

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 02/17	Tuesday 02/18	Wednesday 02/19	Thursday 02/20	Friday 02/21	Saturday 02/22
Teacher Workday- No School Men's Basketball Conf Tourney at Piedmont	College, Career, Military Fair 1st/2nd blocks Women's Basketball Conf Tourney at Piedmont	Basketball Tourney Round 2 at Piedmont	Men/Women State Wrestling @ Greensboro	Men/Women State Wrestling @ Greensboro Men/Women Basketball Conf Tourney Finals at Piedmont	Men/Women State Wrestling @ Greensboro

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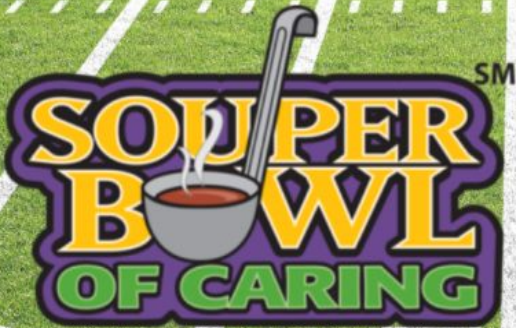
Follow us on Twitter: [@ParkwoodHSNC](https://twitter.com/ParkwoodHSNC)

Follow us on Instagram: [@ParkwoodHSNC](https://www.instagram.com/ParkwoodHSNC)



Souper Bowl of Caring

**JOIN US IN THE FIGHT
AGAINST HUNGER**



January 9-
March 16

All proceeds will go to our
local community shelter.

Give online at bit.ly/25PWSouperBowl or give
cash at our PTSO-sponsored lunch on Feb 7th.



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:

- Clear crossbody bags now available to purchase – order your Spirit Wear [here](#)! All orders are delivered to the school for pick up by the student
- To support the PWHS administration team as they recognize great attendance, PTSO is asking for gift card donations to be used as prizes for the monthly attendance drawings. Click here to signup to donate gift cards: [PTSO Gift Card Donation](#).

SENIOR UPDATES:

- **It's not too late to recognize your Senior by purchasing a PTSO Senior Package by sales end 4/30 – order now while supplies last!**
The next PTSO sponsored Senior Treat will be in April!
 - REMINDER: to receive the PTSO sponsored Senior Treat, you **must** purchase a PTSO Senior Package (minimum purchase of White Package \$30; order your Senior Package [here](#))

If you have any questions about the PTSO, please feel free to send us an email at parkwoodptso@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting the Parkwood High School PTSO! It's going to be a great year!

PWHS PTSO Executive Board



PTSO Senior Package

CLASS OF 2025 SENIOR PACKAGES

BLACK LEVEL PACKAGE



\$100

- Senior Wolf Pack Yard Sign
- Senior Class T-Shirt
- Senior Class Hoodie
- Senior water bottle
- Senior Class Lanyard
- Family PTSO Membership (required to be eligible for PTSO Scholarships)
- Includes participation for all special senior events



BLUE LEVEL PACKAGE

\$60

- Senior Wolf Pack Yard Sign
- Senior Class T-Shirt
- Senior Class Lanyard
- Family PTSO Membership (required to be eligible for PTSO Scholarships)
- Includes participation for all special senior events



CHOOSE YOUR DESIGN

WHITE LEVEL PACKAGE

\$30

- Senior Class T-Shirt
- Family PTSO Membership (required to be eligible for PTSO Scholarships)
- Includes participation for all special senior events



A Senior package purchase is required to participate in PTSO sponsored events!

(Minimum white package)



Registration Timeline for Rising 10th-12th



Parkwood High School Rising 10th-12th Grade

Registration Timeline 2025-2026

<https://bit.ly/PWHSRegistration>

1/23-1/24 – Students receive registration information

- * registration instructions
- * registration form
- * course selection options

2/6 – Information Night @ 6:30pm for students & parents in Auditorium

2/7 – Last day for students to enter course requests into PowerSchool

2/10-2/28 – Counselors meet with students individually to review course requests and make any changes to course levels or electives. Students must turn in signed registration form at counselor meeting.





Financial Aid Awareness Month



February 2025

Financial Aid Awareness Month

Funding a college education shouldn't be a mystery. As part of Financial Aid Awareness month, NCSEAA and CFNC bring you FAFSA February's How to Pay for College webinar series to help you make informed decisions about your future.

Monday, Feb. 3, 6-7 p.m.
How to Pay for College |
Understanding Financial Aid

Monday, Feb. 17, 6-7 p.m.
FAFSA Walkthrough

Monday, Feb. 10, 6-7 p.m.
NC State Aid

Monday, Feb. 24, 6-7 p.m.
Evaluating Financial Aid
Offer Letters



Sign Up

For more information and to register, scan QR code or go to www.CFNC.org/events





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.

- Once processes apply early using the 2025-2026 FAFSA to find out what financial aid you may be eligible for in college next year.
- Financial aid is available for trade schools, community colleges and universities.
- NC students filling out the FAFSA may qualify for the [Next NC Scholarship](#), which benefits most students from households making \$80,000 or less. The scholarship fully covers tuition and fees at any community college or more than half, if not all, of tuition and fees to attend any public university in the state for eligible students

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.



New Century Scholars

Looking for money for college?

Have you heard of **NEW CENTURY SCHOLARS**?

An illustration of four graduates in caps and gowns, positioned around the text 'NEW CENTURY SCHOLARS'. One graduate is on the left, one is above the word 'NEW', one is to the right of 'CENTURY', and one is below 'SCHOLARS'. A large blue question mark is to the right of the graduates.

<https://bit.ly/2025NCSApp>



Scholarship for



students presented by





Local Scholarship Information

Seniors, it is time to be applying for scholarships. Where to look:

- Website of all the colleges you are applying to
- Where your parents work, bank and community groups they are involved with
- Free search engines that can be found on our scholarship webpage:
<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/4819>
- [Wolf Pack Scholarship Opportunities list](#) – This list in order by deadline date and is updated regularly with scholarships as we become aware of them.

Free 1:1 Virtual Assistance/Ayuda gratis individual y virtual- FAFSA Support for Families

Did you know that we are offering 1:1 virtual appointments on evenings and weekends for families that have questions about the FAFSA or need support in completing it? To sign up, click on this link:

<https://calendly.com/collegereadinessucps>, select the FAFSA support button with the language which best supports your needs, then, easily identify the day and time that works best for you and your family to meet with one of our College Readiness FAFSA Completion Supporters.

¿Sabías que ofrecemos citas virtuales individuales por las tardes y los fines de semana para familias que tengan preguntas sobre la FAFSA o necesiten ayuda para completarla? Para registrarte, haz clic en este enlace, <https://calendly.com/collegereadinessucps>, selecciona el botón de ayuda de la FAFSA con el idioma que mejor se adapte a tus necesidades y, luego, identifica fácilmente el día y la hora que mejor te convengan a ti y a tu familia para reunirte con uno de nuestros asesores de preparación universitaria para completar la FAFSA. If no times are available, please contact Erika Leon at erika.leon@ucps.k12.nc.us for assistance.

NC Farm Bureau and Union County Farm Bureau Scholarships

(Deadline: March 3, 2025)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

A) Intent to pursue a career in agriculture or in an agricultural-related field B) Satisfactory grades C) Understanding of agricultural and/or agribusiness and D) Leadership potential. Applications can be found by going to: <https://www.ncfb.org/r-flake-shaw-scholarship/>

SECU Foundation “People Helping People” Scholarships

- \$10,000 - February 28, 2025.

All eligible high school seniors must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a senior at a North Carolina public high school
- Must be an SECU member or is eligible for membership through a parent/guardian
- Must be a United States citizen, a resident of North Carolina, and eligible for in-state tuition
- Must be accepted to attend one of the 16 UNC system universities as a full-time undergraduate
- Must have demonstrated scholastic achievement with a 2.5 or higher unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Must have demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity and community involvement
- Must file FAFSA as part of the application

Interested in becoming nominated? <https://forms.gle/i2Gb8yfdm8GcHKfx6>

Union County Antique Tractor & Power Club

Please see your counselor to get the requirements and application to apply to this local scholarship.

deadline: April 1, 2025



Union Power Cooperative College Scholarship

High School Seniors!

Apply today for a chance to receive a \$1,000 College Scholarship!



Two ways to apply :

- Visit union-power.com/collegescholarships
- Scan the QR code

APPLY BY MARCH 1

To apply for the Union Power College Scholarship, the applicant must:

1. Be a child of a Union Power Cooperative member or live in a home served by Union Power Cooperative.
2. Be a high school senior in the current graduating class.
3. Attend a North Carolina-accredited college or university.
4. Meet the criteria of 40% need, 30% academic achievement, and 30% extracurricular activities in school, civic, and community functions.



College Admission Workshop- March 8



SACAC

Southern Association
for College Admission Counseling

in partnership with

QUEENS UNIVERSITY

of
CHARLOTTE

invites you to a

COLLEGE ADMISSION WORKSHOP

A free, interactive, and informative college planning workshop designed for high school students and their families. You'll hear from college admission professionals about how to conduct a college search, receive information about the SAT and ACT, and gain knowledge of the financial aid process.

QUEENS UNIVERSITY

CLAUDIA BELK ROOM IN THE LEVINE CENTER

2207 WELLESLEY AVE. CHARLOTTE, NC 28274

MARCH 8, 2025

1:00PM-4:00PM



Registration is required for this event

QUESTIONS? EMAIL HALEY.CRIPPS@CHARLOTTELATIN.ORG



Project Uplift- Deadline March 14

Experience CAROLINA

with the Carolina Higher Education Opportunity Programs 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

2025 Dates : May 31, June 7, and 14

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

2025 Dates : July 6-19

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/ProjectUpliftandUpliftPLUS. 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

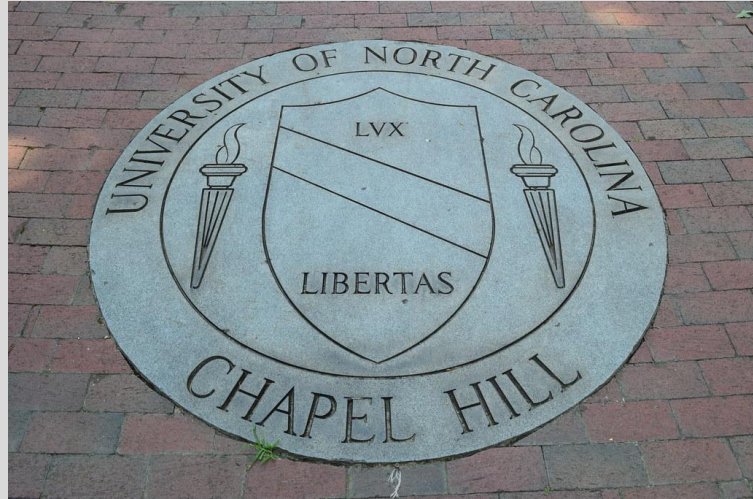
We encourage you to start your application early!

Application Opens: January 15, 2025
Application Deadline: March 14, 2025
Decision Notification: April 2025

LEARN MORE AT [GO.UNC.EDU/PROJECTUPLIFTANDUPLIFTPLUS](https://go.unc.edu/PROJECTUPLIFTANDUPLIFTPLUS)



OFFICE OF THE PROVOST
Carolina Higher Education Opportunity Programs



Descubre CAROLINA

con las Programas de Oportunidades de Educativas de Carolina en UNC-Chapel Hill

¿Alguna vez te has preguntado cómo es un día típico en el campus? Project Uplift y Uplift PLUS ofrecen la oportunidad de experimentar la vida en el campus de UNC-Chapel Hill. Dirigidos por estudiantes actuales de UNC, estos programas brindan un espacio acogedor para que experimentes Carolina.



PROJECT UPLIFT

Fechas para 2025: Mayo 31, Junio 7 and 14

Project Uplift es un programa de enriquecimiento que se enfoca en el acceso a la universidad. El programa brinda a los estudiantes exposición a la vida en Carolina



Disfruta de una experiencia inmersiva de un día en Carolina.

Participa en un taller de escritura de ensayos.

Descubre cómo es ser estudiante en Carolina directamente de estudiantes actuales.

Aprende sobre admisiones, becas y ayuda financiera para estudiantes.



UPLIFT PLUS

Fechas para 2025: Julio 6-19

Uplift PLUS es un programa residencial de dos semanas que brinda una experiencia inmersiva para preparar a la próxima generación de líderes.



Participa en actividades de aprendizaje académico, social, cultural y experiencial.

Toma un curso de escritura para escribir tu ensayo para admisión a la universidad.

Recibe orientación y consejos personalizados de estudiantes actuales de Carolina.

Aprende sobre los recursos del campus y las diferentes escuelas y unidades en UNC-Chapel Hill.

¿CÓMO APLICAR?

1. Aplica en línea en go.unc.edu/ProjectUpliftandUpliftPLUS, indica en tu formulario si quieres ser considerado para Uplift PLUS.
2. Sube una copia PDF de tus calificaciones de la escuela secundaria.

FECHA LÍMITE

¡Recomendamos que comiences tu aplicación temprano!
Aplicación se Abre: Enero 15, 2024
Aplicación se Cierra: Marzo 14, 2024
Decisiones serán Anunciadas: Abril 2024

APRENDE MÁS EN [GO.UNC.EDU/PROJECTUPLIFTANDUPLIFTPLUS](https://go.unc.edu/PROJECTUPLIFTANDUPLIFTPLUS)



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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Scholarships

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED®

Alpha Alpha Chi Omega

2025- 2026 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

[Click here to download application](#)

OR

Scan here for application



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNLYi0gzU5uuYL_Vt50b5KCJSgYW25s2VogWZtiyMmuS7Nfg/viewform

Scholarship Value: \$2,000

Application Window:

January 15 - March 15, 2025

Eligibility Requirements:

- Possess minimum G.P.A 2.5 or higher [non-weighted] or minimum G.P.A 3.5 or higher [weighted]
- Attending an accredited 4 year university/college in Fall 2025
- Graduating High School Senior residing and attending school in Anson or Union County, NC



Have a question? Email us at
aka@alphaalphachiomega.org



www.alphaalphachiomega.org



SAT Practice Tests and Prep

UCPS
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Free SAT Practice Tests and Prep

Open to all UCPS high school students

Pretest and Posttest in person
Online content in-between

PRETEST:

March 26, 8 AM - 12 PM

POSTTEST:

April 12, 8 AM - 12 PM

In person tests held at:
Sun Valley High School
5211 Old Charlotte Highway
Monroe, NC 28110

The registration form is set for only UCPS students to be able to complete it! Parents must ask their student to register themselves.

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Register by March 26:

<https://bit.ly/25SATtestPREP>




ALBERT

UCPS
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Pruebas de práctica y preparación gratuitas para el SAT

Abierto a todos los estudiantes de secundaria de UCPS

Prueba previa y posterior en persona
Contenido en línea entre-medio

PRUEBA PREVIA:

Marzo 26, 8 AM - 12 PM

PRUEBA POST:

Febrero 10, 8 AM - 12 PM

Pruebas presenciales realizadas en:
Sun Valley High School
5211 Old Charlotte Highway
Monroe, NC 28110

El formulario de inscripción está diseñado para que solo los estudiantes de UCPS puedan completarlo. Los padres deben pedirle a su estudiante que se registre ellos mismos.

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Inscríbete antes del 26 de marzo:

<https://bit.ly/25SATtestPREP>




ALBERT



IG Contest!! Deadline March 31st

UCPS
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

College Readiness ●●●



Create an Instagram post or reel that encourages the Class of 2025 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://forms.gle/TAmAVajGvTfngYMA9>

FAFSA STRONG



Thurgood Marshall College Fund- Closes 4/25



INVEST in *Your* FUTURE.



Thurgood Marshall College Fund has awarded more than \$500 million in scholarships and career readiness programs. TMCF offers both merit-based and need-based awards to ease the financial strain for students at TMCF member schools and other eligible accredited institutions.

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE
Apply for open scholarships.



TMCF.ORG



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 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.
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.





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



Career Plans

Parents,

Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, NC Senate Bill 193 requires that **all** students in grades 6-12 have a career plan. A student's initial career plan will be created by the end of their 6th grade year and then revised annually through 12th grade. UCPS will utilize Major Clarity as the platform for students to create their career plan. This can be accessed by students through Clever. Parents are encouraged to review their student's career plan with them each year.



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 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 who can help you make sure you are on track by using the [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.



College Readiness Series



2024-2025 College Readiness Series

🐦 @UCPSCollegePrep

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Scoir for Seniors	August 27, 2024	Webinar
College Entrance Exams 101	September 17, 2024	Webinar
Union County College Fair	October 13, 2024	CATA
FAFSA Completion Support	November 7, 2024	Monroe branch of the Union County Library
Getting Ready for College	November 16, 2024	Wingate University
ACT/SAT Blitz	November 23, 2024	Location TBD
High School Programs Expo	December 7, 2024	Union County Ag Center (hosted by CTE)
ACT Blitz	February 1, 2025	Location TBD
College Transition for Students with IEPs and 504s	February 4, 2025	Webinar
Practice ACT Series	February 8, 2025 and March 1, 2025	Location TBD
SAT Blitz	March 22, 2025	Location TBD
Practice SAT Series	March 29, 2025 and April 12, 2025	Location TBD
What Makes a Good College Essay?	May 13, 2025	Webinar

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



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 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 part around the baseball field. This is to avoid damage caused by fly balls.

[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