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Thank you
for all that
you do to
help our
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Black History Spotlight

This month as we celebrate Black History Month at PRHS, we will highlight African Americans past and present in our own Pirate way.




A QR Code Gallery Walk : Celebrating North Carolina's HBCU'S, Martin Luther King, The Greensboro Sit-ins, Amanda Gorman and Wolly McNair





COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Stay connected!- Remote Learning resources



UCPS
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS


FREE WI-FI AND INTERNET ACCESS FOR UCPS STUDENTS

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

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

BUS LOCATIONS

- Creekridge Community
- Flagstone Apartments
- Grace Gardens Apartments
- Icemorlee Apartments
- Manor Ridge Apartments
- Mill Tree Apartments
- Riverside Community
- Sandy Ridge Baptist Church
- Suburban Estates Community
- Union Station Apartments
- West Ridge Apartments (Boyte St.)
- Willow Oaks Community


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You can find

 Union County Public Schools

in the app store.



New Meal Option for 2020-2021

Monday – Friday
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.



Curbside Pickup Locations

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

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

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

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

Nueva opción de almuerzos para 2020-2021

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



Lugares Donde Recoger

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

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

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



GRADUATION DATES

Save the Date Senior Pirates!

Ticket information is not available at this time. Ticket numbers will be determined based on health/safety protocols at that time.



GRADUATION SCHEDULE

Union County Public Schools will hold graduations for traditional high schools in stadiums May 28 – June 4, 2021. The graduations will be livestreamed for public viewing.

UCPS will follow the latest health and safety guidelines from the North Carolina Health and Human Services Department and the Union County Health Department. Protocols will be implemented to practice social distancing.

In the event of severe weather, rain dates have been set to reschedule ceremonies. Principals will communicate directly to seniors and their families, if the date of their graduation is changed.

School	Date	Start Time	Location
Central Academy of Technology & Arts (CATA)	June 4	8 a.m.	Walter Bickett Stadium
Cuthbertson High	June 3	8 p.m.	Cuthbertson High Stadium
Forest Hills High	June 2	8 a.m.	Forest Hills High Stadium
Marvin Ridge High	June 4	8 a.m.	Marvin Ridge High Stadium
Monroe High	June 2	8 p.m.	Monroe High Stadium
Parkwood High	June 3	8 a.m.	Parkwood High Stadium
Piedmont High	June 3	8 a.m.	Piedmont High Stadium
Porter Ridge High	June 2	8 p.m.	Porter Ridge High Stadium
South Providence School	June 1	6:30 p.m.	CATA (Live stream not available)
Sun Valley High	June 4	8 p.m.	Sun Valley High Stadium
Union County Early College	June 3	8 p.m.	Sun Valley High Stadium
Weddington High	June 2	8 a.m.	Weddington High Stadium
Welfe School	May 28	6:30 p.m.	CATA (Live stream not available)



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“Career of the Week – Historian

Historians research, analyze, record, and interpret the past as recorded in sources, such as government and institutional records, newspapers and other periodicals, photographs, interviews, films, electronic media, and unpublished manuscripts, such as personal diaries and letters. If you were to become a Historian, tasks you might complete on a daily basis might include conserving and preserving manuscripts, records, and other artifacts, gathering historical data from sources such as archives, court records, diaries, news files, and photographs, organize data, and analyze and interpret its authenticity and relative significance, interview people to gather information about historical events and to record oral histories, etc. To become a Historian, you must have a Master's degree. The average salary for the state of North Carolina for a Historian is \$60,610 and is expected to experience moderate growth over the next decade. This information was pulled from Major Clarity, the program UCPS and Porter Ridge is using for career resources this year. For more information on how you access your Major Clarity account, please see the previous Pirate Press edition or **email Ms. Webb at sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us**.





STUDENT COUNCIL

Class Cup will be having weekly art contests. You can find the submission link for art [here](#). This week's theme is your favorite location. Feel free to recreate a landscape that inspires you. Stay tuned for next week's theme! Winners will be announced on Fridays on the prhs_classcup Instagram.

ATT: Seniors and Parents of Seniors

We need your help building the
Class of 2021 Senior Slideshow!

Send us:

- Baby pics
- Throwbacks
(elementary and middle school)
- High school memory pictures
with friends
- Family photos
- Individual senior pictures
- Pictures/Videos of this unique
senior year
(masks, social distancing,
quarantine hobbies, etc)

Send your pictures to prseniorslide2021@gmail.com
or DM @prhsseniorslide2021 on Instagram
and don't forget to include your name/senior's name!

Student Council's annual Gatorball Tournament is back! Join us at the tennis courts on March 4th, 2021 at 4:30 pm. There are limited team spots available so be sure to sign up soon to ensure your team's spot in the tournament! Team sign-ups are \$25 and each team MUST follow apparel guidelines described in the Gatorball 2021 rules. Follow the Gatorball Instagram @prhsgatorball and look for flyers around the school for more information.

<https://forms.gle/yH2MpYWAQbXvrJKH7>.





Sport Tryouts

Tryouts for many sports are around the corner. In order to try out you must register online through [FamilyID](#) and have a current physical on file. Check out the athletics website for more info.

Football



Feb 8th & 9th

Women's Soccer



March 2nd & 4th

Men's Tennis



March 1st & 2nd

Softball



March 1st & 2nd

M's & W's Golf



March 1st & 2nd



Sports Senior Nights

Porter Ridge is excited to celebrate our senior athletes. This edition we salute Winter Cheer and Men's Lacrosse. Thanks for your hard work and dedication!



Winter Cheer: Angelina Antonuccio & Maggie Curtis

Men's Lacrosse: Thomas Barnhardt, Nicholas Best, Jax Blum, Gavyn Chrabaszewski & Stone Emory





ATHLETICS

Tryout Information

To be eligible to participate in sports the athlete must pass their 1st semester classes and register in [FamilyID](#) and have a current physical on file.

If you have any questions, contact Coach Thompson, the Athletic Director, at ina.thompson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Sport	Coach	Email	Tryout Dates
Football	Michael Hertz	Michael.Hertz@ucps.k12.nc.us	Feb 8 & 9
Softball	Andy Myers	AMyers@mayerelectric.com	March 1 & 2
Women's Soccer	Ron Ladimir	ron.ladimir@ucps.k12.nc.us	March 1 & 2
Men's Tennis	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net	March 1 & 2
Men's Golf	David Scholl	djscholl1@gmail.com	March 1 & 2
Women's Golf	David Scholl	djscholl1@gmail.com	March 1 & 2
Women's Tennis	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net	April 12 & 13
Wrestling	Randy Durbin	randy.durbin@ucps.k12.nc.us	April 12 & 13
Baseball	Shane Brown	Shane.Brown@ucps.k12.nc.us	April 12 & 13
Men's & Women's Track	Tim Beckerman	tb2006itnc@gmail.com	April 12 & 13

*Dates and Times will be updated as each season gets closer.
If you have any questions, feel free to email the coach.*



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Plan B (In-person Students) - You are assigned to come two days per week (ex. M/T).

On those two days (ex. M/T) you will be marked absent if you are not at school.

On the other two days (ex. W.Th) you will be marked present if you attend the online class. If you don't attend the online class, you will be marked absent.

You will be marked as an unexcused absence unless you are sick or quarantining as directed by the school nurse.

Plan D (Virtual Students) - Attendance will be taken during your virtual classes M,T,W,Th by whether you attend the virtual class. If you attend class online you will be marked present. If you do not it will be marked as an absence. On Friday if you complete the work activities assigned by your teachers you will be marked Present, if you do not you will be absent.

FRIDAY Attendance for both Virtual and In-person Students: You will be marked absent if you do not do the assigned activities/work. If you do the activities/work you will be marked present.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GOT CHROMEBOOK ISSUES?

Location: D105 inside Media Center;
Who: Mr. Walden or Ms. Snelson;
Hours: Mon-Thurs 7:30- 8:45 am and
Mon-Thurs 10:15- 12:00 pm;

Friday- Make an appointment w/ Mr. Walden by email

jason.walden@ucps.k12.nc.us

Hey PRHS sophomores and juniors! Applying to college is a complicated process, so we've got an event you simply cannot miss. **College Board is hosting four virtual college fairs** that are designed for you to have real conversations with hundreds of colleges, admission reps, and current college students. You can sign up to attend any event and more than one to explore colleges in each region across the nation.

Learn more at

<https://pages.collegeboard.org/big-future-days?excmid=mtg680-st-1-gen>

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

Applications for the Student Council Leadership Class are now available right outside Ms. Yearick's room (E107) and also online at: shorturl.at/Udhit To apply for the class, you must currently be in 10th or 11th grade and in good standing regarding grades and conduct. Please see Ms. Yearick with questions. Completed applications are due February 10th by 3:00.

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





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Students sign up in SCOIR to hear from the following college admissions reps. These are virtual events. Feb 5, Grand Canyon University, Feb 26 - Savannah College of Art & Design, and March 12 East Carolina University. Access Scoir from the student start up page."

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

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

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

Interested in sharing your writing, learning new skills, and just collaborating with like-minded writers? Check out creative writing club! We meet virtually every other Friday at one. The next meeting is February 12th. If interested, contact Mr. Boyles or Mrs. Hill for more details.

There will be a meeting of the PRHS GSA Club on Monday, Feb. 8th from 3:05-3:45pm in room F108. The club is working on preparations for Awareness Week 2021. All are welcome to attend.



IMPORTANT DATES



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

Bring your calculator, chromebook and pencils

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





IMPORTANT DATES

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

You're invited!

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

SACAC
Southern Association
for College Admission Counseling

VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIR

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

STRIVE SCAN

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

sponsored by
Cambridge Assessment International Education

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

Scholarships

PRHS Counselors Present
COLLEGE PLANNING STUDENT WEBINARS

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

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

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

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

PRHS Counselors

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COUNSELING DEPT. ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pirate Scholarship Newsletter

Spring Edition

Seniors! If you are wondering when you should begin applying for scholarships...the answer is **NOW!** There are opportunities to earn **FREE** money and you can take advantage of them right away. Below, you will find a list of scholarships that are due now through the end of the year. Remember, this is not a list of all scholarships, and you can search for scholarships that have requirements that are unique to you or your situation (i.e. first generation college student, child of a veteran, future nursing student, engineers, etc.). New scholarships will be added as they are received so keep checking back for the most recent scholarship information. If you have any questions, please see your counselor or Ms. Carly Patterson. As you begin receiving scholarship offers, please send them to Ms. Patterson.

Our students' safety and well-being are important to us. If you have concerns about your student's social, emotional, or mental health, please do not hesitate to contact us.

A link has been added to our webpage that will advise you about the resources available for your child at **Porter Ridge High School**. Our school counselors are **Tondra White (A- Cou)**, **Carly Patterson (Cov- Hek)**, **Bryan James (Hel- Mc)**, **Cassidy Lippert (Me- San)** and **Shari Davison (Sam- Z)**.

Our school social worker is **Laura Weir**. Our school's therapist is **Shekita Brown**. The link to contact any of our support staff and the social and emotional learning resources page is located at the top right-hand side of our school's webpage under the "I WANT TO" box.

Click this **[link](#)** for contact information for our school support staff and to access SEL resources.

Follow this **[link](#)** to the full edition of the scholarship newsletter

Seniors!

Remember to turn in all scholarship offers to Ms. Patterson in the School Counseling Office!



From the School Counseling Office

Seniors, as you begin receiving offers of admission from colleges and universities... **Congratulations!** You have been working hard and this is an exciting time for you all. Moving forward you have important decisions to make, and if you have questions about an admissions letter and what it means for you, please see your counselor.

If you receive ANY scholarships or grants, please notify Ms. Patterson with the name of the college or scholarship/grant and the amount. Even if you are not attending that school or accepting the award, please notify Ms. Patterson. You can print the letter and put it in her box in the counseling office or forward the email to carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us.

Estudiantes de el grado 12, comienzan a recibir ofertas de admision de colegios y universidades ...Felicidades! Han estado trabajando duro y este es un momento emocionante para todos. En el futuro, tendran que tomar decisiones importantes y, si tienen preguntas sobre una carta de admision y lo que significa para usted, consulte a su consejero.

Si reciben ALGUNA beca , notifiquen a la Sra. Patterson con el nombre de la universidad o beca y la cantidad. Si no asisten a esa escuela o no aceptan el premio, todavia notifique a la Sra. Patterson. Pueden imprimir la carta y entregar en la oficina de consejeria o enviar el correo electronico a carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us.

Food Pantry Assistance

- **Common Heart** has a mobile pantry at Mill Grove United Methodist (7311 Mill Grove Rd., Indian Trail) on Mondays from 7-8 pm. Families can come once a month.
- Also on Thursdays at **Light It Up Monroe** (1411 Helms St, Monroe), 6:00-7:30 pm, free groceries, clothes, hot food (served that night), coffee (Blessed Beans), basketball (Coach James usually attends), and more! Families can come each week.

Esta informacion es para familias que ocupen asistencia de despensas de comida.

- **Common Heart** tiene una despensa movil en Mill Grove United Methodist (7311 Mill Grove Rd., Indian Trail) los Lunes de 7:00 a 8 pm. Las familias pueden venir una vez al mes.
- Tambien todos los Jueves en **Light It Up Monroe**(1411 Helms St, Monroe) de 6: 00-7: 30 pm hay despensas de comida, ropa, comida caliente (servida esa noche), cafe (Blessed Beans), baloncesto (nuestra entrenadora de baloncesto Sra. James generalmente asiste) y mas! Las familias pueden venir cada semana.

Schedule a meeting - <https://calendly.com/shari-davison/student-office-hours>

Follow us on Twitter: @PRHSCounseling

Follow us on Instagram: prhscounseling



School Counseling

Seniors-We have created several videos to help you plan for after high school. We know that many of you are working on college applications however others are considering other options. We are asking that you watch the videos that match your goals for important information on next steps. Then complete the following google form to let us know what your current plans are. Senior Check In form (please complete) - <https://forms.gle/1bFi1nvmuwMTpxGp8>

Estudiantes de grado 12: hemos creado varios videos para ayudarlos a planificar sus actividades despues de la escuela secundaria. Sabemos que muchos de ustedes estan trabajando en solicitudes para la universidad, sin embargo, otros estan considerando otras opciones. Les pedimos que vean los videos que coinciden con sus objetivos para obtener informacion importante sobre los proximos pasos. Luego complete el siguiente formulario de Google para informarnos cuales son sus planes actuales.

Formulario de registro para estudiantes de grado 12 (complete) - <https://forms.gle/1bFi1nvmuwMTpxGp8>

- PRHS Counseling Canvas - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UpEroRS5BclmeCA2crF3QsrxxhOxZek6/view?usp=sharing>
- Two Year College Information - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/12dYWgldGcp0FkghSKUhwb2fHw5l8AYAq/view?usp=sharing>
- Four Year College Information - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kV9EGhzlTR7Nj7FJyG34jZFUTMsqTeKU/view?usp=sharing>
- Major Clarity - career research program - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EeoK680PzPWx9RnPxUoUh2Vbe2BjV0A0/view?usp=sharing>
- Scholarships - how to research scholarships - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RlyGuNx8ap6opAokl2k2UBuU2Lgo48-v/view?usp=sharing>.

The counselors are here to support you with school. You can set up a meeting to speak to your counselor about academic, career, college, post high school plans or personal needs. Each counselor has set up an appointment calendar through which you can schedule a meeting either virtual or in person for a day and time that works for your schedule. If you just have a question please feel free to send your counselor an email.

Los consejeros estan aqui para apoyarte con la escuela. Pueden pedir una reunion para hablar con su consejero sobre tus planes academicos, profesionales, universitarios, posteriores a la escuela secundaria o necesidades personales. Cada consejero ha establecido un calendario de citas a traves del cual pueden programar una reunion, ya sea virtual o en persona, para un dia y una hora que se adapte a su horario. Si solo tiene una pregunta, no dude en enviar un correo electronico a su consejero.

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Schedule a meeting - <https://calendly.com/tondra-white/15min>

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Schedule a meeting - <https://calendly.com/carly-patterson/studentofficehours>

Bryan James – last names Hel-Mc

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Schedule a meeting - <https://calendly.com/bryan-james-1/office-hours>

Cassidy Lippert– last names Me-San

cassidy.lippert@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting; <https://calendly.com/cassidy-lippert/appointment-with-ms-lippert>

Shari Davison – last names Sap-Z

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School Counseling

Upcoming Events

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

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

PRHS Counselors Present: College Planning Student Webinars

- College Search
 - Wednesday 2/24 @ 3:15 PM or
 - Friday 2/26 @ 10:30 AM
- College Essay
 - Tuesday 3/2 @ 3:15 PM or
 - Friday 3/5 @ 10:30 AM
- Scholarships & Financial Aid
 - Monday 3/8 @ 3:15 PM or
 - Friday 3/12 @ 10:30 AM

Davidson Admission Intensive- February 6-February 13

Join the Davidson Admission team for a workshop series designed to help kick off the college search and application process. Sessions are for high school juniors, with session options for parents and mentors. Each workshop has been designed by a team which may consist of Davidson admissions staff, Davidson students, partners from other institutions, and our high school counseling colleagues. Our goal is to provide information in a broad scope that will serve participants regardless of where they apply.

Register for the Admission Intensive:

<https://www.davidson.edu/admission-and-financial-aid/admission-intensive>



BigFuture Days- Virtual College Fair

College Board will launch its inaugural BigFuture Days, a regional series of virtual college fairs for high school sophomores and juniors to help connect them with hundreds of colleges, admissions officers, and current college students. BigFuture Days are designed to give students a tailored experience so that they can establish connections with colleges and take action on important college planning tasks, like building a college list and identifying scholarships to apply for. Students and educators can register for multiple events, including the region they live in and/or the region(s) that represents the schools they are most interested in as well as learn more about the event(s) here: cb.org/bigfuturedays

- BigFuture Day West + Southwest, Saturday, February 6, 2021, 4:00 – 8:00pm ET
- BigFuture Day Southeast, Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 5:00 – 9:00pm ET
- BigFuture Day Northeast, Sunday, March 7, 4:00 – 8:00pm ET
- BigFuture Day Midwest, Thursday, March 11, 5:00 – 9:00pm ET

[UCPS College Readiness Parent Series](#)

Check out the webinars at the link above offered by the UCPS College Readiness Office.

February 8, 2021- Paying for College

March 8, 2021- College Entrance Exams 101

April 19, 2021 - College Recruiting for Athletes

Hackathon Event for Students

UNCG Bachelor of Science in Information Science in the Department of Library and Information Science is holding its first virtual hackathon! This is a great opportunity for students who are interested in Libraries, Information Science, Social Justice, Public Health, or related fields. Teams of high school students are invited to join a hackathon competition to plan and create solutions for food insecurity in Greensboro, NC. No previous coding experience required, all levels are welcome!

This event will take place entirely online over two days, starting Friday, February 12 at 4pm, and ending on Saturday, February 13 at 6pm.



School Counseling

Scholarships & Opportunities

Questbridge College Prep Scholars Program

QuestBridge is a nationally recognized nonprofit that equips academically outstanding, low-income students to gain admission and full four-year scholarships to [45 top colleges](#). Being a College Prep Scholar is a notable distinction that shows 45 college partners that you are a competitive candidate for admission. In addition, your application will automatically carry over for the National College Match when you're a senior, giving you a head start on applying for a full four-year scholarship to our college partners. *College Prep Scholars are historically five times more likely than other applicants to receive full four-year scholarships through the National College Match.*

For more information: <https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/college-prep-scholars>

Deadline to apply: March 24, 2020

College Board Opportunity Scholarships

- Complete Your Journey: \$40,000
 - Seniors who complete all required scholarship actions will earn a chance at a \$40,000 [Complete Your Journey Scholarship](#)
- Build Your College List
 - Juniors: Save at least six schools to your college list to earn an entry for this \$500 [Build Your College List](#) scholarship.
- Practice for the SAT
 - Begin using Official SAT® Practice on Khan Academy® by completing a Timed Mini Section (if you already have a PSAT-related assessment or SAT score) or Diagnostic Quiz (if you don't yet have a score) to earn an entry for this \$500 [Practice for the SAT](#) scholarship.

UNC Charlotte STEM Pre-College Program- Summer Scholars

The Summer Scholars Program offers students interactive experiences that refine the skills, knowledge, and attributes related to mathematical and scientific careers. The students are engaged in instructional content in math, science research, engineering activities, and technical writing skills for two weeks during the month of June and/or July. Additional activities may include a field trip to an educational site, guest speakers, local area competitions, preparatory activities for the science fair and public speaking. An enrollment fee for Summer Scholars is required. There are ten instructional days in Summer Scholars.

Application opens March 1. Deadline is May 31.

More information: <https://cstem.uncc.edu/5-12-stem-student-programs/stem-pre-college-program/summer-scholars>



School Counseling

UNC Charlotte STEM Pre-College Program- Summer Research Internship Experience

Summer Research Experience internship program is offered to qualifying 11th and 12th grade students in Mecklenburg or surrounding counties. This is a rigorous program providing opportunities for students to work under the supervision of University STEM Research Faculty and staff in state-of-art laboratories. The program is designed to accomplish the following goals for interns:

- Engage in rigorous, inquiry-based instruction and research experiences.
- Develop a greater understanding of the research process and acquire the fundamental skills used in research
- Increase the student's ability to utilize technology.
- Forge partnerships between student participants and practicing researchers.
- Engage students and researchers in designing, executing, analyzing, and presenting original research.
- To encourage students to evaluate the ethical implications of recent scientific and technological advances.
- To expose participants to current information on science/mathematics/technology-related fields, baccalaureate programs, careers, and additional research opportunities.

Application opens March 1, 2021. Deadline is March 31, 2021

More information:

<https://cstem.uncc.edu/5-12-stem-student-programs/stem-pre-college-program/summer-research-experience>

Henry S. and Carolyn Adams Scholarship

The Henry S. and Carolyn Adams Scholarship was established in 2005 to benefit students who graduate from a public high school in Union County, North Carolina. This \$4,000 scholarship supports undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need and is renewable each year. The scholarship committee will nominate one Porter Ridge High School senior to apply for this scholarship. **The deadline to submit this form is February 12, 2021.**

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/yXSGeiEJzgzvKBvR9>

Prestigious Pearls of Anson and Union Counties Scholarship

The Prestigious Pearls of Anson and Union Counties, an official Interest Group of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated will award two college scholarships for the 2021 -2022 Academic Year, to a deserving high school senior within the Anson and Union Counties area.

Interested students may apply for scholarships in one or both of the following categories:

1. The Prestigious Pearls Scholarship Fund - • This scholarship will be awarded to an applicant who will attend ANY four-year college or university.

2. The Belynda Little Horne Scholarship - • This scholarship will be awarded to an applicant who will attend Winston Salem State University. Mrs. Horne was an educator and loved her students and community. She was also a proud alum of Winston Salem State University. These scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievement, financial need, leadership, and character. The selection process for semifinalists will include an in-person interview and workshop attendance. Before submission, it is strongly recommended that applicants carefully review their application packet for completion, grammar, spelling, and content. Incomplete applications will be subject to automatic disqualification.

Please see or email Ms. Patterson (carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us) for full application materials.

Deadline: March 16, 2021



School Counseling

NC Society of Accountants Scholarship Foundation

The NC Society of Accountants Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 1970 to provide scholarships for deserving students who indicate a desire to enter the profession of Accounting. The Scholarship awards for 2021-2022 school year will be \$1,000 each.

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Deadline: April 15, 2021

Matthew C. Graziadei Achievement Scholarship Award

The Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC) is proud to offer the Matthew C. Graziadei Achievement Scholarship Award to a North Carolina high school senior with a disability. This award includes a \$1,500 scholarship, to be used for any post high school learning experience/training or for equipment/technology needed for employment. One copy of the completed, signed application packet must be received by Wednesday, February 10, 2021. Please see Ms. Patterson if you are interested in this scholarship.

For more information:

<https://www.ecac-parentcenter.org/ecac-news/applications-now-being-accepted-for-the-2021-matthew-c-graziadei-achievement-scholarship-award/>

Application: <https://files.constantcontact.com/77b9bb19001/bd8affd2-1317-4a1e-8154-0c8b6e6cee02.pdf>

The Summer Textile Exploration Program (STEP) is a chance for rising high school seniors to experience the best of what the Wilson College of Textiles and NC State have to offer. During one of the five weeks in the summer of 2021, students will have the opportunity to meet faculty, staff, current students and alumni while exploring textiles through projects, workshops and other activities. STEP will take place during the following weeks:

- June 13 - 18
- June 20 - 25
- June 27 - July 2
- July 11 - 16
- July 18 - 23

Apply here: <https://textiles.ncsu.edu/step/>

State Employees Credit Union "People Helping People" Scholarship

The State Employees Credit Union (SECU) Foundation established the "People Helping People®" scholarship program to assist students across North Carolina with their educational goals. The PRHS Scholarship Committee will select two students as our school nominees. Those students' names will then be given to the district scholarship committee who will determine the winner from our school. That student will compete against nominees from other high schools for a limited number of scholarships.

For more information: <https://www.ncsecufoundation.org/Projects/Scholarships.html>

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/CLAkuCom6syt9yto9>

Deadline: February 12, 2021



School Counseling

State Employees Association of North Carolina Scholarship

The SEANC Scholarship Foundation will award **up to \$40,000**, to be divided between each scholarship category for the 2021-2022 school year. Only SEANC members, in good standing, their spouses and/or dependent child(ren) and SEANC retired members, in good standing, grandchild(ren) are eligible to receive scholarships.

The scholarship applications are available online at <https://www.seanc.org/scholarship> and must be returned to their SEANC District Scholarship Chairperson (District Number is located on the SEANC's membership card). Students **MUST NOT** mail applications to the SEANC Office. This will delay the District judging process. Scholarship Applications **MUST** be mailed to their District Scholarship Chair, and the mailing addresses can be found here:

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All applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2021.

NCHSAA Endowed Fund Scholarships

The NCHSAA Endowed Fund offers several scholarships to eligible student-athletes of NCHSAA member schools. Please click the link below for more information about each scholarship opportunity.

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Transportation Info Fall 2020

**Attestation Forms MUST
be filled out Weekly!**



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Weekly Attestation Form – Must be turned in to the bus driver each week

- [Printable form](#) [Printable form in Spanish](#)
- -OR-
- [Google form](#) [Google form in Spanish](#)

Parent Acknowledgement Form – Must be completed prior to the first day a student rides the bus

- [Printable form](#) [Printable form in Spanish](#)
- -OR-
- [Google form](#) [Google form in Spanish](#)

[Here Comes the Bus Phone App Information and Sign-Up](#)

[Transportation FAQ](#)

Bus Information can also be obtained through the Here Comes the Bus Phone App above. Please call the school with any concerns.



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