



# Pirate Press

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## PRHS Spirit Event

Get in on the action with the "Souper Bowl of Caring"!



30% of the price from your admissions directly supports the Union County Community Shelter, making an impact with every ticket sold!

4705 Indian Trail  
Fairview Rd, Indian Trail, NC 28079

The Extreme Ice Center

- March 23rd 2024
- 1:30 to 3:30

Join us for skating and let us know you're here with PRHS!

Support the UC Homeless Shelter by meeting up with your club, or class, or just bring your family to the Souper Bowl of Caring event at Extreme Ice this Saturday 3/23 from 1:30 - 3:30..... Shout out to Model UN for putting this together!! Club/Group with largest percent participation wins the first annual Souper Bowl of Caring Trophy - and for a great cause! See attached flier at the top of the student announcements! The Homeless Shelter is an organization that has served some of our school community - please consider giving back to support them. **Please see the QR Code for parents to sign a waiver. An account must be created to get to the waiver.**



## NOOOOOOOOOOOOOO HITTER

Pirates Baseball beat Myers Park 4-0, led by Carter Sterchi, who pitched the first-ever complete game NO-HITTER in Porter Ridge Baseball history!

### CONGRATULATIONS CARTER STERCHI



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## PRHS Blood Drive

Wed. March 27th 8am-2pm

YOU ARE SOMEBODY'S TYPE



Sign up @ [bit.ly/PRHSBloodDrive](https://bit.ly/PRHSBloodDrive)

17 or younger a parent consent is needed.  
Forms can be found in the office.

- 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!
- Buy your **yearbooks** at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)
- The last day to **pre order your yearbook** is May 5th! Order yours today @ yearbookforever.com to secure the lowest 2024 price.
- Ok Pirates it's that time of year again for: "**Book Madness: Leave a Legacy of Literacy!**" Over the past several years, you have helped **FBLA** collect over 5,000 K-5 elementary school books that we have been able to donate to local Union County Title-1 elementary schools. This year we have partnered with East Elementary, and our goal is to collect 500 new and gently used K-5 elementary books. Book collection is now until Friday, March 22nd. How can you help? Look in your closet, under your bed, and yes even the garage for those beloved school books that you no longer read. **Donations will be accepted during all lunches or you can bring all new and gently used K-5 books** to room F100. For every book you donate, your name will be entered in a drawing to receive a gift certificate to Sun Valley Movie Theater, and a movie basket filled with goodies for a fun movie night. And just remember, "Today a reader.....Tomorrow a leader"
- Join **NEHS / Creative Writing Club** after school on Monday, March 25. Great job NEHS for being Reading Buddies with the elementary students!
- The **spring blood drive** is next Wednesday March 27th. If you would like to donate please make sure to scan the QR code and fill out the information form. If you are 16 or 17 years old remember you must turn in a consent form to receive an appointment time. Turn in consent forms as soon as possible. Seniors are eligible for a red graduation cord if you have successfully donated 2 times during high school. If you have any questions please email or see Mrs. Macera (G208D).
- Join Porter Ridge High School's **Castaways** as we present the one act comedy **Check Please: Take 2** on Friday March 22nd at 7 PM. Tickets are \$5 and available at [porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz](http://porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz)
- **GSA** will have a meeting this Friday, March 22 in G106. This is our last meeting before Awareness Week, so be ready to help out!!
- **Photography Club** will meet this Friday, March 22nd after school in G112.
- **Auditions for Almost Maine**, this year's spring show, will be on March 25th from 3:15-5:30. No experience or preparation is necessary. We will be reading scenes from the show.

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!**

## 2024 SERVICE ACADEMY DAY



If you are interested in applying for a Nomination  
 To a U.S. Military Service Academy in the Fall of 2024

**Please Join Us!**

Saturday, April 20, 2024  
 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

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

RSVP to [Melissa.Merrell@mail.House.gov](mailto:Melissa.Merrell@mail.House.gov)

Call (704) 218-5300 for more information



## Celebrating Women's History Month



This week Mrs. Fiallo's Spanish classes partnered with the Media Center to do a Women's History Month Scavenger Hunt celebrating the accomplishments of women around the world. Prizes were given for each 1st place group in all classes and were donated by Chick-Fil-A!



2024  
 MARCH 11-15

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c/o '25  
 89.9%

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c/o '26  
 92.6%

c/o '27  
 91.1%



## ATTENDANCE COMPETITION

COHORT V. COHORT

## ATTENDANCE COMPETITION BETWEEN COHORTS



For the month of March, the Student Lighthouse Team will host a competition between cohorts with attendance percentages by block. The cohort that has the best attendance % for March will have a celebration on the last day before Spring Break.

**STAY TUNED FOR WEEKLY UPDATES ON  
 THE COMPETITION!**



# PRHS Student Announcements

**Congratulations to our Battle of the Books Team for winning 3rd place at this year's competition!**



**Team Members:**  
 April Broome  
 Sadie Castner  
 Malaya Craig  
 Sophia Gaudet  
 Gavin Goss  
 Marlene Leon Medina  
 Frank Leovao  
**Coaches:**  
 Mrs. Snelson  
 Ms. Myers

**LAST DAY TO PREORDER YOUR YEARBOOK IS MAY 5TH!**

Order your yearbook by May 5th to secure the LOWEST 2024 price!



Scan the QR code to buy yours today! or visit [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)



**PROM 2024**  
**Tickets**  
 MARCH 18TH - 22ND  
 DURING LUNCHES  
**\$75**  
 \*ALL OUTSTANDING BALANCES MUST BE PAID

- Prom Tickets can be purchased by Juniors (Cohort 2025) or Seniors (Cohort 2024)
- You must have all outstanding balances paid (this will be checked before purchase)
- Cash or Check
- See Ms. Lawson at lunch
- Guest Forms located in the Front Office



## **Pirate Grams....from Math**

Christopher Harris...Getting an A in class  
Huy Nguyen...Highest test score  
Daniil Pashkevich...Always paying attention and taking notes  
Nathan Clark... A stellar math student  
Kendall Wilson... Most improved  
Nevaeh Hicks... Excellent group leader  
Kaylee Wisher... Consistently trying to improve  
Katrina Bovilsky... Patient and kind  
Marcelo Trincado Ynojosa... Asks great questions  
Danielle Chinnis... Outstanding work & initiative  
Trysen Shroyer... Outstanding pursuit of excellence  
Ryuki Monette... Helpful and positive  
Kayden Wilson... Always on task and helpful  
Tom Bentkovsky... Always willing to help others  
John Mitchell... Helps others work out problems  
Summer Nelson... Effectively participating  
Zayden Shoemaker... Great job helping others  
Abigail Laney... Leadership in the classroom  
Alexa Leadenham... Always willing to help others  
Olivia Owensby... Self and peer leadership  
Laura Martinez Giron... Works extremely hard  
Su Sin...Excellent student and athlete  
Lilly Achenbach... Always on task and willing to help  
Caylen Rodriguez... Hard Worker and positive attitude  
Cole James... Willingness to help others  
Yahel Villegas Aguilar... Hardworking and helpful  
Brianna Palladino... Hard worker, dedicated and willing to help  
Anh Tu... Always wants to help  
Mishelle Cardenas Mendoza... Helps peers, especially Spanish speaking students  
Lindsey Love... Helps others  
Lola Donaldson... Doing AMAZING in Discrete Math  
Carlos Soto... An excellent student  
Thomas Pope. An amazing performance in the musical!

## **Pirate Grams....from the Arts**

Chloe Dressler...Being Helpful  
Nykeeron Chambers...Going Above & Beyond  
Skye Rossi...Growing so much  
Aiden Schlotterback... Excellent dedication  
Leilany Basilio-Rangel... Superior growth in performance  
Kyungbin Park... Excellent attention to detail  
Emilia Stasik... High quality layouts and illustrations  
Monserrat Martinez Penaloza... Wonderful experimentation with art materials  
Juliya Coffey... Pays close attention to intricate details  
Ethan Hernandez... Steps his game up everyday  
Lilyanne Nichols... Dedicated and amazing  
Aiden Tripp... A rock, a pillar, an institution, a gentlemen  
Vincent Slater...Amazing work and dedication  
Peyton Murphy... Dedicated and hardworking  
Aiden Schlotterback... Always ready and willing



## **Pirate Grams...from Social Studies**

**Julia Coffey...Diligence and continued effort**

**Isaac Estrada... Excellent attention to detail**

**Ariana Mbillis... Great at seeking knowledge and advocating**

**Eva White... Effective communicator**

**Oleksandr Stepaniuk... Key contributor to class discussions**

**Kennedy Williams... Resilient problem solver**

**Alan Mac Reed... Always prepared and participates**

**Christian Quinones... Highest score on test**

**Daniel Almanza-Murillo... Great job on assignments**

**Sanaa Peterson... Awareness of other students**

**Joseph Borsuk-Hoffman... Acing and AP assignment**

**Joseph Almonte Cosme... Helps classmates with questions**

**Thomas Blume... Always amazing participation**

**Ibrahim Al Zuhairi... Resilient**

**Alexander Snyder... Effort and participation**

**Daniil Pashkevich... Highest grade in term**

**Spencer Chew... Consistent and insightful**

**Armin Kulosman... Exceptional writing and depth**

**Emily McNair...Always give 100% effort**

**Dylan Blakeney.. Always have great projects**

**Alejandro Galvan-Torres... Always helpful**

**Skye Rossi... Great classroom leader**

**Hailey Watkins... Constantly seeking ways to improve**

**Joseph Denaro... Always respectful and hardworking**

**Kayden Purdy... Kind to other students**

**Caylen Rodriguez... Active participant in class**

**Valery Velizaroff... Proactive on projects**

**Landon Pence...Always participating**

**Zachary Ckonjevic... Keep u the great work**

**Melinda Hirsch... Hard working student**



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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**

# IT'S TIME SENIORS! FOR CAP & GOWNS!

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH - PICK UP YOUR CAP & GOWN DURING LUNCHES**

**\*\*BALANCE ON THE CAP & GOWN MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO PICK UP**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH - TAKE YOUR CAP & GOWN PICTURE. SIGN UP THROUGH THE QR CODE BELOW.**



*PRHS Stadium*

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



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# Parent Information

## UPDATED 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 in April. 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 April 8. Thank you!

Parents, would you like a chance to be more involved with the students and teachers at PRHS? We're looking for PTO Board Vice President and Secretary. We are seeking parents willing to pay to support the PTO's work, willing to donate items for teacher appreciation and school events, and parents willing to volunteer at teacher appreciation events or as needed.

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**



Follow the PTO Instagram  
Page at [prhs\\_pto](#)



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.

# PIRATE ATHLETICS



## PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

**25**  
MONDAY

-Golf @ Charlotte National 3PM  
-V Baseball vs Weddington 4:30  
-JV Baseball @ Weddington 4:30  
-Soccer @ Hickory Ridge 5:30/7:00  
-LAX @ Parkwood 5:30/7:00  
-Softball @ Lee Park 4:15PM

**#COMMITTED**

**26**  
TUESDAY

-Golf @ The Divide 3PM  
-Tennis vs Cuthbertson 4PM  
-JV Baseball vs Weddington 4:30  
-V Baseball @ Weddington 7PM  
-Softball vs Cuthbertson 5PM

**27**  
WEDNESDAY

-Track Home 4PM  
-Tennis vs E Meck 4PM  
-Softball @ Charlotte Latin 4:30

**28**  
THURSDAY

-LAX vs Sun Valley 5/7  
-V Baseball vs Weddington 4:30  
-Soccer @ Piedmont 5:30/7:00

**29**  
FRIDAY

-HOLIDAY

**30**  
SATURDAY

-NO EVENTS



**3/14**

Baseball defeats Mooresville 3-0

Men's Volleyball lost to Ardrey Kell

Women's Soccer Lost to Indian Land 4-1

Softball defeats Mt. Pleasant 10-5

Men's LAX defeated Mt. Island Charter 15-2

**3/15**

Women's LAX loses to Butler 11-7

**3/18**

Tennis vs Palisades- Team did not show, is this s forfeit?

LAX at Weddington, Girls and Boys Loss

Softball @West Cabarrus- Canceled

**3/19**

Baseball @ Marvin Ridge- Loss

Soccer vs. Charlotte Latin- Loss 3-0

Softball @ Marvin Ridge- Loss

Tennis @ Marvin Ridge- Loss

Men's Volleyball @ SVHS Loss 3-1

**3/20**

Golf @ Firethorne

Baseball vs Marvin Ridge- WIN

Soccer vs Parkwood Win 7-0

# PIRATE ATHLETICS



## Save the Date

Free high school sports physicals for student-athletes entering grades 9 through 12.

*Students must be enrolled at an Atrium Health partner high school to participate.*

**Saturday, May 4, 2024**

Time, schedule and registration details to be announced

Students will receive orthopedic and general wellness assessments from our team of expert providers. Students will also receive heart screenings for sudden cardiac death, not offered during routine physicals, to detect health risks before they become issues.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- The exam is a screening for school sports — not a complete physical — and does not replace the need for an annual physical with your doctor.



[CLICK HERE FOR HOME EVENT TICKETS](#)

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

[CLICK HERE FOR OUR DAILY SPORTS SCHEDULE](#)

**PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC ZONE**

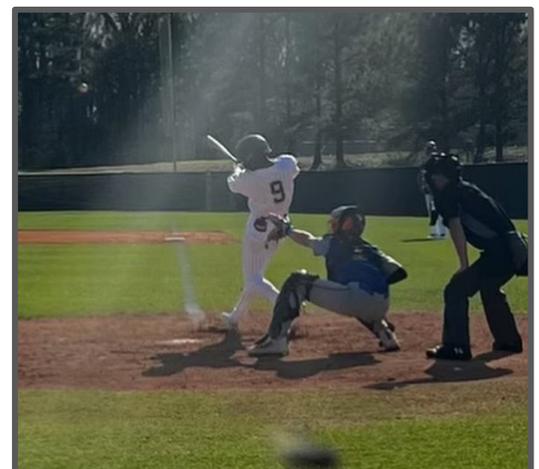


## PRHS FOOTBALL CHEER INTEREST MEETING

MAR 26

MEDIA CENTER

6:30 PM



# PIRATE ATHLETICS

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.



### 2024 PORTER RIDGE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
3/5	Tuesday	Providence	HOME	4:30
3/12	Tuesday	Union Academy	AWAY	4:30
3/14	Thursday	Ardrey Kell	HOME	4:30
3/19	Tuesday	Sun Valley	AWAY	5:00
3/21	Thursday	Metrolina	HOME	4:30
3/26	Tuesday	Piedmont	HOME	4:30
4/9	Tuesday	Piedmont	AWAY	4:30
4/11	Thursday	Lee Park	HOME	4:30
4/16	Tuesday	Metrolina	AWAY	5 and 6pm
4/18	Thursday	Union Academy	HOME	4:30
4/24	Wednesday	Sun Valley (Senior Night)	HOME	4:30
4/29	Monday	Weddington	AWAY	5:30
4/30	Tuesday	Butler	AWAY	4:30
5/2	Thursday	Playoffs begin	TBD	TBD

## THANK YOU COACH MALONE



I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO THANK DR. FISENINE AND FORMER ATHLETIC DIRECTOR COACH THOMPSON FOR GIVING ME MY FIRST OPPORTUNITY AS A HEAD COACH. YOU BELIEVED IN ME AND I WILL FOREVER BE GRATEFUL FOR THAT. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK OUR CURRENT AD COACH LEATH FOR EMBRACING ME AND SUPPORTING OUR PROGRAM. TO ALL OF THE COACHES THAT I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH AND ALONGSIDE, THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME BUILD A WONDERFUL PROGRAM AT PORTER RIDGE. I'VE BEEN EXTREMELY BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO COACH SUCH GREAT YOUNG MEN OVER THIS PAST SIX YEARS. THANK YOU MEN FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION. THE PORTER RIDGE COMMUNITY SHOULD BE PROUD OF THE JOB THAT THEY HAVE DONE WITH THESE ATHLETES. WITH THAT SAID I WILL BE PURSUING ANOTHER COACHING OPPORTUNITY. PORTER RIDGE WILL FOREVER BE PART OF MY STORY!

LOVE,  
COACH MALONE

### PORTER RIDGE SPRING GIVEAWAY

- \$10 DONATION PER ENTRY
- 3 WINNERS SELECTED
- PICK YOUR PRIZE



Follow the link to support PRHS Athletics!



Goes toward uniforms and practice/game equipment for our HS Sports.

Support High School Athletics by contributing to the PR Athletic Booster Club fundraiser this spring. Share this post with friends and family and let's support our amazing students and school

# 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

# PIRATE ATHLETICS

PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

*Annual*

**BBQ FUNDRAISER**

**4/19/24**

**11AM-6PM**

**RAIN OR SHINE**

**BBQ SANDWICH  
PLATE**

**\$12**

Sandwich, Colelaw, Chips, and Cookie

**BBQ PLATE**

**\$12**

Chopped BBQ, Colelaw, Chips, and Cookie

**1 LB BBQ**

**\$15**

1 lb of Chopped BBQ with Sauce

**RIB RACK**

**\$25**

One Full Rack of Ribs

**PORK BUTT**

**\$50**

Whole Pork Butt

**FAMILY PACK**

**\$65**

2 lb Chopped BBQ, 1 Rack of Ribs, 4 Colelaw, 4  
Chips, 4 Cookies



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# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

## 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.

**UCPS** College Readiness  
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Create an Instagram post or reel that encourages the Class of 2024 to complete the FAFSA!

5 winners will receive a **\$100 GIFT CARD**

### INSTAGRAM CONTEST

#### The Details

Your post/reel should

- Encourage seniors to complete the FAFSA.
- Be creative, yet appropriate!
- Appeal to teenagers.
- Be produced solely by students in grades 9-12 currently enrolled and attending a high school in UCPS.
- Be created safely and not put anyone in danger.
- Should remain respectful of the differences among individuals and peoples, including race and ethnicity, sex, gender identity, political viewpoints, sexual orientation, special health needs, age, belief system, country of origin, and socio-economic status.
- Not contain nudity of any kind or provocative sexual content.
- Not contain profanity or other inappropriate language.

Submit your entry by March 31st

<https://bit.ly/FAFSAinstagram>

**FAFSA STRONG**

**SPCC SPRING TEXTBOOK REIMBURSEMENTS ARE HERE!**

**FORMS ARE ONLINE AND MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 22ND**

**PLEASE SCAN THIS QR CODE TO GET STARTED**

## WE ARE GOING LIVE

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# PARENT EDUCATION SERIES

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

**STAY CONNECTED** [www.ucps.k12.nc.us](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us)

# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

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!

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

## Union West Rotary West Scholarship

This year, Union West Rotary Club will award no less than \$5,000 in scholarship fund to graduating seniors and scholarships will be a minimum of \$1,000 each.

This scholarship is only open to Sun Valley High School, Porter Ridge High School, Metrolina Christian Academy or homeschool students within Indian Trail.

Scholarships are due back no later than March 27, 2024 and can be completed online at:

<https://forms.gle/dcLFH6grFUg1k3VHA>

The 2024 Short Session **House Page Applications** will be available online beginning **Monday, March 4th, 2024**.

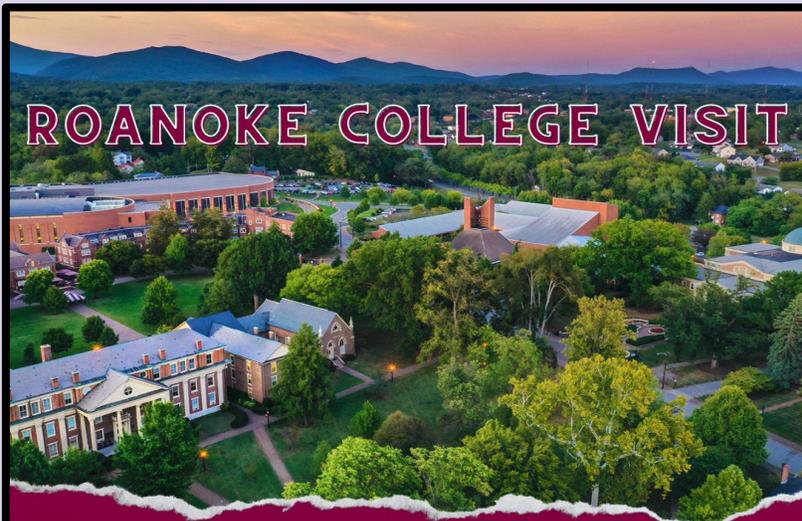
The Page website can be accessed by visiting the following: <https://www.ncleg.gov/House/PageProgram/>.

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Pages may only serve one time in the House.
- **Sophomore, junior and senior high school students** will be eligible to apply.
- The application and Page information, including the process, participant eligibility requirements, and available dates to serve as a House Page can be found on the website listed above.
- Please note, House Pages are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- House Page applications are accepted until all weeks are full.

Applications are submitted electronically for review, approval, and sponsorship.

## ROANOKE COLLEGE VISIT



FRIDAY  
MARCH 22ND  
12PM IN  
CAFETERIA



SIGN UP  
THROUGH  
SCOIR



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).



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# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

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### 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).

## Registration Meeting Schedule March & April 2024

4	5 <i>Optional Workday</i>	6 (A) <i>Akerman Allran Baker P. Williams</i>	7 (B) <i>Batchelor Baucom Bridges Broadbent Newsome (2)</i>	8 (A) <i>Brown Collins Diaz Drake Ellis</i>
11 (B) <i>Chavis Cheron Croke Goldberg</i>	12 (A) <i>ACT (Juniors)</i>	13 (B) <i>Malone McCollough Ross</i>	14 (A) <i>Doll Fiallo Frazier</i>	15 (B) <i>Early Release Day</i>
18 (A) <i>Fontanez Ford Goodine Gordon</i>	19 (B) <i>Fulmer Greer Grello Hasty</i>	20 (A) <i>Hill Howes Joaguin Macera</i>	21 (B) <i>Helms Howard Kasler Koonce</i>	22 (A) <i>Ladimir Lytle Mackenzie</i>
25 (B) <i>McCollum Plata Ruggerio Ruhland</i>	26 (A) <i>Hertz Small Snelson Welch</i>	27 (B) <i>Saffles Schullery Washington</i>	28 (A)	29 <i>Holiday—Good Friday</i>
8 (B) <i>Yearick</i>	9 (A) <i>Byrum Stegall W. Williams</i>	10 (B) <i>Watson Wickham Wiles</i>	11 (A) <i>Wright Yelverton</i>	12 (B)



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## 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 an 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](https://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](https://GO.UNC.EDU/PROJECTUPLIFT)



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 Diversity and Inclusion



## WINSTON-SALEM STATE VISIT

**MARCH 27TH @ 12PM CAFETERIA**

**SIGN UP VIA SCOIR NOW!**



If you are interested in learning more about the Marines or the Army, we will be hosting a special presentation on Wednesday, March 20th at 12pm in the Guidance Lobby. You can register for this event using the link found in your student announcements, the Pirate Press, and the Counseling Instagram page. Students must be registered to attend!



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## 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

@UCPSCollegePrep

ucpscollegeready

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### Nurse Aide & EMT Academy **Deadline – Friday, March 1st**

\*The application for Nurse Aide & the \*New\* EMT academy **MUST** be returned to Ms. Webb no later than Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. If the application is not turned in by Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, students will put on a waitlist.

### Cosmetology Academy **Deadline**

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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...](#)

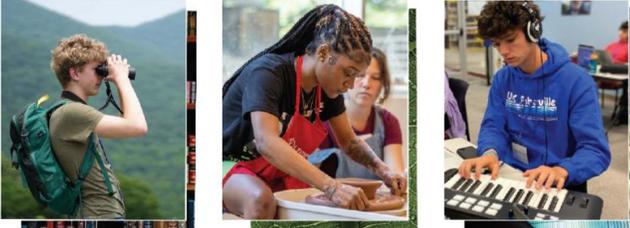
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 Follow us on: [prhs counseling](#)

# Pre-College Programs Summer 2024

JUNE 16-21 / JUNE 23-28

Week-long immersion programs introduce high school students to college-level study, university life, and career options in a dynamic learning environment.

## What makes pre-college programs *unique*?



Each program exemplifies the high-quality arts and sciences approach that is a hallmark of UNC Asheville and pairs participants with expert faculty and industry professionals in concentrations including Ceramics; Pre-Med; Geology & Adventure; Film Scoring & Sound Design; Great Smokies Young Writers Workshops (Creative Writing); Meteorology; River Ecology & Adventure; Music Composition & Songwriting; Climate, Robotics, Rocketry & Aerospace Engineering; and Video Game Design.

Pre-College Programs are open to rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Lodging, meals, excursions and all academic materials are included in the program cost starting at \$1,430 per week.

Registration Open Now  
UNCA.EDU/PRECOLLEGE



For more information, visit [unca.edu/precollege](http://unca.edu/precollege) or contact Office of Conferences & Camps at [precollege@unca.edu](mailto:precollege@unca.edu)

# PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

**Congratulations to Grace Fielder (10th) and Maria Sanchez (11th) for getting accepted into NC Governor's School! Grace was accepted for Instrumental Music and Maria was accepted for Social Studies.**



## 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



## 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.

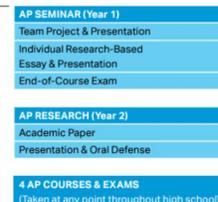
[www.ucps.k12.nc.us/prhs](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/prhs)

### How It Works

If you earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of your choice, you'll receive the **AP Capstone Diploma™**.

If you earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research, you'll receive the **AP Seminar and Research Certificate™**.

AP Capstone Diploma™



AP Seminar and Research Certificate™

AP Seminar: Where Creativity Meets Critical Thinking

Learn more about AP Capstone at [collegeboard.org/apcapstone](http://collegeboard.org/apcapstone).



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# PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

Another amazing opportunity via Rotary is our District's Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders at Gardner Webb University in Shelby, NC, this summer will be here before we know it. The time for student candidates to submit their application online to attend is NOW. Below are event details to be shared ASAP with students that would benefit from this program (and their parents/guardians). This opportunity is designed specifically for up and coming leaders.

**When: July 18-21, 2024**

**Where: Gardner Webb University in Shelby, NC**

**What: A leadership development program for our Next Generation of Leaders. Within a nurturing and challenging environment, students blossom as they learn principles that empower them to increase self-awareness and develop life-changing skills: giving and receiving feedback; effective group communication; applied leadership and ethics; vision and goal-setting; non-verbal communication; self-assessment; increasing emotional intelligence and reflection**

**Who: rising high school juniors and seniors**

**Cost: \$0 (sponsorships provided by area Rotary Clubs)**

**Deadline to submit application: March 31, 2024**

Things to know: the event involves a three-night stay in the dorms on the campus of Gardner Webb University (a small taste of college life away from home); the valuable lessons learned and experience gained through this program will not only enrich a student's character but can also be a great resume-builder to help set one apart when applying for college or a job

### **Process to apply:**

1) Make it known to a member of Union West Rotary Club you wish to attend

2) Complete the application found here: [DACdb \(ismyrotaryclub.org\)](https://www.dacdb.com) (headcount is limited so please apply ASAP)

Also, check out the event's website and a short YouTube video that paints a good picture of the event:

[Seminars for Tomorrow's leaders \(SFTL\) \(rotary7680.org\)](https://www.rotary7680.org)

[Rotary District 7680 presents SFTL- Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders - YouTube](#)

If students are interested, please have them complete the application and select they were referred by a Rotarian, Hayden Kramer, from Union West Rotary. If any parents or students have any questions, please have them contact me. Application deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>!



## **Truist Financial Foundations Scholarship**

The Truist Financial Foundations Scholarship Contest is open to any high school student who has completed at least three of the EVERFI - Financial Literacy digital lessons. **Application Deadline:** Fall semester entries must be submitted by **January 7, 2024**; spring semester entries must be received by **May 6, 2024**. **Prize:** \$2,000 - \$3,000 in educational funding [Student Application](#)

## **DataSetGo Distinguished Scholar Award**

The Distinguished Scholar Award is open to any Principal Foundation student in grades 9-12 who has completed at least one of the *Data Science Foundations* or *Data Science Exploration: Financial Wellness* digital lessons. The contest will be open throughout the 2023-2024 academic year. **Application Deadline:** Entries must be submitted by April 30, 2024. **Prize:** \$5,000 in Educational Funding [Student Application](#)

## **Vaping: Know the truth Art Challenge**

The Vaping: Know the truth Art Challenge is open to any U.S. student between 13-19 years old. To enter, students submit a piece of original artwork that either illustrates healthy coping mechanisms that might help someone quit vaping or how they would encourage a friend who vapes to find a new positive coping mechanism that is not vaping. **Application Deadline:** April 17, 2024 **Prize:** \$1,125 - \$5,500 for educational purposes [Student Applications](#)

## **Accounting Careers: Limitless Opportunities Scholarship Contest**

Accounting+ will be awarding eleven students nationally \$5,000 in educational funding. The Accounting Careers: Limitless Opportunities Scholarship is open to U.S. high school students between 13-19 years old who have completed at least one Accounting Careers: Limitless Opportunities course module. Students must submit a 300-500 essay for a chance to win. **Application Deadline:** April 30, 2024 **Prize:** \$5,000 check for educational purposes. [Student Applications](#)

## **OneMain Financial Credit Worthy Scholarship**

The Credit Worthy Scholarship Contest presented by OneMain Financial is open to any U.S. high school student (grades 9-12) who has completed Build - Credit Fundamentals, or a minimum of three modules of the Keys to Your Future, EVERFI: Financial Literacy and/or Venture courses within OneMain Financial's footprint. **Application Deadline:** Fall semester entries must be submitted by **January 15, 2024**; spring semester entries must be received by **May 6, 2024**. **Prize:** \$1,000 check for educational purposes. [Student Application](#)



## SEMINAR FOR TOMORROW'S LEADERS

# Empowering our Next Generation of Leaders!

JULY 18-21, 2024 GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY

- Explore the meaning of Leadership
- Discover yourself and how you relate to others
- Develop conflict resolution and communication skills
- Examine ethics and values in leadership
- Create a network of service-oriented friends



SFTL is open to rising High School Juniors and Seniors

Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of District 7680 (No cost to attend)



◀ SFTL Student Application

Rotary District 7680



Center for Creative Leadership



### What is SFTL?

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a Rotary International Initiative, sponsored by Rotary Districts throughout the world. This is an opportunity to help our next generation of leader define themselves and expand their skills.

In 2009 Rotary District 7680 partnered with CCL (Center for Creative Learning) to design a leadership course for high school students, using the same framework delivered to global executives, policy makers and military officers. Tools developed over 50 years of transforming lives-each principal is intentionally crafted in the classroom, then reinforced with activities.



### What is the goal of SFTL?

Within a nurturing and challenging environment, students blossom as they move through principals that empower them to increase self-awareness and develop life-changing skills; giving and receiving feedback; effective group communication; applied leadership and ethics; vision and goal-setting; non-verbal communication; self-assessment; increasing emotional intelligence and reflection.



### How is SFTL organized?

Small clusters of 8 Students, led by a Rotarian Mentor, gather to debrief, recap and clarify. Activities may be performed within the cluster. These groups foster discussions about goals, ambitions, careers, college plans and relationships.

Life-long friendships may develop...according to one Rotarian's daughter, who attended RYLA at Gardner-Webb University in 2005. Now at the age of 36, the daughter recently postponed seeing dear-old Dad so she could meet with her RYLA buddies!

### When and where is SFTL?

Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC will once again host Rotary District 7680 SFTL. Students arrive on Thursday, July 18, 2024 for Check-In to their Dorm and Opening Session with Parents and Guardians. After a quick good-bye, three days of work, play and campus cafeteria food ensues. Parents and Guardians return for the Closing Session on Sunday, July 21, 2024

### Who can attend SFTL?

Rising high school juniors and seniors (plus a few select rising sophomores) apply first to a local Rotary Club and second to Rotary District 7680. Your local Rotary Club selects Student "Delegates". Once extra slots become available, the district can select applicants who haven't found a local Rotary Club.

### How much does SFTL cost?

According to CCL, this Scholarship is valued at \$5,000! Fortunately CCL is our partner and local Rotary Clubs sponsor each Student...so there is no charge to Students.

### Who is Rotary?

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in our local and world community. Approximately 1.4 million Rotarians belong to more than 35,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographies. Additionally, Rotaract Clubs are focused on college and young adults, while Interact Clubs are focused on high school students.



### What do I need to do next?

Contact your local Rotary Club at <https://myrotary.com/7680clubfinder>, then submit your Student Application found at <https://myrotary.com/2024-sftl-studentapplication>.

# NEXT STOP TEACH UCPS

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

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

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

- Mia Anderson

Senior, Weddington High



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR THE ACADEMY

DRIVEN BY PARTNERSHIPS



STAY CONNECTED



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

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

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

### ASSOCIATE'S PATHWAY

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

#### COST:

Associate's Degree = Zero Tuition  
Gateway to Wingate Scholarship = No more than \$2,500 per year

### TRADITIONAL PATHWAY

#### PRE-APPRENTICE PATHWAY

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

#### COST:

Associate's Degree = Zero Tuition  
Gateway to Wingate Scholarship = No more than \$2,500 per year

#### UNIVERSITY PATHWAY

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

#### COST:

Student incurs cost

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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



## **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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@prhs.wrestling @prhs\_interactclub @prhs.nhs @prhs.knittingandcrocheting @prhs\_discgolf  
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