide & the \*New\* EMT academy **MUST** be returned to Ms. Webb no later than Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. If the application is not turned in by Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, students will put on a waitlist.

### Cosmetology Academy Deadline

\*The application for Cosmetology **MUST** be returned to Ms. Webb no later than Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. If the application is not turned in by Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, students will put on a waitlist.

### "2024-2025 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. The 2024-2025 CTE Internship application will open on February 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 2024 Internship – April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Fall 2024 Semester – May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Spring 2025 Semester – October 1<sup>st</sup>

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

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](mailto:sminick@spcc.edu)

**Need Career advice or direction?**  
**Talk to your Counselor or Career Development Coordinator today to see all of the pathways and academies PR has to offer!**  
[Click here for more info...](#)

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## PRHS COLLEGE VISITS

ALL VISITS WILL BE IN THE CAFETERIA FROM 12-1PM

**2/23 UNC-GREENSBORO**

**2/29 APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**3/4 WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY**

SIGN UP FOR ANY VISIT THROUGH YOUR STUDENT SCOR ACCOUNT NOW!



## Career and Technical Education Academy Pathway Locations

**PR Porter Ridge High School**  
 Advanced Film Editing & Design  
 Culinary Arts  
 Drafting (Architecture & Engineering)  
 Pharmacy Technician  
 Robotics Engineering  
 Teaching as a Profession  
 Veterinary Assisting

**Sun Valley High School**  
 Advanced Film Editing & Design  
 Aerospace Engineering  
 Agricultural Mechanics  
 Avionics  
 Culinary Arts  
 Drafting (Architectural & Engineering)  
 Firefighter

**Weddington High School**  
 Pharmacy Technician  
 Project Lead The Way Engineering  
 Teaching as a Profession

**Marvin Ridge High School**  
 Advanced Film Editing & Design  
 Drafting (Architectural & Engineering)  
 Robotics Engineering

**Cuthbertson High School**  
 Advanced Film Editing & Design  
 Law & Justice  
 Robotics Engineering  
 Veterinary Assisting

**Parkwood High School**  
 Drafting (Architectural & Engineering)  
 Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning  
 Clean Energy Technology  
 Robotics Engineering  
 Welding Technology

**Central Academy of Technology & Arts**  
 \*Audio & Sound Production  
 Automotive Service  
 Collision Repair  
 \*Computer Engineering  
 \*Cyber-Security  
 \*Project Lead The Way Biomedical  
 \*Project Lead The Way Engineering  
 \*Software Development & Game Design  
 \*Denotes only available to CATA students

**Monroe High School**  
 Agricultural Mechanics  
 Carpentry  
 Electrical Trades  
 Health Sciences Academy  
 Law & Justice  
 Masonry  
 Robotics Engineering  
 Welding Technology

**Walter Bickett Education Center**  
 Cosmetic Arts & Sciences

**Piedmont High School**  
 Advanced Film Editing & Design  
 Agricultural Mechanics  
 Firefighter  
 Nurse Aide

**Forest Hills High School**  
 Agricultural Mechanics  
 Automotive Service  
 Drafting (Architectural & Engineering)  
 Nurse Aide  
 Project Lead The Way Engineering  
 Robotics Engineering

**UCPS**  
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 College & Career Readiness

**CTE**  
 CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Academy locations are subject to change.

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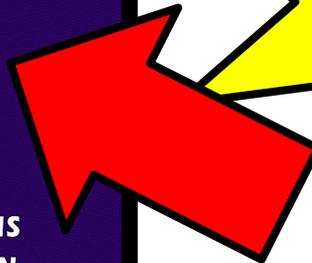
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**BUILD RESUME WITH CERTIFICATIONS**  
**FREE CREATIVE CLOUD SUBSCRIPTION**  
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# PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

**Students Consider  
our Digital Film  
Editing & Production  
Academy classes  
during registration!**



# 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.

*Mica Anderson*

Senior, Weddington High



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR  
TO REGISTER FOR THE ACADEMY

## 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	PRE-APPRENTICE PATHWAY	TRADITIONAL PATHWAY	UNIVERSITY PATHWAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Available to all UCPS high school students</li> <li>High school diploma and Associate's Degree from SPCC upon exiting high school</li> <li>Gateway to Wingate Scholarship</li> <li>Classroom teacher in 2 years after high graduation</li> </ul> <p><b>COST:</b> Associate's Degree = Zero Tuition Gateway to Wingate Scholarship = No more than \$2,500 per year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024</li> <li>Register as UCPS Teacher Preparation Pre-Apprentice</li> <li>Earn a high school diploma then to SPCC up to 2 years as a UCPS Apprentice while working as a UCPS Teacher Assistant</li> <li>Gateway to Wingate Scholarship</li> <li>Classroom teacher 2-4 years after high school graduation</li> </ul> <p><b>COST:</b> Associate's Degree = Zero Tuition Gateway to Wingate Scholarship = No more than \$2,500 per year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024</li> <li>Complete the 3 Teaching as a Profession courses</li> <li>High school diploma</li> <li>May transfer up to 7 credits directly to a 4-year university</li> <li>Classroom teacher 4 years after high school graduation</li> </ul> <p><b>COST:</b> Student incurs cost</p>	

## 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



## **TARDY POLICY**

Parents, it is important that students are on time for classes throughout the day. In order to ensure that you are aware if your child is tardy to class we will begin to send home notifications via our ConnectEd communication tool when your child has an unexcused tardy. We do have consequences for excessive tardies at school and these can be found in our [PRHS Student Handbook](#). Staff at PRHS remind students that the expectation is to go directly from one class to their next class, by taking the most efficient route possible. While we allow 5 minutes for each transition, students should report to their next class as quickly as possible and do not need the full five minutes. We find that students who take the most direct path to get to class and do not go into different parts of the building are always on time to class. If tardiness is due to a late bus they will be given a pass to class and will have an excused tardy which does not count against them. Thank you for your support as we teach our children the importance of being on time.

### ***Attend Today and Achieve Tomorrow***

**Student attendance at school is expected and is necessary for students to make the most of their learning. Please work with us as we try to teach our students that attendance is required, just as it would be at a job in their future.**

- Parents can provide notes for up to five days that a student is absent. After those days PRHS will require a doctor/medical note to excuse the absence.
- An absence will be recorded as unexcused until the note is submitted. Parent notes should be in within five days of the student's return to school.
- If a student misses 8 or more days of school in a semester, whether the absences are excused or unexcused, the student can fail the course due to attendance.

## 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 the Edulog 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

## TECHNOLOGY USE, FEES & HELP

**UCPS HAS INSTITUTED A TECHNOLOGY FEE** of \$30 this year that all students must pay. [Click here for the online payment system](#). Info on this fee was emailed home earlier this summer, but it will help to cover accidental damage. Mr. Jason Toudt is our Technology Systems Engineer.



### HELPDESK HOURS

**Monday – Wednesday – Friday**

**Start: 7:45am**

**End: 11:30am**

**Tuesday – Thursday**

**Start: 12:45pm**

**End: 3:00pm**

- Cell phones (headphones) may be used in a respectful manner during class transitions in between class periods and during lunches.
- Cell phones must be silenced and put away during class periods. Away means stored in a backpack, or in a teacher-designated location.
- Teachers do have discretion to allow students to use their cell phone for an instructional purpose during class time.
- If you violate this you will lose the privilege to have your phone (and headphones) during class.



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