

# Wolf Pack Press

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## Reminder:

We will be exclusively using the new Student Absence Form designed to enhance our ability to accurately track and manage student attendance at the beginning of the 2nd Semester.

**To use the form, you'll first have to create an account.**

<https://ucpsapps.ucps.k12.nc.us/absence/index.php?val=high>

This initiative is part of our ongoing effort to ensure every student receives the support they need to succeed academically.

**Remember to follow us on social media:**

**Follow us on Facebook:** [ParkwoodHSNC](#)

**Follow us on Twitter:** [@ParkwoodHSNC](#)

**Follow us on Instagram:** [@ParkwoodHSNC](#)





# PWHS Calendar

Monday 05/12	Tuesday 05/13	Wednesday 05/14	Thursday 05/15	Friday 05/16	Saturday 05/17
AP Testing: Calculus AB/BC AM  AP Testing: Music Theory PM	AP Testing: Precalculus AM  AP Testing: Environmental Science PM  6:00 Stunt Competition	AP Testing: English Lang and Comp AM	AP Testing: Art History AM  AP Testing: Computer Science Principles PM	AP Testing: Physics 1 AM  AP Testing: Psychology PM  6:00 ROTC Awards  Track & Field 3A State Championship	8:00-11:00 Prom at Agricultural Center in Monroe

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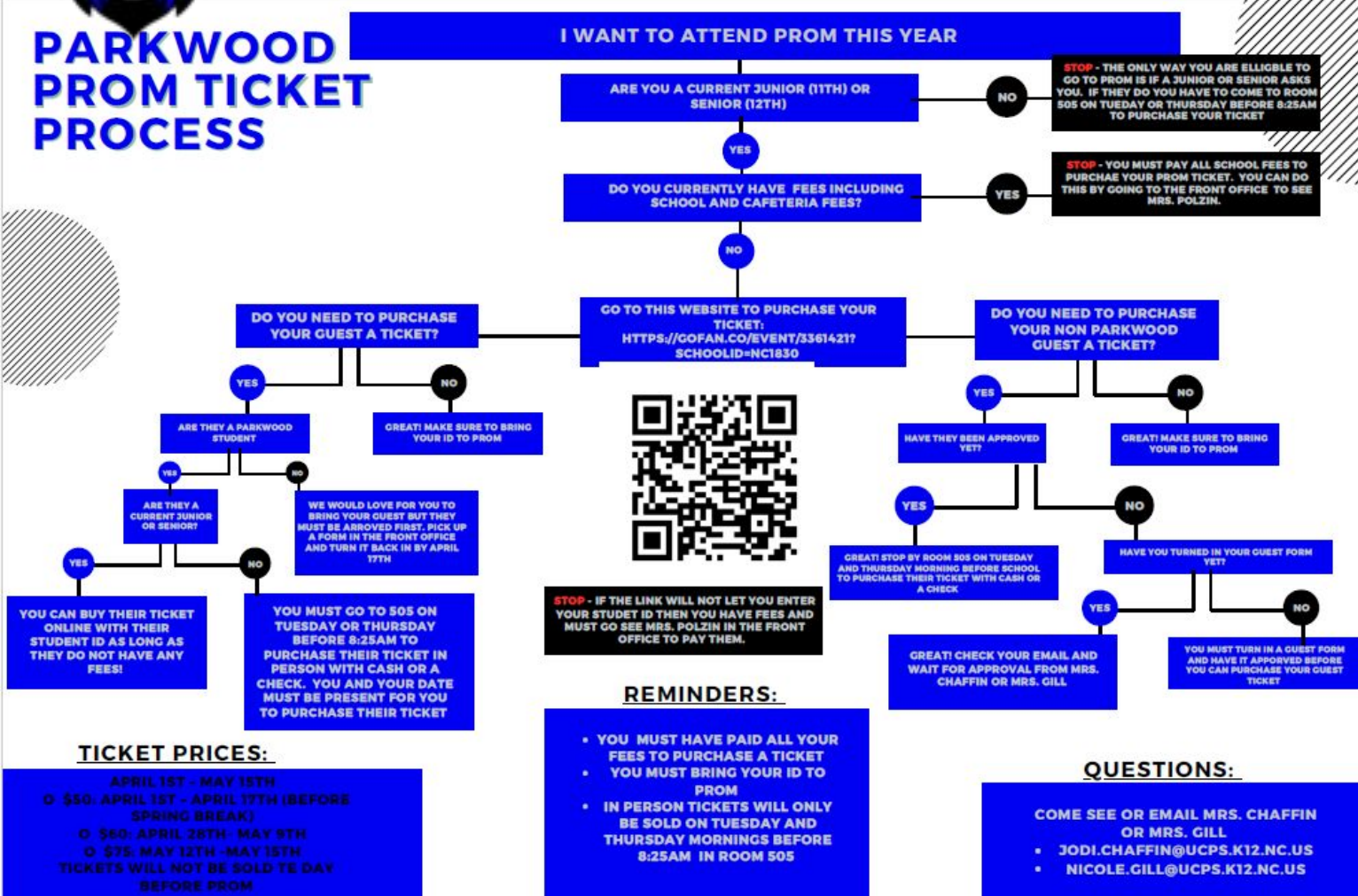
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# Parkwood Prom Ticket Process

## PARKWOOD PROM TICKET PROCESS



Prom is Saturday May 17th from 8pm-11pm

April 1st Start Selling Tickets at 8:00am (Online through Go Fan like Homecoming/Athletic tickets)

We will sell tickets for 6 weeks

April 1st – May 15th

- \* \$50: April 1st – April 17th (Before Spring Break)
- \* \$60: April 28th- May 9th
- \* \$75: May 12th -May 15th

We will NOT sell tickets the day before Prom

**MUST HAVE PAID ALL YOUR FEES TO PURCHASE A TICKET**

Tickets are only good for the student who purchased them. They cannot be transferred. Please note that we will be using a list of NAMES of students who were approved to purchase tickets. We will NOT be using the QR code that is shared from GoFan upon purchase.

The only tickets we will sell in person are for students who are bringing an Outside Parkwood Guest and Students who are bringing guests that are in 9th or 10th grade.

In order to purchase your outside guest ticket, they must have been approved.

In order to purchase a ticket for an underclassman both the 9th/10th grader and the date must be present.

To purchase a ticket in person you must go to room 505 with Mrs. Chaffin (cash or check) on Tuesday and Thursdays before 8:25am in 505, starting April 1st

Outside guest forms will be available on March 24th and be due back by April 17th before Spring Break.

NO tickets will be SOLD on May 16th

You MUST bring an ID to Prom





## Senior Breakfast Donations

# Senior Breakfast

Help us celebrate our  
seniors before the Senior  
Signing & Awards  
Ceremony on May 20th!  
Use the link to sign up to  
bring some breakfast  
items.

[bit.ly/2025SeniorBF](https://bit.ly/2025SeniorBF)







## Exam Packs

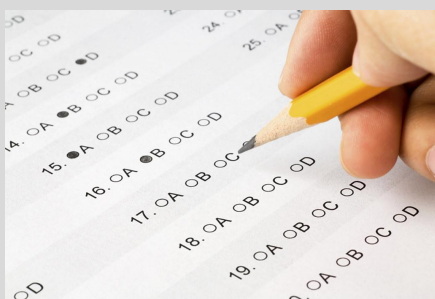
Show your Parkwood High student that you want them to do well on their final exams, or your favorite teacher, you want them to survive Exam Week! Or just let your student know that you love them! Buy an Exam Survival Pack!

Exam Survival Packs will be sold May 9-21 for \$6. The survival pack will include a water, Gatorade, fruit snacks, granola bar, bag of popped popcorn, sun chips, and a bar of candy. You get to add a personal note to the recipient.

Exam Survival Packs will be passed out on Wednesday, May 28.

To purchase an Exam Survival Pack, go to the Parkwood High School website: Click About Us, then click Payments, then choose Exam Survival Packs.

If you have questions, please call Melinda Rivers or email [melinda.rivers@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:melinda.rivers@ucps.k12.nc.us)







## PTSO Information

The PWHS PTSO uses our monthly [newsletter](#) and social media as our primary sources of communication. **Please make sure you are following us on Facebook at [Parkwood HS PTSO](#) and on Instagram at [Parkwood PTSO](#) to stay up to date on all the latest events and information.**

### **GENERAL PTSO UPDATES:**

- **Congratulations to the 25-26 PTSO Executive Board that was unanimously approved during the 5/7 PTSO meeting.**
  - President – Sumer Smith
  - Vice President – Trish Culley
  - Treasurer – Lauren Jenkins
  - Secretary – Stephanie Vill
- Thank you to all who donated to help make Teacher Appreciation Week a success! We are especially grateful to [Hacienda el Rey in Waxhaw](#) for donating the majority of the food for the teacher luncheon on Friday!
- We want to give a special shout out to our Hospitality co-chairs, Neva Helms and Sumer Smith, for the great work they did this year providing monthly treats for our teachers and staff! They did an amazing job of coordinating the monthly events while also staying significantly under budget for the year. Thank you, Neva and Sumer!

If you have any questions about the PTSO, please feel free to send us an email at [parkwoodptso@gmail.com](mailto:parkwoodptso@gmail.com). Thank you for supporting the Parkwood High School PTSO!

PWHS PTSO Executive Board





## Class of 2025 Senior Week



### SENIOR WEEK 2025

Monday, May 19 - Your Future is Bright!

Dress in **NEON** colors.

Show us how bright your future will be.

Tuesday, May 20 –

Future Plan Day...Dress Your Plan.



Military, Career, or College Gear

Academic Signing &  
Awards at PWHS



Wednesday, May 21 Teacher – Senior SWAP DAY

Seniors dress as a teacher/administrator –

Teachers dress as a PW Senior



Thursday, May 22 – Dress for Success

Graduation Walk at Your Elementary School and

Parkwood Middle School



Last Luau Friday, May 23

2025 Seniors enjoy your "Last Luau"

Picnic on the Football Practice Field



SCHOOL DRESS CODE MUST APPLY EACH DAY  
HAVE FUN WITHOUT BREAKING THE RULES!





## Class of 2025 Senior Week

May 19-23rd

Monday

- Ice pops during lunch
- Write a letter to your future self during lunch

Tuesday

- Senior Breakfast - 8:30-8:55
- Senior Awards & Academic Signing at 9am – Main Gym
  - Parents of seniors are invited to attend

Wednesday

- Cookies during lunch

Thursday

- Senior Celebratory Walk at Parkwood Middle School and one of our cluster elementary schools
  - Must return signed permission slip to Mrs. Davison in counseling by May 12<sup>th</sup> to participate.
  - Seniors must report to PWHS in the morning by 8:30am in the GYM to ride the bus. Seniors who do not report to PWHS will not be able to participate.
  - Must be wearing their cap & gown.
- Ice Cream during lunch

Friday

- Senior Slideshow during WIN block
- Last Luau during 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> block





## Senior Awards & Academic Signing

# *Parkwood High Senior Awards & Academic Signing*

**Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in the Main Gym**  
**Parents of seniors are invited to attend.**

Seniors will sign for their post  
high school plans. Seniors receiving  
department awards will also be recognized.





# **Parkwood High School Graduation Information**

**Class of 2025 Graduation**

**Parkwood High School Stadium**

**June 10, 2025**

**8:00 AM**

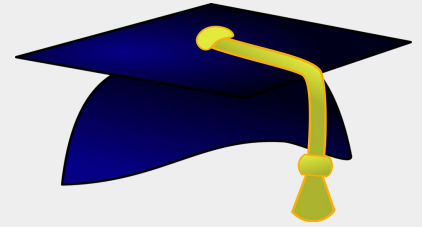
**Information regarding specific details was sent to Senior parents/guardians and students through email.**





# Senior Information

## Cap & Gown Information:



If you have not yet ordered, you still can at this link:

[https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/catalogBrowse/1051536/PARKWOOD-HIGH-SCHOOL/Graduation/2677877773/CATALOG\\_REPOSITORY/](https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/catalogBrowse/1051536/PARKWOOD-HIGH-SCHOOL/Graduation/2677877773/CATALOG_REPOSITORY/) (scroll to bottom just to order cap & gown)

## Scholarship Offers?

Seniors, turn in your scholarship offers by May 15th to join us for a sweet treat scholarship celebration on 5/16 during WIN block.



Turn in all offers - even the ones you are not accepting - at the link below or email to [shawn.johnston@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:shawn.johnston@ucps.k12.nc.us): <https://bit.ly/PWHSScholarships25> (must be logged into school google account)

## Community College & Trade Schools:



- Planning to attend a Community College or Trade School? Now is the time to get your application submitted. Click this link on how to apply:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Pzfhnkyi4uTBWcAXtvMFsQG\\_z6V0d0evoGDA/G19hik/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Pzfhnkyi4uTBWcAXtvMFsQG_z6V0d0evoGDA/G19hik/edit?usp=sharing)
- Students who need assistance should fill out this link and a counselor will assist you:  
<https://bit.ly/PWCollegeAppAssistance2>





## College Readiness Series



# 2024 - 2025 College Readiness Series

🐦 @UCPSCollegePrep

📷 ucpscollegeprep

## What Makes A Good College Essay?

May 13, 2025

6 PM

Webinar

To register visit: <https://tinyurl.com/20250513>

Planning to apply to a school or a scholarship that requires an essay? Juniors should start thinking about their essay topic now.

Join us as we discuss the process from start to finish.







Louisiana Robinson Scholarship- Due 5/16

We invite you to apply to our

# LOUISIANA ROBINSON SCHOLARSHIP



**SCAN  
TO  
APPLY**



**NAACP**  
*Union County Branch*





## Service Academy Day



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

Are you interested in attending a U.S. service academy? Join Team Harris for an information day to learn more about how you can apply!



**May 17, 2025**  
10am - 1pm



**Charlotte Catholic High School**  
Fine Arts Center



**CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM**

Union, Anson, Stanly, Montgomery, Richmond,  
Scotland, Robeson, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

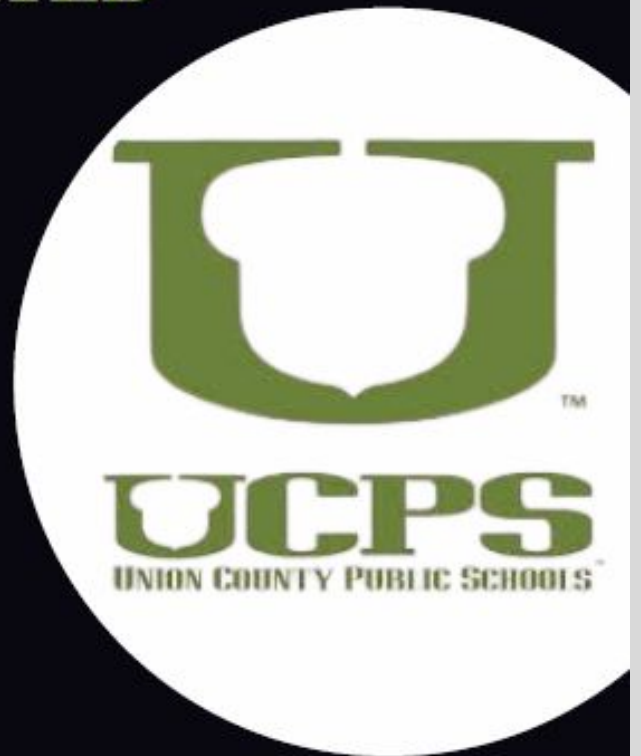
District Director Melissa Merrell  
[Melissa.Merrell@mail.house.gov](mailto:Melissa.Merrell@mail.house.gov)





## Credit By Demonstrated Mastery

# CREDIT BY DEMONSTRATED MASTERY



### About CDM:

Credit by Demonstrated Mastery or CDM is a process that allows students to earn high school course credit by demonstrating command of course material/content without taking the actual course. Content for the CDM process is based on the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.

For More Information:

<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/8332t>

**Application Deadline-**

**Opens: May 1st**

**Closes: May 23rd**





# Kieth and Serena Cockrell Scholarship

## KIETH AND SERENA COCKRELL SCHOLARSHIP



**UNCF**

A mind is a terrible  
thing to waste\*

*Honoring the Legacy  
Transforming our Future*

**APPLICATION OPENS:**

**4/18/2025**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

**5/30/2025**



<https://opportunities.uncf.org>

For more information, please contact  
Wayne Wilson II at [wwilson@uncf.org](mailto:wwilson@uncf.org).

UNCF.org

@UNCF



#UNCF

# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

**A RENEWABLE SCHOLARSHIP UP TO \$30,000  
FOR FOUR YEARS (\$7,500 PER YEAR)**

- ✓ Are you a permanent resident of NC who at the time of the initial scholarship application is a high school senior graduating from a public, private, or charter school in the following North Carolina counties: Mecklenburg County, Union County or Cabarrus County?
- ✓ Do you possess a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale?
- ✓ Are you planning to attend any U.S. located, accredited, four-year college or university in the Fall 2025 semester?
- ✓ Have you filed your 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)?
- ✓ Do you have unmet need determined by your college or university's financial aid office?







## Community College SECU PHP



# \$5,000 Scholarship

## APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE STARTING IN MARCH

SECU Foundation takes an active role in assisting community colleges across North Carolina because we believe in "People Helping People®."

We believe in your academic success.  
Apply for this two-year scholarship program.

### Eligibility requirements:

- Currently attending or accepted to attend one of the 58 North Carolina Community Colleges.
- North Carolina resident and eligible for in-state tuition.
- An applicant or full-time student who is a high school graduate (or has completed their GED), enrolled in an associate degree, diploma, or certificate program.
- Demonstrates academic achievement with a 2.5 or higher unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Exhibits leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement.
- Filed FAFSA as part of their college application.

Please submit all required application materials to the Office of Financial Aid and Veterans Services by the deadline either in person or via email at [FINAID@SPCC.EDU](mailto:FINAID@SPCC.EDU).

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Speak with your Community College's Financial Aid Office for more information and additional eligibility criteria.

## SECU Foundation

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE®





# FAFSA information for Seniors

## SENIORS – Financial Aid For College

**The 2025-2026 FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid is now open**

Create your account at [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) - takes 1 to 3 days to process account registration. If you have an account log in.

- Assists students with apply for community college, trade schools, and 4-year universities.
- Types of aid students may be eligible for:
  - Grants – free money, does not have to be paid back
  - Loans – borrowed money, must be paid back
  - Work Study – provides a job paid by the student aid program
- Apply in Senior year for 2025-2026 through <https://studentaid.gov/>.
- Parents who need assistance with FAFSA can sign up for virtual evening help at: <https://calendly.com/collegereadinessucps>
- CFNC FAFSA support: <https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/fafsa-assistance/>
- Students who need assistance should fill out this link and a counselor will assist you: <https://bit.ly/PWCollegeAppAssistance25>

**Have these documents on hand.** Here are the main things students need to complete the FAFSA. (For a full list of items needed, [here's an easy, printable checklist](#)).

- Recommend parent & student are together when completing FAFSA form.
- Photo or copy of Social Security Card or Green Card (if applicable)
- 2023 Federal Tax Forms
- Personal email address

<https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/apply-for-financial-aid/> is a great resource to assist with FAFSA.

If you have questions please reach out to your student's counselor.





## Summer Internship Program Opportunity



# READY TO LEARN & EARN?

Hey Students! DIG IN to our summer internship program and gain real-world experience while preparing for your future!

Your path to a  
rewarding career,  
**STARTS HERE!**







# NC College Connect

✓ **NC College Connect**

## THIS IS YOUR MOMENT!

With a weighted GPA of 2.8 or above, you're one step closer to college.

Your moment has arrived, and this is your opportunity to meet it head on. This simplified application process helps you avoid stressful applications and subjective essays.

Seniors—If you had a 2.8 weighted GPA at the end of your junior year, you're ready!

NC College Connect is a program that offers qualified students the opportunity for a simplified application process at select UNC System universities and their local North Carolina community college—as long as they meet state graduation requirements and UNC System course requirements.

### Imagine what your college future could be like at...

- Elizabeth City State University
- Fayetteville State University
- University of North Carolina Asheville
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- Winston-Salem State University
- Your local North Carolina community college



Visit [NCCollegeConnect.org](https://NCCollegeConnect.org) or scan the QR code to learn more about how to claim your spot.

### Here's what you need to know.

1. If you have a weighted GPA of 2.8 or above, you have the opportunity for a simplified application process to the participating NC colleges and universities.
2. To claim your spot, you should scan the QR code on your letter (or the one below!) to visit [NCCollegeConnect.org](https://NCCollegeConnect.org).
3. There you will find a "Claim Your Spot" button that will take you to the NC College Connect portal if you are already logged into your CFNC account. (Tip: If you are not logged in, you will be asked to log in using your CFNC credentials or create a new CFNC account.)
4. After logging in, you will see a list of colleges and universities where you can complete a simplified application for each institution.
5. Once you've submitted your simplified application(s), the college(s) will contact you with more information about next steps.
6. These simplified applications will have fees, possibly ranging from \$30 to \$75. Submit your simplified application during College Application Week (October 21–27, 2024) to avoid application fees for most participating institutions.

**What are you waiting for?**  
**Meet your momentum and explore your options at [NCCollegeConnect.org](https://NCCollegeConnect.org).**







## Career and College Promise Information



**MEET WITH  
YOUR SPCC  
CAREER COACH**

**MS. STURDIVANT**

**MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS  
IN  
LIBRARY**

**EMAIL NOW TO MAKE AN  
APPOINTMENT:**

**CSTURDIVANT@SPCC.EDU**





# PWHS Counseling Department

The focus of the PWHS Counseling Center is to provide students with support in their academic, career, and personal/social development. The counselors assist students with scheduling, course selection, career exploration, college and scholarship advising, coping with peer pressure and stress, developing time management skills and more. To make an appointment with your counselor complete the [meeting request form](#), stop by the counseling center, email or call 704-296-0154.

## Counseling Staff

- Mr. Troy Harris - 9th Grade
- Ms. Stacey Sebastian - 10th-12th (A-G)
- Mrs. Shari Davison - 10th-12th (H-N)
- Mr. Adrian Atkinson- 10th - 12th (O-Z)
- Ms. Ashlee Reynolds 9th-12th (Student Support)
- Mrs. Valerie Simmeth - Career Development Coordinator
- Mrs. Shawn Johnston – Counseling Center Administrative Assistant

## Additional Support

- Mrs. Robyn Mobley – School Social Worker
- Ms. Emily Harrell - Mental Health Therapist







# PWHS Counseling Department

## Students! Sign up in SCOIR to visit with colleges

- Check in SCOIR to find out who is scheduled to visit our campus during the week and sign up to attend by the deadline to participate.
- Interested in playing sports in college?



Reach out to Mr. Harris! He can help you make sure you are on track. Use this [meeting request form](#).



## Seniors College Information

- Now is the time to start the application process for colleges. Below are links to information on the steps to applying. If you need help with College Applications reach out to your counselor by using the [meeting request form](#). We are here to assist you.

[Steps for Applying to Four Year Colleges](#)

[Steps for Applying to Community Colleges](#)

## Requesting Transcripts and Recommendations for College Applications

- Students use SCOIR (access from the UCPS student high school start up page) to keep track of their applications and request transcripts.
- This link <https://bit.ly/35jrLNu%C2%A0> will show you how to add colleges, request transcripts and letters of recommendations from teachers.





# Parents & Guardians

With a new school year comes a need to make sure that we have the correct contact information for all our families. Please take a moment and verify in PowerSchool that the following are still correct:

- Contact Names
- Contact Numbers
- Contact Emails

Please contact [melinda.rivers@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:melinda.rivers@ucps.k12.nc.us) to update your information.

**Keep in Mind**- You will need to show your ID when coming to the school so please remember to bring it with you.





# Quick Links

[PWHS Student Handbook](#)

[UCPS BOE Student Handbook](#)

(includes attendance and dress code information)

[Parents' Bill of Rights](#)

[Edulog](#) for Bus Transportation Zone

[Parking Pass Info](#)

- Student drivers: Students whose cars are on campus after the school day need to be mindful that they may need to move their cars - particularly if they park around the baseball field. This is to avoid damage caused by fly balls.

[See Something/Say Something Anonymous Reporting System](#)

Chromebook issues:

- New students report to media center to collect new computer
- Broken computers/computer issues, see Mr. Gaither between 12:00 - 4:00